



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Feb. 13

Worship: Sunday, Feb. 15 @ 9:00 am

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Sermon Series — God Behaving Badly?

This Sunday - God is Near | Psalm 22:1-2, Psalm 13:1-6

The psalmists cry out with raw honesty: “My God, why have You forsaken me?” and “How long, Lord? Will You forget me forever?” Their words echo our own seasons of silence, sorrow, and unanswered prayer. Is God distant or near? Does He hide His face, or hold us closer than we realize? These questions shape our faith in the darkest moments. And as we move toward Lent—a season of reflection, repentance, and honest longing—we’re invited to bring this very question before God. Lent opens space to wrestle, to wait, and to discover His presence in ways we often overlook.

Scripture Reading | Psalm 13:1-6

How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?
Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
and my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,” and my foes will rejoice when I fall.
But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.
I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me.

New Series | It's Not Too Late: Change Is Possible

How often do you find yourself thinking, “It’s too late”—too late to change, to overcome a struggle, to heal a relationship, or even for the world to be different? Through Jesus, we are assured it is not too late. God does not give up on us. God keeps calling us to turn around and come home. This turning is called repentance—a gift that makes real change possible, not only for us as individuals but for our communities. Repentance is often tangled up with guilt and shame, but in this Lenten season of self-examination, we will discover together that it is actually a source of hope, freedom, and transformation. Please join us every Sunday morning, beginning Sunday, February 22, through Easter Sunday, April 5, as we take time to remember that we still have time—to change, to return, and to trust the grace of the Lord who never stops calling us home.

Ash Wednesday: It's Not Too Late for a Change of Heart | Psalm 51

Today we turn to the God who loves us, with honesty and with hope for ourselves and our community.

Next Sunday : It's Not Too Late to Choose Life | Deuteronomy 30:(11-14) 15-20

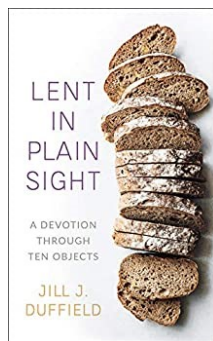
God is near and always inviting us to choose life with intention, again and again.



Other Ministry Updates

- Feb 15** **9:00 am** Worship with New Member Blessing
10:00 am Education Hour
10:00 am Breakfast Potluck
- Feb 18** **12:00 pm** Pie with the Pastor
6:00 pm Lenten Meal—soup & bread
6:30 pm Lenten Service
7:15 pm Handbells
- Feb 22** **9:00 am** Worship with New Member Blessing
10:00 am Education Hour
10:00 am 5th Grade Communion Class
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Chili Cook Off

God is often at work through the ordinary—ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the everyday and the mundane, God communicates deep meaning and spiritual understanding, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is often in the quiet, familiar moments that we hear God's gentle voice most clearly.



This Lent, we will be using *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield, which invites readers to notice ten ordinary objects Jesus would have encountered on his journey to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. In each object, we will discover deeper meaning within the biblical story of Jesus' final days and open our hearts to the presence of God in unexpected places. Join us every Wednesday evening, beginning on Ash **Wednesday, February 18, from 6:00–7:15 p.m., through March 25**. Each evening will include a shared meal and worship centered on Scripture, prayer, reflection, and conversation. As we journey toward Easter with our Wednesday gatherings let us be reminded to slow down, pay attention, and open ourselves to the kingdom of God at work all around us. Books are available in the entry for \$11.00 each.

Children

This Sunday the children will be doing a lesson on serving others and what it means to love your neighbor. They will be doing a special service project during Sunday School to practice what it means to serve others. Also remember starting **Wednesday March 18th** we will have Lent Activities for children during Lent Services. Join us at **6:00pm** for a meal and children activities will begin around **6:30pm**.

Confirmation

This Sunday confirmation students will be meeting with their Faith Partners. During that time they will be learning about God's Word. They will take time to look through scripture and learn more about God and how they can use it to impact their life and write their faith statement. Also do not forget that starting this **Wednesday, March 18th** is Lent services, which is a great way to get more worship notes done!

Meals on Wheels Volunteer Drivers

February is our designated month to support Meals on Wheels. There is a new sign-up process for volunteer drivers. Catholic Charities of St. Cloud has implemented a registration system through [VolunteerHub](#). Please use this link or QR code to sign up: This system is new, so if you need assistance or have questions, please contact Stacy @ 320-229-4592.



Summer Camp 2026 Registration Is Open

Camp Minnesota offers cutting edge summer camp experiences for all ages and interests, high quality space for retreats, meetings and conferences, delicious meal service, and warm hospitality. Whether you're looking for a first-time camp experience, a family or personal retreat, a space for your next meeting or conference, or a Boundary Waters adventure, Camp Minnesota welcomes you. If you've experienced a time at one of our three beautiful sites, you know the joy, peace, and life-giving time apart that awaits you. If you're considering Camp Minnesota for the first time, come see what everyone is talking about! [Register Here](#)