



Evergreen United Methodist Church

1120 Evergreen Court, Wahpeton, ND 58075

February, 2018

Baptism of Clara Kay Jilek



(Left) Clara Jilek was baptized by Pastor Jen on Sunday, January 14. Clara is the daughter of Amanda Jaixen and Brady Jilek.

(Above) Pastor Jen shares the children's message.

Financial Management Class by Wayne Millar

Pastor Jen is organizing a Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University personal finance management class. It is a 9 week course with the first meeting set for Sunday, February 18, at 6:30PM. The class is non-denominational and open to everyone. The class will benefit anyone who wants to learn basic financial management and includes many practical suggestions and guidelines for improving one's financial stewardship.

For additional information, Please contact the Church office.

Ash Wednesday



**Service is
February 14 @
7:00 pm**

**"Souper"
Bowl
Sunday
February 4**



Join us for "Souper" Bowl Sunday on February 4th. Wear your favorite team jersey or shirt and then join us for a soup potluck following the 10 am, worship service. We ask that you bring something to share according to the first letter of your last name:

Breads: A-D

Desserts: E-H

Soup-er Bowl Soups: I-Z

Sunday School News

By Becky Dockter

We have a couple of special events coming up in the next month or so. First, join us in the second annual "Souper" Sunday on February 4th. Wear your favorite team jersey or shirt (whether they're playing in Super Bowl or not, or even if they play a sport other than football!) and then join us for a soup pot luck following the worship service. We ask that you bring something to share according to the first letter of your last name:

A-D: Bring some sort of bread

E-H: Bring Dessert

I-Z: Bring Soup



We also plan to have an afternoon of bowling on **Sunday, March 4** at Terrace Lanes in Wahpeton starting at 1:00 pm. The first game is on us! You are welcome to stay and play more if you choose. We hope to see many for a time of fellowship for each event.



Adult Sunday School

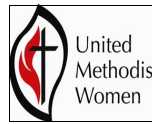
By Jean Freden

The Adult Sunday School will meet in the Fireside Room during February. We will have a special Lenten study. It will follow the Lenten Sunday sermon series.

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy to family & friends of Charlotte Harris. She died January 4.

Our sympathy to Edie Nelson & family on the death of her father, Don Simonson, of Rosholt, SD. He died January 8.



UMW News

By Denise Eastin

Our first UMW general meeting of 2018 was scheduled for January 11th. Icy roads and inclement weather forced a cancellation. *Please bring your 'Call to Prayer' offering to your Circle meeting in February. The Executive Committee rearranged their calendar and met on January 15th to plan for UMW Sunday on January 28th.

Our UMW program booklets will be distributed at the Circle Meetings in February. The UMW Reading Program list is included in that booklet.

Love Ribbons will be made available before and after church service on the 28th. Donations for Love Ribbons are a special way to honor friends and loved ones, while benefiting women and children in our Conference. Evergreen has received grants from the Love Ribbon Project in the past for our Christmas Kids Program, outfitting children in need with winter jackets and outerwear. Love Ribbons will be available again prior to church service on February 11th to honor your Valentine's Day friends and sweethearts.

The February Birthday Parties are coming soon this year at the Leach Home on February 2nd, hosted by Joy Circle, and St. Catherine's on February 9th, hosted by Sunshine and Hope Circles. Please make it a point to arrive by 1:30 to prepare and distribute refreshments, as the residents like to start partying promptly at 2pm! This is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with others.

February Circle Meetings:

February 13, 7 pm, Joy Circle

February 20, 9:30 am, Hope Circle

February 20, 1:30 pm, Sunshine Circle

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9 am, Sunday School & Coffee

10 am, Worship

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Wednesday Soup Suppers begin February 21

By Jean Freden

Please join us at 6:00 PM Wednesday evenings during Lent for soup, fellowship and devotions. We will start serving at 6:00 PM and close before 7:00 PM. A free will offering for the meal will be received for UMCOR disaster relief. Please join us as we use this time to prepare our hearts to welcome the coming of Easter.

The serving groups will be in charge of the suppers and Group #5 will host the first supper on February 21.

Date

February 21

February 28

March 7

March 14

March 21

Host

Group 5

Group 4

Group 3

Group 2

Group 1



Evergreen Celebrates February Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Denotes anniversaries

1-Rudolf Arutyunov

2-Edie Nelson

7-Dawn Wells

7-Jayce Werner

12-Tyrel & Jennifer Rau*

13-McKenzie Gripenrog

13-Demetrius Porter

14-Ethan Schmitt

14-Aaron Stone

15-Cheri Boyer

16-Aaron Deike

17-Marjo Johnson

18-Dianne Millar

18-Chris Johnson

18-Joyce Gripenrog

19-Allan Gripenrog

19-Yelena Arutyunov

19-Alta Lehmann

19-Jennifer Faul

20-Jeanette Plummer

22-Jack Rittenour

23-Chase Schmitt

24-Josh Deike

24-Chris & Suzanne Johnson*

25-Paula Harris

25-Janice Deike

25-Roger Nelson

26-Guy & Roberta Whitehead*

27-Bryan Metcalf

28-Alinda Basingthwaite

28-Ryla Morin

29-Clark Gripenrog

29-Justin Bohn



To the men of Evergreen United Methodist Church.....

I am inviting you to participate in viewing the first series in the documentary That the World May Know that was filmed on location in Israel and recorded on DVD.

“We will discover that God’s word, God’s message is as relevant for us today as it was for them” [the ancient Israelite people] – Ray Vander Laan

Following are quotations from That the World May Know Discovery Guide:

“Because God speaks to us through the Scriptures, studying them is a rewarding experience.”

“Consequently, we most clearly understand God’s truth when we know the cultural context within which he spoke and acted and the perception of the people with whom He communicated.”

“Once we know the *who*, *what* and *where* of a Bible story, we will be able to better understand the *why*. By deepening our understanding of God’s Word, we can more clearly see God’s mission for our lives and strengthen our relationship with Him.”

Each episode is 16 to 24 minutes in length and there are 5 episodes. We will view one episode each week, beginning in the third full week in February and ending in the third full week in March.

About the guide and teacher – Ray Vander Laan (RVL) Quotations from the That the World May Know DVD materials:

“Since receiving his Master of Divinity from Westminster Theological Seminar in 1976, Ray Vander Laan has been actively involved in studying and teaching Jewish culture. A published author and ordained minister with the Christian Reformed Church, RVL has also been a teacher for 39 years, continuing his own Graduate work in Jewish Studies.”

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Boxes of Mac and Cheese Needed for February “One Thing”

By Jan Moore

Evergreen has volunteered pack the bags for the Back Pack Program once each week during the month of February. This program serves 11 school in Richland and Wilkin Counties and over 300 bags are packed each week for children to take home for the weekend. The contents of the bags varies each week and includes breakfast items, dinner meals, and snack item.

Packing Schedule:

Wednesday, Feb. 7 (Youth Group)

Monday, Feb. 12 at 7 pm

Monday, Feb. 19 at 7 pm

Monday, Feb. 26 at 7 pm



Everyone is encourage to come help pack. **The location is the Richland-Wilkin Food Pantry, 699 8th Ave. S in Wahpeton.**

Please use the back door on the south side of the building. If your group or committee is interested in volunteering for about 1 hour, please contact the church office.

“ONE THING” collection during February for the back pack program is BOXES of Mac & Cheese (not individual servings this time). Look for totes in the Fellowship Hall for your donation.



Thank you to everyone who has helped with donations to the Back Pack Project during the month of January. We collected 70 cans of kid-friendly soup; 16 packs of snack crackers. Also 19 pounds of assorted items were donated to the Richland Wilkin Food Pantry. Thank you for your support of this ministry!!

It has been determined that 100% of the donations for the Lent Soup Suppers will go to UMCOR because of all the recent disasters.

“For it is in giving that we receive.”

- Francis of Assisi

Remember the Noisy Bucket Offering!

Second Sunday of each month.

Proceeds support the Three Rivers Crisis Center - Kids Connection.



February, 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9 am, Sewing 6:30 pm, Caring Congregation Meeting	2 2 pm, Leach Home Birthday party sponsored by Joy Circle	3
4 9 am, Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship 11 am, Souper Bowl Potluck	5 6:30 pm, Wor- ship Committee	6	7 6 pm, Confirmation 6 pm, Praise Team 7 pm, Choir 7 pm, Youth Group (packing backpacks)	8 9 am, Sewing	9 2 pm, St. Cath- erine's Birthday party sponsored by Sunshine & Hope Circles	10
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18 9 am, Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship 6:30 pm, Finan- cial Peace Class	19 6 pm, Staff Par- ish Meeting 7 pm, Filling Backpacks @ Food Pantry	20 9:30 am, Hope Circle 1:30 pm, Sun- shine Circle	21 6 pm, Soup Supper 6 pm, Confirmation 6 pm, Praise Team 7 pm, Choir 7 pm, Youth Group	22 9 am, Sewing Day	23 <div>Newsletter Articles Due</div>	24
25 9 am, Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship	26 7 pm, Filling Backpacks @ Food Pantry	27	28 12:30 pm, Newslet- ter folding 6 pm, Soup Supper 6 pm, Praise Team 7 pm, Choir	March 1 9 am, Sewing	March 2 World Day of Prayer	March 3
March 4 9 am, Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship 1 pm, Bowling Party @ Terrace Lanes	<div> Visit our Web Site: www.evergreenumc.com  </div>					

2017 Year-end Financial Summary by Wayne Millar

Budget for 2017----- \$ 240,704.00

01/01/2017 General Fund checkbook balance-----\$ 2,593.89

Total general fund income received in 2017----- \$ 197,399.59

Total general fund expenses paid in 2017----- \$ 199,267.54

Difference---- \$ (-1,867.95)

12/31/2017 General Fund checkbook balance----- -\$ 725.94

Unpaid financial obligation ----- \$ (- 4,560.72)
(Dakotas Conference Apportionments)

Total income shortfall for 2017----- \$ (-6,428.67)

Note:

Dakotas Conference apportionments equal 16% of our church's General Fund income.

Special Offering Request

Due to this income shortfall, the finance committee has asked for a special offering to raise the funds necessary to fulfill all of the unpaid financial obligations. We are suggesting the members and friends of Evergreen UMC, contribute one additional week of their usual giving amount.

Example: If an individual usual gives \$100/month, we are asking for an additional gift of \$25. Please indicate on a check or an envelope the gift is for the special offering for 2017.

Looking Forward to 2018

Budget for 2018----- \$ 243,249.00

(2018 is \$2,545.00 or 1.06 % greater than 2017)

2018 Estimate of Giving – Stewardship Drive results:

Giving Unit participation decreased from 61 to 55

Total of estimated income for 2018 is \$121,251.00

(A decrease of 10% in comparison to 2017)

Monthly Offering

January totals thru of 1/21/18

\$10,746.00

Monthly Need:

\$20,299.00



One of those questions all of humanity have always wondered about and wrestled with is, “Who is God?”

For many of us, we can answer that questions for ourselves. Who is God *to you*? How and where do you encounter God in your every day life? At Evergreen, we have the opportunity to share these encounters through our “God Sightings” each week. One of the things I love about this practice, is that we all see and encounter God differently, and it is a sacred gift to get to see God through others’ experiences.

I believe God is with and around us all the time, which means that when we look for them, we could probably have God sightings every day of our lives. Yet even so, the timeless questions of “Who is God?” always seems to linger.

People have asked this same question for thousands of years. Even Moses himself, when faced with God in the burning bush, asked what God’s name was, in hopes to give a name to our all-powerful God as he faced the Pharaoh, seeking to set the people of Israel free. God’s response in Exodus 3:14? “I Am Who I Am.” God then went on to instruct Moses to tell others, “I Am has sent me to you.”

“I Am.”

God who always has been, who is with us now, and who will be with us into eternity and beyond, wants us to know that more important than any name, or description, or earthly understanding we might try to apply, God is the great, “I Am.”

What does this mean to you? What do we do with this?

In the New Testament, Jesus used these same words many times. While the contexts varied, Jesus held the same heart for all who seek to grow closer to God. He wanted us to know more, and to strive to be in closer relationship with, the great, “I Am.”

In an effort to do just that, this year on Sundays during the church season of Lent (the season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14, with the first Sunday being on February 18), we will be exploring together who God is in our new sermon series, “The God We Can Know.” Each week, our Sunday School classes and worship service will focus on reflecting on a different, “I Am...” saying in the Bible.



Together, I hope we can learn more about God, open ourselves to more God Sightings, and draw in to a deeper understanding of who God is both in our own lives, and in the world around us.

Pastor Jen

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"RVL has been leading study trips throughout the Bible lands for the last 38 years. In 1993, he began collaborating with Focus on the Family to create That the World May Know video series, and in 1998 he founded That the World May Know Ministries, which produces Biblical study materials and leads teaching tours throughout Israel and the lands of the Bible."

There will be three opportunities for you to view an episode each week. Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm; Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm; or Saturday mornings at 8:00 am. You can come to whichever day and time works best for you each week. If there is another day and / or time that is better than what I have suggested, the day / time can be changed to meet the needs of those attending. I would appreciate feed-back: call me at 701-640-2725. The Saturday morning gathering will be "eat before you come or bring your own breakfast".

In His service,
Michael Beeson

Remember Your Prayer Partner



POWER
PRAYER