

GOWRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
**LIFELINE NEWSLETTER**  
MARCH 2023



## An Irish Blessing

MAY THE ROAD RISE TO  
MEET YOU,  
MAY THE WIND BE ALWAYS  
AT YOUR BACK.  
MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM  
UPON YOUR FACE,  
MAY THE RAINS FALL SOFT  
UPON YOUR FIELDS.  
AND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN,  
MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN  
THE PALM OF HIS HAND.



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### Church Schedule

Tuesday 9 am-3 pm

Wednesday 9 am-5 pm

Thursday 9 am-3 pm

### Worship Schedule

Sunday School/  
Confirmation 9 am

Adult  
Sunday  
School  
9 am

Worship  
starts  
at 10:15 am



## Learning to Live inside out



February 26	If You Fall Down	Matthew 4:1-11
March 5	Go From Your Country	John 3:1-17
March 12	Give Me Water	John 4:5-42
March 19	In the Presence	John 9:1-41
March 26	Who Could Stand	John 11:1-45





## SERVE...



Thursday, March 2 at 1:00 pm



Thursday, March 16 at 5:30  
Joint council, SPPRC, and Trustees  
We will order Pizza



Weekly Facebook Devotional  
Thursdays at 9:30 am



Pastor to Aspire Care Center on  
March 23 at 2:00 pm



Sunday, March 12 at 5:30 pm at GUMC  
Sunday, March 19 Fellowship Coffee  
after Worship



Wednesday's at 5 pm  
Times Vary



## PRAY...

Please call in or email your prayer requests, changes and updates to the office.

**Nursing Home or Care Facilities:** *Sunny Knoll in Rockwell City; Ginger M.. Friendship Haven in Fort Dodge; Donna L..*

**Health Concerns:** Jim D., Paula M. (Carl S.'s Mother). Kate (Joan O.'s Granddaughter)

**Grief:** Richard (Sue C.'s Brother), Families of Earthquake Victims, families of University of Michigan shooting victims, Bob P.

Pray for those suffering domestic violence or family violence situations

Pray for our Graduating Seniors (Cooper N., Emma S., and Jamie D.).

Pray for Turkey & Syria as they recover and mourn following the devastating earthquake. 47,000 found dead so far.

Pray for our national wellbeing.

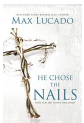
Pray for those who have experienced police brutality.



## GATHER...



9:00 am Sunday School/Confirmation  
9:00 Adult Lent Study  
10:15 am Worship Service, Facebook live;  
later on Channel 575 at 11:00 am



Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 at Joan Orness's home, All Welcome!



World Day of Prayer  
March 3 at 9:30 am @Zion

Lenten Soup Suppers Wednesdays at 6:00 pm  
Lenten Services Wednesdays at 7:00 pm



March 1<sup>st</sup> – at UMC  
March 8<sup>th</sup> -- at Zion Lutheran  
March 15<sup>th</sup> – at UMC  
March 22<sup>rd</sup> – at Zion Lutheran  
March 29<sup>th</sup> – at UMC



**Next Step Fellowship**  
following Worship on March 19



**Palm Sunday Pot-Luck**  
April 2 after Worship @11:30 am

## CELEBRATION...



### March Birthdays

March 3: Lily B. & Marisa J.      March 20: Gail M.

March 4: Kaleb J.      March 23: Bill S.

March 11: Charlie D.,      March 28: Katie D.  
George A., & Dean F.

March 12: Claire S.      March 30: Dale B. & Colleen T.

March 14 Randy H.      March 31: Jeff F.

March 15: Bill B. & Tyler F.

March 18: Laci C. & Lillie E.

March 19: Crystal W. &  
Kellen P.

*Sorry if we missed your birthday. Please let the office know.*

## Psalm 121



### A pilgrimage song.

I raise my eyes toward the mountains.

Where will my help come from?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> God won't let your foot slip.

Your protector won't fall asleep on the job.

<sup>4</sup> No! Israel's protector  
never sleeps or rests!

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is your protector;  
the LORD is your shade right beside you.

<sup>6</sup> The sun won't strike you during the day;  
neither will the moon at night.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will protect you from all evil;  
God will protect your very life.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>8</sup> The LORD will protect you on your journeys—  
whether going or coming—  
from now until forever from now.

Grace and Peace to You:

Psalm 121 is our Psalm for March 5<sup>th</sup>. It is one of my favorites because it gives me great comfort and confidence in my God.

I often catch myself, giving myself a pep talk, trying to build myself up for the next task or rebuild myself after something did not seem to go as I thought it should. I inadvertently find myself relying on myself.

This scripture so beautifully reminds me of my true confidence. My true confidence comes not from within myself and my human will, personality and body. My true confidence comes from outside myself. My true confidence comes from my God, my Creator, my Redeemer, my Savior and my Guide.

The Lenten season is the perfect time to recommit my attention and my trust into my God. It is the perfect time to come to some recognition of how I got off track and began to rely on myself instead of trusting in my God.

Maybe you also have these moments where you all the sudden recognize that your trust has been misassigned. All the sudden you confidence is shaken as you realize that your strength is not enough. You are not enough.

But you are. You are enough when you have your God in you, over you, behind you, below you, in front of you and on both sides of you. Then you are enough. You are enough when you have God through the Holy Spirit, dwelling inside you. God has created you and loves you. He will never leave you.

God does not want you to be harmed or abused. God treasures you. You do not have to do "life" alone.

This season of Lent is the perfect season to recommit yourself to that truth. "God won't let your foot slip." "The Lord will protect you from all evil; God will protect your very life." God does not want us to dwell in evil or in harm. God wants us to be safe, loved and cared for so that we can serve him, love him and love others.

Let us recommit ourselves and our trust to our Jesus. He has us, body, heart and soul. We are his. Our salvation is through him. Amen

*Pastor Susan*



**Summer Worship** will remain 10:15 am to help with consistency and ease of attendance. Let's enjoy a summer of Worshiping together!



Can you find 40 ?



## Sunday, March 19

**The Gowrie UMC Choir** will be "Singing the Favorites" during Worship Service.

Please Meet 30 Minutes before worship to Practice and Select Music



# March Sunday Services

9:00  
9:00  
10:15



*am Sunday School - Children*  
*am Adult Coffee and Conversation*  
*am Sunday Worship and Facebook live, later on Web-Cal Channel 575*



Dave & Judi Tjepkes  
Nuss Family

March 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>  
March 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>



## **March 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Lenten Service**

6 pm Lent Soup Supper at GUMC  
7 pm Lent Service at GUMC with Zion  
Music: Colleen Palmer  
Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley

## **March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Communion: Bertie Dawster  
Worship Leader: Chelsey Worrel  
Tech: Gary & Kendale Vosberg  
Music: Jeff Patterson  
Altar Flowers: Pastor Susan  
Color Bulletins: Dalbert Isom

## **March 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Lenten Service**

6 pm Lent Soup Supper at Zion  
7 pm Lent Service at Zion with GUMC

## **March 12<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings Time**

Worship Leader: Mary Patterson  
Tech: Emma Sytsma & Family  
Music: Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson  
Altar Flowers: Pastor Susan  
Color Bulletins: Anonymous



## **March 15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Lenten Service**

6 pm Lent Soup Supper at GUMC  
7 pm Lent Service at GUMC with Zion  
Music: Joint Bell and Chimes Choir,  
Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley

## **March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Worship Leader: Carl Sandgren  
Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley  
Music: Jeff Patterson, TBD  
Altar Flowers: Pastor Susan  
Color Bulletins: Crystal Wilks

## **March 22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Lenten Service**

6 pm Lent Soup Supper at Zion with GUMC  
7 pm Lent Service at Zion with GUMC

## **March 26<sup>th</sup>**

Worship Leader: Johnny Mike Lizer  
Tech: Owen Nuss & Lincoln Akins  
Music: Jeff Patterson, TBD  
Altar Flowers: Pastor Susan  
Color Bulletins: Dale Brandt

## **March 29<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Lenten Service**

6 pm Lent Soup Supper at GUMC  
7 pm Lent Service at GUMC with Zion  
Music:  
Tech:



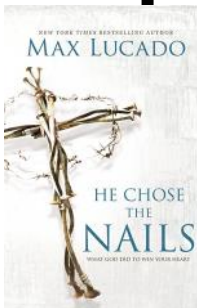
## **New Lent Sunday School Bible Study: He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart by Max Lucado**

Please join the Adult Sunday School and our in home meeting for our Lenten Bible Study, **He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart** by Max Lucado.

Every gift from God reveals his love, but no gift reveals his love more than the gifts of the cross. These gifts came not wrapped in paper but in passion. They were not placed around a tree but around a cross. They were not covered with ribbons but sprinkled with the blood that Christ shed on our behalf.

Max Lucado explores the many gifts that Christ provided to us at his crucifixion.

The hill of the cross is rich with the gifts of God's grace. These were gifts he didn't have to give. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet God did so much more. So as we unwrap these gifts, we need to pause and listen for his voice. As we do, perhaps we will hear him whisper, "I did it just for you."




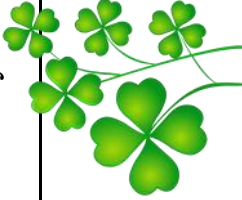




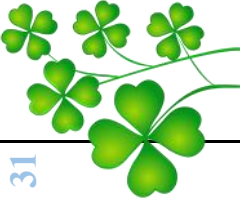




# Gowrie United Methodist Church

## March Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 9:00 am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:00 Adult Lent Study 10:15 am Worship Service, Facebook live; later on Channel 575 at 11:00 am		 Office Open 9am-3pm 2:00 Bible Study at Joan O.'s home	<b>1</b> Office Open 9am-5pm 3 pm Confirmation 6 pm Lent Soup Supper 7 pm Service at GUMC 8 pm Bell Choir w/Zion	<b>2</b> Office Open 9am-3pm 9:30 Facebook Devotional 1:00 UWF Meeting 	<b>3</b> Pastor's Day Off 9:30 World Day of Prayer @ Zion	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:00 am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:00 Adult Lent Study 10:15 am Worship Service, Facebook live; later on Channel 575 at 11:00 am	<b>6</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>7</b> Office Open 9am-3pm 2:00 Bible Study at Joan O.'s home	<b>8</b> Office Open 9am-5pm 3 pm Confirmation 5pm Bell Choir 6 pm Lent Soup Supper 7 pm Service at Zion	<b>9</b> Office Open 9am-3pm 9:30 Facebook Devotional	<b>10</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>11</b> 
<b>12</b> 9:00 am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:00 Adult Lent Study 10:15 am Worship Service, Facebook live; later on Channel 575 at 11:00 am 2:30 Prairie Fire Revival Emmaus group 5:30 pm Next Step Youth Group	<b>13</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>14</b> Office Open 9am-3pm 2:00 Bible Study at Joan O.'s home	<b>15</b> Office Open 9am-5pm 3 pm Confirmation 5 pm Bell Choir 6 pm Lent Soup Supper 7 pm Service at GUMC	<b>16</b> Office Open 9am-3pm 9:30 Facebook Devotional 5:30 Joint Council Meeting with pizza	<b>17</b> Pastor's Day Off St. Patrick's Day 	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:00 am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:00 Adult Lent Study 10:15 am Worship Service, Facebook live; later on Channel 575 at 11:00 am 11:30 Fellowship Coffee following Worship hosted by Next Step Youth Group	<b>20</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>21</b> Office Open 9am-3pm 2:00 Bible Study at Joan O.'s home	<b>22</b> Office Open 9am-5pm 3 pm Confirmation 5pm Bell Choir 6 pm Lent Soup Supper 7 pm Service at Zion	<b>23</b> Office Open 9am-3pm 9:30 Facebook Devotional 2:00 Aspire Care Center 	<b>24</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:00 am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:00 Adult Lent Study 10:15 am Worship Service, Facebook live; later on Channel 575 at 11:00 am	<b>27</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>28</b> Office Open 9am-3pm 2:00 Bible Study at Joan O.'s home	<b>29</b> Office Open 9am-5pm 3 pm Confirmation 5pm Bell Choir 6 pm Lent Soup Supper 7 pm Service at GUMC	<b>30</b> Office Open 9am-3pm 9:30 Facebook Devotional	<b>31</b> 	



United  
Women  
in Faith



## March

United Women in Faith

Next Meeting: March 2 at 1:00 PM



Program: Linda B.

Serving: Barb T.

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

"but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint"

Order your  
Easter Lily with  
Foxtail Florist at  
352-3355 or bring  
your own lily to the  
church starting



**Tues, April 4**

You can pick up  
your Easter Lily  
after the 10:15 am  
Sunday Service on  
April 9th.

Contact the office  
at 352-3715 to let  
us know the names  
to be remembered  
for the bulletin.

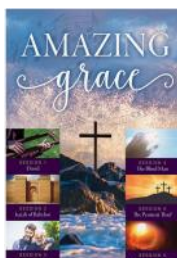
**World Day of Prayer**  
**Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**9:30 am**  
at Zion Lutheran  
Everyone is welcome!

**"I Have Heard  
About Your  
Faith"**



We are invited to learn about  
Taiwan's history and culture. The  
women share their stories of  
intergenerational wisdom,  
traditions, and experiences of God's profound love.

### LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES



In honor of the 250th anniversary  
of the song "Amazing Grace," this  
Bible study for Lent looks at how  
God's amazing grace touched the  
lives of those who encountered  
Christ or pointed to his suffering,  
death and resurrection.

*You are welcome to join  
Gowrie UMC and  
Zion Lutheran Church  
for Lenten Services*

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

March 1<sup>st</sup> – at UMC

March 8<sup>th</sup> – at Zion Lutheran

March 15<sup>th</sup> – at UMC



March 22<sup>nd</sup> — at Zion Lutheran

March 29<sup>th</sup> – at UMC



**Lenten Soup Suppers**  
with  
**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**  
*\*Subject to change if needed\**

We will have Lenten Suppers weekly  
with Zion Lutheran Church  
from Ash Wednesday (February 22) to April 6th.

**Gowrie UMC serves:**

March 1



March 15

March 29

See clipboards to set-up, serve,  
bring crock of soup, and clean-up.

## Council Meeting Minutes



Gowrie UMC Administrative Council

February 8, 2023

Members present were: Chairman John L., Jeremy V., Carl S., Kendale V., Gary V., Rita K., Chelsey W., and Pastor Susan R.

Gary led devotions and prayer, and Pastor Susan had us reflect on Glory Sightings

John called to meeting to order at 7:12pm

Old Business:

Missions for 2023

January- Emergency fund procured \$680 in contributions. Pastor shared the need has been great.

February- Will focus on Scholarship fund for our high school seniors; Emma, Cooper, and Jamie. Also prayers for graduates and universities. It was decided that Kendale would speak to the congregation about this on Sunday, February 19.

March- UMCOR Sunday, March 19th. It was decided that Chelsey would put together a presentation by the children for this.

The quilting room is in the process of becoming an adult ministry place. The council met in there for this meeting, and all agreed we found the acoustics to be very helpful for meeting purposes. Colleen would like the old quilting rack. The next project for the space is to come up with ideas for storing the new banners. Current banner rack is full.

Welcome bags for the Gowrie Development Commission were addressed again. Pastor shared with us a brochure and magnet that she and Carrie have been working on for the distribution. All agreed they were very nice, and represented us very well.

March 16th, 5:30pm is the new make-up time set for our joint gathering and discussion and update related to the greater UMC. Pizza will be served for supper.

New Business:

Council decided to have a Palm Sunday Potluck for a casual Spring fundraiser. This will be held on April 2nd and all congregation is encouraged to bring a dish and fellowship! Donations will go towards upstairs windows.

It was unanimously decided by the Council, a motion made by Gary and seconded by Jeremy, to leave summer worship time at 10:15am.

Shrove Tuesday is February 21st. The men's group will have biscuits and gravy.

Carl reported that he's still waiting on an estimate to replace windows upstairs in the church.

The next Council Meeting will be Wednesday, April 19th at 6:30pm

Council was adjourned, and Gary closed in prayer.

Minutes submitted by Kendale

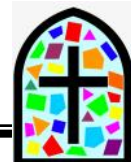


### *Thank You!*

To Carl S. for bringing in and assembling new shelves in the Office storage/UWF/Janitorial area. These will make storage a lot easier for everyone!

### Palm Sunday Pot-Luck

Gowrie UMC will be hosting a Pot-Luck Dinner on April 2 directly following worship. Everyone is welcome! Please bring a dish to share. There will be a freewill donation taken to help pay for the replacement/fixing of our upstairs windows.





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**Coming Together**

**In Case of Inclement Weather**



Snowy

Channels 5 and 8  
will be notified  
should Church  
be cancelled or  
Facebook Only.  
\*Service will be on  
Facebook\*

**Church Schedule**

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**Worship Schedule**

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**As the Body of Christ**



# Lent 2023 Sunday Worship Series      “Learning to Live Inside Out”

Lent is a bi-directional season. Or at least it should be. That isn't how we usually experience the season, however. Too often, we see the Lenten journey simply as a journey inward. While that is a great start or an important component to a powerful Lenten experience, it can't be the whole story. Examining your soul is more than just looking inward; it is also considering the state of your soul as it walks about in the world. This isn't new. Historically, the church has talked about the spiritual disciplines in two directions. Like the great commandment, these two sides of the same coin cannot ultimately be separated. That is why this series is about doing both – looking inward and moving outward. We are learning to live inside out.



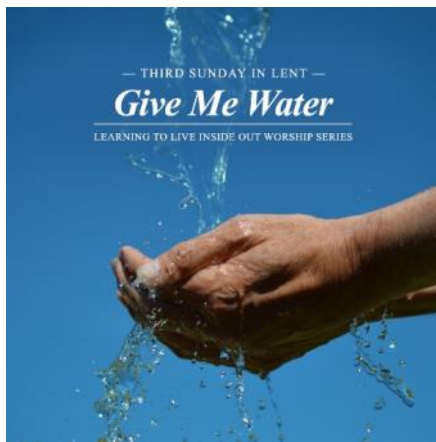
**February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 IF YOU FALL DOWN      Matthew 4:1-11**

If we endeavor to work in the world around us, we will fall down. From time to time, we will fail; our efforts will not be received in the spirit intended; the fruit will be slow in coming. So, if we must fall, let us fall down in worship of the one who redeems us.



**March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023      GO FROM YOUR COUNTRY      John 3:1-17**

This is the week that the “moving out” part of our theme is most obvious. Whether we are talking about the call to go to a new place, like Abram in Genesis 12, or to move to a new understanding, like Nicodemus in John 3, movement is required. Movement means change, which is always difficult and scary. So this is a week about faith and about trust and the willingness to commit to the discipleship path.



**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 GIVE ME WATER**

**John 4:5-42**

We're thirsty this week. That's the point. Thirsting for the living waters that Jesus spoke about to the woman at the well. And not simply a one time or easy but unsatisfying spiritual refreshment, but a recognition of the deepest thirsts that we have and how we seem to always be thirsty, no matter how often we drink.



**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 IN THE PRESENCE**

**John 9:1-41**

Do you know what it is like to be chosen? Well, you do because you were. Our texts this week are about being chosen by God. Most of us don't think that we were chosen, certainly not to be king like David. But surely, we chose the jobs that we do and the hobbies that we pursue and the service that we perform, didn't we? Well, yes. But God chose too. And not just in the past tense, God is still choosing.



**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 WHO COULD STAND**

**John 11:1-45**

Here at the end of the Lenten observance, we have hints of Resurrection. We have "a foretaste of glory divine," as the hymnist Fanny Crosby says. As if the Spirit and the lectionary preparers knew that we would need something to help us through the next couple of weeks. As if they knew that without this reminder, we would find it a very hard road as we made our way stumbling behind the Christ who suffers and dies for us.