

EASTER BLOOMS

The Worship Committee will be taking orders for Easter Blooms on March 29-Today.

These flowers will grace the altar on Easter Sunday. Bloom varieties and prices are available on the information table in the gathering area. Blooms may be purchased in memory or in honor of a loved one.



Spring is (almost) here!



Hilltop Garden first meeting will be **Wednesday, April 1**, following Dinner Church.

We'll finalize plans for the Boys and Girls Club planting day and the Earth Day presentation at the LLC Hub. We'll also begin planning 2026 projects, including bed replacements, soil upgrades, planting dates, and community event ideas.

Do You Yearn for a New Day for Your Church?

Breakthrough Prayer Training Initiative

April 11th, 10am-3pm
St. Paul's UMC
Stevens Point

Register by April 6th
Scan the QR code for
more information



Coffee & Fellowship

We'd love to have you join us for coffee and fellowship in the gathering area after worship today. Come enjoy good conversation and a warm welcome —

Everyone is invited!



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: Cashew Chicken Casserole, Lettuce Salad, Fruit & Dessert

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

United Women in Faith Social Action Day Watch Party

How Congregations Are Responding to Immigration Issues

Saturday, April 11, from **9:00 a.m.—Noon** in the **sanctuary**
The event will be held via Zoom, and **all are welcome** to join!
Registration forms and program details are available at the **Information Station** in the **Gathering Area**. **Registrations are due April 6**, but walk-ins are welcome.
For more information, contact **Luane at 715-299-1539**

Social Action Day
2026



Holy Week Schedule
Maundy Thursday April 2nd 6pm
Good Friday Reflection April 3rd 6pm
Easter Celebration Service April 5th 9am
Congregation Picture April 5th after worship

Ushers: Zenz Family
Fellowship: Suzi & Ella Goldsmith

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.*

Palm Sunday March 29, 2026 9 AM

Liturgist: Chuck Devendorf

PRELUDE

Carol Prindle

INVITATION AND GATHERING

*CALL to WORSHIP

L: Give thanks to God, who is truly good.

P: Hosanna in the highest!

L: Praise Christ, whose love abounds with grace.

P: Hosanna in the highest!

L: Welcome the Spirit with songs of praise.

P: Hosanna in the highest!

*OPENING PRAYER

Christ of both celebration and sorrow, be with us in our time of worship today and in the week ahead. Help us embrace the fullness of your story, both the triumph and the tragedy. Strengthen us to proclaim blessing and hope, no matter the circumstances, that we may be children of your promise, both now and forevermore. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

UMH #278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Let us confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of stress.

O God, we sing and praise you, happy of heart and strong of spirit, when we are among others who praise you too.

But in times of stress, we seek scapegoats to be targets for our anger. We betray those we love and who have loved us, and we turn against you, too busy to seek you, too selfish to obey you. Your compassion is without bounds, O God, for you forgive us again and again. You restore us to a right spirit and bring us together to worship you again. God of steadfast love, teach us how to be steadfast; through Jesus

Christ, we pray. Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Though we are a fickle people, God loves and redeems us through Jesus Christ. Feel the power of redeeming love. In Jesus' Christ, we are forgiven. AMEN.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Blessed are you, for you come in God's name. Let's share signs of blessing and love as we pass the peace of Christ on this holy day.

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

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to

come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. ²⁸ "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Ephesians 5:1-2

¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Galatians 2:19-21

¹⁹ "For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

*HYMN

UMH #288

Were You There

MESSAGE

Rev. Shon

Were You There?

- Moved by the Cross to a Cruciform Life"

THANKSGIVING & SENDING FORTH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

May Christ's values of generosity, grace, and love guide our giving of time, talent and treasure. May these values become the focus of our thoughts during this time of offering.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Shon

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH #279

Filled with Excitement

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE

Carol Prindle