

October was the Charge Conference season here in the Northern Lakes District. Churches from across the District had a chance to gather and hear D.S. Dr. Marti Lundy preach. It was a wonderful worship service and opportunity to see the Methodist connection in action.

At the end of the service, we were given a small net filled with Goldfish Crackers to help us remember the Scripture reading: John 21:1-14. You probably know this story. It's one of those great fishing tales.

The Disciples have returned to Galilee post-Resurrection. Without Jesus to guide them and teach them, they've just gone back to doing what they used to do, fish. Except they are apparently better Disciples than fishermen (which is saying something), because they cannot catch a single fish. They've been working all night with nothing to show for it.

Then a stranger calls out from the shore with some instructions on what to do. Try the other side. It's always annoying to have someone to tell you how to do your job, but as a display of how frustrated they were with the lack of a catch, these men listened. They catch so much they can barely haul it in! It's at that moment they recognize that the stranger is Jesus. Peter is so happy to see his Lord he jumps off the boat and swims to him so he's the first one there!

I personally have always loved this story. For me, the big takeaway, the thing I always remember, is that you need an outside perspective. That sometimes we need someone to shout at us to try something different.

We can get really wrapped up in the way we do things. Maybe it's the way we have always done things and it always worked in the past. Maybe it's the first way that came to mind, so let's just go with it. Or maybe, we really don't know what we're doing, so we are kind of just flailing and hoping it's all going to work out.

I know I've been in every one of those positions before. Just ask Rita! My vision can get very narrowed when I'm working to the point, I fail to realize that what I'm doing isn't effective.

We need someone to shout, "Hey, try this!" When what we're doing isn't effective. When it seems like we're stuck spinning our wheels and are going nowhere. When it seems like we're not succeeding like we ought to. Then we need to have someone to offer up new advice.

That's why the Church needs each of us. Every one of us brings a new perspective to the Church Universal and Lakeville UMC. We need your ideas. We need your perspectives and experiences. No one else has them like you do, for no one else has lived your life.

We also need to be willing to take moments to listen to the Spirit. For it is easy for us to get so focused on what we're doing, we fail to hear the Spirit leading us elsewhere. The Spirit will never lead us wrong. We just need to be willing to give space and time to hear the Spirit tell us to try something different. God Bless! Pastor Ed

Disciples and Dragons Youth Group is meeting every other Sunday at 6 PM

TOPS Club meets at LUMC on Mondays, 4:00 PM, Room 206, use north east door.

Online giving is available for your convenience

Scan the QR code for the direct link.

Also, at lakevilleumc.org



Looking Ahead

Trunk or Treat – Saturday, Oct. 25, 4 - 6 PM – Here

Euchre Game Night – Saturday, Oct. 25, 6 PM

Food Pantry – Tuesday, Oct. 28, 3 – 6 PM

Daylight Saving Time Ends – Sunday, Nov. 2

All Saints Sunday – Nov. 2

UMCOR Relief Kit Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 2, 12:30 PM Grace UMC, South Bend

Disciples & Dragons Youth Group - Sunday, Nov. 2, 6 PM

Turkey Supper Meeting – Monday, Nov. 3, 7 PM

Blood Drive – Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2:30 PM – Palmer's

Ad Council Meeting – Tuesday, Nov. 4, 6:30 PM

Evangelism/Mission Meeting – Thursday, Nov. 6, 6:30 PM

Turkey Supper Ticket Sales Cut Off – Friday, Nov. 7

Shaffer Family Dinner – Saturday, Nov. 8 – Trodie Hall

Veteran's Sunday – Sunday, Nov. 9

Food Pantry – Tuesday, Nov. 11, 3 – 6 PM

Disciples & Dragons Youth Group - Sunday, Nov. 16, 6 PM

Mary Magdalene Mission Circle – Tuesday, Nov. 11, 7 PM

Turkey Supper – Thursday, Nov. 20

Euchre/Game Night – Saturday, Nov. 22, 6 PM

Hanging of the Greens – Sunday, Nov. 23

Food Pantry – Tuesday, Nov. 25, 3-6 PM

Fifth Sunday – Sunday, Nov. 30

Disciples & Dragons Youth Group -Sunday, Nov. 30, 6 PM

Food Pantry Needs: vegetable oil, dishwashing soap, ketchup, box potatoes, boxed rice side dish, ranch dressing, pancake syrup, cake mixes, frosting, baking supplies, pancake mix

Food Pantry is open to anyone in the Union North school district as well as to our church family on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 3 – 6 PM

Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule

Oct. 26 Karen Nov 2 _____ Nov 9 Varmel

Sign up at the bulletin board outside the kitchen door.

Sunday Kids Church Schedule

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