

# United Methodist Church

## April 2008 Monthly Newsletter

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### Service Volunteers for April

	8:00 am Scripture	9:30 am Greeters	9:30 am Scripture	9:30 am Liturgist
<b>April 6</b>	Louise Rainey	Lyle & Nancy Krumrie	Joey Stevens	Rev. Don Jones
<b>April 13</b>	Cathy Briggs	Joel & Sandy Grettenberg	Jean Templeton	Joel Grettenberg
<b>April 20</b>	Constance Anderson	Louise Rainey & Doug Blondell	Paul Billingsley	Joel Grettenberg
<b>April 27</b>	Pat Bremer	Ardis Randall & Katherine Mancilman	Joyce Moechnig	Gloria Feigal
<b>May 4</b>	Sandi Mayfield		Vicki Raymond	Rev. Don Jones



### Knitting Group

Volunteers meeting every  
Monday in Rogers Hall @ 10am.  
Everyone is welcome to come anytime!

# *Biblical Promises of Prayer*

Dear Friends,

Recently, I have been seeing hungry people in our church.

This has shown up in spontaneous Bible studies breaking out without my organizing them. I've seen it in Community Group #2 in the form of a hunger for deeper prayer. I've seen the receptiveness of the couples in Group #3 for the biblical principles that are enriching their relationships. It's so much fun to be at this church right now! I love seeing people wanting more from God—and getting it!

Let me address the prayer hunger at this time. People are wanting to pray. What is our motivation to pray? Rev. Jim Cymbala (our video lecturer) says the prayer life of a church is a key reflector of its health. At Community Group #2, we rated the church's prayer ministry on a one to ten scale. We gave it an average of 3.74. We have a ways to go in this area! But I'm so glad that people recognize it. This shows the group is ready to grow in prayer.

So, let me review three biblical promises of prayer, as a way to admonish everyone to take part in this coming prayer movement in our church, coming out of Community Group #2.

First, *Philippians 4:6-7: Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Are events getting you down? Is your life out of control? This is your verse. My pastor advised me to memorize this verse many years ago, after I got fired from a job for personal mistakes and typical sinful responses. This verse gave me faith that I could get past my failures. It doesn't promise that God will grant every request the way we wish. It promises that prayer will take us past our request—our issue. Prayer about even the most terrifying challenge can bring us an amazing peaceful heart! It's beyond understanding. This peace calms our terror. Part of the formula is to pray about "everything"—including every aspect of a problem. Our prayers have to be "thorough": All aspects must be lifted up to God. And we include in our prayers the element of thanksgiving: If you're concerned about a job, praise God for what He's doing through your experience with the job. Knowing that God promises to use all things for good (Romans 8:28).

Next, *James 5:16: Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.*

Do we really need results through prayer? Here James is very specific about how to get concrete results: Cleanse ourselves. How can we expect miracles from God, if we are hanging on to some known sin in our lives? None of us is worthy of an answered prayer. But how can we bring our desires to God, when we are deliberately setting aside God's desires? God not only wants us to confess our sins in the process of prayer but to confess our sins to other people! Whoa! This is absent in most churches, isn't it? Do we want to be cleansed

of a disease? Jesus might tell a person “Your sins are forgiven”, before he healed them. Confession and forgiveness are often a first step toward bodily healing. So many of our diseases are caused by stress and conflict. Confession purges that, when we believe that God’s grace absolutely covers our confessed sins. Prayer that gets results becomes “effective”, when we are totally one with God’s heart. We can’t get there, if sin stands between us and the Lord. A big step toward righteousness is to confess all imperfection freely and joyfully, knowing God forgives. The promise is: Cleansing confession will multiply the impact of our prayers. Concrete answer to prayer come from being one heart with God.

Third, *2 Chron. 7:14: (If) My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

This verse emphasizes the same need to turn from wicked habits and to humble ourselves. Confession is always a blow to our pride and self-sufficiency. We all want to believe our ways are right, when they’re not. We all have mixed motives. We don’t need to weary ourselves with justification for our actions. We need to admit our shortsightedness and turn from it. The promise here is stupendous: God will heal our whole society! This verse is directed at the whole nation. Do you want to help America. Voting is not enough. Good citizenship is not enough. Prayer is needed. Not prayer for the nation: God wants us to seek Him as individuals and turn from our individual sinful ways.

When we begin to do that as a nation, God will rain down on us a prosperity like America has never known! God's prosperity is not just economic. God will drive down the symptoms of national decay: Mental illness, crime, broken families, political gridlock, and social injustice. God will heal our land! What a promise!

Do we need any more motivation to pray? There are many other prayer promises in the Bible and many examples of what happened when people humbled themselves and prayed. Join us in a return to prayer at Lake City United Methodist Church. It may enrich both your life and your country!

Yours in Christ,

*Don*

**United Methodist Church,**

The Bloodmobile Committee wishes to thank you very much for the use of your building for the Bloodmobile held on January 21st. This is greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,

Bloodmobile Committee

Lorraine Fick, Evie Lunde, Gladys Dettmer,

June Henn, Pat Bailey, & Kristine Marshall

**United Methodist Men's TLC Club**

**Would like to welcome you to breakfast the first  
Saturday of every month at 7:30 am**

**United Methodist Worship Schedule To Be Viewed On  
Cable Channel 18 Schedule**

**Sunday**

6:45 - 8:00pm Traditional Service  
8:00 - 9:00pm Live Alive Service

**Monday**

9:00 - 10:15am Traditional Service

**Tuesday**

12:00 - 1:00am Live Alive Service

**Thursday**

8:30 - 9:45pm Traditional Service  
10:30 - 11:30pm Live Alive Service

**Friday**

4:00 - 5:00pm Live Alive Service

**Saturday**

1:00 - 2:00pm Live Alive Service

**THE MATRIX**

The Matrix continues to be open every Saturday evening from 7-10 pm through March. Stop down and check it out. Bring a parent or guardian with you and get your paperwork completed. Its just that easy! Besides, what else is there to do in Lake City on a weekend?

**Lake City Food Shelf**

Thank you to all the contributors that helped to make March a successful food drive. With those in need up 45% nationwide, we unfortunately can't quit.

In **April** we are concentrating on **canned vegetables**.

Once again - many thanks.

And, remember the food shelf when you are planning your summer gardens. It's wonderful to have the fresh produce to pass on to the clients.

**ANGEL FOODS**

**Distribution**

**Saturday, April 19 @ 3:00 pm**

**(volunteers needed at 2:15)**

**Please let Al Thompson (448-0107) know if you plan on working on the distribution team that day.**

**Susanna Circle**  
**Monday, April 14, 2008**  
**@ 7:30 pm**  
**Joyce Moechnig's Home**

**Priscilla Circle**  
**Monday, April 21, 2008**  
**@ 9:15 am**  
**Pat Bremer's Home**

**UMW Meeting - Thursday, April 3, 2008 @ 1:00 pm**



**UMW Spring Fling**  
**Rummage & Bake Sale**



**Friday, April 25th**  
**9:00 am - 6:00 pm**

**Saturday, April 26th**  
**8:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Remember to bring only clean saleable items for the sale. UMW is asking for help with this event. If you can spare a little time (or a lot) it would be greatly appreciated - most of us UMW ladies tire a little faster than we used to. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex starting Sunday, April 6. Morning, afternoon, evening - there's a spot for willing hands. Working for the Lord doesn't pay much, but the retirement benefits are out of this World.

**God bless you**  
**Any Questions call:**  
**Louise Rainey 345 -2506 or Joann Loppnow 753-2487**

**Sunday, April 20th @ 12:00 Noon - We will set up tables**  
**Monday, April 21st - Start bringing in Rummage**  
**Wednesday, April 23rd - Will begin sorting**

## Sympathies to....

Family & friends of William Hislop who died March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Lake City Nursing Home. His memorial service was at the Homer UMC on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Family & friends of Eloise Mobley who died on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> in Texas. A service was held in Texas & a memorial service will be held here in April.

Gigi Miller & family on the death of her stepfather, Roger Hoffman, who died on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. His service was on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bethany Lutheran in Lake City.

John and Greta Martin, Alex, Jennifer and Jeremy and family on the death of John's mother, Arlene Martin at Season's Hospice in Rochester on March 22. Her memorial service was March 26 at Mahn Family Funeral Home, Rochester Chapel with interment on April 27 at St. Clement's Cemetery in Hammond.

### **Disciple Bible Study on the Book of Romans**

**We will meet every Thursday evening from 7:00 - 8:30 beginning Thursday, April 10th and going through the end of May. This will be an 8 week course.**

**If you are interested there is a sign up sheet located in the Narthex, or visit the web, or call**

Ginger Holm - 345-3458

Anne Olson - 345-4866

## Our Easter Garden

Joyce Moechnig and family in memory of loved ones - *Lily*

Gladys Linder in memory of loved ones - *Lily*

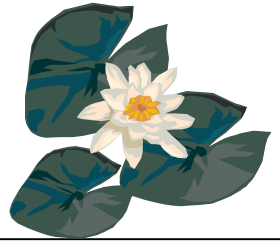
Marilyn Thoe and family in memory of Norman - *Lily*

Priscilla Circle - *Lily*

Susanna Circle - *Chrysanthemum*

One Anonymous - *Lily*

*Chrysanthemum* to Ginny Ruggles



**Dear Heavenly Father,**

**Oh that you would bless me indeed and enlarge my territory, that your hand would be with me and that you would keep me from evil.**

Amen

*1st Chronicles 4: 9-10*



## Special Request:

### **Lake City Youth to the capital.**

This is for all youth 7th -12th grade, and the focus is youth, faith and prayer in government. It will be an inside perspective led by State Capital Chaplain Dan Hall. Youth will meet with representatives and senators and discuss faith and prayer in dealing with bills and issues in government. There will be prayer and a tour. We will also observe an open session, meet and discuss how important and needed prayer and faith support is for Christians in government. We hope to be able to offer this trip at no cost, which means paying for the bus. We are asking for free will donations to go towards bus expenses. This is a worthy cause you can support.

Checks can be made out to our church with a note:  
"Capital bus expense for youth"

***Any questions please call 1-651-380-6665***

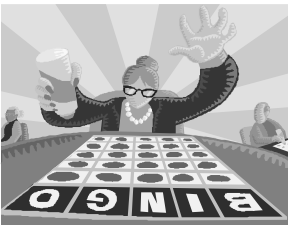
Thank you in advance,  
Ike

## Bingo

**Each month Disciples In Action plays bingo with the nursing home residents on the 4th Saturday. We now have six members of our congregation there and we need some volunteers to support this program. What a great way to let them know that we still care about them. Will you help?**

**Call AI @ 448-0107 ( local call)**

**Thank You**





**A special Thank You To:  
Zach & Katie Loppnow and Ian Craig  
For playing the special instruments at  
the 9:30 Easter Sunday Service.**

## **Congratulations to.....**

Zach Loppnow- Winning State Wrestling Tournament in the heavy weight division. Also on his 100th career win, which he accomplished at state.

***Thanks for the "Great Season" Zach.***

Zach Loppnow on being a Spotlight on Scholarship recipient for wrestling.



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## **In Search Of...**

We are in search of individuals who would be interested in joining our choir. If you have a love of singing and wish to give back to the church in a small way, please consider joining the Choir. We meet Wednesday's @ 5:30.

**Come join us for fellowship and fun.**

