

## So All May Know Joy

# BUMC Weekly Connection—April 12 This Sunday, April 14 @ 9:00

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## This Sunday — But Are You Hungry?

Curtis Rieck will be sharing the message this week. Make no mistake, what Jesus wants from you is your belief, your trust, your faith. And here's the thing, that sounds easy enough...but we want our stuff. We so often don't believe that Jesus is better than the stuff. Our houses our cars our hobbies our favorite sports teams, our...the list could go on forever.



### Scripture Reading | John 6:24-35

When the people saw that Jesus wasn't there, nor his disciples, they got into the boats and went across to Capernaum to look for him.

When they arrived and found him, they said, "Sir, how did you get here?" Jesus replied, "The truth of the matter is that you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you believe in me. But you shouldn't be so concerned about perishable things like food. No, spend your energy seeking the eternal life that I, the Messiah, can give you. For God the Father has sent me for this very purpose." They replied, "What should we do to satisfy God?"

Jesus told them, "This is the will of God, that you believe in the one he has sent."

They replied, "You must show us more miracles if you want us to believe you are the Messiah. Give us free bread every day, like our fathers had while they journeyed through the wilderness! As the Scriptures say, 'Moses gave them bread from heaven."

Jesus said, "Moses didn't give it to them. My Father did. And now he offers you true Bread from heaven. The true Bread is a Person—the one sent by God from heaven, and he gives life to the world." "Sir," they said, "give us that bread every day of our lives!"

Jesus replied, "I am the Bread of Life. No one coming to me will ever be hungry again. Those believing in me will never thirst.



## Sermon Series—A New Creation

Easter is all about celebrating the new life Jesus makes possible for us! We often think of this new life in terms that are only spiritual or individual, but Jesus' resurrection means new life for *all* of creation – yes, for us, but also for our communities and our environment. In a world grappling with environmental concerns, join us as we delve into scripture to understand how the renewed life

Jesus offers shapes our responsibility to care for our environment and all its inhabitants.

## Next Week — A Special Responsibility | Genesis 1:28-31, Genesis 9:8-17

Though we are but one part of a vast creation, humanity has been given a special responsibility by God. As those created in the image of God, we are called to care for the earth that, in turns, sustains us.



## **Other Ministry Updates**

**April 14** 9:00 am Worship with Curtis Rieck

and Handbells

10:00 am Fellowship

10:00 am Be Part of the Conversation

**April 16 4:00 pm** SPRC Meeting

**April 17 6:00 pm** Confirmation Focus Night

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

April 21 9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Fellowship

10:00 am Be Part of the Conversation

#### Be part of the Conversation!

Throughout April, there will be a hosted discussion table in the fellowship hall during coffee hour. This informal discussion will talk about topics from the message, additional scripture, life application ideas and wherever the conversation takes us. Grab your coffee and stop by each week..

#### Spirituality in Nature Group (S.I.N.G)

S.I.N.G. is a gathering of people who want to explore our connection to God/the Divine in nature. All gatherings will be at Bertram Chain of Lakes Regional Park. Our goal is to gather a diverse group of all ages, committed to exploring spirituality together in nature. We want to partner with others to create meaningful experiences that foster and deepen our sense of connection to God/the Divine in the great outdoors.

Experiences will include individual and group activities, poetry readings and personal stories that will deepen our bonds to the earth, God and with each other; within Bertram Chain of Lakes Regional Park. Contact Pastor Amy for more information at 612-226-8905. Dates:

> May 2 at 6:30pm - Gathering May 16 at 6:30pm-Spirituality of Water June 6 at 6:30pm-Summer Solstice I June 20 at 6:30pm—Summer Solstice 2 July 11 at 6:30pm-TBD July 25 at 6:30pm-TBD August 1 at 6:30pm August 15 at 6:30pm September 5 at 6:30pm September 19 at 6:30pm October 3 at 6:30pm October 17 at 6:30pm

#### **Register for Camp**

Early Bird Registration Do you have your eye on the Incentive ends April **30th!** Register by then and receive a \$25.00



**Early Bird Camp** 

Store Credit to spend at the camp store or canteen during your stay.

There are several ways to register for camp:

**CONTACT** Andrea Gravley

**ONLINE** Directly access our online registration system to register, or search through the complete list of Camp Minnesota current camps and events.

**PHONE** To register by phone call 855-622-1973 Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. **EMAIL** Download, print, and complete the paper registration form. Then scan and email the completed form.

#### **Employee Spotlight**

My name is Sarah Williams. I have been working for the church as a bookkeeper since August 2020. I've been married for 18 years to my husband, Shane. We have two boys,



ages 13 and 14, and we live in Annandale. I work in Accounts Receivable full-time in addition to my work with the church and another part-time bookkeeping job. I try to find time for some hobbies, including, reading, gardening, watching movies, doing crafts, but mostly I just spend time with my family!

#### Be Aware of Car Theft

Recently in Wright County there has been a string of car break-ins at several local churches on Sunday mornings. Please do not leave valuables in your car and be aware if you see anything suspicious.

#### **Buffalo Food Shelf**

Thank you church from the Buffalo Food Shelf for March donations during the MN FoodShare March Campaign. We donated over 157 pounds of food and \$743. Feel free to donate any other time of the year also, but a big Thank you for the March Campaign donations.