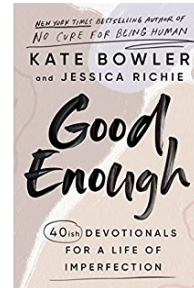


Our Journey Together

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You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. - 2 Timothy 2:1-3



Do you remember the devotionals I shared during Advent on Facebook? They were by author Kate Bowler. And Kate has released a new book for Lent that will be the basis for our sermon series throughout Lent, but I highly encourage you to get a copy of the book to read along. For those who don't know, Kate was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer at the age of 35, so any thought she may have given to having a perfect life shattered at that point.

Kate, through her writing, invites us to give up thoughts of perfection and embrace what is true, what is real—she invites us to come before God and one another in the truth of our messy, painful, and beautiful lives. I have discovered so much grace in her writing, and I want you to find that grace as well.

From the book jacket: “Kate Bowler and co-author Jessica Richie offer fortyish short spiritual reflections on how we can make sense of life not as a pursuit of endless progress but as a chronic condition....Written gently and with humor, Good Enough grants permission to all those who need to hear that there are some things you can fix—and some things you can't. And it's okay that life isn't always better....Their words celebrate kindness, honesty, and interdependence in a culture that rewards ruthless individualism and blind optimism.”

It is my prayer, as we go through Lent, that we can discover the beauty in life as it is, while holding out hope that God can grow something more in us, and in our lives.

Have a blessed, beautiful, and imperfect Lent!



L E N T



Content Due

Do you have items you would like included in next month's newsletter? If so, please have them into the church office no later than March 21.

Financial Update from Administrative Council



Financial Update as of January 31, 2022:

2022 General Fund Income Year to Date:	\$12,849.02
2021 General Fund Expenses Year to Date:	\$15,126.21
General Fund Difference:	-\$ 2,277.19



Challenge

At the start of a New Year there is a time for new beginnings, for fresh starts. So, this year I have a challenge and an invitation for all of you. Would you join with me in reading through the Bible this year. Each month in the newsletter I will include a daily reading schedule. This schedule takes a bit from the Old Testament, a bit from the New Testament, and a bit from the Psalms and Proverbs each day. This is a fun way to learn and grow together as a body of faith—if we are all reading the same pieces of Scripture on the same days, and seeing how God uses that to bless us, and our community through us. If there is a desire, I would also love to hold a weekly discussion group on our readings to further our understanding of the readings. Please contact Pastor Teresa if you are interested in that.

Let's take up this challenge, and see what great things God will do!

Birthdays:

Mar 04 Darla Welk
 Mar 05 Annie Gatzke
 Mar 06 Easton
 VanDerWerff
 Mar 08 Molly Kopecky
 Mar 09 Bobbi Larson
 Mar 10 Shawn Fernholz
 Mar 10 Walker Wagner
 Mar 13 Eleanor Steptoe
 Mar 14 Emily Hasart
 Mar 16 Ellie Gates
 Mar 16 Weslyn Smith
 Mar 17 Madison Bowar
 Mar 18 Deb Carr
 Mar 20 James Fritzsche

Mar 20 Gary Larson
 Mar 21 Lloyd Schwartz
 Mar 22 Gage Russell
 Mar 25 Pat Hasart
 Mar 30 Linda Conkey



Anniversaries:

Mar 06 Gene & Ila Norton
 Mar 15 Scott & Melanie Bowar
 Mar 18 Merle & Judy Jenner
 Mar 30 Royce & Linda
 Blackburn

March Bible Readings

1	Leviticus 5:14-19, Leviticus 6, Leviticus 7:1-10	Mark 10:32-52	Proverbs 6:12-19
2	Leviticus 7:11-38, Leviticus 8	Mark 11:1-27	Psalms 28
3	Leviticus 9, Leviticus 10	Mark 11:28-33, Mark 12:1-12	Psalms 29
4	Leviticus 11, Leviticus 12	Mark 12:13-27	Psalms 30:1-7
5	Leviticus 13:1-59	Mark 12:28-44	Proverbs 6:20-29
6	Leviticus 14:1-57	Mark 13:1-31	Psalms 30:8-12
7	Leviticus 15, Leviticus 16	Mark 13:32-37, Mark 14:1-16	Psalms 31:1-8
8	Leviticus 17, Leviticus 18	Mark 14:17-42	Psalms 31:9-18
9	Leviticus 19, Leviticus 20	Mark 14:43-72	Proverbs 6:30-35
10	Leviticus 21, Leviticus 22	Mark 15:1-32	Psalms 31:19-24
11	Leviticus 23, Leviticus 24	Mark 15:33-47	Psalms 32
12	Leviticus 25, Leviticus 26:1-13	Mark 16:1-20	Psalms 33:1-11
13	Leviticus 26:14-46, Leviticus 27	Luke 1:1-25	Proverbs 7:1-5
14	Numbers 1, Numbers 2:1-9	Luke 1:26-38	Psalms 33:12-22
15	Numbers 2:10-34, Numbers 3	Luke 1:39-56	Psalms 34:1-10
16	Numbers 4, Numbers 5:1-10	Luke 1:57-80	Psalms 34:11-22
17	Numbers 5:11-31, Numbers 6:1-27	Luke 2:1-20	Proverbs 7:6-20
18	Numbers 7:1-65	Luke 2:21-40	Psalms 35:1-10
19	Numbers 7:66-89, Numbers 8, Numbers 9:1-14	Luke 2:41-52	Psalms 35:11-18
20	Numbers 9:15-23, Numbers 10, Numbers 11:1-3	Luke 3:1-22	Psalms 35:19-28
21	Numbers 11:4-35, Numbers 12, Numbers 13:1-25	Luke 3:23-38, Luke 4:1-13	Proverbs 7:21-27
22	Numbers 13:26-33, Numbers 14	Luke 4:14-37	Psalms 36:1-12
23	Numbers 15, Numbers 16:1-35	Luke 4:38-44, Luke 5:1-16	Psalms 37:1-9
24	Numbers 16:36-50, Numbers 17, Numbers 18	Luke 5:17-32	Psalms 37:10-20
25	Numbers 19, Numbers 20, Numbers 21:1-3	Luke 5:33-39, Luke 6:1-11	Proverbs 8:1-11
26	Numbers 21:4-35, Numbers 22:1-20	Luke 6:12-36	Psalms 37:21-31
27	Numbers 22:21-41, Numbers 23:1-26	Luke 6:37-49, Luke 7:1-10	Psalms 37:32-40
28	Numbers 23:27-30, Numbers 24, Numbers 25	Luke 7:11-35	Psalms 38:1-11
29	Numbers 26, Numbers 27:1-11	Luke 7:36-50	Proverbs 8:12-21
30	Numbers 27:12-23, Numbers 28, Numbers 29:1-11	Luke 8:1-18	Psalms 38:12-22
31	Numbers 29:12-40, Numbers 30, Numbers 31:1-24	Luke 8:19-39	Psalms 39:1-13

Update from Pastor Teresa



Back in January, both Pastor Teresa and the Staff-Parish Relations Committee was approach by our District Superintendent, Bob Ruedebusch, asking if Pastor Teresa could help out in Faulkton. You see, the Faulkton church is without a pastor until new appointments begin in July. This is extremely difficult on a congregation, as this church knows all too well. So, a team of clergy was formed, including retired Rev. Marilyn Spurrell, Ref. Jeff Adel (from Gettysburg), and Pastor Teresa to help cover the Faulkton church for the next few months. So, about once a month, Pastor Teresa will be preaching in Faulkton, while here in Miller we either have a guest preacher, or a sermon on video. The upcoming dates in which Pastor will be gone (and these are subject to change if something unforeseen happens) are: March 27th, May 22nd, and June 26th. The Faulkton church is reimbursing us for Pastor's time and paying Pastor mileage. Let us join with the Faulkton church in prayer that the right pastor is appointed there.

School

As I am sure everyone is aware, following the explosion at the school on February 2nd, the school has asked, and our Leadership Team has agreed, that our building be the host for the senior high classes until they can move back into the school building.








This means that almost every inch of our building is being used by the school (all except the nursery, which is where our elementary students are now having Sunday School, and the church offices). You may find some classrooms and the library locked outside of school hours, as the school staff needs to keep certain things secure.

This does not mean that church programming does not still go on. Our UMW ladies will hold their monthly meetings at the Ranch Café, and their work days will take place at the Lutheran Church, at the invitation of the Lutheran Ladies group. Other groups may meet offsite or here outside of school hours.

This partnership with the school will mean some compromises on our part for the next few months, and I know there may be some inconveniences. But I keep reminding myself that we have kids walk through our doors each and every day that may have never been in a church before. We have the opportunity to show them what the love of Jesus can look like. If even one of them leaves here in May knowing that they are loved in a church, this will have been a success!



March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2  7 pm Presbyterian Church	3	4	5 EMT class 8-4 Fellowship Room
6	7	8  UMW/Mtg 2 pm Ranch Cafe	9  United Methodist Women UMW Work Day 10-2 Lutheran Church	10  Leadership Team 6:30pm	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24  FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA Food Truck Noon-1pm City Park	25	26
27 Pastor Teresa At Faulkton UMC	28	29	30	31		

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Wounded healers

"Nobody escapes being wounded," writes Henri Nouwen. "We all are wounded people, whether physically, emotionally, mentally or spiritually. The main question is not 'How can we hide our wounds?' so we don't have to be embarrassed, but 'How can we put our woundedness in the service of others?' When our wounds cease to be a source of shame, and become a source of healing, we have become wounded healers." He continues, "Jesus is God's wounded healer: through his wounds we are healed. Jesus' suffering and death brought joy and life. His humiliation brought glory; his rejection brought a community of love. As followers of Jesus, we can also allow our wounds to bring healing to others."

How might viewing Jesus as a wounded healer affect your relationship with him? What roles have wounds and healing played in your own faith life? How can you minister to other people from a place of brokenness?

