



# *The church* **Messenger**

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | MARCH 2024

## **Last Supper Drama**

On Thursday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. the Storm Lake United Methodist Church will present an original dramatic presentation of Jesus' last meal with his disciples. The drama is titled *"The Truth Will Set You Free"*. Through music, scripture, and dialogue the drama explores the power that only God can give people to rise above the chaos of everyday living. Watch as Jesus breaks the chains that bind the disciples to heavy burdens. Jesus wants to set each of us free to live with a peace and joy the world cannot understand. Jesus called it "abundant life" in John 3:16.

The drama depicts a sad and solemn night, but it also delivers a message of hope, comfort, and love. Please plan to attend this inspiring event. It is a free gift offered to the entire community, so invite friends to join you.



## **Church Events**

**March 6, 2024**

1:30 pm Women in Mission

**March 7, 2024**

6pm Last Supper Drama Rehearsal

**March 9, 2024**

11am International Women's Day Celebration

**March 14, 2024**

6pm Last Supper Drama Rehearsal

**March 15, 2024**

Blood Drive

**March 22-23, 2024**

Confirmation Lock-in @ Church

**March 24, 2024**

*Palm Sunday-Sunday School Kids Sing*

**March 25, 2024**

4pm Dress Rehearsal for Last Supper Drama

**March 28, 2024**

7:30pm Last Supper Drama

**March 31, 2024**

10am Easter Worship

# Pastor's Pen



Greetings in the strong name of our Lord,

February has just ended. It has been referred to as Black History. I would like to share some background information about Black History. What is it? Why do we celebrate it? I should have included this article in last month's Messenger.

What do you know about Black History and when did it begin? In general, Black history, in terms of skin color alone, began in the continent of Africa about 60,000 years ago. The earliest humans are thought to have had dark skin as a means of protecting their bodies from intensive sunlight. It is believed that all Homo sapiens are descended from common ancestors who originated in Africa.

Modern African Americans are descended from ancestors in West and Central Africa who were transported as slaves to the USA and other Western countries. In that sense, the history of modern-day Black Americans is firmly rooted in African societies that have now developed into sovereign countries.

## Modern Black History

When things like modern Black music, art, literature, and a general distinctive culture came about, was a result of an amalgamation between African heritage and the cultural features of the countries their ancestors were transported to.

What are the 4 Major Movements of African American History? While the whole of Black history is important and impactful, certain movements stand out as particularly fascinating and progressive, helping society arrive at the point of acceptance that it has today.

## Abolitionist Movement

Contrary to popular belief, the abolitionist movement began well before the input of Abraham Lincoln in the 1800s. As early as 1688, German Quakers living in colonial America issued their own petition to end slavery. It was then carried forward from then by evangelical colonists who saw slavery as an affront to the humanitarian dynamics of Christianity. During the Revolutionary War against the UK, all existing states outlawed international slave trading, and northern states of the Union abolished slavery entirely during the intervening years between the Civil War.

Southern states refused to do the same and the Civil War evolved to largely become concerned with the ending of slavery, with the Republican North led by Lincoln. The Emancipation Proclamation was announced in 1863 upon the end of the Civil War, abolishing slavery across the entirety of the USA.

## Underground Railroad

Around the same time as Lincoln came to prominence, the Underground Railroad was formed. The Railroad wasn't a highly organized, country-level organization but rather many individual small groups of abolitionist sympathizers that would work to free slaves in the South and transport them to the North. The process would involve identifying a slave in the South and then sending someone to pick them up once they had escaped. The free person would then be relayed across the country by a series of helpers until they reached their final destination. Often, this was Canada where they would be less at risk of being

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kidnapped and re-enslaved, but for some states such as Louisiana, a southern route to Mexico was easier.

### Civil Rights Movement

The Civil Rights movement started in 1954 when protests and action against structural racism in the USA became a widely adopted strategy to fight for Black rights. After the Civil War, Black people were made free from enslavement and given some equal rights. However, as time progressed, racist sentiments remained and began influencing social attitudes against non-White people.

Segregation became the norm and the Jim Crow laws were adopted wholeheartedly in the southern states. Key figures came to prominence in this era, such as Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, as focal points for the fight for true racial equality. This ended in 1968 with the passing of various civil rights acts which outlawed things like segregation in schools. However, struggles against racism remained after this time and still exist today.

### Black Lives Matter

The Black Lives Matter movement began in 2013 after Trayvon Martin, a Black teenager, was killed by George Zimmerman, a white male. Zimmerman was acquitted of all charges which caused uproar in Black communities and beyond at what was perceived as an unacceptable response to a racially motivated killing. This movement took off on social media and was used as a way to bring attention to the everyday struggles Black Americans go through in life. It swelled into protests over further court rulings surrounding White people killing Black people and eventually became an official organization. It has been compared to the Civil Rights movement for its motivations and tactics.

Americans have recognized Black history

annually since 1926, first as “Negro History Week” and later as “Black History Month”. What you might not know is that Black history had barely begun to be studied or even documented when the tradition originated. Although Black people have been in America at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the history books.

### Black People Absent from History Books

We owe the celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of Black history, to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Born to parents who were former slaves, he spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age twenty. He graduated within two years and later went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard. The scholar was disturbed to find in his studies that history books largely ignored the Black American population when Black people did figure into the picture, it was generally in ways that reinforced the inferior social position they were assigned at the time.

### Established Journal of Negro History

Woodson, always one to act on his ambitions, decided to take on the challenge of writing Black Americans back into the nation’s history. He established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915, and a year later founded the widely respected Journal of Negro History. In 1926, he launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of Black people throughout American history. Woodson chose the second week of February for Negro History Week because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the Black American population, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. However, February has much more than Douglass and Lincoln to show for its significance in Black American history. For example:

February 23, 1868:

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W. E. B. DuBois, important civil rights leader and co-founder of the NAACP, was born.

February 3, 1870:  
The 15th Amendment was passed, granting Black people the right to vote.

February 25, 1870:  
The first Black U.S. senator, Hiram R. Revels (1822–1901), took his oath of office.

February 12, 1909:  
The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded by a group of concerned Black and white citizens in New York City.

February 1, 1960:  
In what would become a civil-rights movement milestone, a group of Black Greensboro, N.C., college students began a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter. We all know about Martin Luther King Jr's involvement. I must mention that many white people were also involved in this.

February 21, 1965:  
Malcolm X, the militant leader who promoted Black Nationalism, was shot to death by three Black Muslims.

August of 1964–1976  
Bishop James Samuel Thomas became the first black bishop of the North Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. He was assigned to Iowa where he served three terms.

August of 1992 – 2000  
Bishop Charles Wesley Jordan was assigned to Iowa. He served two terms.

August of 2000 – 2008  
Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer was assigned to Iowa where he served two terms.

August of 2008 – 2016  
Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble was assigned to Iowa where he served two terms.

January of 2022  
Bishop Kennetha J. Bigham-Tsai was the first black woman assigned to Iowa.

September 01, 2020  
Bishop Laurie Haller appointed pastor Kiboko Innocent Kiboko. Storm Lake UMC members were forced to listen in tongues. Members of this church are being introduced to a new style of preaching and worshipping.

From my heart ♥ to yours.....  
Pastor Kiboko

## Churches Led by Sibling Pastors Build Intercultural Community Fueled by Foundation Support



Two pastors in different U.S. states – siblings who grew up in The Congo Central Conference of the United Methodist Church – have a connection to the Foundation for Evangelism through evangelistic ministry recognition and grant support. The churches they pastor are building evangelistic intercultural ministry that are reaching out and inviting their communities into relationship with Jesus Christ.

For full story go to:  
[foundationforevangelism.org/2024/02/13/churches-led-by-sibling-pastors-build-intercultural-community-fueled-by-foundation-support/](https://foundationforevangelism.org/2024/02/13/churches-led-by-sibling-pastors-build-intercultural-community-fueled-by-foundation-support/)



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Celebrating a birthday 80 years and above for March:**

Joan Lund	03/27
Susan Thompson	03/01
Aletha Stephan	03/29
Arvid Baughman	03/31
Paul Havens	03/14
Wayne Stark	03/29

**Celebrating anniversaries of 25 years and more for March:**

*If you are not listed on the birthdays or anniversaries list, it is because we do not have the information in our records. Please contact the office if you would like to be included.*

## VOLUNTEERS Needed

**Greeters/Ushers for Sundays:** Greet people as they come in and help with passing the offering plate.



Scuba Vacation Bible Camp will be held June 24-28th, 2024.

Vacation Bible Camp is in need of someone to organize the program for the 3-4 year olds, and also teachers for this age group.

Please contact Joan Rude at 732-5458 if you are interested in helping with this program.

## PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

- Family & friends of Lois Bosworth

### PRAYER FOR THE GRIEVING

Lord, you know those who are hurting right now. We know you care because you are our Heavenly Father. God, I thank you for giving us comfort when we hurt. Help us remember we are not alone as we grieve. Help us cling to You when we feel despair and we miss those we have lost. Father, show us how to take refuge in You when our hearts are shattered. We know you understand. So we lift up each person reading this right now. Comfort them. We pray this in Your Son's precious and Holy name. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Kim Piercy	Dan Bogaard
Virginia Carlson	Dexter Meseck
John Nichols	Drew Havens
Connor Hansen	Sondi Raveling
Jesse Mayfield	Karen Salmen
Cass (Meyer) Loesche	Lance Bellinghausen
Kermit Tolzin	Marlen Gasner
Jenny Brouwer Allen	David Walker
Beu Schmidt	Jewel Dierwechter
Steph Quick	Melva Bainbridge
Sherise Ellis	Carol Prichard
Donna Blom	Tyler Crandal
Coleen Baughman	Barb Seiler
Lori Hermsted	Barb Hadenfeldt
Rachel Neuroth	Deb Richardson
Rob North	Harold North
Wayne Stark	Kathy Wadsley
Olivia Lyman	Corey Peterson
Judy (Polly's cousin)	
All who are affected by COVID 19	

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

*Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love! In Jesus' name. Amen!*

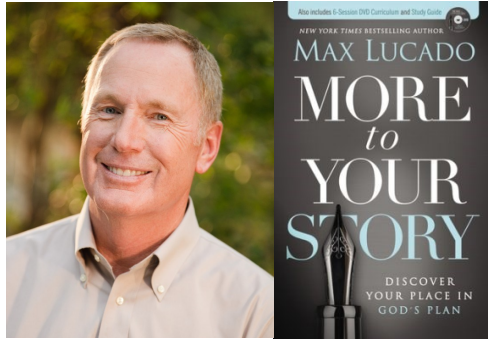
# Church Library News

## March 2024

Roxanne is on vacation again this month, so no Library News.

### Adult Bible Study Class to Begin

Melva Bainbridge will be offering a six week video based Bible Study on a Max Lucado book titled "More to Your Story".



In this book Max Lucado guides you through the events of the New Testament to show you that there's more to your story than you ever imagined. When you realize you are part of God's story, your life has purpose, you recognize your value, and you discover your unique path.

The class will meet from 9:00-9:45 a.m. on Sundays in the conference room in the office area. The class will meet on the following dates: March 10, 17, 24, and April 7, 14, 28. In the event of bad weather the class will be cancelled. If you're interested in taking this class the study book is available in the church office.

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You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



**IN THE FAMILY**  
**love**  
IS SPELLED  
**TIME**

**Family Corner**  
**Appreciation**  
**Night**

Moses probably led about two million Israelites in the desert. God provided them with food, a white flaky substance called manna. You can read about this in Exodus 16:13-31. The people were only to gather enough manna for one day. God was helping his people learn that He would supply their needs each day.



The youth wish to thank everyone who attended or donated to the benefit dinner for Jenny Brouwer Allen. Special thanks also to all the women in our church who made cakes or desserts for this event.

Help your children understand that God will supply their needs. Pray with your child about one specific need that he or she is concerned about. Pray this prayer for a whole week. Keep track how God answers that prayer.



Please join us!



**INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S DAY  
CELEBRATION**



**Saturday, March 9**

**Storm Lake United Methodist Church**  
East Entrance



**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Methodist Basement**






- Health Information Stations & Prizes

**Starting at Noon | Methodist Family Life Center**

- Program Celebrating Women
- Pacific Islander Dancers
- Dancers & Songs Representing Various Cultures

**HELP US INSPIRE AN INCLUSIVE WORLD FOR WOMEN!**

# March 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>Women in Mission</b> <b>Youth Activities</b> <b>Committee Meetings</b> <b>UMM</b>					<b>1</b>  Pastors Day Off	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>  <b>8:30 Confirmation Class</b>  <b>9 AM Sunday School</b>  <b>10am Worship w/ Communion</b>	<b>4</b>  10am Exercise Class in FLC  4pm Food Dist.  4:30pm NOW Rehearsal	<b>5</b>  9:30am Staff Meeting  <b>3:30-ZONE</b>	<b>6</b>  10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place  1:30-Women in Mission <b>3:30-ZONE</b> 5:00-Bells <b>6:00-JH Youth</b> 6:00-Lent Wrshp 7:00-YG Meal	<b>7</b>  1:30pm Chapel @ Otsego Place  6pm Last Supper Rehearsal	<b>8</b>  Pastors Day Off	<b>9</b>  <b>7:30am UMM</b>  11am International Women's Conf.
<b>10</b>   <b>8:30 Confirmation Class</b>  <b>9 AM SS &amp; Bible Study</b>  <b>10am Worship w/ Bells &amp; Baptism &amp; Scout Sunday</b>	<b>11</b>  10am Exercise Class in FLC  4pm Food Dist  4:30pm NOW Rehearsal  <b>5:30pm Finance</b>	<b>12</b>  9:30am Staff Meeting  <b>3:30-ZONE</b>	<b>13</b>  10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place  <b>3:30-ZONE</b> 5:00-Bells <b>6:00-JH Youth</b> 6pm Worship <b>7:00-YG Meal</b> 7:30-HS Youth	<b>14</b>  <b>9:30am-3:30pm Easter Card Making</b>  <b>5:30 SPRC</b>  6pm Last Supper Rehearsal	<b>15</b>  Pastors Day Off  1pm Church Decorating for Easter  9am-12pm Blood Drive 	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>   <b>8:30 Confirmation Class</b>  <b>9am SS &amp; Bible Study</b>  <b>10am Worship w/ NOW Singers</b>	<b>18</b>  <i>President's Day</i>  10am Exercise Class in FLC  3pm Pastor @ Otsego Place  4pm Food Dist.  <b>7pm Trustees</b>	<b>19</b>  9:30am Staff Meeting  <b>3:30-ZONE</b>  	<b>20</b>  10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place  <b>3:30-ZONE</b> 5:00-Bells <b>6:00-JH Youth</b> 6pm Worship <b>7:00-JHYG Meal</b> 7:30-HS Youth @ FCA	<b>21</b>  1:30pm Chapel @ Otsego Place  <b>7pm Ad Council</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>5:00pm Confirmation Class Lock-in</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>Confirmation Class Lock-in until 4pm</b>
<b>24</b>   <b>8:30 Confirmation Class</b>  <b>9am SS &amp; Bible Study</b>  <b>10am Worship</b>  <b>4-5pm Dress Rehearsal for Last Supper Drama</b>	<b>25</b>  10am Exercise Class in FLC  4pm Food Dist.	<b>26</b>  9:30am Staff Meeting  <b>3:30-ZONE</b>	<b>27</b>  10am Hymn Sing @ Otsego Place  <b>3:30-ZONE</b> 5:00-Bells <b>6:00-JH Youth</b> 6pm Worship <b>7:00-YG Meal</b> 7:30-HS Youth	<b>28</b>  <b>4:30pm Missions</b>  <b>7:30pm Last Supper Drama</b>	<b>29</b>  	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>  <b>10am Worship</b>						



# LifeServe Blood Drive

**March 15, 2024 @ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**



Appointments are Required  
/Photo I.D. Required  
Schedule your appointment online at  
[www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org) or call  
800.287.4903

Location: United Methodist Church Family Life  
Center, 211 E. 3rd Street, Storm Lake, IA

## Thank you for giving to God!

Attendance	Online	
02/04	Sun.-147	305
02/11	Sun.-136	230
02/18	Sun.-142	219
02/25	Sun.-169	362

## WOMEN IN MISSION

Women in Mission will meet Wednesday, March 6th at 1:30pm in Rm. 104. ALL women are welcome. In case of bad weather, we will reschedule to March 13th.

A volunteer is needed each 3rd Friday of the month to supply snacks for the Life Serve crew. They greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness. If interested, please call Pam Milbrandt.

## Church Decorating for Easter

We will be meeting Friday, March 15th at 1:00 p.m. to decorate the church for Easter. All are welcome!

## UMM

Our next meeting will be March 9th at 7:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center and is open to anyone who wishes to join us in Christian Fellowship.

Hope to see you—Dale Carver

### 3rd Sunday in Lent—Mar. 3

1 Corinthians 1:18-25/John 2:13-22

### 4th Sunday in Lent—Mar. 10

Ephesians 2:1-10/John 3:14-21

### 5th Sunday in Lent—Mar. 17

Hebrews 5:5-10/John 12:20-33

### Palm Sunday—Mar. 24

Philippians 2:5-11/Mark 14:1-15; 47

### Easter Sunday—Mar. 31

1 Corinthians 15:1-11/John 20:1-18



venmo

Our church is now set up for ON-LINE GIVING! If you would like to donate to our church, you may do it by going to Venmo and search for @StormLake-UMC!

## Office Hours

Monday - 9:00 am—3:00 pm  
Tuesday - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Wed. - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Thursday - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Friday - 9:00 am—1:00 pm

## Easter Card Making

Easter card making requires no previous experience. Come and join us on Thursday, March 14, from 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. in Rooms 104 & 105. All are welcome. Have a good time together and make something for someone else at the same time!! Please bring a scissor, glue, and a friend. Everything else provided.

### Items Needed:

- Any Holiday used cards.
- Paper napkins needed for funerals.

(Please put in the box next to the alter in Room #104. Thank you.)

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Mark your calendars for October 1st. The Watoto Choir will be performing here at Storm Lake United Methodist Church.

