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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Sunday School 6:45 A.M.</i></p> <p><i>Worship Service 11 A.M.</i></p>					<p>1 World Day of Prayer Gateway to Grace Church 11:00 A.M.. Lunch to follow</p>	2
3	4	5	<p>6 UMW-1:15 Choir sings at WCCCC Ash Wednesday Service at 5:30 P.M.</p>	7	8	9
<p>10 Children Sing Basket Dinner/Ad. Co 12:00 p.m.</p>	11	12	<p>13 Children Choir-3:30 Prairie Village—11:00</p>	14	15	16
<p>17 </p>	18	19	<p>20 No Children's Choir Practice—Spring Break Prairie Village—11:00</p>	21	22	23
24	25	26	<p>27 Choir Practice—3:30 Prairie Village—11:00</p>	28	29	30
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Jesus Reached Out.....John 6:32-40

Sometimes life gets busy—classes are hard, work is exhausting, the bathroom needs to be cleaned, and a coffee date is on the day's schedule. It gets to the point where I force myself to read the Bible for a few minutes a day. And tell myself I'll spend more time with God next week. But It doesn't take long before I'm distracted, drowning in the day's tasks, and forget to ask God for help of any kind.

When Peter was walking on water toward Jesus, he quickly became distracted by the wind and waves. Like me, he began to sink. But as soon as Peter cried out, "immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him".

I often feel as if I have to make it up to God after being so busy and distracted that I lose sight of Him. But that's not how God works. As soon as we turn to Him for help, Jesus reaches out without hesitation.

When we're unsettled by the chaos of life, it's easy to forget that God is standing in the middle of the storm with us. Jesus asked Peter, "Why did you doubt?" No matter what we're going through, He is there. He is here. Next to us at that moment, in this moment, ready to reach out and rescue us.

Lord, help me to turn to You in the midst of my busyness and life's distractions. Thank You for always being here, ready to catch me. — Julie Schwab

Pastor's Page

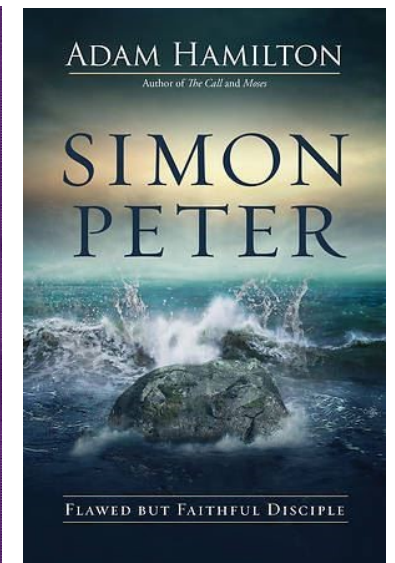
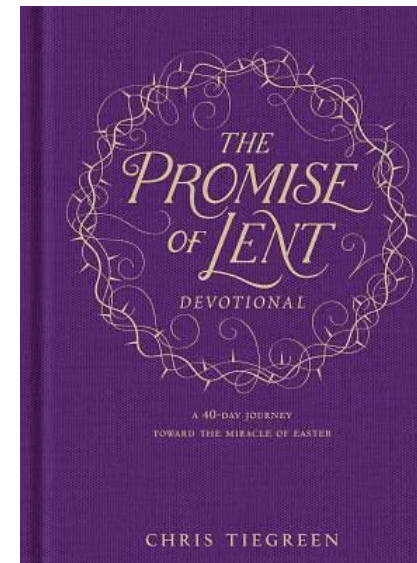
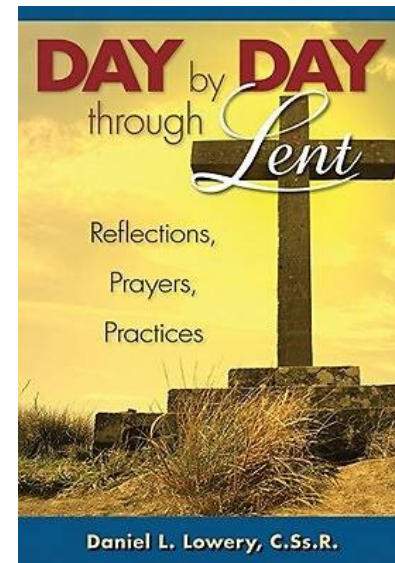
What a great year 2019 has been! God shows us how we can serve Him in so many inspired ways. You should always be on the look out for ways to bring God into a conversation. Sheryl and I have met so many people over the last 4 months including doctors, nurses, hospital staff, and other patients and families it has been amazing.

Sheryl and I found out what we already suspected that when you hear the saying "these people are the salt" they had to have been standing in Wallace County! The love and support Sheryl and I have received is beyond imagination. From card, meals, visitation, calls, texts, gifts, and financial support we feel so blessed that we can't even put into words!! Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

The 40 days of Lent are a special time for self-evaluation. Take off your rose-colored glasses and take a hard look at the person in the mirror. Do you like what you see, is your faith "room" temperature, are you following the right path, can you do a better job for God? Now is a great time to get back on God's path and do the very best you can do for Him.

"You must be willing to follow if you want God to lead!"

Here are a few good books to read for the Lent season.



We Love You All!

Pastor Galen

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019



Service committee
(Funeral, Wedding and Church Dinners)
Kathy McDaniel, Chairman
Wanda Funk
Peggy Fischer
Barb Van Laeys
Debbie Rains
Candice Van Allen



METour
Mission Education Tour
Sponsored by United Methodist Women
June 1st—June 11th
Open to young women in the Great Plains
Conference ages 15-20
Register by April 1st



CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

SHAMROCK

St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, "Is this one leaf, or three?" Inevitable, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons—the Holy Trinity.



World Day of Prayer 2019

Friday, March 1, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.

At Gateway to Grace Church

Luncheon will follow the program

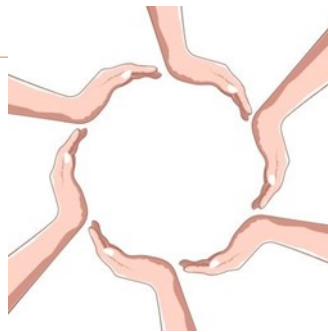
Everyone invited to attend.

The host country for WDP 2019 is Slovenia.

The focus is on Jesus' parable of the Great

Dinner (in Luke 14-15-24) with the theme

"Come— Everything is Ready".



STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN

Lent, the season for the church year that's associated with repentance, begins on Ash Wednesday (March 6 this year). While some people deny themselves by giving up something for Lent, others prepare for Easter through special Bible studies or devotions.

Christians observe Lent for these reasons:

It causes us to **STOP**. Lent say, "Stop and rest awhile," as well as "Stop doing wrong."

It tells us to **LOOK**. Look inward for an honest self-examination. Look upward to see the cross of Christ offering healing and love. Look forward to the hope of the Resurrection.

It tells us to **LISTEN**. Listen to the words of Christ. Listen to the voice of God. Listen to the winds of the Spirit of God.

Stop, look and listen. These three words aren't only important for our safety in travel; they're also helpful for our journey through the 40 days of Lent.