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**Faith Methodist Church**

**Our Mission:**

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ  
Who worship passionately,  
Love extravagantly,  
And witness boldly.

**Our Vision:**

To know God, to love God,  
and to serve God and our neighbor.  
(Luke 10:27)



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**Faith Methodist Church - February 2024**

**PASTOR'S PONDERINGS**

Thank you! I know it's a little late in coming, but thank you - to all of you! Sarah and I are still wading through all the cards and gifts we received for Christmas from our parish family, and it's taking longer than we thought to get all the thank you cards written! We are grateful for all the thoughtfulness and generosity that was shown us this past year, and wanted to let you know how much all of you mean to us! You expressed your love for us in many wonderful ways, and we wanted to tell you the same: We love you and look forward to many more years of serving both God and this community of believers!

It's February again (already!) and here we are at a cross-roads. Which do we celebrate: Valentine's Day or Ash Wednesday? This year is a little weird, cuz they're both on February 14! One seems full of color, romance and devotion, while the other seems full of sack-cloth, ashes and sacrifice. One seems full of life, while the other seems full of death. So, which do we celebrate on the 14th? Or can we truly celebrate both?

I've often wondered how we can understand both holidays when they fall on the same day. True, Hollywood, television and Hall Mark seem to have cornered the market on romance during this time of year, and Ash Wednesday always gets a bad rap, no matter when it comes. No one wants to give OR receive a Happy Ash Wednesday card...! But what if we look at things different this year...

Valentines day could be seen as a time of celebrating love in its truest sense - the love of God for us, and the love we can have towards others. I like giving my spouse a Valentine's Day gift as much as the next person, but what about those who've lost a spouse, or are not married - how does February 14 affect those folks? That's why I say this year, let's give thought to how we might offer the love of God through ourselves to someone that may not be looking forward to Valentine's Day. What can you do that might show God's heart to another? Who could you call or visit or send a card to that might not otherwise know love on February 14?

And speaking of love, at the heart of it all, isn't that what Ash Wednesday holds for all of us? I mean, yeah, there's the symbol of the ashes which represents our own death, and the constant reminders of fasting, mortality, repentance, and seeking God's forgiveness for past sins. But what's the point of all that, if not to draw us closer to God! Remember, God loved us first, so we can love each other. God loved us so much He was willing to allow His only Son to give His life as ransom for our sin debt. God is the original "lover of our souls."

If you are still a little confused about the love God has for you and me, I'd invite you to read the most romantic book in the Bible, "The Song of Solomon" or in some Bible versions it's called, "The Song of Songs." In that little book you will read about a young couple who are very much in love, and quite honestly, if you read it well, it may make you blush! But when you read it, I'd invite you to read it as a love story. Read it with God (Jesus) as the young man, and we, the church, as the young woman. Read it again...do you see it? Do you see the color, the romance, and the devotion? Do you see the seeking, and the love, and the self-sacrifice?

Isn't that what love is all about anyway? Love is self-giving, not self-seeking. Love is full of color and excitement and attention to another. To paraphrase Paul, "...love is patient and kind; love doesn't envy or boast; love isn't proud, or rude; love doesn't anger easily or keep a grudge; love doesn't follow evil, but leads to truth; love protects, trusts, hopes and perseveres; I love never fails!" Suffice it to say, God is love, and God loves you!

God showed His love for us by giving His Son's life for ours. Isn't that reason enough to celebrate love this month? Celebrate both holidays - be glad in the deepest part of who you are - know that God loves you, so you can love Him and others too!

And that is our gift to you - from Sarah and I - to tell you and show you God's love. It is our deepest desire to serve God as best we can by serving you in any way we can. After all, in the end, all we have is love! Faith and hope are great, but only love will last forever... ..

Peace,  
Pastor Corey

**February 2024**

**Embody the Character of Christ**

**Prayer Focus for February - PPRC**  
Valeta Rosenbaum, Carolyn McMillen,  
Sandy Taylor, Nancy Liess, Robin Sukup,  
Tara Wright, Jessica Lawson,  
Brian Sprenger, Susan Petik

**Remembering in Prayer**

Jolene Visser Lichty  
Barb Filanowski



Church Family in the Extended Care Homes  
Pete Filanowski, Norma Long, Vicki Millman,

**Sunday Mornings**

Worship 9:30 am  
Sunday School 1st & 3rd Sunday 8:30 am- 9:15 am  
Confirmation Class - 11 am

**Weekly Bible Studies**

**Tuesday**  
7:30 am - Sun Rise  
Romans Study - 10 am

**Wednesday**  
7 am - Men's Breakfast  
And Bible Study  
At Grandma Jo's

6:30 - 10  
Come -n- Go Communion

**Thursday**  
Bad Girls of the Bible  
5:30 pm

**SOUND**

- Feb 4 Loren Hoekema
- Feb 11 Brian Slagle
- Feb 18 Allen Aurich
- Feb 25 Bill Napier

**MUSIC**

- Feb 4 Nan & Carolyn
- Feb 11 Marva/Valerie
- Feb 18 Marva/Valerie
- Feb 25 Nan & Carolyn

**USHERS**

- Feb 4 Taylor Sprenger, Kevin Sittner, Ron Jessen, Brian Sprenger
- Feb 11 Bret Whartman, Allen Aurich, Greg Sprenger, Kinley Lawson
- Feb 18 Loren Hoekema, Stan Flessner, Mike Mitchell, Drew Glover
- Feb 25 Lanny Schiessler, Kristin Simmons, Brian Slagle, Ron Egger

**POWER POINT**

- Feb 4 Kristin
- Feb 11 Chel
- Feb 18 Wanda
- Feb 25 Kevin

**KIDZ TIME**

- Feb 4 Kahla Sprenger
- Feb 11 Bret & Wanda
- Feb 18
- Feb 25

**READERS**

- Feb 4 Bret Whartman
- Feb 11 Kristin Simmons
- Feb 18 Chuck Liess
- Feb 25 Sandy Taylor

**ACOLYTE**

- Feb 4
- Feb 11
- Feb 18
- Feb 25

**GREETERS**

- Feb 4
- Feb 11
- Feb 18 Tony & Debra Grothe
- Feb 25

**NURSERY**

- Feb 4 Barb W & Jan L

**Come-n-Go Communion Begins February 14**

Short Devotional and prayer.  
Help yourself to the consecrated elements.  
Spend some quiet time in prayer.

Wednesday Mornings: 6:30 am - 10 am  
In the Chapel  
February 14 - March 27

**Season of Lent - 2024**

Feb 13 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5 pm - 7 pm - Hosted by Grace Gardens

Free Will Offering  
Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit  
HOME MADE CINNAMON ROLLS!

Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday Worship - 5:30 pm  
Come-n-Go Communion begins  
6:30 am - 10 am

**Teams Serving Lenten Brunch**

- February 18 - Gloribells
- February 25 - Women in Mission
- March 3 - Methodist Men
- March 10 - Care Share
- March 17 - St Patrick's Day Dinner
- March 24 - G-1 Youth Group



**Peace Like A River**

*Oh that you had paid attention to my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea; Isaiah 48:18 ESV*

I have never understood that phrase and have had it explained to me more than once; yet....

I have friends who choose a "word" from the Bible each new year and spend time focusing and studying on that "word." Some of them pick one of the Gifts of the Spirit to focus one, others either grab a word from a devotion that strikes them or perhaps just a word out of the air. Depending upon their plan of action some spend the entire new year, or some just a month, and others will continue until they feel their chosen word has melted into their bones.

I've never done this Word thing but this year I'm giving it a try and the word I've chosen is Peace. My personal life needs more peace and I'll bet yours does too. Just look around us and we can see that peace is needed everywhere, and not just peace-peace.... But the Peace of God. His Peace is healing. Our country is especially in need, in fact the whole world is crying out.

I've decided to start each study session with a prayer for God's guidance and help using a scripture in Jeremiah 29:12-14... *"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord.*" Thank You Jesus.

Are you a word studier; if not maybe you'd like to join me this year doing something new, a word study. Peace, my friend.

.....Rilla Draper

**February 2024**

**Sunday** Sunday School - 8:30 - 9:15 am

1st & 3rd Sundays

**Tuesday** Sunrise Bible Study @ 7:30 am  
Romans Study @ 10 am  
NOW Team - February 6 @ 5:30 pm

Shrove Tue Pancake Feed Feb 13 5 pm - 7 pm

**Wednesday** Men's Breakfast & Book Study @ 7 am  
(Grandma Jo's)

G-1 February 7th & 21st @ 6 pm  
February 14

Come & Go Communion Begins 6:30 - 10 am  
Ash Wednesday Service - 5:30 pm

**Saturday** Care Share - February 10 (Wanda, Cheri)

February 24 (Sandy)



We are pleased to tell you our preschoolers have been excited about learning more about the miracles of Jesus. We have also continued to add to our letter and number skills, and made pancakes for the letter P. The Grace Gardens Preschool Committee (with the help of the Methodist Men) will host a Shrove Tuesday Supper on Tuesday, February 13 from 5 -7 pm. Free will donations will go to Grace Gardens. We will serve pancakes, sausage, fruit, and HOMEMADE CINNAMON ROLLS. (Thanks to those who volunteered to bake). We hope to see you there for food and fellowship.

**Angela and Valerie**