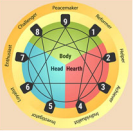


- \*DOXOLOGY UMH #94  
*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*
- \*OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Shon
- \*CLOSING HYMN UMH #159  
*Lift High the Cross*
- \*BENEDICTION Rev. Shon
- POSTLUDE Carol Prindle



### Spiritual Formation Group

A new group is forming to support your spiritual growth and introduce the Enneagram as a tool for reflection and making a Spiritual Autobiography.  
Every Friday, 2 pm  
Please contact the Pastor if interested.




## Pray thru Lent

You are invited to a Prayer Vigil with "Show Me the Way" by Henri Nouwen during Lent  
Weekdays 7-7:30am or 12-12:30pm

**We are launching a contest to create an original T-shirt design, logo, and slogan!**


**We need your artistic spirit to help us visualize who we are in service. This isn't just a shirt—it's a powerful tool for evangelism and a way to wear our faith out in the community!**

*Reach out to Susie Goldsmith to share your ideas*

### Dinner Church

**Wednesday's—5:30-6:30 PM**  
**EVERYONE is welcome!**



**REQUEST: Dessert Items**  
(Homemade or storebought cookies, cakes, bars, etc.)  
**Volunteers** Sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FAAAC2AAAFBC16-47489118-dinner> or scan the QR above. User Name//Password not required. Contact Marcia Hagen or Charlene Galston for questions.  
**Menu this week: Soft Shell Beef Tacos with Condiments: Tomato Salsa, Onion, Lettuce, Cheese, Black Beans, Spanish Rice, Fruit and Dessert**

### Mission Trip Opportunity:

The Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church is organizing a mission trip to Bayfield to support the Red Cliff Tribe, **June 21–27**. Volunteers are needed for home repairs, light construction, and cleanup. Housing and meals are provided; bring your own cot or air mattress. Cost is \$150. If you'd like more information or to join the team, please contact **Charlene Galston at 715-896-9055**  
**By March 1st**

*Can we collect 280 pounds of food in 28 days?*

**As of Feb 22nd, our total was 200.5 pounds!**

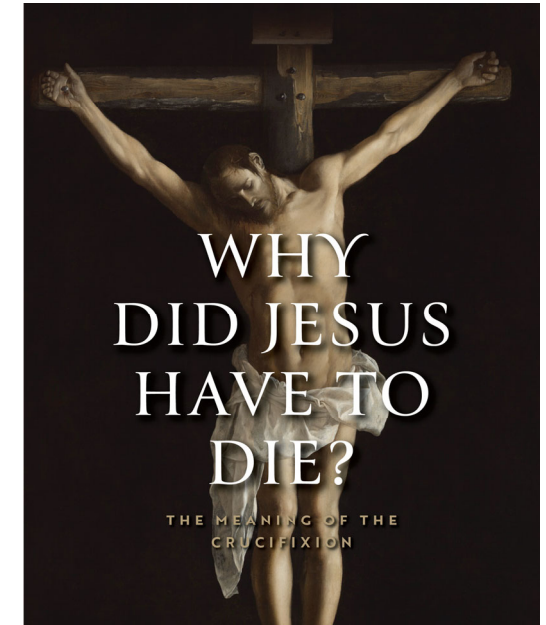
*Please continue to put donations in the cart by the front door*

Ushers: Jim & Carol Hornby  
Fellowship: Judy Sheppard

### Upcoming Meetings

Mon	Mar 2	United Women of Faith	5:30 pm
Sun	Mar 8	Men's Group	10:15 am

## Black River Falls United Methodist Church



**UMC Mission Statement:**  
*"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\* Indicates, please stand if able.*

Second Sunday in Lent      March 1, 2026 9 AM

Liturgist: Tom Epps

PRELUDE

Carol Prindle

### INVITATION AND GATHERING

#### \*CALL to WORSHIP

L: Children of God, in Lent we remember that our salvation is an unearned gift, that new life is a matter of faith, not of works.

**P: We gather to lay down the burden of trying to earn our salvation.**

L: Like Nicodemus, who met Jesus in the dark of night, we struggle to accept that new life is not just possible but given as a free gift of grace.

**P: We gather to bring our struggles into the light and embrace God's grace with open arms.**

L: Like Paul writing to the Romans, we remember God's promise of new life has always rested on grace.

**P: We gather to receive the promise of salvation by grace through faith.**

L: Like the many who have followed, questioned, and grown in the faith, we submit ourselves to be formed by grace as we work out our salvation day by day.

**P: We gather as people guided by the promise of new life, a promise fulfilled by Christ, whose path we follow. Amen.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Lord of light and love, your Spirit enlivens our spirits, even as your kingdom draws us to you. May we be born from above, that our souls might ascend to your realm and taste the joy of eternal life in your name. For you sent your Son into our world, not to condemn the world, but that all who enter into his light we might have life, and have it abundantly. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

#### \* OPENING HYMN

UMH #295

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

### PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Gracious We live fractured lives, and God seeks not to punish us for those faults and fault lines, but to reconcile and restore us. Trusting in God's grace and mercy, let us then make our confession together, first in silent prayer...**

*Unison Prayer*

**Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us.**

**Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have neglected the cries of others, forgive us.**

**Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us.**

**Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and embrace your call in Christ. Amen.**

### WORDS of ASSURANCE

Just as the wind blows where it will, God's Spirit moves in our world, calling us into ever deeper life with Christ. Hear and claim this good news. It is freely given.

### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**As disciples of Christ, we are born of the Spirit and offered a heritage that no one can take away. Share the joy and peace of life in Christ by greeting those around you in the name of the one who came to save us in holy love.**

### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In Unison)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

#### SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17

**<sup>8</sup>Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. <sup>9</sup>The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground —trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.**

**<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup>but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."**

John 1:1-5, 14

**<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

1 Corinthians 15:22, 45

**<sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive . . . <sup>45</sup>So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.**

#### \*HYMN

TFWS #2130

*The Summons (vs. 1-3-5)*

#### MESSAGE

Rev. Shon

*Lift High the Cross*

### THANKSGIVING & SENDING FORTH

#### HOLY COMMUNION

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Through this invitation to share our gifts, we acknowledge that God has blessed us abundantly, and that we are to be a blessing to the world. In the very act of giving, in every act of bestowing blessings on another, we find that we are blessed yet again. I encourage you now to enter fully into this amazing cycle of blessing.