

Willerup Whispers

... To Glorify Christ in Word & Deed

March

2020

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Dearest Parishioners,

Greetings in the one and only Lord Jesus, who conquered sin, death and the world, and established the Church, the body of Christ and gave the Holy Spirit to continue his legacy of transformed disciples.

The season of Lent has arrived and it culminates in the greatest historical event called the Resurrection of the Lord. The greatest character of this true story is Jesus the Christ. Churches conduct services throughout these forty days, special services at homes, cross-walks, processions with Palm leaves, Sunrise services and regular worship services. Ritualism has taken hold of the church and we have lost the real purpose of this great historical event.

It is a time of celebration of forgiven and transformed lives of the followers of Christ, to witness to people about what the Lord has done in our lives.

Let me take you to the transformed life who was so grateful to the Lord for her forgiveness that she was not ashamed to honor Christ and display her gratitude, which became a fragrance and aroma of witness around the world.

It is good to read Luke 7:36-50; Mark 14:3-9; John 8:1-11 and 12:1-8.

This is the story of a woman in the village of Bethany, a village well known for hospitality to Jesus and his disciples.

What happened?

1. It was at a home, either of Simon the Leper, Simon the Pharisee, or Lazarus. All these men had received benefits from the Lord and, it seems, were grateful to Christ.
2. It is not clear whether the same woman is meant by each story, but each did the same thing.
 - a. With tears of gratitude, she washed the feet of Christ.
 - b. She wiped His feet with her hair - putting her head at the feet of Christ.
 - c. She anointed Him with perfume, considered costly and wasteful by the onlookers, but not by the one who had experienced Jesus' forgiveness of sins. The men hosting, and the woman anointing had all been forgiven much, this was the word of Christ.
3. We who are forgiven and have had our relationship restored with the Father and have received peace, should be grateful and show our gratitude and faithfulness.

Are we the ones who accuse others of their sins? Or are we convicted by the challenge Jesus made to the crowd, "*Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.*" Jesus then asked the woman, "*Where are your accusers?*"

Lent is not the time to accuse others, blame others, point fingers at others, but to SELF EVALUATE.

Psalm 139:23-24—"*Search me, O God, and know my heart, test me, and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me, in the way everlasting.*"

1 John 1:8-9—"*If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*"

Psalm 103: 1-4—"*Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.*"

We also pray for Samantha Fisher, Linda Faherty, Jeanette Becker, Marilyn Johnson, Heather Siedschlag, all the shut-ins, college students, various ministries of our church, and all those who are well.

Blessings.

Pastorally Yours,

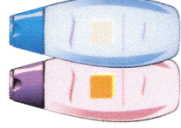
Marvin and Nalini Singh



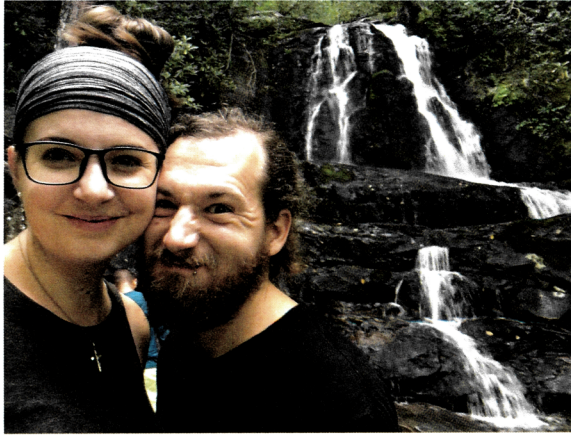
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Birthdays

8 Karl Nordvall	12 Lee Levertson	18 Sandy Wagenfeil
10 Avery Kendall	17 Patti Borchardt	20 Cathy Yerges
10 Matt Keneth	17 Amber Maruszewski	22 Steve Armstrong
11 Ann Schomber	18 Benjamin Hottman	25 Jolene Kempf

Mar 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1st Sun Lent 8:15am Prayer 8:45am & 9am Sun Sch 10:00am Worship: Youth 3:00pm GriefShare	6:00pm Prayer Group 7:00pm Thompson Center Ministry	6:30pm ALBoard meeting	11:45am Retiree's Potluck Lunch 3:25pm Awana Club K-5th 6:00pm Youth Group	5:30pm Attend Community Cafe 6:00pm Jefferson Jail Ministry	10:00am Thompson Center Ministry	Daylight Savings Starts - Spring Forward 8:00am Men's Study 6:00pm Fellowship at Nickelsburgs
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
2nd Sun Lent 8:15am Prayer 8:45am & 9am Sun Sch 10:00am Worship	4:00pm Sing-a-long at Our House 6:00pm Prayer Group 7:00pm Thompson Center Ministry		3:25pm Awana Club, Crazy Socks 6:00pm Youth Group	6:00pm Jefferson Jail Ministry	10:00am Thompson Center Ministry	8:00am Men's Study
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
3rd Sun Lent 8:15am Prayer 8:45am & 9am Sun Sch 10:00am Worship	6:00pm Prayer Group 7:00pm Thompson Center Ministry		3:25pm Awana Club K-5th 6:00pm Youth Group	6:00pm Jefferson Jail Ministry	10:00am Thompson Center Ministry	8:00am Men's Study 6:00pm High School Fellowship at Nickelsburgs
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
4th Sun Lent 8:15am Prayer 8:45am & 9am Sun Sch 10:00am Worship	4:00pm Sing-a-Long at Our House 6:00pm Prayer Group 6:30pm ALBoard Mtg 7:00pm Thompson		Cambridge Spring Break - NO Awana Club or Youth Group	1:00pm Mary Circle 6:00pm Jefferson Jail Ministry	10:00am Thompson Center Ministry	8:00am Men's Study
29	30	31	<p>March Food Pantry Request: Shampoo & Conditioner, Paper Towels <i>Bless you!</i> Basket is in the café.</p> 			

Sermons on Cable 987
Sundays 4:00 pm
Mondays 6:30 am
Tuesdays 4:00 pm
Tuesdays 6:30 am
Tuesdays 4:00 pm



Whitlock Update

Lots of little things all the time



This season for us has been very busy in some way, but also very relaxing in others. As most of you guys are aware, we did not run out typical Discipleship Training School this fall/winter. This school typically keeps us super, super busy and we have to really shift our focus from our kids in Keyser to our students who have come here to be discipled. This year the Lord gave us a break. We didn't know it at the time, but we really needed it! It gave us the opportunity to really grow our relationships with our kids and other people here in Keyser. As you guys know, our mission at YWAM WV is not only to **Bring Gods Kingdom to Keyser** but also to **Bring the Kingdom of God Through Keyser**, meaning to raise up the people of WV to **reach the nations!** Tiff and I, along with the rest of the staff, do this in a variety of different ways with weekly and monthly ministries. We felt to just do this newsletter as bullet points and pictures to cover all the smaller events, things we have done, and things we continue to do consistently.

Here are some random snapshots of our lives over the past season!

- YWAM Monday night youth (weekly)
- Young adult group (biweekly)
- Help finish the kitchen
- High school archery club (weekly)
- Wildlife christian club (monthly)
- Prayer walks
- Clean YWAM base (weekly)
- Make base newsletters & emails
- Take kids on individual dates (one or more a week)
- Tiff has Nepali lessons
- Attend and drive kids to & from church league games
- Attend other sporting events of tennis kids (team building)
- Work on DTS promotional material (daily)
- Run online advertising for DTS (daily)
- Meet with other youth leaders to strategize
- Joel leads worship (3-5 times a week)
- Discipling some young men about their behavior
- Meet with some our kids when they are suspended
- Reporting some incidents
- Cleaning base vehicles
- Attend our kids concerts
- Movie nights
- **Prep teachings (almost daily)**
- Guest speaking at youth events
- Leading worship at random church events
- Helping our kids practice tennis
- Repair YWAM maintenance shed
- Filling-in for the youth leader at Fountain
- Host missions builders
- Host a School of Evangelism team, which includes leading them in local ministries all week
- Take a youth fishing
- Thanksgiving celebration
- Christmas party
- Getting, wrapping, and distributing personalized gifts to our kids :)
- Other promo material for Mineral County Day
- Lock-ins (2)
- Attending a Nepali celebration
- Bringing coffee and donuts to the teachers at the high school
- College fair
- Pray with football team on game night
- Got to take a young lady coyote hunting
- Prepare for upcoming YWAM Seminar
- Prepare for upcoming teams this spring
- **Lots of prayer and logistical meetings all week to make this stuff happen.**

Upcoming Events!

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Lay Speakers Needed - The UMC churches in this area need more Lay Speakers. Lay Speakers are regular people who get some training, and then are approved to speak in other churches. Willerup has many people of sound faith who would bless others by joining this ministry. A training event is coming up in May.

Location: Cudahy UMC, 5865 S Lake Dr., Cudahy, WI

Dates: May 17, 24, & 31 Time: 1:00 - 4:00 PM Fee: \$15 To register, contact cudahyclasses@gmail.com

Please consider attending. Talk to Judy Vasby, our Deaconess and a Lay Speaker herself, to find out more.

WACUM—Wisconsin Association of Confessing United Methodists—is a group for United Methodists who support a **traditional understanding of Biblical Authority**. All are invited to a **Meeting March 14 at Asbury UMC in Madison**. 9am-2pm. Cost is \$25. Includes worship, speaker, lunch, Q&A. You are encouraged to attend!

The Events Above and Below will help you become informed about the upcoming changes to the United Methodist denomination worldwide!

Contact office to carpool.

General & Jurisdictional Conference Informational Sessions with the Wisconsin Delegation

The Wisconsin Delegation has scheduled informational sessions throughout the Wisconsin Annual Conference in the coming months. The purpose of these gatherings is to provide information and answer questions about what is coming before the General Conference in May and Jurisdictional Conference in July. There is also an informational session scheduled for those attending Laity Convocation on March 14.

These sessions are open to all who are interested - take a look and plan to come to one near you!

North East District

March 7, 1:00 p.m.: Beaver Dam: Trinity Church

March 7, 1:00 p.m.: Green Bay: Bethany UMC

North Central District

February 29, 10:15 a.m.: Stevens Point: St. Paul's UMC

March 21, 1:15 p.m.: Tomah - First UMC

North West District

March 1, 3:00 p.m.: Hayward UMC

March 29, 3:00 p.m.: River Falls UMC

South East District

March 10, 7:00 pm: West Bend: Fifth

Avenue UMC

March 19, 6:00 p.m.: Waukesha: First UMC

April 4, 1:00 p.m.: Milwaukee: Central UMC

April 18, 9:30 a.m.: Milton UMC

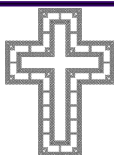
South West District

March 8, 2:15 p.m.: Richland Center: Schmidt Woodland Hills

March 21, 1:15 p.m.: Sun Prairie UMC

More information about General & Jurisdictional Conference, the Wisconsin Delegation, and upcoming event details can be found at WisconsinUMC.org/GeneralConference

Lent and Easter



March 8—April 5

Lent Sunday School for High School and Adults 8:45 am, And 10 am Worship Sermon series on *He Chose the Nails* by Max Lucado

April 9

Holy Thursday

Soup Supper **6:15 pm**, followed by Worship at 7pm, communion

April 10

Good Friday Worship 7 pm

April 12

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service 7 am

Easter Breakfast 8-9:45 am
(no Sunday School)

Worship 10 am

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January 26 at Worship the new Accountability Leadership Board (ALB) was blessed. Pictured are members: Pastor Marvin Singh, Trustee Gerry Fosdal, Finance Lead Shannon Ghorbani, Trustee Lisa Kalata, SPPRC Chair Dick Legge, ALB Chair Ron Dayton, Lay Leader Jeanette Retzlaff, and Secretary Megan Retzlaff. Not pictured is Goals and Communications Lead Judy Vasby, who was serving another church as a Lay Speaker that day.

(photo by Tom Schmude)



(Above) February 2 Willerup Men attended the annual **No Regrets Men's Retreat**. Pictured are some of them: (backs of heads!) Bob Kenas, Lee Leverton, (faces) Mitchell Woolever, (sorry can't see the next one!), Greg Cooper, Peter Schmude, and Alan Lund.
(photo by Tom Schmude)

(Right) February 15 a **Citizenship Party** was hosted by family for Uli Wagenpfeil at the Fort Atkinson Club.

(photo by Tom Schmude)



Here are just a few photos from the **2020 Winter Youth Retreat**

Group photo

Back row: Haley Erickson, Jonas Boshart, Jordyn Bieberitz, Peter Schmude, Grayson Daniel, Michael Fisher, Ben Fisher, Peggy Boshart

Middle row: Andrea Kendall, Kyla Tobias, Katya Sopkovich, Maddy Buonincontro, Emma Hellburg, Erin Nickelsburg, Maggie Schmude, Miles Nickelsburg, Sam Nickelsburg, Isaiah Kittell-Phillips

Kneeling: Eleanor Thompson, Elizabeth Kendall, Kendra Tobias, Amanda Punsel, Bella Hollis

(photos by Erin Nickelsburg)



**Willerup United Methodist Church
Accountability Leadership Board
Board Meeting #2 – 2020 Year
Monday, February 24, 2019 – 6:30 PM – Lighthouse Room**

Call To Order (Time: 6:35)

Members Present

Ron Dayton – Chair
Lisa Kalata – Co-Trustee
Jeanette Retzlaff – Lay Leader
Judy Vasby – Goals & Communication
Shannon Ghorbani – Finance Lead
Pastor Marvin Singh
Dick Legge – SPPRC Lead
Megan Retzlaff – Recording Secretary

Opening Prayer (Given By: Pastor)

Leadership Training (Pastor)

From *The Me I Want to Be* by John Ortberg

Consent Agenda Action Items:

Minutes of January 22 ALB Mtg.
Budget Reports for 2/24/2020
> Motion By: Dick
> Second By: Lisa
> Determination: Approved

Action Items for Tonight

Proposal for Change in Deaconess Workload, Position to be titled Community Outreach and ALB Communications Coordinator
> Motion By: Dick
> Second By: Lisa
> Determination: Approved

Reports: From ALB Members:* Non-voting members

Board Chair (Ron)

Personal focus is the Lighthouse Room and Goal Setting Template

Lay Team (Jeanette)

Upcoming denominational changes: it is important for people to attend meetings to know what's going on. Meetings to be advertised in Whispers, etc.

Staff – Pastor-Parish Team (Dick)

Attended SPPRC training session with Pastor Feb 1.
Encouraged to never lose sight of mission and vision of church. Purpose of SPPRC is to support and encourage pastor.

“Worship Assistants” – Title for those who do opening of Worship service, 3 individuals at this time.

Trustee Team (Lisa)

Kitchen door sticking – slab has shifted, temporary winter problem, will go away with warmer weather.
Sanctuary outer doors blow open in wind – there is a latch that can prevent that.
Changing vendors for bathroom paper products to save costs.
Looking at what cleaning products are being used as well, planning to order from Nassco in future.
Anonymous donor has proposed paying for soundproofing project in Heritage Hall, expected costs around \$2000.
This board would approve cost and appearance of final product. Considering installing A/C for hall as well.

Christmas decoration items such as artificial trees in basement could be moved upstairs for ease of use in future years.
Leftover rummage sale items and unneeded decorations to be sold when Cambridge has Community-wide sales in spring.
Julie Cooper and Lisa will sort and organize.
Exterior Sanctuary windows need to be painted.
Will look at cost-saving measures by changing lighting in Sanctuary.

Goals / Communications (Judy)

Encourage people to get trained as Lay Speakers
Latest Information on General Conference Proposals
New proposals for General Conference to consider continue to be submitted.
Ron - Willerup should develop an idea of where Willerup wants to be heading and be pro-active in supporting our values in our community.
Two Annual Conference Meetings Planned This Year
> June – Green Bay
> September – WI Dells
Change in workload and Title for Deaconess Position

Pastor (Pastor Marvin Singh)*

Pastor requests Good Samaritan disbursement

Approved

Pastor requests leave 1 week April 13-20 after Easter to visit family in Canada

Approved by SPPRC

Deborah Arneson/Padula would like to give ABC's of Nutrition session(s) March 13, 14, and/or 15 at Willerup to bless members with wellness education.

Discussion Items:

Upcoming Meetings / Events

- > Event: WACUM/WWAC Date / Time: March 14 9-2 pm
Judy, Jeanette, Pastor, Dick, Pat Bryan, all welcome, RSVP, \$25, Asbury UMC in Madison.
- > Event: General & Jurisdictional Conference Information Exchange, Date / Time: April 18, 9:30 am (usually last 2 hours), Dick, Jeanette, Lisa, Ron.
- > Event: ALB Gathering, Date / Time: April 21st \$5 for lunch, 10-12:30 am, Dick, Ron, Pastor, Megan.
- > Event: General Conference, Date / Time: May 5-15, Minneapolis, All should Pray
- > Event: Annual WI Conference, Date / Time: June 5-7 Green Bay, Pastor, Judy, Jeanette; Others Pray
- > Event: Second General Conference September WI Dells

Goal Setting: (Ron will Initiate)

In the case of the future of Willerup, it isn't up to the board, it's up to the congregation.

Goal Setting Meeting to be held Tuesday March 3rd Evening 6:30 pm

Next Meeting: Date: March 23 Time: 6:30

Location: Lighthouse Room

Motion to Adjourn: Shannon, 2nd Jeanette; 9:03 pm

Closing Prayer: (Offered by: Pastor)

*Thank you always for your time and God
given talents in service to our Lord!*
Bless You!



History Speaks: Willerup UMC Retirees 15 Years & Counting

By Jeanette Retzlaff

On Wednesday, February 2, 2005, a newly-retired couple (Pete & Jeanette Retzlaff) invited the Retirees of Willerup UMC to join them for a "Groundhog Day" Breakfast. The menu included: "ground hog," egg casserole dishes, muffins, coffee cake, fresh fruit - and of course, coffee. The purpose for this breakfast was to enjoy a meal, fellowship together, and become better acquainted.

What a joy it was to have the following 18 retirees attend: Walter & Violet Korth; Pat Bryan; Marge Smith; Marlyn, Marjorie & Kristie Kempf; Lee & Galina Powers; Glenn Gilberts; Jean Freisen; Lester Jarlsberg; Jan Jarlsberg; Maxine Paxson; Duane & Jeanette Woolever; Pete & Jeanette Retzlaff (Side note: That week Pastor Brian Cook was in Kentucky at a conference and visiting his Mom – Harriet.) It was decided to continue meeting on the first Wednesday of each month for breakfast at 8:45 am. Other Retirees who attended during 2005, but weren't at the February 2nd breakfast were: Bob Jarlsberg; Ivan & Betty Springstead; Kent & Judy Vasby; Ruby Cooper; Ralph & LaVon Sievertsen; Lucy Flynn; Clarence & Helen Mahle; Edith Kenseth; and Pat New. Average attendance for the first year, 2005, was 14.



Yes, that was 15 years ago. The Willerup Retirees still meet on the first Wednesday each month either at 8:45 am for breakfast or 11:45 am for lunch. Just like the first meeting we share a potluck meal, a devotion, and fellowship time. Our Mission Outreach is signing and sending Birthday cards to Willerup members 85+ years old, and Wedding Anniversary cards to couples celebrating 50+ years.

Over the past 15 years there have been changes and growth. Average yearly attendance has been 15-24. In 2011 we moved our August meetings to Korth Park for a picnic. Pastor Brian Cook was our Devotion leader for 12 years. Since 2017, Pastor Marvin Singh and retired Pastor Tom Smrcka have led us in Devotions.



A few fond memories from this "NEW" (history-wise) Retirees' Group:

- At a September meeting one year we shared what job we had retired from. Lester Jarlsberg (95 yrs.) shared he had owned & operated the Cambridge Mill (now the Plow Restaurant building). "But his retirement job - taking care of the Willerup Cemetery - was more important because he had 'more people under him.'"
- March, 2019, Bernadine Christianson (100 yrs.) shared about her visit to a First Grade class to help them celebrate their 100th day of First Grade. She told them what school was like for her 95 years ago.
- November, 2019, Wes Jarlsberg (99 yrs.) shared his WWII experiences serving with the US Army in Europe.

All Retirees (or Wannabees) are invited to join this compassionate, fun-loving and inspirational group the first Wednesday of each month.



Who are We at Willerup?

Our Mission

To **Seek** the Lost, To **Strengthen** the Lord's Disciples, and To **Serve** in the Lord's Kingdom

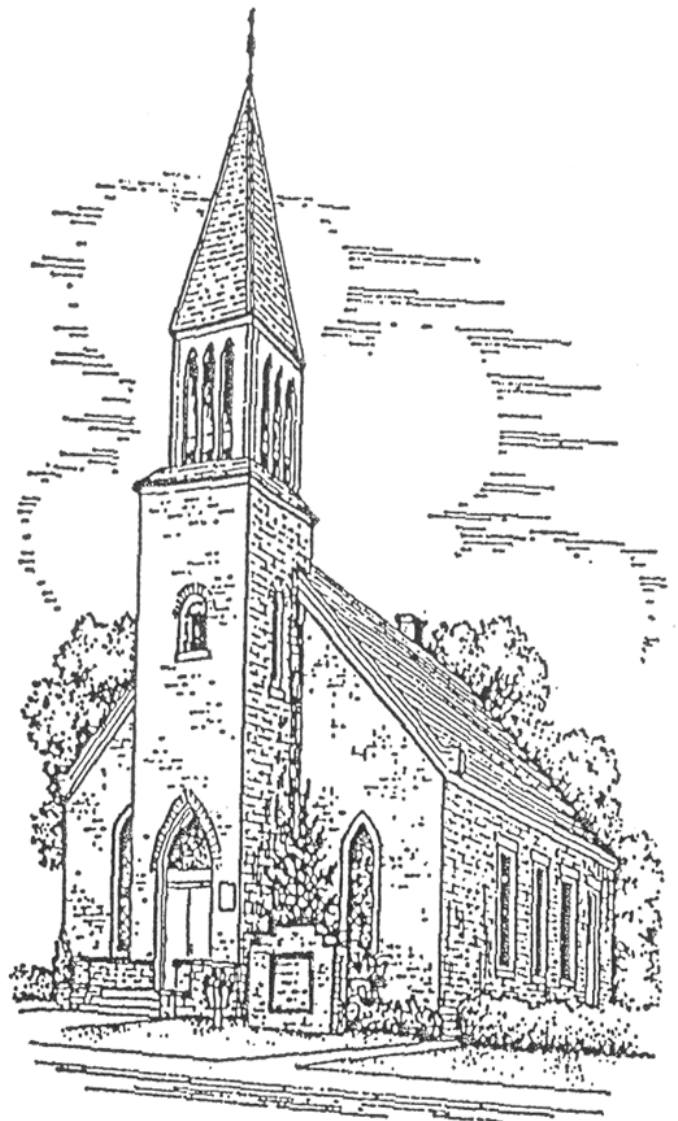
Our Purpose

To **Glorify Christ In Word and Deed by....**

- ♥ Reaching out and receiving new people, introducing them to the person of Jesus Christ.
- ♥ **Connecting people** to the community of **faith** which is growing in the **grace** and **knowledge** of the **Lord**.
- ♥ **Developing** people to **Christ-like** maturity.
 - ♥ **Equipping & sending disciples** in ministry & mission.
 - ♥ ... All to the end of **exalting & honoring God's name**.

Our Conviction

We Believe a Great **Commitment** to the Great **Commandment** and the Great **Commission**
Will Grow a Great **Church!**



Sunday Schedule

8:15 am Prayer

**8:45 am Sunday
School, Adults &
High School**

10:00 am Worship

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(1 Kings 19:11-12)

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