

This last Sunday (May 19th) was Pentecost! We celebrated the Holy Spirit descending upon the Disciples and the birth of the Church Universal. Since red is my favorite color, I loved the fact that I got to pull out my red stole and we put up our red paraments. Sadly, they're now packed back up for another year. The holy day of Pentecost has passed, though the Spirit is still with us.

Now it's the season we call Ordinary Time. It's the season where we put up the green altar cloths for what seems like forever. There are no major holy days to look forward to and Advent seems like a long way off. It doesn't help that Ordinary Time coincides with a normally slow time in our lives. It's summer, when we take off from work to go on vacations to see family and to relax. No wonder Ordinary Time is viewed more like Boring Time.

Yet Ordinary Time isn't just a gap between interesting things. It isn't the lull between holy days. Ordinary Time is when the Church gets a chance to put into action what we learned on Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost. It is a chance for us to go out into the world and share the love of God with our neighbors. Ordinary Time isn't a slow time for the Church, it is time for us to get the works God has given us done.

The truth is that most of our lives are Ordinary Time. We have the lulls between events in our lives. We have slow days, weeks, or even months where nothing happens. There are no great big celebrations, nor are there any big worrying things either. We just are.

Yet that doesn't mean God isn't with us in those slow times. If we think of God as someone we give thanks to for great moments or go to in tough times, then most of the time we are ignoring our Lord. We are called to have God as our rock and foundation so that when the storms of life come our way we will not be knocked down. But you don't build on a foundation during a storm. You build during the lulls; you build in Ordinary Time.

So, let's take these next few months of Ordinary Time to do just that. Let's build on our faith. Let's take a chance to reflect on God's love for us and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Instead of it being a slow time in the church, let us use it as an opportunity to head out in our community and show God's love to our neighbors.
God Bless, Pastor Ed

The Lakeville UMC Community Youth Group kickoff party was May 19. We had a lot of fun, and played games outside. A great start to our new youth ministry. You can help us grow by inviting any youth in 6th grade through 12 grades to join us!

Our meetings are the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 6 PM.

Talk to Pastor Ed if you need more information.

Coming Up on The Calendar!

Euchre/Game Night – Saturday, May 25, 6 PM

VBS Planning Meeting – Thursday, May 30, 7 PM

Turkey Biscuit Brunch – Saturday, June 1, 11 AM – 2 PM

Ice Cream Social – Sunday, June 9, 2 PM

Ernestine Mission Circle – Tuesday, June 11 at 11 AM
Brown bag lunch at Riddle's Home

DeColores Meeting – Saturday, June 15, 9 AM – 1 PM

Missions/Evangelism – Monday, June 17, 7 PM

Euchre Game Night – Saturday, June 22, 6 PM

Ida Mission Circle – Wednesday, June 26, 10 AM

Fifth Sunday-June 30 – 10:30 AM church at the pavilion

Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule

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TOPS Club is meeting at LUMC on Mondays, 4:00 PM, Room 206,
use north east door. Come Join Us!

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is open to anyone in the Union North school district as well as to
our church family on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 3 – 6 PM

Enrollment for 2024-2025 Little Ones' Preschool is open to everyone now.
Your child must be 3 years old before August 1, 2024 for our Preschool classes and age 4
before August 1, for our Pre-Kindergarten classes.
Registration forms are available in the church office or from Carlene Weber.
Still have openings for 3's class and 4's class.