



CCUMC NEWSLETTER

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Save These DATES

Historic Churches of Montcalm County



Thursday, April 11th, 1:00-2:30 pm

At CoA, 613 N. State St. Stanton

(please sign up and pay at 989-831-7454 by April 8th)

Churches have served as the social and spiritual anchor for many communities around Montcalm County and beyond. This 90-minute presentation explores the rich history and the driving force behind their founding, how they have endured, and, too often, why so many are abandoned and have fallen into disrepair.

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT UWF SOUP LUNCHEON



Fri, April 12th
11:00 -1:00 pm



DINE IN, DELIVERY & TAKE-OUT

Email to: umwluncheon@gmail.com

Or call 989-584-3797

(Del orders need to be in by April 12th, no later than 10 am)

Contact 989-584-3797 for menu

Sweet Treat Sunday

April 21st, after Sunday

Worship services
In Fellowship Hall



Bring your favorite sweet treat
to share and enjoy some
fellowship and fun. |



BOARD MEETING



Finance
Committee Meeting

When: Wed, April 24th

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: CCUMC Hall

Subject to rescheduling

Everyone Is Invited

If you have anything you would like to discuss please get it to us no later than Mon, April 22nd so we can add to the Agenda.





Save These DATES



Central Bay District Spiritual Retreat is being held at the Springs in Gladwin Friday, April 26, and Saturday April 27. The speaker is Jodi Pratt who goes on mission trips to Peru. When she asked the people what they needed most, their answer was bras. So, she collects used or new bras of any size to bless the women. If any of you have some in your drawer that don't fit, or you don't like, please give to WalthaGaye. If you would like to go to their Spiritual Growth Retreat, please contact WalthaGaye and I will get you the information. This is a great opportunity to clean out your dresser drawer.



There will be a loose change offering collected to raise funds for the VBS program on Sun, Apr 28th during Worship Services. By collecting loose change, we can see the power of several little bits making up a whole lot. Let's make some noise for Jesus.



Save These DATES



CARSON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
102 W Main St., Carson City. 989-584-3680



Book Club
Tues, May 7th at 6pm
Book: The Giant Killer by David Yuzuk



United Women in Faith

What: Tea with Friends
Potluck Lunch

When: Mon, May 6th, 12:30 pm

Where: CCUMC Fellowship Hall
119 E. Elm St. in Carson City

Event is free—reservations required, call WalthaGaye at 989-640-0238 or the office at 989-584-3797.



BAKE SALE

Sunday, May 12th, before and after Sunday services.
There will be a variety of baked goods, pies, and treats.
All money raised will go to the V.B.S. fund.



We Love Vacation Bible School!

Join Us
this Summer

MOTHER'S DAY PAMPERING

With Mary Kay Representative Amy Christensen

Friday, May 10th
1pm

CoA, 613 N. State St., Stanton

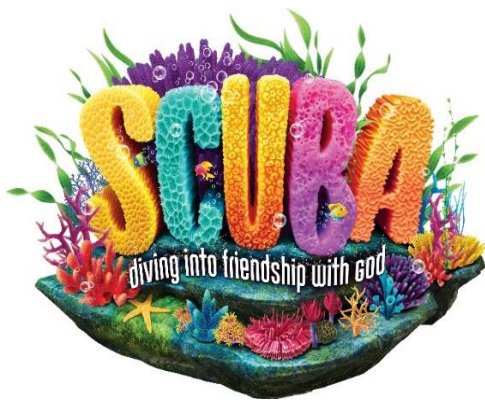


Spring into this **FREE** Mary Kay activity. First we will prep the skin with a cleanse, moisturize & under eye care. Then learn a quick 5 minute out the door look for Spring.

Sign up for this class by May 3rd at 989-831-7454

Product will be on hand to buy if you fall in love with any of the products.





Vacation Bible School 2024 – SCUBA

Reminding you this year's fun-filled theme, Scuba, will be held July 14-18, Sunday through Thursday from 6:00-8:30 pm each evening.

Join the VBS team on Friday, April 5th in the Fellowship Hall for a fun time making decorations for this summer's VBS, SCUBA!

At this time, we need a station leader for Deep Bible Adventures and crew helpers. The signup sheet for adult and teen volunteers is in the church lobby. Please contact Roberta if you have any questions. Preregistration will begin early in June.

The overall scripture deals with friendship which is Scuba's goal of "diving into friendship with God."

"...I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." John 15:15



Please continue to save the following items and place them in the designated bin in the lobby:

- cardboard tubes from toilet paper, paper towels, and wrapping paper
- packing peanuts
- Loofah sponges
- styrofoam balls – all sizes
- coffee filters
- tissue paper
- any size of plastic water bottles
- cardboard egg cartons



Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, at 6:00 pm in Jonah's Cove. Our first decorating bee will be Friday, April 5, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

We have lots of fun, decorations to create, helping Scuba to be one of the best VBS programs ever!





Bible studies & small groups



We are inviting anyone to join us for our weekly Sunday's Cool Hour @ 9:15 am. For more information on classes available please call our office at 989-584-3797.



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith meets the first Monday of the month usually at 10 am. All women are invited as we learn about what our organization's purpose is and what missions we support in caring for women, children, and youth around the world. There is no cost to belong- just time.



P.T. is a group that meets to hold ourselves up and others in prayer. We also learn God's Word through studies, movies, discussions, laughter, and tears. We meet every Monday from 6:30-8:00 pm. For more information call WalthaGaye Leavitt at 989-640-0238.

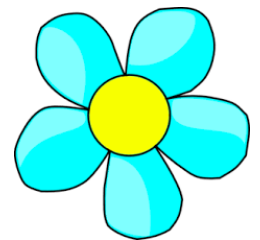


A.R.K. (Armor Ready Knights) meets every Tuesday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm starting in the fall and summer. Scripture, Bible stories, games, and activities will help learn about God in a variety of ways. For more information call Roberta Kile at 616-255-1275.



We are Moms meeting with other Jesus loving Moms to build a community to support each other and pray together throughout life's stages. Moms are welcome to join at any stage in motherhood and faith. We want to build a village of women with similar values and goals to raise our children in a way that glorifies God. If you are seeking friendship, support, and accountability partners we want to have your back.

We meet the first Thursday of each month from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the CCUMC Sanctuary. For more information call Isabelle Esch @ 989-307-4781.



Keeping you Informed

THE 73RD ANNUAL
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024



**LIFT UP THE WORD -
LIGHT UP THE WORLD**
2 SAMUEL 22:29-31



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2024 Theme

LIFT UP THE WORD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD

**For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.
2 Samuel 22:29-31**



Keeping you Informed

As nature
awakens, may
your spirit
bloom with hope
and possibility.

Lutheran World Service by Walthagaye Leavitt

LWS or Lutheran World Service is an international, non-governmental organization that focuses on sustainable development projects, disaster relief and recovery projects. It was founded in 1945 to collect and send aid to people living in post-world war II Europe. Today, LWR helps communities living in extreme poverty, adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being and responds to emergencies with a long-term view.

In 2023, LWR collected 551,700 quilts and kits (health or school kits) from people around the United States and sent them on to 14 countries in need. Carson City Lutheran church made 263 of those.

The Carson City Lutheran church usually meets on the last Friday of the month and puts quilts together. One is able to attend for as long or as little as wanted to put them together. They are then tied and sewn. There are jobs for anyone whether you can sew or not. One can stand or sit to tie. Or just come and join in the fellowship.

Donations of time or material are always welcome. We use sheets for backings, but they must be cotton. So, as you garage sale this year, we take fabric, batting, sheets, blankets, mattress pads, heavy crochet thread, or sewing supplies.

For any questions, call WalthaGaye or better yet- just stop in at the Lutheran Church and see what we do.

IM 3rd meal by WalthaGaye Leavitt

Food Insecure children are on the rise and more schools are partnering with IM 3rd meal to help their children. On a daily basis, almost 900 bag lunches are made. They are always in need of snack materials like raisins, cereals, nuts, dried fruits, or pretzels. Money can be used. They buy from Feeding America where they can buy more food for little money.

Volunteers are always needed to do an assortment of jobs. One can sit or stand for most of the jobs. Once again, come see what is happening or come n donate a couple of hours on a weekday or night to put a meal together for the children of Ionia and Montcalm County.

Volunteering is the best drug for loneliness, depression, and prevention of other ailments.

If interested, call WalthaGaye with questions. (989-640-0238) There will be a fund raiser of food trucks on April 29 in their parking lot from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.



Keeping you Informed

Monday night Transformation Group by WalthaGaye Leavitt

The Bible Study group is starting *Parables From the Backside* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Kalas presents a new twist into twelve of Jesus' parables or stories with a lesson. He looks at the stories through the eyes of a minor or unsympathetic character thereby giving new meaning and clarifying basic teachings. He also adds personal stories from his own experience and modern-day illustrations which enrich the retellings even more.

We meet most Monday nights at the church in the Ambassador's room at 6:30 pm. We also send cards to those dealing with illness, death, or those going through a valley. We also send birthday and anniversary cards. If you know of someone needing a card or your name is not on the list posted on the bulletin board, please let us know.

Come join us for fellowship and education. We cry, laugh, and learn. Our God is an awesome God in so many ways. The more that we learn, the more that we want to learn.



Sunday morning Bible Study

If Monday morning doesn't work for you, try Sunday morning at 9:15 am. We will be doing a study on **The Shack** after we finish the Lenten study in 2 weeks. And then I am speaking at Pompeii on April 28th we will start the new study. This is a 5 week study on a modern day parable that brings to life deep spiritual truths and illuminates the path for healing out of impossible tragedy. If you ever wonder whether God is with you, **The Shack** presents an unforgettable encounter with a divine love that promises to never leave us.

We will meet in the Ambassador Room just off the Fellowship Hall. Come and join us.



Keeping you Informed



START YOUR SPRING GARDEN NOW

It may be too early to start gardening out of doors, but April is a great time to begin planning or perhaps even planting a few seeds while you wait for the weather to warm up. Gardening catalogs have already arrived, and seed packets are available in various stores. If you are new to gardening, and a little bit intimidated, don't let that stop you from trying. The most experienced gardeners will tell you that at the best of times, gardening can be both challenging and rewarding, so let the adventure

begin.

You don't need a greenhouse to start a few seedlings. A sunny windowsill, small pots or growing trays, a little starting soil, seeds, water, and you're good to go. Seed packets tell you how to plant them, and gardening centers are happy to direct you to a good growing medium. If you don't want to start from scratch, small plants are available in gardening stores and even in some supermarkets. This year, the Flat River Community Library in Greenville is offering a seed library. Seed packets of both flowers and vegetables are on offer. Patrons can request up to five varieties per visit, with a total of 15 packets per season. The season lasts until they run out of packets. If you'd care to help this program along, they will accept donations of unopened commercial seed packets. Nurturing a plant, watching it grow and flourish, is very rewarding.

If you want an outdoor garden, but have limited space, or have trouble bending down to garden, consider raised beds or stand planters. A lot can be grown in very small spaces, you don't necessarily need a huge space to grow a few veggies, and you can even intersperse some flowers along with your edibles. In fact some flowers help keep garden pests away. The colorful Marigold has a strong odor, and they are good for repelling plant lice, mosquitoes and even rabbits. Chrysanthemums and Rosemary deter a number of bugs. Garlic is another good repellent, and you can use it in cooking too!

Don't be afraid to ask a gardener friend for help. Gardeners are typically an enthusiastic lot, who love to share their knowledge with others. If you want to start up a conversation with a gardener, just compliment them on their garden and they'll probably happily bend your ear and answer any questions you might have. You can also attend the free "Ask A Gardener" program on Thursday, April 18th at 6:30pm at the Flat River Library. This is an annual event held by members of the Greenville Garden Club who have lots of wonderful knowledge to share.

If you are a beginning gardener, don't try to do too much all at once, or you might become discouraged. Choose easy to grow flowers and two or three easy to grow veggies to start. Gardening is an adventure to be enjoyed, so plan to start now.

Stanton Area

Commission on Aging, 613 N State St., Stanton. 989-831-7476

Caregiver Support Group

1st Thursday of every month at 1pm presented by Alzheimer's Association
This support group is for anyone caring for a loved one. This is for you if you're caring for someone with Alzheimer's/dementia. As part of our support group we are offering a free lunch (hot meal) before the meeting. If you would like to come for lunch please call by the Monday before the meeting.

Mobile Food Bank

First Baptist Church parking lot
134 N Lincoln St., Stanton
1st Thursday of every month
4:30pm
Call 616-824-3632 with questions





Ad Board/Finance meeting - February 28, 2024

-Meeting was called to order by Phil Krantz at 6:32 pm

-Attendees: Pastor Ian McDonald, Linda Hofbauer, Diane Hoard, Deb White, Phil & Katie Krantz, Bob Conley, Ed & Fran Osborn, Cheri Traverse, Aaron Esch, Deb Burt, Robin Shepler, and Roberta Kile.

-Pastor Ian opened with Prayer

-Finance Report Was given by Robin Shepler

Checking Account \$1,593.87

Identify Giving \$8,106.10

Emergency Fund \$6,459.38

-It was stated that the conference sent a check for \$ 5,000.00. This is being used to help pay the pastor's wages.

-There are still several outstanding bills to be paid. Estimation of \$ 2,500.00 and up.

-Trustee Report – Pastor Ian (from Josh Seversen)

-The new kitchen door has finally arrived. The quote was \$ 500.00.

-The motion was made by Ed Osborn to accept the quote. Seconded by Katie Krantz. Carried.

-The door will be installed as soon as the weather permits. It was also noted that the flooring may need -to be cut due to the shifting of the frame. We want the door to fit snugly to prevent further heat loss.

-Children Report – Roberta Kile

-Report was given that the children will be singing at the combined service being held United Methodist Church in Maple Rapids.

-There is a great concern for the older children in our church to get greater knowledge of God's Word.

-Heather Kile stepped up and stated she will be leading this group at 10:00.

-Next VBS meeting is March 11, 2024 in Jonah's Cove .

-There is also a decorating Bee scheduled for Friday April 5, 2024 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

-Outreach:

No report was given at this time as the Person is out of state at this time

-Old Business:

None



Ad Board/Finance mtg cont'd:

-New Business:

Aaron Esch is putting together a committee to get ideas for fund raising for the church. Please pray about joining the team and getting some great ideas!

Being explored is advertising the hall and the sanctuary for a wedding venue. Aaron is looking for photos of weddings that were officiated at the church. He wants to create a video for advertising. If you have any photos please send the photos Aaron Esch at aaron@barngEEK.com.

Discussion was about making price changes for rentals, Use and not use of the kitchen, and the licensing that is required for the kitchen.

The trees around the church are in need of trimming, they are hitting the building and getting close to the foundation. I was mentioned that if the foundation is in jeopardy that the trees should be removed. If you have any questions in regard to this please contact Ed Osborn.

New parts for the vacuums were needed and the parts were ordered.

It was brought up the perhaps that the organ be put up for sale to a church that may need it. If you have any thoughts about this please bring it up to a board member.

You may have noticed the weekly bulletins are a little bigger with easier to read printing. By changing the format, the bulletins will all be the same for both churches and easier to put together.

It was also brought up that there are many services coming up for Easter. So, keep pastor in your prayers and Linda too.

It was brought to the attention of all that there is Sunday evening Soup and bread at the Maple Rapids Church. We should all show support and attend.

Phil Krantz's availability may be limited between May and October due to employment responsibilities.

-Motion was made to close the meeting by Aaron Esch and seconded by Ed Osborn.

Carried at 7:28 pm.

-Pastor Ian closed with prayer.

-Respectfully submitted by Deb Burt (due to WalthaGaye being out of town)

-Please remember everyone is invited to these meetings. If you have anything you would like to bring up for discussion let the board know so it can get on the agenda.





**CCUMC
CALENDAR**

April

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY UWF mtg 10am PT Class 6:30 pm	2 COA 10-2 A.R.K. 3:00-5:00 pm	3	4 Mom Group 9-11 COA 10-2	5	6
7	8 Drivers Training Class 5:30-7:30pm PT Class 6:30 pm	9 COA 10-2 A.R.K. 3:00-5:00 pm Drivers Training Class 5:30-7:30pm	10 Drivers Training Class 5:30-7:30pm	11 COA 10-2 Soup Lunch Prep Drivers Training Class 5:30-7:30pm	12  UWF Soup Lunch 11am-1pm	13
14	15 Drivers Training Class 5:30-7:30pm PT Class 6:30 pm	16 COA 10-2 A.R.K. 3:00-5:00 pm Drivers Training Class 5:30-7:30pm	17 Drivers Training Class 5:30-7:30pm	18 COA 10-2 Drivers Training Class 5:30-7:30pm	19	20 Hall Rental 9 to ?
21  Sweet Treat Sunday after Sun svc	22  Drivers Training Class 5:30-7:30pm PT Class 6:30 pm	23 COA 10-2 A.R.K. 3:00-5:00 pm Drivers Training Class 5:30-7:30pm	24 Administrative Professional Day Drivers Training Class 5:30-7:30pm Ad/Finance mtg 6:30 pm	25 COA 10-2 with speaker 1-3 Drivers Training Class 5:30-7:30pm	26	27
28 Noisy Sunday before, during & after svcs 	29 Drivers Training Class 5:30-7:30pm PT Class 6:30 pm	30 COA 10-2 A.R.K. 3:00-5:00 pm Drivers Training Class 5:30-7:30pm				

Schedule subject to change – contact office @ 989-584-3797 for more information.

Our calendar is also available via our website www.carsoncityumc.com





**Join Us Each Sunday
Worship Services
Carson City UMC: 10:30 am
Maple Rapids UMC: 9:00 am**



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