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"SAVIOR, SERVANT, FRIEND" WEDNESDAY SERVICES FOR LENT

It is Lent season once again, this year we will be following a Lenten Series called Savior, Servant Friend. Please enjoy a short preview of this series below.

March 5, Ash Wednesday services at Zion, as we begin the season of Lent contemplating that Jesus is our Forgiver. We remind ourselves that Jesus forgives us again and again by his cross, even though we do not deserve it.

March 12, week 1 of Lent services at GUMC, as we consider the fact that Jesus is our Healer. In word and song, we remember that Jesus heals us of the sickness of our sin through his death on the cross and makes us well again in our very souls.

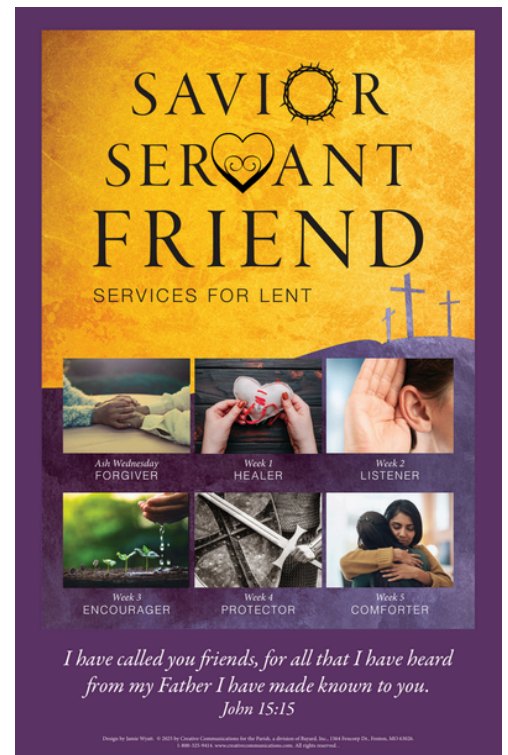
March 19, week 2 of Lent services at Zion, where we embrace the news that Jesus listens to us like no other and answers all our questions and concerns.

March 26, week 3 of Lent services at GUMC, we recognize that Jesus encourages us in our faith to live our life for him.

April 2, week 4 of Lent services at Zion, we acknowledge that Jesus protects us from the devil and from danger and keeps us safe in him.

April 9, week 5 of Lent services at GUMC, we look to Jesus who comforts us in struggles and sorrows that we might find rest in his promises.

As in previous years, we will be having a soup supper and time of fellowship starting at 6:00 pm at the host church for that week. Please join us to observe this time of preparation and remembrance.



SERVE

- **Council** March 6 At 6:30 pm
- **UWF** March 6 @ 1:00 PM
- **“Singing the Favorites”- Choir** March 9, during worship
- **Music Team Mtg.** March 9, after worship
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancakes.** March 4, Men will cook and serve, Cook and set-up at 3:00pm
- **Lent Soup Suppers** March 12 & 26 Sign up on clip boards in narthex to make soup or bars, and to help set up at 4:00pm
- **Serve at Beacon of Hope** - TBD

GATHER

- **Sundays Together**
9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Study
9:30 Coffee and Conversation
10:15 am Worship Service
 Facebook live, later on Web-Cal channel 575
- **Bible Study**
 Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 at Joan Orness’s home, All Welcome!
- **Facebook Devotion**
 Thursdays at 9:30 am
- **Shrove Tues.** March 4, 5:00-7:00pm
- **Ash Wed.** March 5
 Drive Thu Ashes 10am-12-30pm (UMC)
 Soup 6pm, Worship 7pm (Zion)
- **World Day of Prayer**
 March 7, 9:00am Zion
- **Lent.** March 12 UMC, 19 Zion & 26 UMC,
 Soup 6pm, Worship 7pm
- **Spring Fellowship Auction** - April 27th following worship.

PRAY

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

Nursing Home or Care Facilities: George and Eleanor Anderson.

Health Concerns: DJ (Randy & Viney Mulder’s Son-in-law). All those suffering from chronic pain. All those fighting cancer. All those receiving therapy.

Grief: Families of the 67 who died over the Potomac River. Families of those who died in the Philadelphia crash.

Congregational Prayer Focus:
 Pray for all those cleaning up after storms in the past weeks.
 Pray for all those affected by the Wild Fires in California.
 Pray for Israel, the hostages and Gaza.
 Pray for Gowrie UMC its ministries, its people, and its Pastor.
 Pray for all who have yet to know the saving Grace of Jesus.

CELEBRATE

March 5
Drive Thru Ashes
10am - 12:30pm
Worship at Zion
7:00pm



Lent Worship
March 12 - UMC
March 19 - Zion
March 26 - UMC

March 30
There will be a special offering for UMCOR Sunday.



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Lent is busy season of ministry. This is true for me and for many of you. The busyness of the season can begin to leave an impression in our bodies of having so much to do and so little time to do it. 40 days can come and go so quickly. Pancakes to cook, pancakes to eat, evening services, soup and bars to make, bible studies and Sunday School are busy learning and working to know Jesus, a church to keep neat and tidy for all our guests, May baskets to create etc. This is a beautifully busy season for the Lord. It is incredible.



If we step back from the busyness, we can see the fellowship and joy that come with it. We work together and we laugh together. We learn and we pray. We love and we serve. All of this occurs as a community. If we step back, we can reset our hearts. Lent is about our Jesus. Lent is about the greatest gift we have ever been given, our salvation through Jesus Christ. Lent is about love, Jesus love for human kind and our love.

Ephesians 5:2 *“And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, and offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”*

Spring is around the corner, the sweet-smells are soon to be around us. But the Sweet-smelling aroma of Christ sacrifice for us, surrounds us now. During Lent we have the opportunity to experience the joy that is Jesus. How will you draw close to Jesus? Where will you find Christ this season? Who will you connect with that will share Jesus with you or that you will share Jesus with?

Draw a deep breath, and breath in the aroma of Lent.

Pastor Susan

Lent Sermon Series Sunday's in March 2025



March 9th:
Psalm 91: 1-2,9-16
Romans 10: 8b-13

March 16th:
Psalm 27
Luke 13:31-35

March 23rd:
Psalm 63:1-8
Isaiah 55:1-9

March 30th:
Psalm 32
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Draw Close to Jesus

MARCH SUNDAY SERVICES



9:00 am Sunday School & Adult Sunday School
 9:45 am Coffee and Conversation
 10:15 am Sunday Worship and Facebook live, later on Web-Cal Channel 575

Alan & Shirley Wooters March 2, 9, & 16
 Dave & Judi Tjepkes March 23 & 30

March 2
 Communion: Gary & Kendale Vosberg
 Worship Leader: Bergan Dalley
 Music: Colleen Palmer
 Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma
 Altar Flowers: Crystal Wilks
 Bulletins/Online: Gail McCloud

March 5 **Ash Wednesday**
 Soup Supper at Zion Lutheran Church @ 6:00 pm
 Worship at Zion Lutheran Church @ 7:00 pm

March 9 **Choir Sings**
 Worship Leader: Chelsey Worrel
 Music: Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Owen Nuss & Glenn Rohden
 Altar Flowers: Pastor Susan
 Bulletins/Online: Crystal Wilks



March 12
 Soup Supper at GUMC @ 6:00 pm
 Lenten Worship at GUMC @ 7:00 pm
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley

March 16 **Hymn Sing**
 Worship Leader: Anna Cottingham
 Music: Nancy Vogt & Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Lincoln & August Akins
 Altar Flowers: Pastor Susan
 Bulletins/Online: Crystal Wilks

March 19
 Soup Supper at Zion Lutheran Church @ 6:00 pm
 Worship at Zion Lutheran Church @ 7:00 pm

March 23
 Worship Leader: Eric Adam
 Music: Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley
 Altar Flowers: Pastor Susan
 Bulletins/Online: Sam & Deb Trvdik

March 26
 Soup Supper at GUMC @ 6:00 pm
 Lenten Worship at GUMC @ 7:00 pm
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley

March 30
 Worship Leader: August Akins
 Music: Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma
 Altar Flowers: Pastor Susan
 Bulletins/Online: Sam & Deb Trvdik



Extravagant
Giving



January Offerings
 \$7,697.40

February Offerings
 \$7,570.00

Thank you for your generosity and stewardship of our church!

Outgoing Automatic Bill Withdrawals
 Per Month
 Approximately \$9000

MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	3 Happy Birthday! Lily Brandes Marisa Jepsen Pastor's Sabbath	4 Happy Birthday! Kaleb Johnson 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study 5pm Shrove Tuesday Supper	5 9am Office Open 10am Drive Thru Ashes 6pm Ash Wednesday Supper @ Zion 7pm Ash Wednesday @ Zion	6 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 1pm UWF Mtg. 6:30pm Council Mtg.	7 Pastor's Prep Day 9am World Day of Prayer @ Zion	8
9 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/Choir 11am Music Team Mtg.	10 Pastor's Sabbath	11 Happy Birthday! Charlie Dorsey Dean Farnham George Anderson 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	12 Happy Birthday! Claire Schneider 9am Office Open 6pm Lent Supper @ GUMC 7pm Lent Service @GUMC	13 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	14 Happy Birthday! Randy Halligan Pastor's Prep Day	15 Happy Birthday! Bill Barkley
16 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	17 Pastor's Sabbath	18 Happy Birthday! Laci Cottington Lillie Eller 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	19 Happy Birthday! Crystal Wilks Kellen Pennebaker 9am Office Open 6pm Lent Supper @ Zion 7pm Lent Service @ Zion	20 Happy Birthday! Gail McLoud 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	21 Pastor's Prep Day	22
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30 UMCOR SUNDAY Happy Birthday! Colleen Traster Dale Brandt 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	31 Happy Birthday! Jeff Frahm Pastor's Sabbath	1 Happy Birthday! Dave Kalous 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	2 Happy Birthday! Jake Schneider 9am Office Open 6pm Lent Supper @ Zion 7pm Lent Service @ Zion	3 Happy Birthday! Ethan Tucker Jake Stewart 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 1pm UWF Mtg.	4 Pastor's Prep Day	5 Happy Birthday! Bergan Dalley Ed Stewart



United
Women
in Faith

2025: Carrying Our Faith Forward March 6, 1:00 PM

“Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the Earth”
Psalm 46:10 (KJV)


Program: Linda Brandes
Server: Barb Tucker

Lenten Readings: A Woman a Day for 40 Days

You're invited to download and go deeper into scriptures with my collection of drawings and meditations for your Lenten discipline. The link, www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/18308649, takes you to my background story, then you must click “here” in the story to get to the collection. Each page also has a link for you to access the scriptures easily. God bless your Lenten journey this year.
Sincerely, Rev. Jane Shepherd



We would be happy to print out a copy for you upon request.



2025

World Day of Prayer

“I Made You Wonderful”
Psalm 139:14

Artwork: “Wonderfully Made”
by Tarani Napa and Tevairangi Napa

Program written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of the Cook Islands for WDP 2025. World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

World Day of Prayer USA, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1374, Room F, New York, NY 10115
212-870-2466 | www.wdp-usa.org | www.facebook.com/worlddayofprayerusa

All Are Welcome! Date: Friday, March 7 Time: 9:00 a.m.
Venue: Zion Lutheran Church, 1003 Church Street, Gowrie, IA

You are invited to join us in worship & fellowship.

Thank you

Carrie Lee’s Family would like to thank you for all the prayers for her mother-in-law Misty Lee. Misty has now been cleared by her oncologist after cancer treatments.

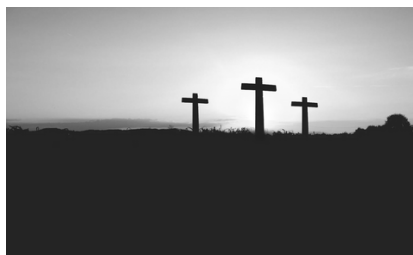
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Tuesday Bible Study

With Pastor Susan Rohden
Video inspired discussion about living out our faith.
Tuesdays @1:30 pm
Joan Orness’s House
Come Join us!



Sunday School

Sunday School for kids 3-12 continues to meet and learn!!! Join us!

SPRING FELLOWSHIP AUCTION



APRIL 27TH, 11:20AM

Come join us for a time of fellowship, friendship and laughter. Come win the bid and take home a Basket full of goodies or a beautiful quilt!

COME HUNGRY!!!

A delicious and simple lunch will be served
Beefburgers, Chips and Homemade bars.

COME PREPARED TO LAUGH!

Set your heart on a basket or quilt and try to win the bid! Maybe you will take it home or maybe your neighbor will!?!?



COME READY TO GIVE

Be assured that all funds raised will go to the ministries of Gowrie UMC. Gifts given will enable us to shine the love of Christ in our community through Sunday Morning Worship, Sunday School, Confirmation, Outreach and support of the Gowrie Community.



Thank You For Being a Part of Our Ministries!

Shrove Tuesday Supper

Tuesday, March 4

5:00 to 7:00 pm

at Gowrie United Methodist Church

Dine-In or Carry-Out Freewill Offering

Sponsored by the Gowrie UMC Men Proceeds
Towards Scholarships and Ministries

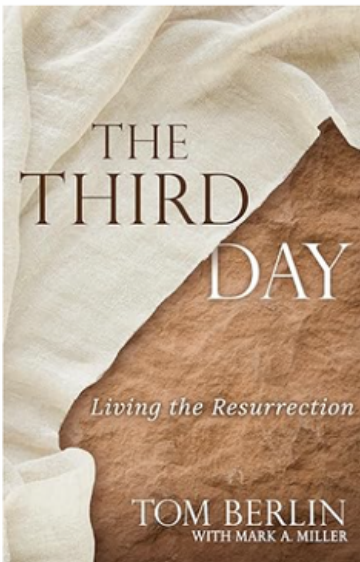


Be a Part of Our SPRING FELLOWSHIP AUCTION!



Sign up to bring a basket or a quilt.
Clip board will be available in the
Narthex!

Come Eat, Bid and Enjoy the
Afternoon.



Lent is a time to
set aside special
time for Jesus.
Come join adult
bible study,
Sunday mornings
at 9:00am.

We will share in a
video student
together.



In “The Third Day: Living the Resurrection”, Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss.

Join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This study traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 13, 2025
6:30 PM

Devotion by Gary Vosberg

Prayer for our 2025 Council by Pastor Susan

Call to order by John Lizer 6:40 pm

In attendance: John L, Rita K, Gary and Kendale V, Chelsey W, Anna C, Judy T, Carrie D and Pastor Susan.

The minutes were taken by Kendale.

Review of December and January minutes were moved to approve by Chelsey and seconded by Gary-motion carried

The Board reviewed December mission and ministries for our church and the January weekly offerings.

Old Business: We continued the discussion about the quilt/themed basket action, possibly on April 27 with beef burgers and bars. We also discussed the Lenten suppers and services coming in March and April. Chelsey and Anna suggested at our meeting on April 8th, we could put together 10 crockpots for the supper on the 9th. We also continued our finance discussion, and went over our 2025 budget. Chelsey moved that we approve the 2025 church budget with the exception of the Christian Education Fund being brought down to \$1000.00. The motion was 2nd by Gary-motion carried. Anna will shift the newest window funds out of the general fund, and will transfer funds in from the Money Market, so we have a buffer in our account for automatic bill withdrawals. We plan to continue to pay church apportionments when we are able. It was decided that basic financials for the month will be placed in the newsletter, to keep the congregation informed. Pastor went over a brochure for giving that she and Carrie have been working on. Pastor will share this brochure with the congregation.

New Business: Shrove Tuesday is March 4th. Council decided to go back to serving pancakes for this. Gary will contact Verne and call people. Chelsey and Anna have frozen left over lasagna sauce from the Christmas bazaar. They thought we could get together and put a meal together for the Beacon of Hope in Fort Dodge. Maybe in March? Pastor Susan will check on this.

Work Area Reports: Gary made a motion and Rita seconded to approve Treasurer's report for January. Two boxes of hats, mittens/gloves, pants were collected by our church this Christmas and taken to the elementary school. The 2024 statistics report has been completed and submitted. Pastor Susan is planning for Lent and Holy week.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next meeting scheduled for March 6th at 6:30 pm

Minutes submitted by Kendale Vosberg



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Increment Weather



If Church service is cancelled due to weather, notification will be available on Channel 5 and Channel 8.

Cancellation will also be posted on Facebook, with service, if possible.