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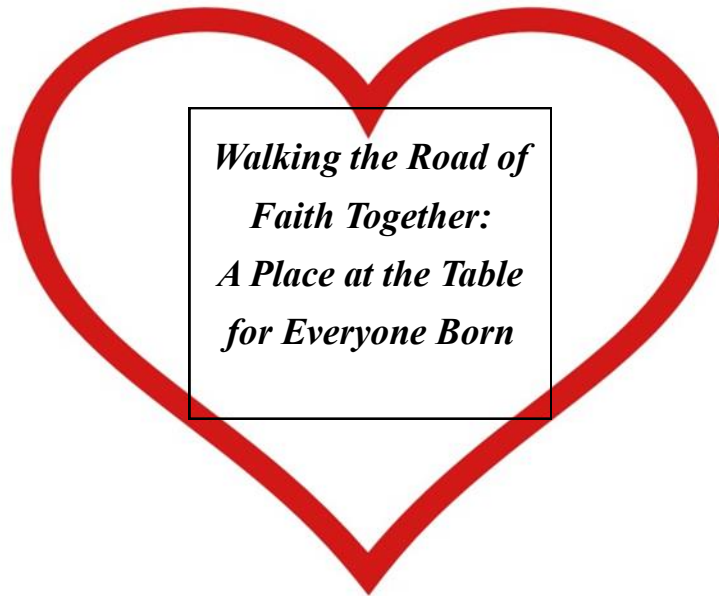
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THE TWO STEEPLED CHURCH ON THE PRAIRIE

October 2024

*Join us in celebration of World Communion Sunday
October 6th – 10:30 A.M.
At Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm
(See flyer on page 7 for an invitation to the day)*



*Walking the Road of
Faith Together:
A Place at the Table
for Everyone Born*

What is World Communion Sunday?

Every year, on the first Sunday in October, thousands of Christians from many different denominations gather across the world to celebrate World Communion Sunday, a day that calls the Church to be the universal, inclusive Church.

On World Communion Sunday, we acknowledge that
the body of Christ is bigger than what we can see,
and bigger than what is contained within our walls.

We celebrate the diversity that is and the diversity that could be.
We embrace the fullness of the world that surrounds us.

Oh God, on this World Communion Sunday, 2024,
give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere.

Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences.

Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere.

We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

**From *Discipleship Ministries/Resources*
and *Resource UMC* of the United Methodist Church**

October 2024

Blooming Grove
Morning Worship...8:15 am
Sunday School...9:15 am

Janesville
Morning Worship.....10:45 am

Waterville Evangelical
Morning Worship...9:30 am

	1	2	3	4	5
		7:15 Pop-up choir rehears- al at BG	7 pm WV Jail Ministry/Rice County Jail		4:30—6:30 pm Chicken and Biscuit Dinner at WV
				Pastor's Day Off	
6	7	8	9	10	11
9:45 am Pop-up choir rehearsal at Pizza Farm 10:30 am Communion Service at Pizza Farm	6 pm WV Ad Council	4-6 pm Free Diaper Give- away at WV	7 pm BG Ad Council	9:30 am Parish Bible Study at Cool Wave/ WV 7 pm WV Jail Ministry/Rice County Jail	
					Pastor's Day Off
13	14	15	16	17	18
	Indigenous Peoples Day 		11:30 Prayer Brunch at Spare Time Entertainment in Owatonna 6-7 pm Acts 29 starts at WV	7 pm WV Jail Ministry/Rice County Jail	
					Pastor's Day Off
20	21	22	23	24	25
			6-7 pm Acts 29 at WV	9:30 am Parish Bible Study at Cool Wave/WV 7 pm WV Jail Ministry/Rice County Jail	
					Pastor's Day Off
27	28	29	30	31	Parament Color The Parament Color for October Is Green
				Happy Halloween  7 pm WV Jail Ministry/Rice County Jail	

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 am

2	Wed	7:15 pm	Pop-up choir rehearsal at BG
6	Sun	9:45 am	Pop-up choir rehearsal at Pizza Farm
		10:30 am	Worship at Pizza Farm
9	Wed	7:00 pm	Ad Council
10	Thur	9:30 pm	Bible Study at Cool Wave
16	Wed	11:30 am	Prayer Brunch at Spare Time Entertainment, Owatonna
24	Thur	9:30 am	Bible Study at Cool Wave

**Prairie Lakes Parish
Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal Schedule
for the October 6th Pizza Farm Service
All Singers are Welcome!**

Wednesday, Oct. 2nd:
7:15-8:15 P.M. at BG UMC

Sunday, Oct 6th:
9:45 A.M. at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm Stage

Prayer Brunch

**At Spare Time Entertainment
333 18th St SE, Owatonna, MN**

Wednesday 16th - 11:30 am

All are Welcome



3	Elenora Christesen	17	Phyllis Giebner
4	Andrew Engebretson	19	George Sharp
6	Tyler Jesse	20	Jerry King
6	Thomas Prchal	23	Thomas DeLeon
9	Karen LaFond	26	Bruce Saufferer
12	Chery Southworth		



The Kanne family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped out during the past several months. Whether you sent Faye a card, popped in for a visit, gave her a call on the phone, weeded flowerbeds, drove to appointments, or helped out the day of the service (or cleaning beforehand), we deeply appreciate everything people did to support Faye and the rest of us.

Treasurer's Report

August 27—September 29, 2024



General Budget Income	\$ 4,224.00
Cookbooks	10.00
Run for the Loaves	3,816.00
Total Income	8,050.00

Expenses	
Pastor's Salary	2,223.64
Telephone	54.94
Excel Energy	135.92
Lawn Mowing	1,104.74
Lift Repair	290.00
Pirkl Gas (yearly contract)	2,334.04
Redeposit Fee	4.00
Workman's Comp (insurance)	99.01

Total Paid Out	\$ 6,246.29
(Net Income: +)	\$1,803.71)

Building Addition

Income	
Restoration	\$ 3,540.00
Tractor Pull	1,951.00

Total Income	\$ 5,491.00
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Expenses	
Loan Payment	\$ 5,505.13

Total Paid Out	\$ 5,505.13
(Net Income: —)	\$14.13)

Restoration Fund Balance	\$63,782.44
Building Addition Loan	\$220,383.52

Happy Anniversary

9	Callie & Marcus DeLeon
10	Deecy & Bob Jesse
19	Katie & Brian Martin



**CHICKEN
& BISCUITS**



**Waterville EUMC
Annual Chicken and
Biscuit Dinner
Saturday October 5th
4:30-6:30**

Please join us for a wonderful meal of Chicken and Gravy, Homemade Biscuits, Corn, Coleslaw, and some amazing desserts! All for a free will offering. You can dine in or come in for take-out!

In The Past God Spoke To
Our Forefathers Through
The Prophets At Many
Times And In Various
Ways,

Hebrews 1-1

BibleWordings.com

Jesus Changes Everything



In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven..

Hebrews 1: 1-3 NIV

Our summer passed by so quickly! Oh, I know, the weather would have us believe that summer is still here, but the calendar tells us differently. I am that person that enjoys a crisp fall day—those days when we can wear sweatshirts and jeans; those days that say, “Enjoy these days Minnesotans—soon it will snow!” It has been a good summer in our parish. Our three joint services were times for those Holy Spirit moments that come when we are in our parish community. The Waterville EUMC VBS was another success, and Blooming Grove UMC ‘s “Run for the Loaves” and Bar-be-que Cook-off numbers were quite impressive as was the Tractor Pull. Well done, good and faithful servants!

As we move into our 2024 fall season, our parish will again worship at the Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm on October 6th—World Communion Sunday and we will be joined by our neighbors at Peace United Methodist Church in Morristown and Pastor Elden Ecklund. It will be a time to celebrate World Communion Sunday as the larger body of Christ and we will be blessed to have our new Minnesota Assistant to the Bishop, Carol Zaagsma, join us and share the day’s message, and our parish Deaconess, Cindy Saufferer, will help with our liturgy. It is a change to our past gatherings at the Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm and we can look forward to a day of blessing upon blessing as we gather to worship.

Change—that “c” word that many of us don’t like. Change requires an open heart and mind but can result in the best surprises! As our scripture from Hebrews affirms change...”in the past, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets...but in these last days he speaks to us through his Son.” Jesus came into the world and changed how we interact with God—through the Son. Jesus tells us today to keep our hearts and minds open for the change He brings. May we be people who know God through the radiance of Jesus Christ. May the change Christ brings be for God’s glory!

Hope you get a chance to support Waterville EUMC by attending the Chicken and Biscuit Supper on October 5th! Remember, worship on October 6th is at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm...we gather from 10 to 10:30 with worship at 10:30. Pizza for lunch!

God never changes nor does the gratitude I feel for being blessed to be your pastor!

Happy Fall!

Pastor Kathy

The Biggest Thank You Around—For Our September 7th Fun Day Run 4 The Loaves, Holy Hog BBQ Cookoff, Farm Stock Tractor Pull (By Brad Saufferer)



I thought the biggest day around should have the biggest thank you around. I would tell you that the event

went off flawlessly, but there is a special place somewhere for someone who lies in a church newsletter.



To tell the truth, things went well. The biggest challenge was an IQ challenged person,

that would be me, didn't bring a second frier for the french fries. That of course led to a slow down in the lunch line, but as always, our volunteers kept everyone happy by engaging in conversation and I suspect making fun of me.



We had seventy-five runners/walkers this year, the most ever. Both the men's and women's cross-country teams from the Owatonna high school participated this year. I say this every year and I'll say it again this

year, they are the politest and best-behaved group of young people you will ever meet. So, approximately at 9:15, men's coach Luke Holt points south from the church and says, "run three miles and be back by ten when the race starts."



I of course could have taken off and ran with them, for the first one hundred feet, but instead I marveled at the fact they were going to run three miles as a warmup to run four miles.

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The Biggest Thank You—Continued

The rib contest, for the first time ever, went off without one accusation of cheating. With people showing up for the tractor pull, we had the largest number of tasters/voters ever which took away any hometown/church advantage. Team



Stang Good BBQ, winner of the 2021 and the 2023 contests was there, team Trojan Meats, the winner of the 2022 contest was also there. They were joined by Team Top Chelf, representing the Waseca County Food Shelf, and Team Achilles Ribs, my son Ryan and some of his buddies from Minneapolis. The ribs were ready by noon, thoroughly tasted, money counted, and the winner announced by our own Pastor Kathy. Team Top Chelf won it walking away. Garry, the BBQ guru for the Waseca food shelf, outdid himself. That man knows his smoke ring.

The only hitch with the tractor pull, see what I did there, was the church's premier pull sled, Deliah, had a momentary breakdown, which the Balzer/Spinler team had repaired in under twenty minutes.



There were twenty-five drivers from thirteen towns driving seven different tractor makes competing in eleven different weight classes. Our own Jim Southworth won the eight-thousand-pound class driving his Farmall MTA. There were many comments from first time visitors that they had no idea our church was there, and we had a tractor pull. Mission accomplished.



Now, I'll try and fail to thank everybody. We raised a bit more than four-thousand dollars for the food shelves and just over two-thousand dollars for the building fund. None of this would be possible without all the volunteers from our outstanding congregation. We have cookie bakers, registration form and advertisement printers, set up and tear down people, a Pastor that can bless tractors, people that know how to run a tractor pull, people that can BBQ, a french fry frying king and the list goes on and on. If you missed this year, you missed an amazing day. Next year will be even better.





Sunday, October 6th, 2024

***Community Worship Service & Pizza Lunch
All Outdoors at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm***

***Sponsored by the Churches of the
Prairie Lakes Parish***

***(Blooming Grove, Janesville, and Waterville
Evangelical United Methodist Churches)***

***And joined by our neighboring congregation,
Peace United Methodist Church of Morristown***



41142 160th Street, Waseca
(715) 523-0857
pleasantgrovepizzafarm.com

Our Time Together at the Pizza Farm

9:45: Pop-up Choir Rehearsal at Pizza Farm Stage

10:00: Gather, settle in, and place pizza orders

- ◆ Stop by the welcome tables by the Pizza Farm Barn where volunteers from our congregations will:
 - ◇ Provide bulletins with shared liturgy and congregational hymns.
 - ◇ Provide an offering container where you may drop your offering gifts for your preferred church.
- ◆ Place your pizza order in the Barn and set up your family's seating in the worship area (east of the Barn).

10:30: Morning Worship, led by Pastor Kathy King of the Prairie Lakes Parish, Pastor Elden Eklund of Morristown Peace UMC, and Pastor Carol Zaagsma of the Minnesota Conference UMC

11:30 - 1:00: Pizza Lunch on the Grounds

Our Music Leaders for Worship at the Pizza Farm are Kristin Ziemke (one of the worship musicians for Janesville UMC), Judy Mahler (one of the worship musicians at Blooming Grove UMC), and our multi-church Pop-up Choir.

At our Pizza Farm Worship Service, we will join congregations around the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday - which always takes place on the first Sunday in October. This special day is a time for remembering that around the world—in different languages, with different traditions and customs, and in various forms of liturgy—the Lord's Supper is celebrated throughout Christendom. Join us for this joyous and meaningful partaking in Jesus' sacred meal with his friends and a celebration of our Christian brothers and sisters from around the world.

Planning Ahead - Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm Information

(Because our Prairie Lakes Parish has made a group reservation, individual reservations are not needed.)

Information from the Pizza Farm's Facebook page/website:

- ◆ Bring your own seating and a portable table (if desired).
- ◆ If you plan to stay for pizza lunch, pack a cooler with items such as the following: beverages, any other food you wish to enjoy with your pizza, plates, cups, utensils, napkins, and a trash bag to pack out your garbage when you leave.
- ◆ A hand washing station is provided. Although hand sanitizer will be provided at the ordering stations, please also bring your own.
- ◆ No pets allowed.
- ◆ 9 main pizzas and a weekly feature are offered. Check out their website for the detailed menu at pleasantgrovepizzafarm.com). Pizza prices range from \$22-\$27. They take credit cards and cash. One pizza feeds about two people as they are 16" hand rolled. They do not take pre-orders over the phone.

Directions to Pizza Farm from Blooming Grove UMC:

**Go south on 180th Street for approximately .2 miles. Turn right onto 430th Ave/County Hwy 10, travel 2.01 miles. Turn left onto 160th Street and travel 1.8 miles. Pleasant Grove is on the left.
If you have any questions, call (507) 456-3937.**



Pastoral Care



Note from Pastor Kathy King:
Please call or text me if you would like me to visit or if there is a prayer concern that you prefer to keep private.

- Pastor Kathy's classmate who has been diagnosed with an aggressive cancer, and Kathy's classmate's husband, who has also been diagnosed with cancer.
- The family of Pastor Phil Strom, former UMC District Superintendent for our area, as they mourn his passing.
- For those in our BGUMC family journeying through many weeks of ongoing health concerns.
- A friend of Hjordi Churchill's, who has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer.
- A college roommate of Deb Miller's, who is working with doctors to try to pinpoint the cause of health concerns.
- Pastor Kathy's sister, who is working through a long recovery from a fall and resulting fractured hip.
- The family and friends LaRae Post, a former co-worker of Hjordi Churchill, who was killed in a head-on collision by a drunk driver.
- The family and friends of Patti Ellingson's cousin, who passed away from Stage 4 liver cancer.
- Taylor, the daughter of Amanda Harren (step-daughter of Amanda's husband Andrew, and step-granddaughter of Ken & Tena Harren) who was involved in a serious accident, resulting in multiple, and critical, injuries.
- Our farmers working exceedingly long hours as they enter this season of harvest. Pray for their safety in all that they do. Please keep a watchful eye out for them as they move equipment and harvested crops along the



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- roadways. Pray for their families who support them in these long days and nights.
- The safety of our law enforcement community as they work diligently, and risk their lives, to keep the peace in these turbulent times.
- All those throughout the southeastern and eastern U.S. impacted by the far-reaching damage and catastrophic flooding caused by Hurricane Helene, including all those working around the clock in rescue efforts.
- Relatives of Chuck and Linda Danks, who live in Tennessee, as Chuck and Linda worry about their safety in the wake of all of the far-reaching destruction of Hurricane Helene.
- Trudi Remund-Fisher, as she recovers from a fall - and resulting broken hip - and as she undergoes hip repair surgery.
- Prayers of joy for the beloved little great-nephew who has entered the lives of Deb Miller's extended family, and who brings such delight to Deb's parents.
- Prayers of thanks for the good news that Carol Karsten's son, Wally, has received - that his cancer is at a standstill, and that he can now stretch his next recheck out to 6 months!
- All in our faith community who privately hold heavy concerns in their hearts and lives. Help us to reflect God's love and care through our words and deeds that they may know BGUMC as a place of solace, comfort, trust, and support.

One is all it takes!

***One wish is enough to set a dream in motion.
One act of kindness is enough to lift someone up.
One decision is enough to change your life or
someone else's for the better.
And one person is enough to make a difference.***

Especially when that person is you!



With
Deepest Sympathy

Faye (McColley) Kanne, 87, of Deerfield Township, died Thursday, September 5, 2024 at Mayo Clinic Methodist Hospital Campus in Rochester.

Faye was born December 28, 1936, in Albert Lea to Erven and Emma (Swenson) McColley. At age 6, the family moved to the Swenson farm in rural New Richland. In 1947, the family moved to their own farm in rural Medford. Faye graduated from Faribault High School in 1954 and worked for Jostens in Owatonna. In September of 1956, she married Harold Kanne and moved to his family farm, where they raised 3 children: Brian, LeAnn, and David. Faye was always one to learn. She taught herself cooking skills, and also how to sew and knit. She was an active member of Blooming Grove United Methodist Church. She made banners, as well as playing the organ and many other church activities. She loved to sing in the choir and with her husband, Harold. She was a 4-H leader for a number of years. Faye was always artistic, and painted most of her life. After her children were grown, Faye worked as a Sales Associate for Pfaltzgraff Co. in the Medford Outlet Shopping Center. Participating in an employee contest, she submitted a plate pattern which was chosen as a winner by the company. A stoneware design based on her drawing was manufactured for a limited time. She enjoyed watching the Twins and the Gophers. She was a loving and involved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Faye is survived by her children; Brian (Carolyn) Kanne of Medford, LeAnn Kanne of Byron, and David (Jennifer) Kanne of Winona; grandchildren Kaitlyn (Zachary) Benson, Joshua Kanne, Samuel Kanne, Deanna Kanne, and Michael Kanne; one great granddaughter, Tess Benson. Also surviving are 2 nieces and 2 nephews.

Besides her parents, Faye was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Harold; one sister, Darlene Zander; and one nephew, Larry Kanne.

The funeral service was held Wednesday at Blooming Grove United Methodist Church, with Pastor Kathy King officiating. Burial followed in Blooming Grove Cemetery in Blooming Grove Township, Waseca County. Memorials may be made to the church building fund.

A Prayer for the Harvest

Adapted from an October 2018 prayer by Bishop Bruce Ough – former bishop of the Dakotas-Minnesota Area of the United Methodist Church

Gracious and Holy God,
We thank you for the bounty of the land
and for those who plant and harvest
that the world might be fed.

We are grateful for the harvest that has begun.
And, we pray that you graciously watch over
our farmers that their work may be successfully
and safely completed.

Grant them favorable weather conditions and
keep them safe.

Where there is anxiety, give peace.
Where there is depression, restore hope.
Where there is economic uncertainty, grant
protection.

Life-giving God, we trust in your faithfulness
and your promise to abide with us always.

So, we are bold to pray that joy and
gladness be poured over our orchards and farms
and ranches.

We pray in the name of Jesus, in whom we
have our hope and salvation. Amen.



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*“The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.”
Psalm 85:12 (NIV)*

