



Celebration

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I wrote on Facebook the other day that I am getting tired of apologizing for my own denomination. This is in response to all the media attention we have been receiving nationally and locally. If you are feeling as if the institutional church which you have been a part of most of your life is frustrating and confounding, know that most of us who lead churches are feeling very much the same way. Even retired Bishops. I listened to a podcast featuring Bishop William Willimon who expressed his own dismay and frustration with the institutional church called UM. I think if a Retired Bishop from the south can feel exasperated, we can too. Bishop Willimon none the less had good things to say even in his frustration. He exhorted those of us in the local church to keep on doing the work of the local church, to do this in the best ways we know how, and to be faithful to the message of Jesus Christ who has taught us how to love. I also resonate with this quote from Renee Notkin from Union Church in Seattle, "Jesus' subversive challenges to the human-crafted structures that oppress and bind is what keeps me following Jesus and holding on to hope that there is a third way—the Jesus way that brings healing to individuals, communities, and nations."

I hope you have heard me say similar sentiments. It seems in this time, when we don't know the future of the denomination the best thing we can do it keep on being faithful to what Christ called the church to be, the embodiment of his message of grace and love and salvation in the world.

And that includes being as positive as possible about all that the church means in our community.

I know many of you read and heard the reports from the church in Cottage Grove. The news reports didn't get the whole picture and, yet, there is truth to some of what they reported. Know that my commitment has always been to an intergenerational church that works together in the ways we are able to do the work of Christ in the community and the world.

At the same time, I just want us to remember that anytime a church makes changes someone is going to be upset. Just think of the changes that have happened historically in this church that could have made for some stunningly bad headlines. Especially, if only one side of the story was told. Unfortunately, in this day and age, these stories get picked up by media and spread around the world in the blink of an eye. I think we can all breathe a sigh of relief that our 'dirty laundry' wasn't hung out to dry before the world. LOL So once again, we, who are trying to do the work of Christ in our community, need to be people who positively speak about the work that God is doing among us. We need to keep on with our discipline we began in November of GOPA for God. We will continue to remind ourselves to have an attitude of Gratitude, Optimism, Positivity and Appreciate for all that God is doing in us, through us, and around us.



So we will continue to ask ourselves each Sunday during Prayers of the Church: Where have we seen God at work in our lives, our community and our world. I encourage you to make this a daily habit. For as the year progresses we will need to remember that this is the bottom line: God is at work in the world through us, in us, and around us. That is TRUTH and that is the TRUTH that MATTERS Hope and Peace, Pastor Debra

Living the Seasons at Home—

Ideas for nurturing faith and discipleship at home

February 2, 2020 – *Blessed*

1 Corinthians 1:18–31 *Where are the wise? Where are the scholars? Where are the philosophers of this age? Has not God turned the wisdom of this world into folly?*

Something to think about, talk about, or do

Following God is a holy requirement. Following God is to be mocked by the world and to be defiant against the world. Following God requires a strong will, a hard work ethic, and a desire to be counter-cultural. It's not easy work, but God promises wonderful results to those who seek to love and serve God. **Consider** what it is that God might be asking of you at this very moment.

Share how you might be blessed and fulfilled in doing God's work.

February 9, 2020 – *Shine*

Matthew 5:13–20 *In the same way, your light must shine before others so that they may see your good acts and give praise to your Abba God in heaven.*

Something to think about, talk about, or do

You *are* the salt of the earth. You *are* the light of the world. We see this week that disciples of Jesus flavour and light up the world. We are created to be creative in how we share God's love with the world. In being salty and light, we are fulfilling the purpose of our creation.

Sing together the children's song "This Little Light of Mine" and light candles or flashlights.

Watch the patterns you create as you carry light to the world.

February 16, 2020 – *Grow*

Deuteronomy 30:15–20 *Choose life, then, so that you and your descendants may live, by loving Yahweh, your God, by obeying God's voice and by clinging to Yahweh.*

Something to think about, talk about, or do

Sometimes, the words we hear from God are hard. Sometimes, they are encouraging. Always, they are shared to help us live more fully into who we are created to be. This week's readings remind us that relationships are hard, but they are worth the work. Together, with one another, we all look and work toward the future of God's kin-dom on Earth. One person does one thing, another does another, a third builds upon both, and so forth...before we realize it, we are all living fully into our creation. **Play** the "Yes, And!" game from Drama Notebook (<https://www.dramanotebook.com/drama-games/yes-and/>) and discuss the questions offered on the website. **Listen** together to the song "This Is Me" by Keala Settle from *The Greatest Showman* soundtrack as a closing prayer, giving thanks to God for who you've been created to be!

February 23, 2020 – *Sent*

Matthew 17:1–9 *Out of the cloud came a voice which said, "This is my Own, my Beloved, on whom my favor rests. Listen to him!"*

Something to think about, talk about, or do

The transfiguration story of Jesus reminds us that once we learn something new about someone, we can never see them the same way again. The same is for us. Once we realize that we are everything that God deemed good about creation, we cannot go back to the person we were before we gained that knowledge. We are changed people. The Transfiguration, in a nutshell, tells us that "we've seen it, so now it's time to move on." We are a sent people. We have purpose, and we are part of God's grand, cosmic, chaotic, elevated plans. **Share** your times you've seen Jesus or felt Jesus nearby.

Light a Candle Offering

Contributor	Honoree or Memorial
Roy & Sheila Erickson	Harriet Erickson; Victor Severson; Marie Severson
Mallory Jefferies	Christel Jefferis; Margaret Jefferis
Martinka's	Eugene (Red), Betty, & Bradley Martinka
Richard & Karen Budahn	Family
Roberta Copeman	Rod, Ted & Louise, Mary & Lewis, Tom & Stella, Bill Copeman; Miller & Myrtle Bolton; Robert & Minnie Jefferis, Bob & Ruth Jefferis
Bobbie Kehret	Paul Nelson and my family members
Darrell Bacon	Lois Bacon; Narveson & Bacon Families
Bea Zincke	Russell Zincke; William & Edna Shaw; William & Frances Zincke; Maxine Narveson
John & Ruth Wendt	Family Members
Donna Tucker	Larry Tucker
Dwain & Kathy Kamnetz	Florence Gerken
Pastor Debra	The Youth of the Church

UP Coming Events

Ad Council will meet on Tuesday night February 4th to approve a budget and look at ministry plans for the coming year. All are welcome to attend this meeting



Stewartville Pizza Ranch Tip Night

Wednesday, February 26 4:30-8:00

raising funds for Fillmore County Relay For Life (Gary & Denise will be working.)

Farm Crisis Forms

Join resilient farmers, neighbors and panelists to share stories, learn about resources and take action

Feb 12 11:00-2:30 Peace UMC, Elgin

Feb 13 12:3-3:15 St Columban Catholic Church, Preston

Sponsored by Izaak Walton League and Land Stewardship Project

Fillmore County Relay for Life

Friday July 10 in Lanesboro

Books and Beverages

Please note the day of the week has changed to Thursdays and the addition of February and March Group Dates

February 27th

Olive Again by Elizabeth Strout

Pulitzer Prize winner Elizabeth Strout continues the life of her beloved Olive Kitteridge, a character who has captured the imaginations of millions of readers.

March 26th

TBA

April 23rd

Threading My Prayer Rug by Sabeeha Rehman

Beginning with a sweetly funny, moving account of her arranged marriage, the author undercuts stereotypes and offers the refreshing view of an American life through Muslim eyes.

May 21st

Save Me the Plums by Ruth Reichl

Complete with recipes, Save Me the Plums is a personal journey of a woman coming to terms with being in charge and making a mark, following a passion and holding on to her dreams—even when she ends up in a place she never expected to be.

YOUTH NEWS

Confirmation in February Wednesday nights

February 5th Confirmand & Parent's meeting 7:00 PM

February 12th and 19th Supper at 6:00 with sessions beginning at 6:45 until 8:00

Cost \$10 per month for the meal

Students who have not been confirmed who are in the 5th grade and older are invited to this confirmation session.

Confirmation will meet the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays

Last Wednesday Meet Up

February 26 6:00 supper...Yes it is Ash Wednesday. Yes we will meet.

For all High School Youth

Supper, Group Discussion, Check ins, Activities

On the last Wednesday of the month

Supper will be ready at 6. Come as soon as you are able stay for as long as you can.

Invite your friends.

Cost: \$5 per evening for the meal

Working with God in the World and Community

Steve Strickler
Food Shelf Coordinator
chatfieldfoodshelf@gmail.com

Denise Pagel
Weekend Backpack & Library
Lunch Coordinator: denpag@q.com

On January 27, Pastor Debra conducted the well-attended funeral of Mary Wright. The assembled congregation testified to the fact that Mary had an impact on many people of the community. Mary brought many dozen eggs to the food shelf and began the practice of asking the food shelf clients to return egg cartons.

Pastor Debra spoke of Mary as a small but mighty and kind woman. Her gift of eggs to the food shelf is an example of the small, mighty and kind ways the people of Chatfield serve each other.

We will miss Mary and her eggs. We are thankful for the many years she contributed to the food shelf.

Food Donation List

Cereal
Pasta and sauce
Pancake Mix
Hamburger Helper
TunaHelper
Canned soup
Canned meat
Canned fruit
Canned vegetables
Peanut Butter
Canned tuna

Food Shelf Open Tuesdays 6-7:30 pm Fridays 9-10:30am

Donations can be brought to Chatfield United Methodist Church,
124 Winona Street SE, 8am-8pm

CHATFIELD COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF MISSION STATEMENT

Chatfield Community Food Shelf exists to provide food supplies in a manner that preserves the dignity and respect of families and individuals who are residents of Chatfield and the Chatfield rural community. Chatfield Community Food Shelf serves individuals and families regardless of their race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, sexual orientation, physical appearance, disability status, age, pregnancy or any group membership.

Noon Meals Available to senior adults through Meals on Wheels. Call 507-864-8228 to be enrolled.

Chatfield UMC is a Meals on Wheels Volunteer Driver location. If you would like to drive for MOWs contact Kathy Kamnetz: 763-355-4619

The Chatfield Community Food Shelf served 29 households in December 2019. We distributed 1485 pounds of food and gave away 148 pounds of hams and turkeys for the Christmas holiday.

Empty Bowls Fundraiser March 12 5-7 pm

Chatfield High School
Free Will Donation
Proceeds benefit Chatfield & Fillmore County Food Shelves
Please contact Denise Pagel if you could donate a crock pot of soup. Denise Pagel 507-273-318

Eagle's Cancer Telethon Soup Supper and Silent Auction Results

The Soup Supper & Silent Auction for the Eagle's Cancer Telethon raised **\$2,869!**
Thank you all for your generous donations.
A special thank you to Peyton & Sydney Ellis for sharing their gift of music with us that evening.

Making connections:

You may reach Pastor Debra Collum in a number of ways:

- Call the Church-867-3529 (Please leave a message if no one is in)
- Call her cell phone-(507) 923.1097.
(Again, you can leave a message if no one answers.)
- E-mail her at: chatfieldpastor@gmail.com

Mailing Address is:

Chatfield United Methodist Church
124 Winona St. SE Chatfield, MN 55923

Web Site: www.chatfieldumc.org

The Pastor is always available for home visitations and counseling whenever requested, as well as hospital visits when notified. Please keep her informed of your needs as she is here to respond. She does try to take Fridays off during the week.

Tyler Grundman, the administrative assistant and IT guru would like to know if you change your address or phone or any other additions or changes for the church records: call, email, or leave a note in the office with the new information. Phone numbers & **EMAILS** are helpful!

Contact Tyler in the church office: 867-3529 or webmaster@chatfieldumc.org
He is usually in the office on Friday.

Special Sundays in February

2nd Youth Sunday

Bibles to 3rd Graders Confirmation Students Presented

16th Concert Sunday—The Lonely Knees

The Lonely Knees from Chatfield will be providing music for our worship service.

The Lonely Knees are a three-piece Americana band playing non-Americana music. They select favorite songs spanning modern indie, old-school country, 90's pop, and more, and break them down into their most essential elements. Husband-wife duo Dan and Stacie Conway take turns weaving between lead and backing vocals, while guitarist Anthony Keseley gives each song his unique style and verve. The results are both powerful and delicate, lively and mesmerizing.

Parish Notes:

Doris Narveson writes: Thank you so much for the (Christmas) gift. It was so special. Also thank you for the visits.

(Each year we provide "Santa" gifts for members of the community residing at the Chosen Valley Care Center)

*We Welcome into **membership** of Chatfield UMC: Catherine McConnell. Catherine is a resident at the Chosen Valley Care Center in the Apartments.*

February Birthdays

1	Tyler Waadevig
3	Deegan Ostby Beata Zincke
5	Owen Schwanke
6	Shirley Schlinkmann
7	Ashley Hanson
11	Jason Irish
13	Morgan Ellis Parker Ellis Lyman Hare Clifton Nelson
14	Joshua Ristau
15	Jared Halloran
19	Thomas Ferrier
20	Charlotte Nelson
21	Brady Woltz
22	Drew Ferrier Kent Gillespie
23	Jerry Finley
24	Ashlee Maker
26	Mary Beth Nelson
27	Lynn Budahn

New Window Plaques



Each stained glass window in the church has a special meaning. Some tell stories of the Christian faith, some are meant to beautify a particular part of the church. All were given with love and appreciation for the work of the church and the people who help build the foundations of this church.

Thanks to Kathy and Dwain Kamnetz and the Memorial Committee every stained glass window in the church has a new, easily read memorial plaque which will last for a long time. In addition, a framed document telling who gave the funds for each window and the person or persons honored by the window is mounted on the back wall of the sanctuary.

These plaques and the framed document serve to remind us that this church is built on a legacy of appreciation for the past and a desire for future generations to learn and understand the faith which holds us together as a body of Christ. As you enjoy each window

let them teach you the lessons of the faith which has been given to us through generations of teachers, artists and God's Spirit.



Chatfield United Methodist Women

Faith+Hope+Love in Action

Over 75 Years

Christian Social Involvement / "Sunshine": Marlene Hisey 867-3457

Nominating Committee: Doris Narveson 867-4462 Juanita Haare 202-0000

UMW Officers for 2019

Co-President: Pam Nelson 867-3086

Co-President: Denise Pagel 273-3188

Secretary: Donna Amundson 867-3788

Treasurer: Kathy Lange 867-3590

UMW Meeting

Because of the quarantine at the Care Center, the January BD party which Chatfield UMW was to host was cancelled. January Birthday gifts were delivered to the residents.

Watch your messages for an outing that is being planned

Save the Date

UMW Sunday

March 22

Emma Norton's Shawna Nelson-Wills will be the speaker

Parish Health

Questions? Ask Beverly Simpson simpbev@gmail.com 507-867-0064

The Gathering Place for Seniors

Chatfield United Methodist Church, 124 Winona St. SE, Chatfield, MN 55923

Medical Equipment Loan Closet

Walkers, Crutches, Canes, Wheelchairs, Bath Benches, Toilet Risers & Surrounds, Lift Chair, Bed Rails available for loan. Free for as long as you need the equipment.

8 A.M.-8 P.M., M - F. Call Beverly Simpson @ 507-867-0064 to ask about availability of equipment.

Senior Support Group

Second Friday of each month 9 A.M - 10 A.M.

1102 Liberty Street N.W.

at Chosen Valley Independent Living Dining Room

(Participants discuss issues related to growing older, healthy living, and caregiving)

Please join us for coffee and conversation!

Beverly Simpson, Facilitator

Age Well At Home - Fillmore County

Active Aging Programs - Questions? Call Tina Kerns @ 251-0520 tkerns@ccsomm.org

SAIL

Strengthen your bones, improve your balance, and have more energy.

This FREE activity program to prevent osteoporosis is led by Active Aging Programs Volunteers

9 A.M. Mondays & Wednesdays

St. Mary's Catholic Church Fellowship Hall, 405 Twiford St. SW Co-

Leaders: Mary Bailey & Beverly Simpson

Slice of Life: Ring Out the Winter Blues



Slice of Life
CHATFIELD

Tuesday February 4 10:30 AM

Chatfield Lutheran 304 Fillmore St. Chatfield

Call 507-867-3529 for more information

A FREE monthly program for all senior adults and any of their care givers/loved ones.

Conversation, Stories, Creativity

Come play with hand bells and make a bells and ribbon door hanger

Medical Loan Closet

Open from 8-8 every day If you need any Medical Equipment you may take it. Return it if you are able. Please bring your gently used equipment to the church. Others will be grateful. The Loan Closet is used constantly

WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

2020 COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

January	Health Cabinet & Memorial Committee
February	SPRC Committee
March	Worship Committee
April	Missions Committee
May	Health Cabinet & Memorial Committee
June	No Coffee Fellowship
July	No Coffee Fellowship
August	No Coffee Fellowship
September	Health Cabinet & Memorial Committee
October	SPRC Committee
November	Worship Committee
December	Missions Committee

ALTAR GUILD

Thank you to the Altar Guild for so faithfully dressing the altar, your time is appreciated!

WORSHIP READERS

See the next page for the list of worship readers for the year. If you are unable to read on your date, please let the office know.

Readings will be sent out by email early in the week of the week you are reading. If you don't have an email address you will receive the reading by post.

2020 USHER LIST

January	Gary & Denise Pagel, John Amundson, Kyra Throckmorton
February	Lee & Staria Kester, Kent Gillespie, Sydney Ellis
March	Mike & Bev Simpson, Scott Ferguson, Peyton Ellis
April	Roy & Kathy Lange, Ellie Collett
May	Dwaine & Kathy Kamnetz, Olivia Hare
June	Bill Collett, Juanita Haare, Madison Collett
July	Roy Erickson, Kent Gillespie
August	Pam & Rod Nelson, Tom Ferrier
September	Myron & Sandy Maker, Aliesha Hanson
October	John & Holly Martinka
November	John & Ruth Wendt, Kyra Throckmorton
December	Tyler & Mary Beth Nelson, Olivia Hare

Worship Readers 2020

January 5	Teresa Narveson
January 12	Bea Zinck
January 19	Mike Simpson
January 26	Sheila Erickson
February 2— Children's Sabbath	Peyton Ellis
February 9	Kathy Kamnetz
February 16	Amy Grover
February 23	Roberta Copeman
March 1--Lent	Holly Martinka
March 8	Kyra Throckmorton
March 15	Bev Simpson
March 22	
March 29	
April 5— Palm Sunday	
April 12--Easter	
April 19	Kathy Kamnetz
April 26	Bev Simpson
May 3	Mike Simpson
May 10	Amy Grover
May 17	Sydney Ellis
May 24	Roberta Copeman
May 31--Pentecost	Steve Strickler
June 7	Madison Collett
June 14	Bill V. Wright
June 21	Peyton Ellis
June 28	Kathy Kamnetz
July 5	Bea Zincke
July 12	Steve Strickler
July 19	Kyra Throckmorton
July 26	Roberta Copeman

August 2	Denise Pagel
August 9	Western Days
August 16	Bea Zincke
August 23	Teresa Narveson
August 30	Holly Martinka
September 6	Mike Simpson
September 13	Sydney Ellis
September 20	Roberta Copeman
September 27	Bev Simpson
October 4	Peyton Ellis
October 11	Holly Martinka
October 28	Bev Simpson
October 25	Kyra Throckmorton
November 1	Mike Simpson
November 8	Bill V. Wright
November 15	Carly Fitzgerald
November 22— Thanksgiving	Roberta Copeman
November 29-- Advent	Steve Strickler
December 6	Holly Martinka
December 13	Christmas Program?
December 20	Teresa Narveson
December 27	Sheila Erickson

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10 Chill Fest Begins
2 Chill Fest Final Day 9:30am Worship 10:45am Worship	3 Meals on Wheels Begins 9am SAIL	4 8am Quilts & Craft 2:45pm Project Go 10:30am Slice of Life 6pm Food Shelf Open 7pm Ad Council	5 9am SAIL 12pm Ministerial 6pm Confirmation	6	7 Meals on Wheels Final Day 9am Food Shelf Open	8
9 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Worship	10 9am SAIL	11 8am Quilts & Craft 2:45pm Project Go 6pm Food Shelf Open	12 9am SAIL 1:30pm Care Center Worship 6pm Confirmation	13	14 9am Food Shelf Open 9am Sr Support Group	15
16 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am Health Cabinet	17 President's Day 9am SAIL 5pm Emergency Responder Dinner	18 8am Quilts & Craft 2:45pm Project Go 6pm Food Shelf Open	19 9am SAIL 6pm Confirmation	20	21 9am Food Shelf Open	22
23 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Worship	24 9am SAIL	25 8am Quilts & Craft 2:45pm Project Go 6pm Food Shelf Open	26 9am SAIL 6pm Last Wednesday Meetups	27 6pm Books and Beverages	28 9am Food Shelf Open	29



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Slice of Life

**Ring Out the Winter Blues
Tuesday February 4 10:30 AM**

Chatfield Lutheran
304 Fillmore St. Chatfield

**Concert Sunday
February 16th**

Featuring
The Lonely Knees
During worship

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 am
Worship

9:30 am
Sunday School

10:30 am
Coffee Fellowship

**Gluten Free Communion on the
first Sunday open to all**

Chatfield United Methodist Church

**We are a community of faith open to everyone.
We seek to live as disciples of Christ and share God's
love in word and deed.**