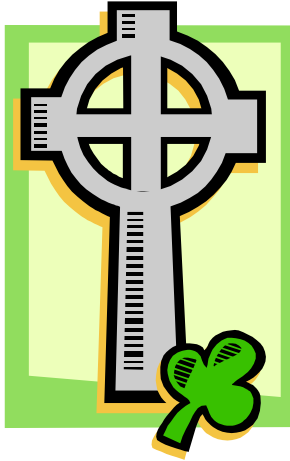




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# March 2025

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**Church Office Hours:**

Monday—8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Tuesday—8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Wednesday—8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Thursday—8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Friday—Closed

Saturday—Closed

**Sunday Worship—10:00 am**



## ***A message from the Pastor...***

Greetings in Christ,

It is an honor and a privilege to be appointed as your interim pastor for the next 4 months. I am a retired licensed local pastor in the United Methodist Church having served previously in Clintonville and Rhinelander before retiring. Prior to becoming a pastor, I worked as a behavioral health social worker for about 36 years. I currently live in Oshkosh and will be commuting to Brillion. The Faith UMC staff/parish relations committee and the United Methodist Conference and I have agreed that I will serve on a three-quarter time basis. I will attempt to be in the office during regular office hours, Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 1 pm. However, I will have to flex my schedule at times to accommodate meetings and activities outside of the office. I will keep the office managers, Jennifer and Joie, informed of my office hours. If you wish to stop in to see me, your best bet is to call the office first. Otherwise, I am available by appointment.

As an interim pastor, among other things, I see my role as follows:

- Help the church move from the previous pastor to the next pastor as smoothly as possible.
- Lead the worship life of the church.
- Provide administrative oversight for the daily affairs of the church.
- Promote and strengthen everyone's participation in the church and your connections with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.
- Provide pastoral care through visitation, short-term counseling and referrals.
- Officiate at weddings and funerals.
- Attend meetings of official church and connectional ministries and programs as needed.

Two of my all-time favorite Bible verses are from Mark 9:35 and Matthew 28:20, ***"...be the last of all and the servant of all...and remember I am with you always, even to the end of the age."***

Together, let us live into our shared call to be disciples of Jesus Christ, loving and serving one another and ministering in His name.

*Pastor Keith*



## **Pastor's Message**

### **Spiritual Metamorphosis**

It's still winter. It's the middle of a very busy week and there's a ton of work to do. But God said, "Have some tea Keith and let's just set a spell!" A nice warm cup of mint tea enjoyed in silence with God ...a simple pleasure...a simple gift. I hear the clock tick, saying "Don't you have other things to do?" Of course, there are plenty of things to be done. There will always be work to do and never enough time to do it all. So we do what we can in the time that we have, but we mustn't put aside God when He invites us to spend time with Him.

There's a story in Matthew 17:1-9 about a time when Jesus took Peter, James and John and led them up a high mountain by themselves. The disciples may have been wondering why Jesus was wasting time hiking in the mountains. But while they were there, they experienced a vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah in all his heavenly glory. Jesus instructed them to tell no one about the vision until after He had been raised from the dead.

Tilda Norberg, in her book, *Ashes Transformed*, writes:

Ask God to make you aware of divine nudges in your life. What has God said to you through recent incidents? What was God saying to you in that unexpected phone call? In that flat tire? In that moving television program? In that bout of anxiety? In that "coincidence"? In silence discover where God seems to be directing your attention.

Now pay attention to your hunches, your impulses. Obviously, not every hunch or impulse is a message from God, but God does sometimes choose to communicate this way. What do you feel an urge to do? Call an old friend? Take a nap? Go for a walk in the park? Read a certain book? Play with your kids? Offer forgiveness to someone who hurt you? Record your impulse in your journal.

If your impulse is not patently foolish, will not hurt anyone, and seems consistent with the gospel, try following it. See what happens. Discover what you feel. What other hunches are you aware of?

The story from Matthew 17:1-9 is referred to as the transfiguration. Transfiguration literally means metamorphosis, a complete change from one state to another. Winter is the time of physical metamorphosis for insects that spend months in silence and solitude. Likewise, it is a good time for us to spend time considering how God is nudging us to be spiritually transformed.

Your servant Pastor,

**Pastor Keith**



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## COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

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### Lenten Sermon Topic

**“A Counter-Cultural Lent: The Disruptive Jesus”**

Wednesday Services: Soup 6:00 p.m. - Service 6:45 p.m.

**March 12 – Zion Global Methodist Church, Forest Jct.**

**“Flipping the Tables” Matthew 21:12-13**

**March 19 – Holy Family Catholic Church, Brillion**

**“The Parable of the Good Samaritan” Luke 10:25-37**

**March 26 – Faith United Methodist Church, Brillion**

**“Healing on the Sabbath” Luke 13:10-17**

**April 2 – Brillion Community Church, Brillion**

**“The First Shall Be Last” Matthew 20:1-16**

**April 9 – Peace United Church of Christ, Brillion**

**“Take Up Your Cross - The Ultimate Disruption”  
Matthew 16:24-26**

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Good Friday Service: Soup 12:00 p.m. - Service 12:45 p.m.

**April 18 – Peace Evangelical & Reformed Church, Potter**

**“Love That Comes Too Soon” Romans 5:6-8**

The host church will receive 50% of offerings collected at these services, and 50% will be given to the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry in Brillion.

## Those Who Serve Us

### Communion Sunday, March 2

Communion Steward - Alissa Popp  
 Greeters - Ken Behnke  
 Acolytes - Emily Horn & Parent  
 Song Leaders - Kathy Brockmann & Alissa Popp  
 Children's Message - Pastor Keith  
 Counters - Team 5

Song Leaders - Kathy Brockmann & Alissa Popp  
 Children's Message - Kathy Brockmann  
 Counters - Team 1

### Casual Sunday, March 9

Greeters - Debbie Kocourek  
 Acolytes - Logan Woolgar & Parent  
 Children's Message -  
 Counters - Team 6

### Children's Choir, Sunday, March 23

Greeters - Arlan Behnke  
 Acolytes - Cindy VanHandel  
 Liturgist - John Gulley  
 Song Leader - Amy Riemer-Hermans  
 Children's Message - Darron Lattomus  
 Counters - Team 2



### Casual Sunday, March 30

Greeters - Dianne Behnke  
 Acolytes - Reegan & Rylee Woodard  
 Children's Message -  
 Counters - Team 3

### Food Pantry Sunday, March 16

Greeters - Blain & Sally Keuer  
 Acolytes - Sharon Kresl & Lynn Gauger  
 Liturgist - Darron Lattomus

## March Birthdays



3/1 John Hassemer	3/15 Joseph Larsen	3/25 Shelby Edinger
3/2 Jean Kiekhaefer	3/16 Bryan Geiger	3/26 Rylee Woodard
3/3 Roger Matzke	3/17 Bethany Schambureck	3/27 Jessica Hassemer
3/6 Carson Miller	3/17 Kenna Stodola	3/27 Steven Michael
3/6 Nicholas Vertz	3/20 Katrina Hermans	3/27 Olivia Rukamp
3/7 Daniel Horn	3/21 Kristen Reichardt	3/28 Nancy Geiger
3/8 Chad Stodola	3/22 Cyle Gilbertson	3/28 Wyatt Kalies
3/10 Nora Gallagher	3/22 Nicole Vertz	3/28 Bailey Woolgar
3/13 Daniel Kuchenbecker	3/24 Daniel Kocourek	3/30 Joan Herring
3/14 Dale Edinger	3/24 Dylan Schwartz	3/30 Melanie Meulemans
3/15 Bryce Edinger	3/25 Robert Belanger	

## March Anniversaries

3/3 Kenneth & Kay Behnke
3/11 Frank & Amy Riemer-Hermans
3/21 Nick & Anne Miller
3/31 Shawn & Nicole Calaway





# Easter Flowers

Easter Flowers will be available for you to purchase In Memory of or In Honor of our loved ones again this year. **Please do not put this in the offering plate.** Please fill out the form below, attach payment and place it in **Joie and Jennifer’s church mailbox**. Thank you in advance for the beautiful flowers that will decorate Faith UMC!



**Order forms must be turned by Sunday, March 23, 2025.**



<u>Choice of Easter Flowers</u>	<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Colors Available (Please Circle Color Choice)</u>
Single Lilies	\$ 13.50	White
Mums	\$ 13.00	Yellow, White, Pink or Purple
Azaleas	\$ 25.00	Pink or Variegated
Hydrangeas	\$ 37.00	Blue or Pink

Purchased By: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle payment type:**      *Cash*      *Check*      **Check Number:** \_\_\_\_\_



Would you like to truly make a difference in someone’s life? The Calumet County Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is looking for volunteers. We are in need of volunteers to:

- Take people to appointments
- Delivering meals for Meals on Wheels to the homebound.
- Assisting the dining center manager with various tasks, such as, packaging meals for Meals on Wheels, serving congregate participants, setting and clearing the tables

We do offer volunteer drivers mileage reimbursement at the federal rate at \$0.70 cents per mile with a minimum of \$7.00 for a trip of 10 miles or less. Meals on Wheels volunteers also receive an optional \$0.35 per stop after the first stop. If you feel like this is something you would like to do, please contact Jodi Kautzer, Calumet County ADRC Volunteer Coordinator at (920) 849-1451 ext. 4304 for more information.

The Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive has begun and will continue through March 21st. We have 2 boxes in the narthex for your donations. The hygiene drive partners with the community to help stock the shelves of 121 homeless and crisis programs in 20 Wisconsin communities. The goal of the program is to supply a year’s worth of products to each agency. Donations remain in the community where they come from. The most needed items are: cleaning supplies, feminine needs, bathroom tissue, diapers, baby care, hair care, textured hair care, deodorant, dental care, lotion, laundry soap, trash bags, paper towels, soap, razors. Help ease the financial strain on The Salvation Army of Calumet County, Open Cupboard Food Pantry, and St. Vincent de Paul in Brillion, Hilbert, and New Holstein!



# Winter Warm-Up Fest



Whether you donated a raffle basket or two, donated food or money for the meal, donated your time, donated baked goods, bought popcorn, purchased a ticket for lunch, bid on a basket, or attended the worship service, the Winter Warm Up Fest committee thanks you for making the 2025 fest a HUGE success. We could not have done it without you!

Thank you!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>March</h1>						1
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Communion Sunday 10:00 am  Coffee Hour to follow worship to meet Pastor Keith	CORR 1:00 pm		Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 pm			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Casual Sunday 10:00 am Coffee Hour to follow worship  Daylight Saving Time begins		Free Community Meal 4:30-6:00 pm	Soup and Substance at Zion Global Methodist Church 6:00 pm	Finance Meeting 6:00 pm  Church Council 6:30 pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Adult Choir, Food Pantry Sunday 10:00 am	Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm  		Soup and Substance at Holy Family Church 6:00 pm			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship Service 10:00 am with Children's Choir			Soup and Substance at Faith UMC 6:00 pm	Mission & Outreach Meeting 6:30 pm		
30	31	 <h1>2025</h1>				
Casual Service 10:00 am						