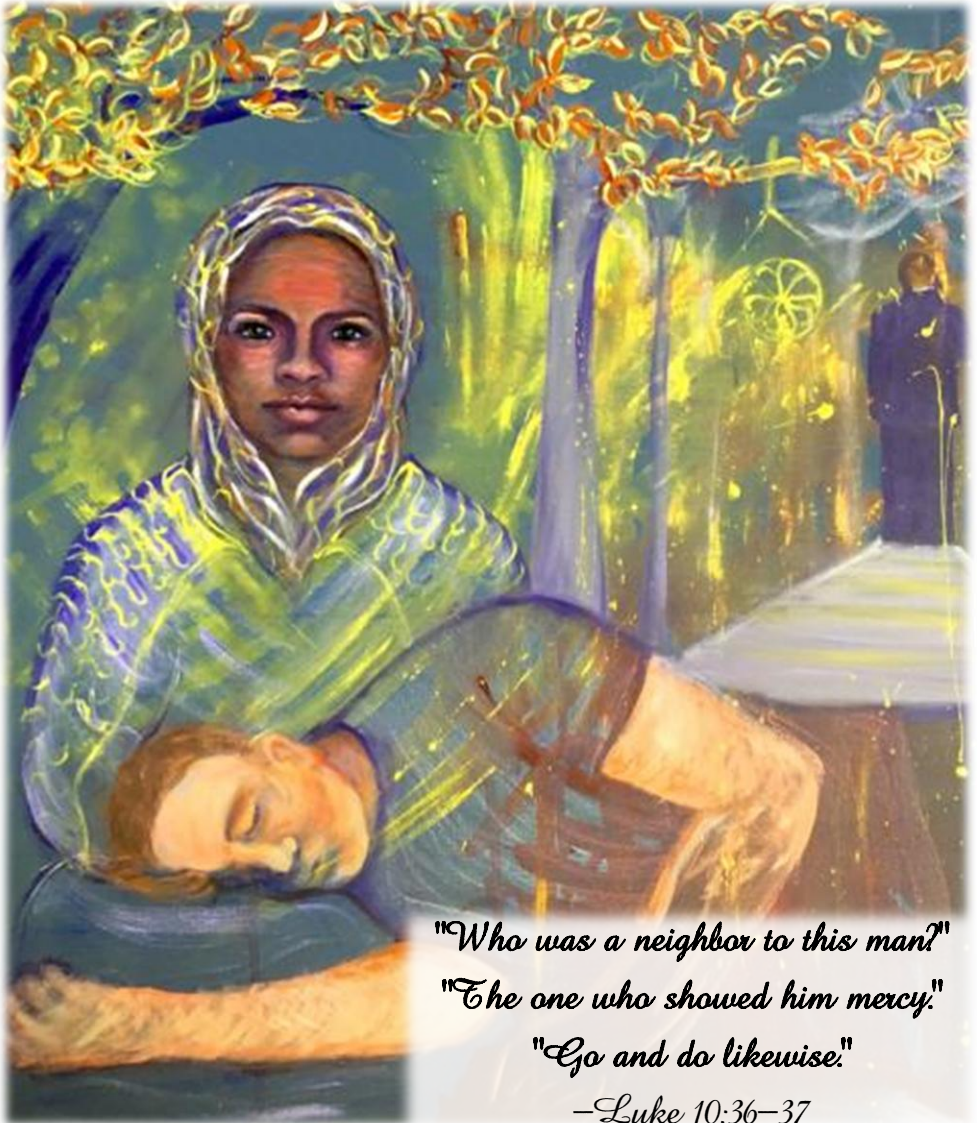


First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 9th, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM



"Who was a neighbor to this man?"

"The one who showed him mercy."

"Go and do likewise."

—Luke 10:36–37

The Rev. Caleb McGregor, Pastor



Leo T., Lay Leader

Sue M., Accompanist

Colby G., Media Technician

Kathleen M., Liturgist

Pat & Kathy Mc., Greeter

Mike H., Usher

Kathy Mc., Guest Relations

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"The priest and Levite asked, 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But the Good Samaritan asked, 'If I don't stop to help, what will happen to him?'" -MLK, Jr.

"I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change.

I am changing the things I cannot accept." -Angela Davis

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves." -Proverbs 31:8

Please silence your mobile devices. Thank you!

L – Liturgist / M – Minister / **P – People** / † - words are on the TVs / * – stand in body or spirit
UMH – The United Methodist Hymnal TFWS – The Faith We Sing

(1) The Body of Christ gathers to worship God!

WORDS OF WELCOME
FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

~Time of Centering~

†*HYMN OF PRAISE:

Jesu, Jesu

UMH 432



(2) We listen to what God is saying to us!

YOUNG-AT-HEART

SCRIPTURE † Psalm 15 (read) / * Luke 10:25-42 ("Corinthian Song")

SERMON **Burn the Barricades to Ashes**

(3) We respond to what God is saying to us!

†*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *They Asked, 'Who's My Neighbor?'*

† A LENTEN PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SHARING OF CONCERNS, with Prayers of the People:

for the Church Universal . . . for the whole world . . . for our nation . . . for our state/
communities . . . for our church . . . for the sick, broken, and weary . . . for ourselves.

(4) We prepare to leave and be doers of God's Word!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†*MUSIC WITH THE CHILDREN: *Praise Him, Praise Him!*

*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*A BLESSING **Ashes can be received in the lobby on your way out**

(You are invited to place any offerings in the **Offering Box** as you leave the sanctuary;
you may also give online at **peumc.org/donate** or use the **QR Code** in this bulletin.)

Prayer List:

Pray for these members throughout March:

Mykisens Sue & Ken B. Marge & Randy B. Mayeks Haddows
3164 Swanson Rd. 8311 St. Hwy 13 S, Unit 3 1129 Bridgewater Dr. 1930 County Rd W. 6621 Cama Dr.
W.R., WI '95 W.R., WI '94 W.R., WI '94 Bancroft, WI 54921 W.R., WI '94

Our Shut-Ins: Mabel J.; Jim H.; Mary & Ed H.; Chris L.; Lynn R.

Our Children: Addisyn, Brynlee, Eliza, Ella, Gabriel, Gabrielle, Gracie, Sawyer, and Symphony.

Our College Students: Michaela W.; Ethan B.; Danial H.; Carson P.;
Melanie & Lilyann S.

From 2/9: Prayers of healing for my cousin, Jeff, who is sick with respiratory illness & skin cancer (Becky).

From 2/16: Prayers for **the residents of Port Edwards**, that we have wisdom when voting for the village board president in the primary election on Tuesday (anonymous).

From 2/23: Prayers for two young friends, **Sarah & Brittney**, who are expecting babies very soon, please pray for safe deliveries & healthy babies (Candy); prayers for our daughter, **Kristin**, who works for the Dept. of Defense and for **all government workers** as they go through this time of uncertainty about their jobs (Thomasgards); prayers for an **expectant mother** experience complications with her pregnancy; Lord, pour Your blessings upon mom, baby, and entire family with healthy outcome (Becky); prayers for the **Mel Potter family**, a friend who passed away yesterday (Mike).

From 3/2: Prayers for the **United States** (Diane); prayers for **Pope Francis**.

Daily Scripture Readings (based on Sunday's Scripture)

10:25-42

Monday (3/10): Leviticus 19:13-18

Tuesday (3/11): Romans 13:8-10

Wednesday (3/12): Luke 9:46-62

Thursday (3/13): Luke 11:37-54

Friday (3/14): Luke 12:22-34

Saturday (3/15): Philippians 4:4-9

Sunday (3/16): Psalm 122 / Luke 11:1-13

Sermon Notes & Prayers from Today:



March Mission Project:



1. Collect money for our membership with Wisconsin Council of Churches.
2. Collect items for the FOCUS Hygiene Drive (starts today!)

A Call to Discipleship:

(refer to this list throughout the week to keep you accountable!)

- Prayer theme:** Pray for our church's ability to access the needs of the most vulnerable in our community & learn how to reach out.
- Consider:** What can I do to keep working for good even when I feel small and insignificant against overwhelming world problems?
- Action:** Pray that God will open your eyes to the "what" in *your* life that you also want to offer someone who is in need (i.e., joy, hope, peace, love, faith, etc.)
- I will invite these person(s) to church: _____
- I will visit/call these person(s) this week: _____
- Donate \$ _____ to a mission/charity/cause this week.
- Set aside \$ _____ for my church offering next week.
- Volunteer at Neighborhood Meals; food pantry; Meals on Wheels.
- Sign up as a greeter / usher / liturgist for a future service.
- Pray over the prayer list in this bulletin.
- Read a daily devotional, like the *Upper Room* (take a copy; it's free!)

Sunday Services – 10a

Today - March 9th

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Lions Club Pancake breakfast

8a-noon – PE high school.

(Scripture: The Good Samaritan)

March 23rd

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

WOMEN'S HISTORY SUNDAY

(Scriptures: Jesus Heals a Woman)

March 16th

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Third Sunday Refreshments

(Script.: Jesus Teaches How to Pray)

March 30th

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

(Scriptures: Three Kin'dom Parables)

Wednesday Lenten Services

Noon Lenten Study/Service - starting THIS WEDNESDAY (5 weeks)

Provided by the G.R.A.C.E. group – 12:15-12:45 PM

Centralia Center – Lois Cantin Studio Theatre – bring your lunch!

Theme: "Artisans of the Crucifixion"

Evening Lenten Services – starting THIS WEDNESDAY (5 weeks)

Combined PE.UMC/N.UCC series – 7:00-8:00 PM

Theme: "Meeting Jesus at the Table"

3/12 / 3/26 / 4/9 – at Port Edwards

3/19 / 4/2 – at Nekoosa

Noon Lenten Study/Service

A G.R.A.C.E. event for the community
Ideal for those on their lunch break

12:15 – 12:45 PM

Centralia Center – Lois Cantin Studio Theatre

(220 3rd Ave S, Rapids WI 54495)
(Food is welcomed in the space)

When: Five “middle” Wednesdays in Lent
Wednesday, March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd, April 9th

Leaders: The G.R.A.C.E. clergy will be rotating
who leads each study/service.

Theme: “ARTISANS OF THE CRUCIFIXION”

*Gain new perspective of the last earthly days of Jesus
through eyes of 5 artisans as they speak about their
unexpected role in the Passion of Jesus Christ.*

Evening Lenten Services

A PEUMC / Nekoosa UCC tradition

7:00 – 8:00 PM

When: Five “middle” Wednesdays in Lent
Wed., March 12th (PEUMC) / Wed., March 19th (NUCC)
Wed., March 26th (PEUMC) / Wed., April 2nd (NUCC)
Wed., April 9th (PEUMC hosts)

Theme: “MEETING JESUS AT THE TABLE”

*At each stop, we gather at a different table with Jesus, learning
how to love, serve, and expand the hospitality of God’s grace to
others.*

Ushers & greeters are need for when we host,
liturgists are needed from us when Nekoosa hosts.

FINAL CALL:

PEUMC Needs to Elect TWO Lay Members to Annual Conference for 2025 soon.

The WI Conference has indicated that PEUMC is allowed, again, to send TWO lay members to annual conference. Lay members represent the congregation and balance the clergy/laity ratio at annual conference. *But we do not yet have anyone yet to fill these spots!*

Dates: **Friday, June 6th through Sunday, June 8th**
(First session begins at noon on Friday)
(Last session adjourns at 5:00 pm on Sunday)

Location: **Madison Marriott West Convention Center**
1313 John Q Hammons Drive, Middleton, WI 53562

What is it?

Annual conference (the event) is the decision-making body for the annual conference (the people, all UMs in WI). Clergy members meet with an equal number of lay members for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of the conference. The bishop presides over these meetings. Laity and clergy have voice and vote.

Deadline for registration:

Wednesday, March 12th.
We need to identify our two people by this date.

What is covered?

Registration Fee / room / ticketed meals are all reimbursable by the local church.

Travel to Madison / any outside meals are not covered.

What would I need to do?

Before the start of annual conference, Pastor Caleb will sit down and give you an orientation. 2025 is a very, VERY important year because we must ratify major restructuring amendments for the denomination.

Qualifications?

Lay members to A.C. shall have been professing members in good standing of The United Methodist Church for at least two years and shall have been active participants for at least four years.

Can a Couple Be Lay Members?

Yes. In some ways, this helps with costs. But two individuals may be lay members, and we'll make sure you get your own rooms (and your own meals, too). 😊

LET PASTOR CALEB KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor?"

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Jan Wexson, 1981; alt.

Luke 10:29-37

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1 They asked, "Who's my neigh - bor and whom should I love; for
 2 There once was a trav - el - er set on by thieves who
 3 A cer - tain Sa - mar - i - tan then came a - long to
 4 I know who's my neigh - bor and whom I should love, for

whom should I do a good deed?" Then Je - sus re - lat - ed a
 beat him and left him to die; A priest and a Le - vite each
 bind up his wounds and give aid; He took him to stay at an
 whom I should do a good deed; For Je - sus made clear in the

sto - ry and said, "It's an - y - one who has a
 saw him in pain; but they turned a - way and walked
 inn un - til well, and for all the ser - vice he
 sto - ry he told, it's an - y - one who has a

need, yes, an - y - one who has a need."
 by, yes, they turned a - way and walked by.
 paid, yes, for all the ser - vice he paid.
 need, yes, an - y - one who has a need.

WEEK 2 (WEEK OF 3/9)

46 DAYS OF KINDNESS

A LENTEN CHALLENGE

Directions: Keep 1 per person—couple should not share!

Put this in a prominent place in your home!

each challenge that you complete.

They do not have to be completed on the day listed.

RETURN THIS TO CHURCH BEFORE THE END OF LENT!

Goal: Each week, after all cards are collected, we will total up the number of “acts of random kindness” or “ARK” from our cards.

Our congregational Lenten goal is 350 acts!

*(You do ***not*** need to put your name on this.)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 | 3/9 (Sunday) <i>(Technically, Sundays are not part of Lent, but I've included them—making it 46 days total)</i> | Include our nation, Ukraine/Russia, and Gaza/Israel in your prayers today. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 | 3/10 (Monday) | Invite someone to spend time with you. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 | 3/11 (Tuesday) | Tell someone you're grateful for them. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 | 3/12 (Wednesday) | <i>Your choosing. List details:</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 9 | 3/13 (Thursday) | Drop some change in a charity jar OR round up at the checkout. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 | 3/14 (Friday) | Leave a parking spot closer to the entry for someone else. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 | 3/15 (Saturday) | Put away someone else's shopping cart OR help them load their groceries in their car. |

My weekly total is (circle): 1 2 3 4

**You will receive “Week 3” in next week's bulletin, and so on. If you know you will be gone on any of the upcoming Sundays, you can pick up that week's challenge card right now on the front table near the main entry. If you miss a week, you may go back and get a previous one, too.*

April 1st, 2025 Spring Election

At the WCC we often speak of the importance of connecting “Jesus and Justice in Public.” We know that the Church has a deep history of healthy engagement in the political sphere and want to help encourage Christians to be part of a healthy civic life...On a very basic level, both [“politics” and ...civic engagement] are about community and how we are in community with each other - an essential reality of the life of faith.

— Excerpt *Jesus and Justice in Public – A Study-Action Guide* by the Wisconsin Council of Churches



How to vote

Go to the Wisconsin Voter Information site at <https://myvote.wi.gov> to vote by absentee mail, to find your polling place, to register to vote and see a sample ballot.

Photo identification is required

To find out what forms of photo ID are allowed, how to obtain a free photo ID if you don't have one, requirements for absentee voting, etc., call your local elections official or visit <https://elections.wi.gov/photoid>

What is on my ballot? Your ballot may include:

- ✓ Local Issues
 - Nonpartisan Seats - city council seats, county supervisors, judges, and school board members
 - County executives, mayors in some counties and cities
 - School district referendums
- ✓ State
 - One seat on the Wisconsin State Supreme Court
 - Wisconsin State Superintendent of Public Instruction
 - One constitutional amendment (See other side for more info)

How do I learn more about what is on my ballot?

The League of Women offers vote411.org where you can enter your address and view candidate information personalized for your ballot.

View your ballot and find your polling place at www.myvote.wi.gov

Constitutional Amendment on April 1 Ballot

Below are excerpts from an article written by Doug Poland, Partner at Stafford Rosenbaum LLP, Ruling Elder at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Madison. The full article can be found using the QR code at right or visiting <https://www.wichurches.org/articles/proposed-amendment-april-1-ballot>



A Christian faith contextual perspective on living in community

"The sayings and teachings of Jesus Christ, the Old Testament writings that were the foundation of Jesus' understanding of God and how God calls us to live, and the letters of the apostle Paul to early Christian congregations convey a consistent and clear message: our fate as humans is tied to one another and the way that we live together in community. Scripture repeatedly teaches that God demands that we both recognize and honor the beloved nature and inherent equality of all people, and that all we say and do must conform to that ethic."

The Ballot Question

"[The] question seeks to impose as a constitutional requirement an obligation that already exists under Wisconsin law: requiring that each voter present valid photographic identification to verify their identity. The question that will appear on the April 1 ballot reads as follows:

Question: "*Photographic identification for voting.* Shall section 1m of article III of the constitution be created to require that voters present valid photographic identification verifying their identity in order to vote in any election, subject to exceptions which may be established by law?"

Evaluating the proposed constitutional amendment in a faith context

"Before 2011, Wisconsin's laws prioritized voter participation and access. Wisconsin's approach to voter registration required voters to show identification only if they were first-time voters who had not verified their identity when registering by mail. In 2011, however, the Wisconsin Legislature adopted, and then-Governor Walker signed into law, one of the most restrictive voter identification laws in the U.S. That law, which remains in effect today (as Wisconsin Statute section 5.02(6m)), allows fewer forms of identification than most other states and requires photo ID for mail absentee voting. Proponents of the proposed constitutional amendment concede that it does not add to the existing law.

"So, if the proposed constitutional amendment would not change Wisconsin's voter ID requirements, why is it being proposed? The answer is to give the Legislature, and not the Wisconsin courts, the final say on what identification is required."

The WCC encourages you to VOTE NO on this proposed amendment.



Easter Lily Order Form - 2025

Order Deadline:

Sunday, April 6th, 2025

\$12 per plant

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ # of Easter Lilies.

**Please make checks payable to
Port Edwards United Methodist Church (or PEUMC)
and indicate "Easter Lilies" on the memo line.**

**You may take your plant home after worship on Easter Sunday. Any
plants that are left will be delivered to a shut-in.**

Your Name:

Lilies for Easter 2025



If you would like to contribute an Easter Lily for our service on Easter Sunday morning, you are welcome to do so.

Use the order form (on the back of this page). If you choose to do a dedication, please fill out the “**In Honor of**” (someone who is living) and/or “**In Memory of**” (someone who has passed away) lines.

Orders begin March 9th. Please return this form, with payment, to the offering box or church office by Sunday, April 6th.

Cost for each plant is **\$12.00**.

Please make checks payable to **Port Edwards United Methodist Church (or PEUMC)** and indicate “**EASTER LILIES**” on the memo line.

You may take your plant(s) home after worship on Easter Sunday. Any plants left will be delivered to a shut-in.

Kathy Mc.

