

Happy February!



# CIRCUIT RIDER

February 2019

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Let it snow!

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Top picture: Snow mound outside Pastor's office window.

Bottom picture: Snow drift in front of driveway at the parsonage.

**From the Desk of Pastor Deb:**

*Let Your God Love You – Edwina Gately*

Be silent.  
Be still.  
Alone.  
Empty  
Before your God.  
Say nothing.  
Ask nothing.  
Be silent.  
Be still.  
Let your God look upon you.  
That is all.  
God knows.  
God understands.  
God loves you  
With an enormous love,  
And only wants  
To look upon you  
With that love.  
Quiet.  
Still.  
Be.

Let your God—  
Love you.

I found this beautiful poem about God's love on the website, Journey With Jesus. The site offers many different religious and spiritual resources, but I have always found their selection of poems, on many different topics to be outstanding.

It seemed appropriate, that in honor of the month of February, the month of "love," that I should share this poem with you. While we celebrate love, as Christians, we should not only celebrate love of spouse, parent, significant other, child, grandchild, etc. We should also be celebrating that special love to which we have been blessed to receive, and that is the love of our God in and through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

One way in which we celebrate God's love is by showing our love for others. One of the best descriptions of that love can be found in 1 John 4: "7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us... 19 We love because he first loved us.'

As you consider the words of Edwina Gately, and the words from 1 John 4, how will you reflect on the love God has for you, and at the same time, reflect on your love for others, because of God's unconditional love for you.

In Christian Love,

*Pastor Deb*

## North Central Jurisdiction Bishops Release Joint Statement

Dear Friends in Christ in the North Central Jurisdiction,

We, the bishops of the North Central Jurisdiction, greet you in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit. Together we all stand on the edge of the special called session of General Conference in St. Louis in February. We are grateful that you have been praying with us in the months and days leading up to this significant gathering of the people called United Methodist, and we remain grateful for your continuing prayers.

During the past months we each have written and shared about this General Conference and the work of the Commission on a Way Forward. We have traveled throughout our areas teaching and listening, responding to your questions, sharing information and perspectives, and standing with you in this time of uncertainty.

As we approach this General Conference we invite you to trust that God's Spirit will be at work. The God of Jesus Christ is a God at work "making all things new" (Revelation 21:5), and often in surprising ways. "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit" (John 3:8). Pray that fresh winds of God's Spirit will be at work and trust that God will answer this prayer.

Know that whatever decisions the General Conference makes, the ministry to which we are called in our churches, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, will continue. The day after General Conference there will still be hungry people needing food, those mired in poverty needing help, addicted people needing freedom, frayed relationships needing mending, broken lives needing healing, lost lives needing saving, injustices needing to be righted, and this work of God in Jesus Christ will still call to each of us and to our churches. If the decisions of General Conference lead to changing structures for engaging this ministry we commit ourselves to working with you to make grace-filled responses.

Finally, know that the entire Council of Bishops takes seriously the demands of presiding at General Conference. Bishops have undergone additional preparation so that we are better equipped to preside with the grace and acumen needed to help the General Conference do its work well.

As we approach General Conference we find ourselves in Epiphany, a season rooted in the story of magi who follow a star to find Jesus and when they do "they were overwhelmed with joy" (Matthew 2:10). May we each continue to see light that draws us closer to Jesus, and fills us with joy, so that we might share this joy with the world.

Grace and Peace,

Bishop David Alan Bard

President of the North Central Jurisdiction College of Bishop, on behalf of the College



*The Bishops of the North Central Jurisdiction have released a joint statement on the 2019 Special Session of General Conference. The Wisconsin Conference is part of the North Central Jurisdiction along with the Dakotas, East Ohio, Illinois Great Rivers, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Northern Illinois and West Ohio Conferences.*

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## Camp 2019

**Create** June 16-19 | Grades 2-4 (Sun-Wed) Pine Lake  
June 16-21 | Grades 4-6 | Grades 6-9 (Sun-Fri)

**Staff in Training** Grades 9-12 June 23-28 (Sun-Fri)  
Lake Lucerne

**Prime** Grades 4-6 | Grades 6-9 | Lake Lucerne  
June 23-28 (Sun-Fri), June 30-July 3 (Sun-Wed)  
July 14-19 (Sun-Fri), July 28- August 2 (Sun-Fri)

**Wild:Treehouses** June 23-28 | Grades 4-6 (Sun-Fri)  
June 30-July 3 | Grades 2-4 (Sun-Wed)  
August 4-9 | Grades 4-6 (Sun-Fri)  
August 11-16 | Grades 4-6 (Sun-Fri)

**Wild:Backpacking** June 23-28 (Sun-Fri)  
June 30-July 3 (Sun-Wed)  
August 4-9 (Sun-Fri)  
August 11-16 (Sun-Fri)

**Circuit: Video Games to Life** Grades 3-6 | Pine Lake  
July 14-19

**Circuit: Game Makers** Grades 6-9 | Pine Lake July 14-19

**Imagine** Grades 2-4 | Grades 4-6 | Pine Lake  
July 21-24 | Grades 2-4 (Sun- Wed)  
July 21-26 | Grades 4-6 (Sun-Fri)

**YoMiCa** Grades 3-6 | Grades 7-9 | Pine Lake July 21-26

**Night Owl** Grades 9-12 | Lake Lucerne August 4 - 9

**Grandparent/Grandchild Camp** June 7-9 (Fri-Sun) | Pine Lake  
June 21-23 (Fri-Sun) | Pine Lake  
July 7-10 (Sun-Wed) | Lake Lucerne

**Spectrum Family Camp** June 28-30 (Fri-Sun)

**Mother / Daughter Weekend** July 12-14 | Lake Lucerne |  
July 26-28 | Pine Lake

**Big Family Beach Getaway Family Camp** June 13-16 (Thur-Sun)

**Adult Special Needs Camp** Adult | Pine Lake June 23-28

**PLAYA** (for active, young adult campers) July 7-12  
July 28-August 2

**Rising Sun Camp** Grades 4-9 | Lake Lucerne July 7-12

## FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



- 3 Destiny Kappus, Kailey Schulz  
Tyler Bronson
- 10 DuWayne, Morgan, Derrick and  
Brianna Schelter
- 17 Jay Graff, April & Brenden Cox
- 24 Mitch, Jordon & Mason Shaw,  
Jay Graff



*Accompanist*

- 3 Laura Ten Pass
- 10 Jean Vande Zande
- 17 Sue Rens-Guell
- 24 Jean Vande Zande



- 3 Phil & Janette Ruck
- 10 Dan & Val Dolgner
- 17 Deb Kok
- 24 Jim & Ann Henderson



- 3 Deb Kok
- 10 Phil & Janette Ruck
- 17 Marsha & Harv Schaub
- 24 Celebration Sunday Funday



- 3 Loni Wendt
- 10 Jeanne Ludjack
- 17 Marilyn Siedschlag
- 24 Ann Henderson



- 4 Marilyn VanderSanden - Dick Walters
- 11 Wayne Strehlow - Keith Fanshaw
- 18 Deb White - Jeanne Ludjack
- 25 Steve Wendt - Gary Schulz

### **BULLETIN SPONSOR FOR FEBRUARY**

**Nancy Zimmerman** in memory of Lynal

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our 175<sup>th</sup> year of existence in this Waupun community is a time of great celebration for 2019. The anniversary committee has begun by scheduling a number of historical moments based on the Jo Wiese book of our history. Five such books are available for your reading in the church library, others available for purchase .

On January 10<sup>th</sup> we explored our beginnings, being organized by timber baron/part-time preacher Silas Miller in 1844. In February, the anniversary committee is holding a contest to create a theme for our celebration to be used on a church banner and a Memorial Day Parade float. We are hoping to engage both young and old of our congregation to draw a sketch appropriate for our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Poster board will be available in the sanctuary for sketches. All entries will be displayed at the church, and you may vote for the sketch of your choice, a penny a vote, the winner to be announced on March 31.

Get together with your friends or tap your own creative juices to pool your thoughts for a meaningful idea. Save your pennies for voting power.

February 24<sup>th</sup> we will look back and celebrate 2018; we will begin in worship with a slideshow of 2018 events, reminisce the good times and mark our blessings as we look back together on 2018. After Worship we will move to the Wesley Center for a light lunch of sloppy joes , chips, and cake to continue our celebration into the afternoon as we play Family Feud played Jeopardy Style. Families and committees will be chosen to go head to head in Bible trivia. Come to participate and cheer on your favorite competing group.

**Upcoming Fund Raisers**

Plant Sale  
Possibly Guth Candy and Popcorn Sale  
Salad Luncheon Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019



- 2 Jenni Bianco
- 4 Claire Bresser
- 6 Tyler Bronson
- 7 Nathan Vande Zande
- 10 Kaylar Laper
- 13 Bobbie Vossekuil  
Sue Duer
- 14 Derrick Schelter
- 15 Doris Laurain
- 17 Pat Nickel  
Taylor Brown
- 19 Cory Nickel
- 21 Clarice Braatz
- 26 Larry Duer
- 27 Brandi Dolgner



**JANUARY ATTENDANCE**

6	54
13	59
20	57
27	77

# February 2019

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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3	4 4 Chaplains Service 1 PM HS Finance/Church Council 6:00 PM	5 Trustees 5:30 PM	6 Choir 6:30 PM	7 Dream Team 5:45 PM	8	9
10 Second Sunday Offering	11 Worship Committee 6:15 PM	12	13 Choir 6:30 PM	14 Happy Valentines Day!	15	16
17	18	19 Combined Circle 1:30 PM Meeting at Prairie Ridge	20 Choir 6:30 PM	21	22	23
24 Celebration Sunday and Fun Day	25	26	27 Choir 6:30 PM	28 Dream Team So- cial Media Com- mittee 5:30 PM		