



GOWRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Camp Clear Lake family,

Dear Camp Clear Lake family, Happy New Year! I hope you all had good Christmas and New Year celebrations with your families and congregations. To God be the glory.

Now that 2024 is here, it is time to embark on the boat of this new year and move forward to accomplish what the Lord has set before us. Like in the past, it is still my commitment to journey on your side, celebrate your achievements and ministries, support and pray for both clergy and laity, communion, and worship with you as we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

As we start this new year, I would like to thank you for responding to our district invitation to witness Christ in your Jerusalem through your ministries. Jesus said, **"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."** (Acts 1:8 – NRSV). The year 2024 is another opportunity to continue strengthening what we have already been doing in our Jerusalem and broaden our mission field to all Judea and Samaria. Your Judea and Samaria can be any mission field beyond your local areas. Circuits ministry can be an excellent way of joining our brothers and sisters from our surrounding areas or other congregations to respond to our mission of making disciples of all nations.

Friends, I would like to conclude this pastoral letter by expressing my gratitude to our Circuit Ministry leaders for their dedication and commitment to serving God and the church. I would also like to thank many of you who participated in the church mission through your 2023 apportionments. Please know that your giving is another way of responding to the church mission of making disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. May the Lord we serve together continue to bless you, your families, congregations, and communities....

Happy New Year.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Michel Lundula
(Camp Clear Lake District
Superintendent)



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Church Schedule

Tuesday 9 am-3 pm

Wednesday 9 am-5 pm

Thursday 9 am-3 pm

Worship Schedule

Worship starts at
10:15 am; Facebook
live; later on
Channel 575
at 11:00am



SERVE...



UWF

February 1 @ 1:00 pm



Council

February 8 @ 6:30 pm



SuperSpud Potato Bar

February 11 from 11:30 am-1:00 pm



"Singing the Favorites"- Choir

February 18
Come Sing with us.

Weekly Serving Opportunities Booklet

Please refer to your Weekly Serving Opportunities Booklet for times and dates that you are scheduled to serve. We have extra in the Church Office if you have misplaced your copy.
Thank you for your service.

PRAY...

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

Nursing Home or Care Facilities: *Sunny Knoll in Rockwell City; Ginger Marquis.*

Health Concerns: Vern Bauer, Dorothy Berger (Mary Bauer's Mother). All those recovering from surgery and from organ transplants. All those fighting cancer.

Grief: Families of Dan Marburger, Ahmir Jolliff, and Dylan Butler (Victims of Perry Tragedy).

Family of Cheryl Hickey, Family of Sally Amandus. Pray for the Susie Frescaz/Steve Bryant Family (District Secretary) for the loss of Steve's Mother.

Congregational Prayer Focus: Connecting to One Another

Families of those affected by the Perry School Shooting, and the entire Perry Community

Pray for peace for Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, and all war torn countries.

Pray for Gowrie UMC its ministries, its people, and its Pastor.

Pray for all who have yet to know the saving Grace of Jesus.

GATHER....



Sunday Worship

9:00 am Sunday School/Confirmation
9:45 Coffee and Conversation
10:15 am Worship service
Facebook live, later on Web-Cal channel 575



Bible Study

"Surprised by Hope"
Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 at
Joan Orness's home,
All Welcome!



Facebook Devotional

Thursdays at 9:30 am



Walking Church

Thursdays at 10:00 am



Shrove Tuesday

February 13 from 5-7 pm
Free Will Donation



Drive Thru Ashes

February 14 from 10:30-1:00 at GUMC



Lent Soup and Service

Wednesdays starting February 14, Ash Wednesday at GUMC. Soup Supper at 6:00 PM and Service at 7:00 PM. Joint/rotating with Zion Lutheran Church. Everyone is Welcome and Encouraged to Attend.

Celebrate...

February Birthdays



Please See Calendar for Birthdays!

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



Shrove Tuesday February 13



February 14



February 14 thru March 20.

Dear Friends,

As I write, we as a community are within a sermon series titled "Becoming a People of God." The umcdiscipleship.com series I reference are not prewritten sermons but instead fresh thoughts and commentary from Derek Weber. Sermon preparation each week, as it is for most Pastors, is a time of reading/pondering the scriptures, praying for our congregation and our needs/hopes/journey, reviewing commentaries (intellectual/experience based/historical) and prayerfully welcoming the Spirit into all stages of the weekly journey.



For me as a Pastor each week is different. Some weeks our current experiences together and my personal experiences relate strongly to the scriptures. Other weeks the scripture leads, and I go somewhere I did not expect. There are weeks when I am intellectually challenged, and I take you on that journey with me. It is often an experience that is fun and uplifting, other times it is a struggle, and I feel convicted. Thank you for journeying with me each week.

Sermons may not always speak to you in an obvious way, but the Spirit will use not only the sermon but the whole worship experience to speak into your life the Good News and the convicting grace that we all need to hear. It may be the music, the children's message, the prayers, the sacraments or even the fellowship time before or after church where you find the Spirit's message for you that week.

Through the work of the Spirit, application of the message may begin in the sermon and then it is a corporate journey (in your church community) and a personal journey through the Spirit and the Word that creates transformation in your life. As I have steps in preparing for worship, you also have steps in preparing your hearts to receive the word, engaging with your church community and in your personal prayer time as you integrate the word in your life. The Spirit wants to work in our Church, and in our lives in order to create true transformation. We just need to allow the Spirit in.

It is so important for us to remember that weekly Worship's primary focus is not on what we receive but on what we give. We give our wholehearted praise and worship of our Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I always enjoy giving praise and worship to lead with you.

This is our prayer. Oh Holy Spirit, lead us forth together into 2024, Thank you for your work in us, let us hear your Word for us. Amen

Pastor Susan



February Sunday Services

9:00 am Sunday School/Adult Sunday School

9:45 Coffee and Conversation

10:15 am Sunday Worship and Facebook live, later on Web-Cal Channel 575



Brock & Lindy Smith
Worrel Family
Dale Brandt, Carl & Kim Sandgren

February 4th
February 11th
February 18th and 25th

February 4th

Worship Leader: Anna Cottington
Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma
Music: Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson
Altar Flowers: Dennis & Barb Tucker
Color Bulletins: Gary & Kendale Vosberg

February 11th

Transfiguration Sunday

Communion: Nuss Family
Worship Leader: Marj Johnson
Tech: Gary & Kendale Vosberg
Music: Jeff Patterson
Altar Flowers:
Color Bulletins: Gary & Kendale Vosberg

February 14th

Ash Wednesday

Tech: Bergen & Carrie Dalley
Music: Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson

February 18th

Worship Leader: Owen Nuss
Tech: Bergen & Carrie Dalley
Music: Nancy Vogt & Jeff Patterson
Altar Flowers: Pastor Susan
Color Bulletins: Dale Brandt

February 21st

Lent Service @7pm @ Zion

February 25th

Worship Leader: Johny Mike Lizer
Tech: Owen Nuss and Lincoln Akins
Music: Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson
Altar Flowers: Pastor Susan
Color Bulletins: Deb Coughlon

February 28th

Lenten Service @ 7pm @ GUMC

Tech: Bergen & Carrie Dalley
Music: Nancy Vogt & Jeff Patterson



Sunday, February 18

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

Please Meet 30 Minutes
before worship to
Select and
Practice Music



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 14) to March 20.

Gowrie UMC serves:

February 14

February 28

March 13

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











Tuesday, February 13 5:00 to 7:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Supper

at Gowrie United Methodist Church
Freewill Offering

We need men at 4:00 pm to help set up and
several to serve and help with clean up.

Gowrie United Methodist Church February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Birthday! Sibyl Bauer 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	29 Pastor's Sabbath	30 Happy Birthday! Paige Schneider 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	31 Happy Birthday! Robert Jepsen 9am Office Open	1 Happy Birthday! Jason Eller 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 1pm UWF Meeting 	2 Happy Birthday! Ella Ganef Pastor's Prep Day	3 Happy Birthday! Eleanor Anderson
Happy Birthday! Josh Stewart 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	5 Happy Birthday! Tom Hlubek Pastor's Sabbath	6 Happy Birthday! Patricia Vand Sue Dean 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	7 9am Office Open	8 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 6:30pm Council Meeting	9 Pastor's Prep Day	10
Happy Birthday! Aydan Farnham 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:00 Baked Potato Bar	12 Happy Birthday! Colleen Palmer Pastor Susan Rohden Pastor's Sabbath	13 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study 5pm Shrove Tuesday 	14 Happy Birthday! Brenda Brandes 9am Office Open 5pm Bell Choir 6pm Ash Wednesday Supper @ GUMC 7pm Ash Wednesday Service   	15 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	16 Pastor's Prep Day	17
18 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/Choir 	19 Happy Birthday! Ruth Stubbs Pastor's Sabbath	20 Happy Birthday! Bev Bair 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	21 9am Office Open 5pm Bell Choir 6pm Lent Supper @ Zion 7pm Lent Service @ Zion 	22 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	23 Happy Birthday! Dennis McCubbin Pastor's Prep Day	24 Happy Birthday! Ardie Shirbroun
25 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	26 Happy Birthday! Vern Bauer Pastor's Sabbath	27 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	28 Happy Birthday! Jayden Eller 9am Office Open 5pm Bell Choir 6pm Lent Supper @ GUMC 7pm Lent Service @ GUMC 	29 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	1 Pastor's Prep Day	2

Worship Live on Facebook and on later Channel 575 at 11:00 am



United
Women
in Faith

February

United Women in Faith
February 1 @ 1:00 pm

Program: Pledge Service
(Rita Kail)
Server: Shirley Wooters

"He will judge everyone according to what they have done. He will give eternal life to those, who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers." Romans 2:6-7 (NLT)



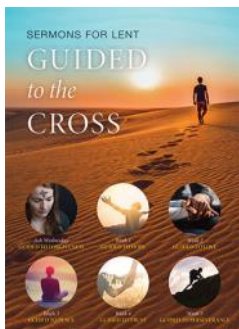
Wednesday, February 14 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Ash Wednesday "Ashes to Go"

Everyone is welcome!

Drive your car to the front door of Gowrie United Methodist Church and Pastor Susan will come out to you.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES



Lent is a season when we are guided to the cross. Throughout this holy time, we are drawn to Calvary to live in **forgiveness, hope, love, peace, trust and perseverance**. Each week, the services in this series reveal how Christ and his cross serve as examples for us of how to live our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior.

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

- Feb. 14th Ash Wednesday -at UMC
- Feb. 21st-at Zion Lutheran
- Feb. 28th-at UMC
- March 6th-at Zion Lutheran
- March 13th -at UMC
- March 20th-at Zion Lutheran

*Please join
Gowrie UMC and
Zion Lutheran
Church for
Lenten Services*



Has Come Near

February 18 Mark says that Jesus tells us to lean into the Spirit, even when it blows us into uncharted territory. Even when it seems to be sending us out against our will. Lean into the uncertainty, because it won't abandon you. And along the way, there will be moments of blessing.

For the Sake of the Gospel

February 25 This is one of those "meaning of life" texts. Did you hear it? Or did you turn away because it is too hard? Too stern? Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their lives for my sake, for the sake of the gospel, will save it. What are you willing to lose your life for?

Walking Church

Join me (Pastor) for a midweek walk inside the church. Safe from weather.
Thursdays at 10:00 AM



SuperSpud Potato Bar

- February 11
- 11:30 am-1:00 pm
- Everyone is Welcome.
- Freewill Offering.



Council Meeting Minutes

Administrative Council/ Finance Meeting Minutes

January 10th, 2024

Present: John Lizer, Judy Tjepkes, Jeremy and Jill Viles, Deb Tvrdik, Gary and Kendale Vosberg, Carrie Dalley, and Pastor Susan

Loving: Devotion and Prayer was read by Gary, Prayer for our church & 2024 council was given by Pastor Susan

Learning: Pastor talked to us about a book that she wanted us to read together and discuss in our February meeting titled "Communities in Life". She passed out the first chapter for us to read and take notes on. She hoped this would help us to meet our missional priority #3 in our ministry goals for this year.

Call to Order: By John was 6:50pm

L3 Leading: Meeting minutes: January- Kendale, Timekeeper- Gary

Review and Approve November meeting minutes: Gary made the motion, Kendale seconded

Old Business:

Replacement keyboards have been purchased!: CLP 735 for \$2,675 (tax included)

Mission opportunity for January: Each family send a note to a church family they haven't seen in a while. Jill and Pastor will meet to discuss new ideas for the coming year. Looking in to Beacon of Hope for February.

New Business:

Looked over our ministry goals for this year. Taking steps during these winter months to try to achieve our missional priorities.

Administrative Goals for 2024

A fellowship event/ fundraiser has been set for Super Bowl Sunday, February 11th after church. We are having a Potato Bar. Jill and Pastor will meet to work up clipboards and start getting it organized. Council will help with the meal.

World Day of Prayer will be held at our church this year. It is held on the first Friday in March. Judy is in charge of organizing it. Palestine is the country of focus for this year.

Lenten Worship- Zion is planning on it again this year. Ash Wednesday 2-14 (GUMC), 2-21 (ZION), 2-28 (GUMC), 3-6 (ZION), 3-13 (GUMC), 3-20 (ZION)

Gowrie UMC attendance has been low when we are at Zion. Pastor asked us to encourage each other to attend.

Shrove Tuesday is February 13th this year. Gary is helping Vern to organize the meal for this.

Work Area Reports:

Deb Tvrdik gave a detailed treasurer's report. All apportionments are paid in full. The window fund is \$5,242.00 so far, and is being held in a separate account. We had \$19,692.63 left over from budget at the end of 2023. This is down from \$32,680.62 from the year before. Gary made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Jeremy Seconded.

Judy said the Trustees will meet next week to go over work for the year.

Pastor and Jill will meet to go over Mission Together Form that is due 2-15.

Circuit Report- January 13th committee training- 9-1pm Trinity UMC Ft Dodge

Next Meeting: February 8th (Thursday) 6:30pm

Closing Prayer was given by Jill, Adjournment was 7:43pm, Kendale moved to adjourn and Judy seconded.

Meeting minutes submitted by Kendale 7



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Coming Together

Church Office 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

Coffee and Conversation 9:45 am

Worship starts at 10:15 am



In Case of Inclement Weather



Channels 5 and 8 will be notified should Church be cancelled or Facebook Only.

Service will be on Facebook

As the Body of Christ