

The Unifier



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I am a four seasons kinda guy. I like summer for all the warmth and ability to enjoy outdoor activities. Summer is good for hiking, and swimming, and maybe most of all grilling out. It is a time filled with bike rides and sitting on the back deck or porch with a nice cold drink. The village is abuzz with activity as well. Families are out and there is ice cream to eat as well. I truly enjoy summer. But fall is likely my favorite season. The cool crisp that one awakens to in the mornings. Open windows that mean the days of running the AC are over and fresh air blows through the house. There is the change of color of all the trees, and it is still warm enough to enjoy the outdoors, even if sometimes a lap blanket or a hoodie is needed to enjoy the back deck or porch. Fall is fantastic.

And I know, I am a foreigner. Because of this winter is somewhat of a novelty for me. What is that white stuff that seems to fall from the sky on a semi regular basis? (I kid) There is snow to be played with, a sledding hill to slide down, and a lake that you can ice skate on! That last one is a fun and new experience. But as much as I like winter, at home point I grow weary of it. I am tired of a hat and gloves being necessary everywhere I go. I grow tired of layer after layer of clothing. I grow tired of being inside for days on end at times. There is a longness to winter that can bring a longing. There is a longing for a spring.

Spring is the season of optimism. Spring is the time of new beginnings and fresh life. Spring is the time of flowers that had lay hidden underground beneath snow just waiting to burst forth. The winter has seemed long to me this year. Largely, perhaps that is because in my soul I am every ready for a spring to dawn.

—Ryan

Class Notes



Dear Friends,

It is March, the month in 2019 where all Christians begin their journey through Lent to the cross, with Ash Wednesday falling on March 6, and ultimately to Easter (April 21) when we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead so that we may all live! Praise God. But, have you asked yourself lately what you really know about Christ's passion, what you really know about His sacrifices, and what you really know about how undeserving we all are?

For some reason, many Christians think studying the Word, i.e. going to Sunday School, can reasonably end after Confirmation. If I had stopped then (5th grade for me; I was raised Catholic) I wouldn't have a clue about who Christ really is. I wouldn't know He cried tears of blood for me. I wouldn't care that His death on the cross, as gruesome and horrific as it was, was suffered for me. I wouldn't really know how to follow His apostles as they forged the way for us at great personal sacrifice. I would likely have more "stuff" yet my life would be much less abundant. Furthermore, I wonder if my almost 40 year marriage would be solid or my children as kind and humble.

We encourage all ages to participate in Sunday School so that they may come to know fully our Lord and Savior. By embracing the journey of discipleship we are able to serve Christ in our own ministries and missions while glorifying God. This is a life's work, not a program or something to check off one's bucket list.

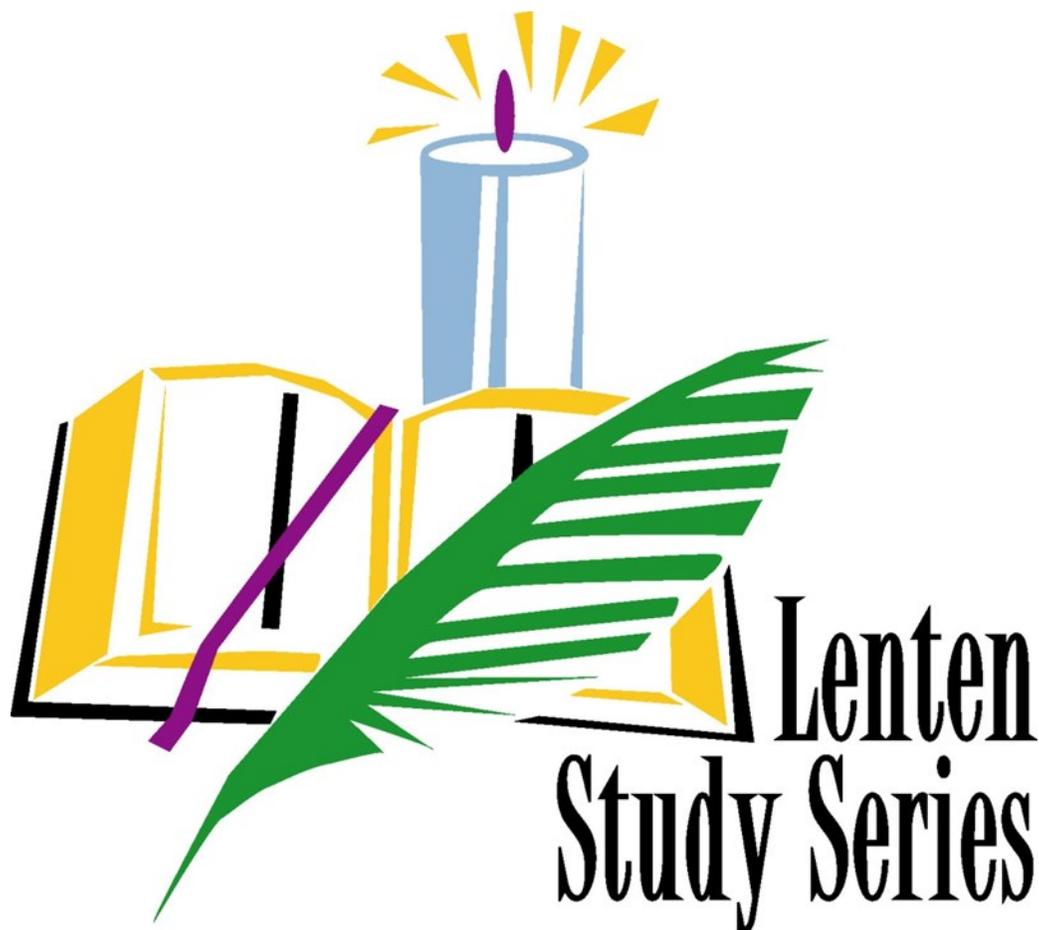
Our children and youth are actively engaged in learning the Word. Are you? There is no question all of us who worship are hearing the Word preached by Pastor Ryan weekly! To go even deeper, please consider joining Pastor Ryan in our *Pastor's Lenten Study* in the Parlor at 9:15am from March 10 through April 14. I also encourage all adults to try other Sunday morning Adult education classes September through May as the Spirit moves you.

Please join me during this holiest of times as I ask the Holy Spirit to continue the work of drawing folks to God's Word so that their eyes, hearts and minds are open to the Christian life.

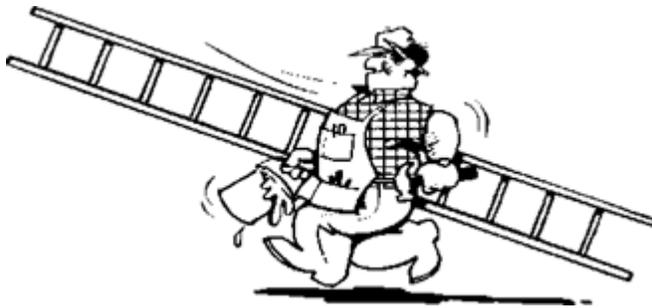
In God's Service,

Carol R-R

Join our Adult Education Committee for a
Pastor's Lenten Study with
Pastor Ryan Kiblinger



Sundays at 9:15am in the Parlor
March 10 through April 14, 2019



As you may know, several of our members have moved out of state. Many of those had become the church’s “handymen” who helped with repair jobs as they came up. Unfortunately, we are now faced with many jobs to be done, but few hands who can assist. Rick Burg has been handling the bulk of this of work but really could use some helping hands.

We are looking for volunteers to help keep the church running!



Many of these jobs are “upkeep” projects to keep the church running on a day to day basis.

We would appreciate any help you can give. Please give Rick a call at 224-612-2409



Greeter Schedule

	8:15	10:30
March 3	Rick Burg	Pat Barker, Doris Craig
March 10	Wende Fry	Loretta Dodson, volunteer needed
March 17	Felix Flok	Cathy Vick, Susan Green
March 24	Joyce & Terry Norton	Alice Broadhurst, Marie Frandsen
March 31	Felix Flok	Rick Burg, Rose Pech
April 7	Dot & William Betke	Pat Barker, Need volunteer
April 14 (Palm Sunday)	Linda Markham	Sue Harvey
April 21 (Easter)	Dian Weinkauf	Kori Henne
April 28	Jeff Ziegler	Barb Fischel, Craig Fischel
May 5	Orrell Ruth	Joyce and Terry Norton
May 12	Rick Burg	Rose Pech, Sharon Michalson
May 19	Wende Fry	Craig and Barb Fischel
May 26	Mary Ann McDowell	William Pfeil, Judy Ruhnke
June 2	Jeff Ziegler	Linda Markham, Donna Obrecht
June 9	Jay and Lil Eldridge	Cathy Vick, Alice Broadhurst
June 16	Linda Rambo	Rose Pech, Loretta Dodson
June 23	Dian Weinkauf	Barb and Craig Fischel
June 30	Rosanne Taylor	Rose Pech, Rick Burg



UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



~WCF CIRCLE MEETINGS~

Watch the church bulletin, Tuesday Newsday emails, & the *UNIFIER* for other notices. Take a WCF Brochure from the wall rack left of the Mission Table.

WELCOMING ALL WOMEN!!!

Circle	Day/Date	Time	Place	Contact
2	Tues., Mar. 5	7:30 p.m.	Small Meeting Room	Catherine Vick
4/5	Wed., Mar. 6	12:30 p.m.	Church Parlor	Sue Schmidt
6	Thurs., Mar. 7	11:30 a.m.	Whitney St. Restaurant	Marie Frandsen Diana Thompson
9	Tues., Mar. 12	5:30 p.m.	Hillside Restaurant	Carol Roselli-Rasmussen
10	TBA	TBA	TBA	Jasmine Walker
Task Force	Choose projects/ministries to help; no meetings			Rose Pech

BUNCO!!! This call rang out numerous times on February 16 when seventeen women enjoyed a delightful afternoon of fun, fellowship, & food as they played BUNCO. Our WCF "regulars" were very happy to welcome friends of Cynthia Lee's from the Grayslake Lions Club in addition to others from UPC who came to BUNCO for the first time!

WCF hosts BUNCO twice a year because it's become so popular. You can mark your calendars now for our next date: Saturday, October 19 at 1:00 p.m. Watch for the announcements in the church bulletin, on Tuesday Newsday, and in the *UNIFIER* just prior to the date. You'll be guaranteed a relaxing and fun afternoon!

Coming in April: Mark the date on your calendar now! Don't miss out on a delicious brunch and delightful book review presented by Sharon Michelson on Saturday, April 13, from 10:30 until noon.



CHECK OUT OUR CIRCLES!!!!

**ADD A BOOK REVIEW TO
MAKE IT A PERFECT MORN-
ING! SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

UPC PADS UPDATE



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY FROM PADS!



YAHOO!!! UPC PADS NOW HAS ALL SHIFTS FILLED!!

VOLUNTEER SUBSTITUTES STILL NEEDED! CAN YOU FIND TIME TO SUBSTITUTE OCCASIONALLY?

****PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL TO VOLUNTEER AND...CONTINUE TO SPREAD THE WORD!!**

SUBSTITUTES ARE STILL NEEDED!

Welcome people who are experiencing homelessness as they work to find a "Happy Home"!

Artwork by Evan)

1st shift (5:30 to 11 p.m.); 2nd shift (11 p.m. to 3 a.m.);

3rd shift (3 to 7 a.m.); Late 3rd shift (4:45 to 7 a.m.)

Morning Kitchen Cleanup (6 to 7 or 7:30 a.m.)

Training session can be arranged.

**To RSVP or for more info, contact Rose Pech,

pads_at_upc@hotmail.com or 847-356-3577.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS FROM PADS LAKE CO.

300 individuals & families able to stay in current housing/out of shelter because of Prevention & Diversion Program!

365 nights of emergency shelter provided!

Over 150 people, including 20 children, were successfully engaged in services thanks to the PADS Outreach Program.

75% of clients who did not have medical home or Primary Care Physician had one within 5 days of meeting with PADS Healthcare Case Manager.

As stated in a recent PADS Lake County newsletter, over the past 30 years, PADS has changed by "growing the scope and number of programs and services offered to help our neighbors in need." "What hasn't changed? Our gratitude for compassionate supporters like you."

-On behalf of those experiencing homelessness, Rose Pech

Birthdays and Anniversaries in March

Birthdays:

03/03	Holliman, David	03/19	James, Janet
03/04	Fletcher, Kim		Richardson, Mary
	Truckenbrod, Tiffany		Vick, Donald
03/05	Smith, Katie	03/20	Floral, Beth
03/06	Munts, Evelyn		Heiler, Carl
03/06	Wackerlin, Priscilla		Fry, Wende
	Ziegler, Jeff	03/21	Lowe, Lloyd
03/09	Carlson, Richard		Mansell, Max
	Divis, Brian	03/22	Helm, Gregg
03/10	Tyler, Dustin		Mall, Samia
03/11	Curnow, Pat	03/25	Helm, Lindsey
	Vick, Andrew	03/27	Smith, Richard
03/12	Ryckman, Cynthia	03/28	Rockenbach, Douglas
03/14	Frandsen, Marie	03/29	Obrecht, Donna
	Young, Susan	03/30	Hanke, Doris
03/15	Bunke, Lauren	03/31	Fuller, Kaitlyn
	Schwaderer, Kim		Fuller, Mitchell
03/17	Fuller, Tessa	Wedding Anniversaries:	
	Richardson, Tessa	03/24	Terese and Warren Bell
		03/30	Cynthia and Richard Floral

Continued prayers for UPC members and friends/relatives of members: Judy Baird suffering from cancer (wife of Bruce Baird), Jodi Briedis, Laurel Bruggen, Harry Carnes, Christian and Seth, Desiree Craig (friend of Karen Caviness), Rev. Tom Neuffer Emswiler, Mary Friis, Judy Hendrickson (mother of Laura Hendrickson), Lynne Henne (mother of Brett Henne), Jae, Trish Jelinek (friend of Rose Pech, severe cellulitis in leg), Charles Madsen (brother of Karen Caviness), Skip Madsen (nephew of Karen Caviness), Mary Mason (sister of Loretta Dodson), Gloria Meier (sister-in-law of Ann Thompson), Pat Mielke, Marjorie Miller, Judy Ruhnke, Darwin Schwaderer (fall), Larry Smith (battling depression, friend of Laurie Bethmann), and Stephen (26 year old friend of Lil Eldridge who is battling cancer).

Long term prayers: James Barker (son-in-law of Vivian Gwaltney), Marno Benande, Mary Brase (sister of Rose Pech), Karen Caviness, Barry Craig, Pat Curnow, Elaine Francis, Brad Fuller (stroke, brother of Jamie Fuller), Gerard Gray (cousin of Rose Pech), Susan Green, Vivian Gwaltney, Carl Heiler, Tucker Hupp (grandson of the Lockhart's), Rick Juern (cousin of Judy Ziegler), Jean Korell, Vivian Kuzelka, Tom Nellessen (brother of Margie Scheibler), Jerry Beck (friend of Margie Scheibler, bad falls and blood cancer), Pat Nowak (dialysis, sister-in-law of Joann Baraksa), Don Piester (brother-in-law of Darwin Schwaderer), Chester Pinkowski (relative of Maureen Daly), Sandra Richard, Orrell Ruth, Marcia Ruth, Elsie Shaheen (cancer, cousin of Judy Ziegler), Bobbie Weichman, and Betty Vares.

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are currently serving their country: All First Responders, Andrew Vick (son of Cathy and Don Vick), Derek Robb, Abraham Lam Yuen, Bob Sisco (brother of Lexie Craig), Dennis Jackson (friend of Lexie Craig), Philip Norton (grandson of Joyce and Terry Norton), and Duneley Rochino

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