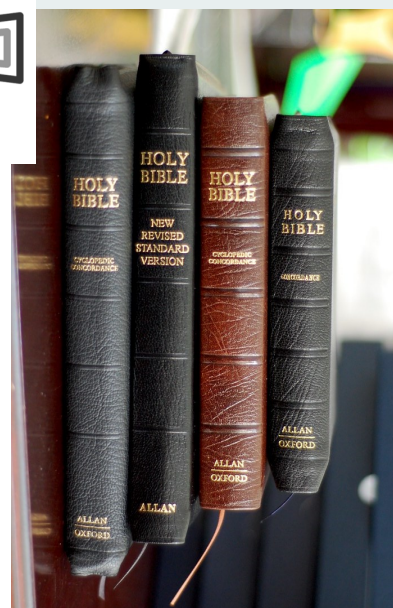




SAVING GRACE



Lord, you are so wonderful
 And deserve our love and praise
 I cannot express just how I feel
 When I think of your saving grace
 To think of what you went through
 That day upon the cross
 And in the moments leading up to it
 When soldiers spat and scoffed
 And bet you with no mercy,
 Making sport and having fun
 You said not a word in your defense
 Even though you were God's Son
 You bore it all out of your love
 For the lost and dying souls,
 To give us a hope we can hold on to
 For a future yet to unfold
 It's such a beautiful description, Lord,
 Of what your grace can do,
 For no one's exempt from your saving grace,
 But it's a gift freely given from you
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¹⁶ From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. *John 1:16 NIV*

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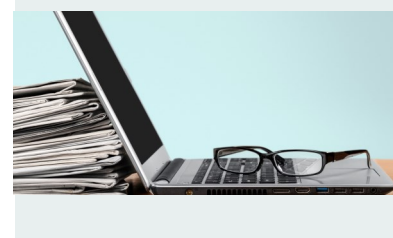
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 whenever Bentonville Public Schools
 are closed due to weather.**



ACTS

ACTS OF WORSHIP



**Easter Worship was led by
Pastor Fred Nelson**

**Children's Sermon was led by
Pastor Dean Fodness**



ACTS

ACTS OF FELLOWSHIP



Jeremy Fowler-Lindemulder entertained us with his Renaissance performance.

**Another amazing night of entertainment at
2nd Friday's Heart of Fellowship Coffeehouse.**

Congregational Care

LIFE LINE SCREENING



Life Line screening is coming to United Lutheran Church May 2, 2024. Have you wondered how your cardiovascular health is? Life Line will be offering screening for Carotid Artery Disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, and Peripheral Artery Disease . There are some other packages that include more. They offer affordable packages to assess your risk of stroke and cardio vascular problems. At this time

insurance does not pay for these tests even tho they have been proven to be valuable. The tests are looking for plaque in the arteries called atherosclerosis. The tests examine the carotid arteries in the neck and the peripheral arteries in your legs and the abdominal aorta.

If you have a health care spending account you probably will be able to use those funds to pay for the screenings that insurance does not pay for at this time. Life-Line has different packages you could get. At this time, they are offering the screenings for 50% off. Screenings are fast, painless, and non-invasive. About 7-14 days after your screening you will receive your results online. They are read by a certified doctor which includes an additional charge to lifeline. (If you do not have a computer they will make sure you can get your results). Life line offers one package for \$149 that check for Carotid Artery Disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, and Peripheral Artery Disease.

PAD is a marker for cardiovascular disease and peripheral Artery Disease. It examines the arteries in your leg which can be blocked by plaque. They check for CAD coronary artery disease to see if you have fatty plaque. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm uses an ultrasound to check for the presence of an enlargement or an aneurysm. The Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) is preformed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. If you have any questions about the screenings ask your doctor if they would recommend the screenings.

To register for your appointment and to receive the discount please call 1-800-640-6307. *Fliers are available in the Narthex, please share with family and friends.*

1 Corinthians 6; 19 What? Know that ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and not your own.

If you would like a visit, blood pressure checked or information please contact Charlotte Spencer.

I have been asked about starting a walking group . Let me know if you are interested. Am looking at late mornings or early afternoon twice a week??????? *Charlotte Spencer*

DID YOU KNOW...

DID YOU KNOW

United Lutheran has a wide variety of medical equipment available for our members to borrow. This can include wheel chairs, walkers, canes, and so much more. If you need a particular piece of medical equipment, please contact the church office.

DID YOU KNOW

That if you need a ride to church, a medical appointment or transportation to the store, we have members who would love to help, please contact the church office.

DID YOU KNOW

Bella Vista Fly Tyers Spring & Fall Sale

The Bella Vista Fly Tyers Club is a fishing, conservation, and service Club consisting of approximately 150 members. This group of men and women share a common interest in fishing (both warm and cold-water species) found in the local streams and lakes of Bella Vista. The Club also promotes lake conservation, recreational activities, and conducts service projects throughout NW Arkansas.

The club meets every Thursday here at United beginning at 9AM for a social hour followed by a meeting from 10 to 11AM.

As part of their annual fund raising events they hold their spring and fall sale each year here at ULC and a percentage of their earnings are donated to the church. The spring sale will be held Friday & Saturday April 19th & 20th starting at 8 AM. If you have any fishing, camping or other outdoor items that you wish to donate to the sale please contact the church office.

DID YOU KNOW

It is important to let the office know if something gets broken, spilled or needs to be replaced or fixed. The sooner we know the sooner we can have it repaired, replaced or cleaned up.

We appreciate your help.

DID YOU KNOW UPDATE

We received enough change the month of March to purchase a goat and a flock of baby chicks. During the month of March all donations were matched so we were able to donate 2 goats and 2 flocks of chicks. Thanks for sharing your spare change.



Education

Youth Christian Education: Once a month, @10:45am, for youth of all ages

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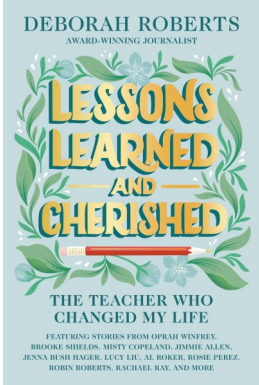
Education

United Lutheran’s Book Club

April’s Book: *Lessons Learned and Cherished*

by Deborah Roberts

Everyone can name a teacher who had an impact on their life. Educators not only open our minds to new ideas, but they also help us recognize our potential and our passions. However, rarely do they get credit for the life-changing work they do, and often teachers have no idea how their work can influence a student all the way into adulthood.



In *Lessons Learned and Cherished: The Teacher Who Changed My Life*, award-winning ABC News journalist Deborah Roberts curates a collection of essays and musings from celebrity friends and colleagues alike that share how teachers changed them, imparted life lessons, and helped them get to where they are today.

The book club meets via ZOOM, we’d love to have you join the discussion. Ask Pastor for the ZOOM link.



Evangelism

**Complimentary
Specialty Coffee,
Teas & Appetizers**



LIVE Entertainment

2nd Friday’s

HEART OF FELLOWSHIP COFFEEHOUSE

April 12th

6 PM - 8 PM

All are Welcome!

Meet Your Neighbors

**This Month Featuring:
Saxophonics**

Fellowship



Breakfast Club will meet on Tuesday April 2nd at 10AM. Tom Hodgson will share his knowledge of building blue bird houses. Bring you Phillips head screwdriver. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Fundraiser

Pumpkin Patch Craft Festival

**3rd Weekend in October
Thursday-Saturday, 9am-5pm**

**UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
100 COOPER ROAD, BELLA VISTA**


The Pumpkin Patch Craft Festival will be held again at United Lutheran Church 17 - 19 October of 2024. Our co-chairpersons this year will be Wanda Brogren & Nancy Sandeen. Roni Dickinson will take the lead in the kitchen, Kathy Bassett will be in charge of decorations and assisting with the administrative record keeping, Carrol Hildre will help organize greeters, Nancy Gross will help with our gift give away, Robin Nelson & Karen Anderson will assist with marketing and Louise Wobig will lead the bake sale. We also will be looking for leaders to help organize parking.

Currently we have 29 of our 32 indoor booths reserved, 5 out of 18 outdoor booths are spoken for and all 4 indoor tables only are reserved. Looking forward to another great year.

Leadership

Our Leadership Council for 2023 - 2024


Tom Hodgson	President
Anne Costa	Vice President
Rebecca Tanner	Secretary
Ruth McGuffin	Treasurer
Carrol Hildre	Evangelism
Brian Kichline	Mutual Ministry
Barb Marris	Parish Fellowship
Dick Muller	Property
Joyce Jebesen	Social Ministry
Robin Nelson	Stewardship
Nancy Sandeen	Worship and Music
Kristi Morton	Youth and Education



Kudos ... Each month our leadership council takes time to appreciate those who serve. Here's the list from last month:

- ◇ Jeremy for his performance at the coffee house
- ◇ Liz and the choir for doing such a good job
- ◇ The Salvation Army Team

Thank you to all who serve... joyfully, willingly, humbly....



Leadership council will hold a retreat on Saturday April 13th with the assistant to the bishop Peter Olson. Pastor Olson will lead us in worship on Sunday April 7th & 14th.

Social Ministry

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed! Those words bring us hope and joy and the assurance of a better life to come! It is up to us to bring that good news to the world today by sharing God's love. One way we do that is through the love we share through our Social Ministry activities. Activities that make life a little better for those who have less.

We help feed those who are hungry through the meals that our faithful team provides for the Salvation Army once a month. Through the food and other items that people can take from our Little Pantry.

Each month we provide food or hygiene items or socks or hats and gloves for the Oaks Indian Mission. The Mission now helps many refugee families get resettled as well as providing a safe loving home for native children. During March we collected hand soap for the Mission. DURING APRIL WE WILL BE COLLECTING CEREAL.

Social Ministry has a benevolent budget that is a part of United's yearly budget. Twelve organizations are recipients of these monies. These organizations cover local, area, A-OK Synod and ELCA churchwide projects.

Through all of our projects Social Ministry is spreading God's love and our love to people all over the world! A big thank you to everyone who helps in any way to support our Social Ministry projects!! If you do it for those who have less, Jesus says, you do it for me!

Wishing for you a blessed Easter season and spring! *Joyce*



Stephen Ministry

I am writing this in the middle of Holy Week. My thoughts have gone to wondering about the feelings of those who had witnessed the death of Jesus but had not yet experienced the resurrection.

Anger at the Jewish leaders, Pilate, the soldiers. Guilt in themselves for deserting

Jesus as He was arrested, convicted, and crucified. Confusion as to what they would do next. The simple hurting pain of losing a loved one especially in such a horrific death. Fear of the Jewish leaders as they met in that upper room with the doors all locked.

Anger, guilt, confusion, the pain of loss, fear of the future - these were probably just some of what was going through their minds at that time. These of course are the same feelings that flood over us as we face the loss of a loved one or one of many other upsetting experiences which come our way.

Stephen ministers are trained to be a help to us in times when we face the feelings described above. We will have feelings and it is far better to face them and deal with them that to ignore them or bury them.

The disciples found great relief when Jesus appeared and did not scold them or criticize them but said simply "Peace". By bringing the presence of Jesus with them, the Stephen minister can hopefully bring the same to us as we struggle: Peace!

Morning Circles

Apr 3 – 9:15 a.m.

Deborah..... Anne Costa

Afternoon Circle

April 2 – 1:30 pm

Hannah Loruss Grasmick at church



April 8 10:00 a.m. Sit and Chat

April 15 9:30 a.m. W-ELCA

April 24 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Leaders

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

Study 3: Rivers (Page 14)

Piecemakers – Tuesday mornings 9-11:30



We are so happy to be at work every Tuesday morning in Luther Hall. Please join us—no sewing is required. **SPECIAL HELP NEEDED:** If you do sew, but you'd like to sew at home, you can pick up packages of **BLOCKS** that need to be sewn together to make tops. We can give you a quick lesson, and you'll be all set to help! Drop by any Tuesday morning and we'll tell you what to do to put together the quilt tops, or call LoGene Test for instructions. The blocks are in the bin in the narthex.



It's time again for our Bake-less Bake Sale.

Every spring we ask for donations to help meet our commitments to local charities. This is the only fundraising we do, and it takes the place of bake sales and rummage sales and other fund raisers that other groups do. We just ask you to make one donation that will help fund the 9 or 10 organizations that we support. We have budgeted \$2000 for these charities, and we need your help to meet that goal. With this special fund drive and our regular circle and W-ELCA offerings, we hope to meet our commitments. In addition, if you have an organization you would like us to support, please let us know.

You will find details about the bake sale and the charities on the next page. Thank you for your generous support!

Thank you to everyone who contributed combs, nail clippers, towels, tooth brushes and soap for our LWR Personal Care Kits. We are still gathering and counting items. We'll let you know the final count when we have one. Thank you again!

Women of United Monday, April 15

9:30 a.m.

Blueberries!!

Ryan Neal



Ryan Neal, Agriculture Extension Agent-Benton County U of A Division of Agriculture, will share with us his knowledge of blueberries—choosing them, growing them, picking them, and maybe even eating them! Ryan has a great deal of experience as he and his family own a “pick your own” blueberry and blackberry farm in Rogers. This promises to be a fun and informative program. We hope you'll join us to learn more about the amazing blueberries that are grown here in NW Arkansas.

Everyone is welcome—
men too!

Please sign up
at the Activities Counter.
Hostess: Hannah Circle

Sit and Chat Monday, April 8 10 a.m.
Our topic for April will be Immigration and the Border. Everyone is invited to bring information about this topic and join in the discussion!

A Community of Women



MARCH MARKS THE BEGINNING OF UNITED'S FAMOUS

“BAKE-LESS BAKE SALE”

Other churches have bake sales and rummage sales and craft sales. Women spend time and money cooking and crafting, and then they spend more money buying the things that other women have cooked and crafted in order to raise money to support programs. Well, at United we bypass all that stuff in the middle. Instead of all that fuss and bother, we just have you drop your money directly (and prayerfully and generously) into the “Cake” in the narthex. No fuss, no bother, no calories and no guilt!!

It’s just one of the amazing things the Women of United do!

Every year through our bake-less bake sale and our offerings, we hope to raise enough money to support our local missions. *We are so grateful to all of you who give so generously. Even though our membership gets smaller every year, with your help we are still reaching out to help those in need.*

Thank you to all of you for your gifts from the heart



This year we hope to support these worthy programs*

Benton County Women’s Shelter	200.00
Decatur Schools	100.00
Gravette Schools	100.00
Oaks Indian Center	850.00
Restoration Village	150.00
Saving Grace NWA	200.00
Share and Care	200.00
Single Parent Scholarship	200.00

In addition we send half of our offerings to the Synodical Women’s Organization who in turn send half of that on to the Churchwide Organization. (And that doesn’t even count your additional support of the November Thankoffering that goes directly to Churchwide.)

It is through your generous support that we truly can make a difference in the lives of people here in Benton County and throughout the world. ***You can get your envelope from your circle leader, or you can pick it up next to the “Cake” in the narthex.***

*Please make your checks payable to United Lutheran Church Women
and write Bake Sale on the memo line.*

Worship & Music

ONLINE WORSHIP OPTIONS Continue

We use both FACEBOOK Live and our website. Please note, once worship has concluded it is upload it to our website by 3pm. (www.unitedlutheranbv.org).

We also send liturgy via email. If you would like us to send you a copy, via USPS, please call the office.



YOUTH

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MEAL

Earned over \$1100

All proceeds will go toward the Youth Account. This is an annual fundraiser to support current and future youth as they travel to tri-annual Youth Gatherings.

Thanks for everyone's support!



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Assistants In Ministry

2024	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28	
Altar Guild & Altar Guild Team <i>Al & Mary Klotz</i>	<u>BREAD</u> Robin Nelson <u>TRAY</u> Dean & Lola Fodness	<u>BREAD</u> Nancy gross <u>TRAY</u> Al & Mary Klotz	<u>BREAD</u> Jim Larson <u>TRAY</u> Tom Hodgson & Marisa Nabholz	<u>BREAD</u> Robin Nelson <u>TRAY</u> Doris Horning & Fred Nelson	
Counters	Kristi Morton & Nancy Gross	Kathy Bassett & Tom Hodgson	Karen Anderson & Barb Marrs	Kristi Morton & Bev Rick	
Flowers	George & Glenda Heist & Cindy & Terry Martin	Brian & Kathleen Kichline & Harvey Klitzke & Marisa Nabholz	Vicki & Tom Dehnert & Nancy Gross	Kathy Bassett & OPEN	
Lectors	Margie Taylor	Marlene Doran	Carrol Hildre	Stevie Lamar	
Ushers	George & Glenda Heist	Gerald McGuffin & Tom Saueressig	Al & Mary Klotz	Tom Saueressig & Al Hvidsten	
Altar Flower Pick up	Glenda & George Heist	Tom & Lois Hodgson	Robin Nelson	Robin Nelson	

Birthdays

04/01.....Tom Anderson
 04/02.....Savannah Tostenrud
 04/03Vicki Dehnert
 04/04.....Mary Klotz
 04/05Elaine Patton
 04/12 Tom Hodgson
 04/15.....Arlene Nordeen
 04/22.....Tom Guarino
 04/23Ezra Ortega
 04/26.....Russell Pope
 04/27.....Brian Kichline

Happy Birthday!

Anniversaries

04/02.....George & Glenda Heist
 04/05.....Terry & Cindy Martin

Happy Anniversary

Calendar of Events April

Tuesday April 2	9:00am - 11:30am	Piecemakers
	10:00am - 12:00pm	Breakfast Club
	1:30pm - 2:30pm	Hannah Circle
Wednesday April 3	9:15am - 10:15am	Deborah Circle
	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Choir Practice
Sunday April 7	9:30am - 10:45am	Sunday Worship Service (Onsite, ULC Website, or Facebook Live)
	5:00pm - 7:00pm	ULC Salvation Army Dinner
Monday April 8	10:00am - 11:00am	W-ELCA Sit & Chat
	3:30pm - 5:00pm	Stephen Ministry
Tuesday April 9	9:00am - 11:30am	Piecemakers
	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday April 10	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday April 12	6:00pm - 8:00pm	2nd Fridays Heart of Fellowship Coffee-house
Saturday April 13	9:00am - 3:00pm	Council Retreat
Sunday April 14	9:30am - 10:45am	Sunday Worship Service (Onsite, ULC Website, or Facebook Live)
Monday April 15	9:30am - 10:30am	W-ELCA Community of Women
Tuesday April 16	9:00am - 11:30am	Piecemakers
Wednesday April 17	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday April 19	8:00am - 3:00pm	BV Fly Tyers Spring Sale
Saturday April 20	8:00am - 3:00pm	BV Fly Tyers Spring Sale
Sunday April 21	9:30am - 10:45am	Sunday Worship Service (Onsite, ULC Website, or Facebook Live)
	10:45am - 11:45am	Youth Christian Education
Monday April 22	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Book Club - Pastor's (Zoom)
Tuesday April 23	9:00am - 11:30am	Piecemakers
Wednesday April 24	10:00am - 11:00am	W-ELCA Bible Study Leaders
	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Choir Practice
Sunday April 28	9:30am - 10:45am	Sunday Worship Service (Onsite, ULC Website, or Facebook Live)
Tuesday April 30	9:00am - 11:30am	Piecemakers