

Judean Tidings

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Pastor's Corner

With the turn into colder weather again, I am making more time for reading. Yes, you'll often find me with a cozy mystery, a best-seller or a fantasy novel, but I also read non-fiction and spiritual growth books too. And I will often run across things that are just begging to be shared. That's how I came to this month's column. I read an article entitled "Learning to See" and there was discussion about how the Holy Spirit works in our lives that I found intriguing.

The author began by talking about how as we mature, we learn little "epiphanies" that open our eyes in new ways. For example, we learn in school a pretty whitewashed version of American history. As we grow, we learn more about the abuse of the native people, the greed, and the destruction that were also a part of our history. We learn about a normal diet that includes meat and processed foods, and then learn about where some of our food comes from and how much salt and sugar are added. We learn about the words "poverty" or "foreclosure" and then come face-to-face with real people living those realities. The same is true of the Bible stories. We learn a "sanitized" version of the most popular Bible stories. Then as we mature, we dig into the Bible and find that all the human foibles are in there. And we struggle to put adultery, murder, violence and power struggles into the picture that we initially learned. It is a moving from blindness to sight. The phrase that has been given to this new level of reality is a paradigm shift.

Over our lifetimes, these paradigm shifts might cause us to seek a vocation rather than just a job. They might cause us to rethink what "family" is. And they might even challenge what we know about God.

These life-shaking moments cry out for guidance and discernment. Study/research is always required. But the author of the article points us also to our intuition. She refers to it as "being taught from within".



What intrigued me the most about the whole article was the statement that "the Spirit always comes in the back door". She says that we have too-tidy notions about how things happen or how we receive information. And the Holy Spirit laughs. And the light seeps through our cracks and into our hearts. That light can challenge us, illuminate our wrong paths, or even show us glimpses of what we can be.

We can learn to seek out the Holy Spirit's wisdom through disciplines of stillness and prayer and meditation. We can deepen our understanding through seeking out spiritual direction and have others help to discern what the Spirit is saying in our lives.

As I think of how I've experienced the Holy Spirit, I think more of the big roar of wind or flaming bush moments that make me just step back and say "That HAD to be God working!". But this article reminded me of just how often the Spirit is working through our intuition and seeping into our cracks. May you each experience the guidance that comes from the Spirit touching our lives! Happy February!

Pastor Kelly

In the Bible “Zion” is the name of the hill on which the city of Jerusalem first stood. King David’s royal palace and the temple were both built on Mount Zion. The name “Juda Zion’s Evangelical Church” was decided on when this congregation was first officially organized on Jan. 31, 1867. We have found no record of other suggested names for the church, but an imaginary conversation during the program for the church centennial in 1967 will perhaps give some insight:

Jan. 31, 1867

Rev Finger: We are hereby organized for business. We need to approve a Resolution for Incorporation.

Peter Jenny: Be it resolved that this congregation be known officially by the name of Juda Zion’s Church of the Evangelical Association of North America, in the town of Jefferson, Green County, State of Wisconsin.

Wm. Asmus: I make a motion that the resolution be adopted.

Wm. Haberman: I second the motion.

Rev. Finger: Are there any further remarks?

Wm. Hartwick: I’d like to voice my hearty approval of the name “Zion”. To me it has the sound of music in it.

Rev. Finger: It has the meaning of peace in it. Jerusalem was called Zion. It’s the city of God. It’s the place where God dwells. Any other remarks?

Fritz Matzke: The name is well chosen.

Rev. Finger: All in favor of this resolution stand on your feet and say “Praise God! Amen!” The name is adopted.

(This is an imaginary conversation, but perhaps is similar to the conversation at the 1867 meeting.)

*Thank
You
Cards*

To all parishioners – Thank you so much for thinking of me and my family and thank you for your support and continued prayers that are “lighting” my path to better health. We are so blessed to have your support. Sending all our love!

Tonya, Rustin & Leah

Thank you to everyone who is working hard to prepare our sanctuary for worship in 2019. So many made Christmas worship special with trees, lights, music, candles, and offerings. Jesus is among us and we are moving forward.

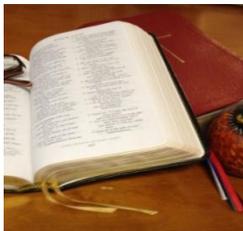
Jean Busker, Worship Committee Chair

Dear Juda Zion Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for the care package that you sent me while I was at college. The package really helped me get through finals. Also thank you for your continued support over the years. Thanks again,

Rachel McCullough

SERMON & SCRIPTURES



February 3 – Job 11:7-9 & Mark 6:1-4
– None Like Him: Infinite and Incomprehensible

February 10 – Revelation 4:11 & Acts 17:24-25 – None Like Him: Self-Existent and Self-Sufficient

February 17 – Revelation 1:8 & Hebrews 13:8 – None Like Him: Eternal and Immutable

February 24 – 1 Kings 8:27 & Psalm 139:1-4 – None Like Him: Omnipresent and Omniscient

March 3 – Job 26:14 & Romans 13:1 – None Like Him: Onnipotent and Sovereign

**Communion February 3rd
and March 3rd**

HAVE AN UPDATE FOR FACEBOOK ?

Please send updates for Facebook to Alyssa Cessna at:
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by Dennis Pfingsten, Youth Leader

On Sunday, January 13th a few of the groups members went to Shelly Jordan's house after church for a movie and game afternoon.

We started off by having pizza and soda provided by the YF and then watched the movie "The Shack". After the movie a few rounds of Bible Mad Gab was played followed by a few rounds of the Bible version of Apples to Apples. Thanks to Shelly for hosting! Those in attendance were Ciarrhah, Dakota and Julie Davis, Jacob Mahlkuch, Libby, Sara, Luke and Shelly Jordan and Peter Buoc.

I am looking at setting up a workday with St Vincent's in Monroe for early March. With the disbanding of the Boy Scout Troup in Juda, the YF has been given the aluminum can collection cage located at the corner of the lot of the Sugar River Bank in Juda. With this added collection point for cans, I will be discussing with group members and the church council on how to best use these extra funds.

Thanks to everyone who drops aluminum cans off at my house and thanks to Jefferson Township for allowing us to take the cans dropped off at the recycling center for our group! As a reminder, empty aluminum cans may be dropped off at my house at W2926 Main Street and empty inkjet cartridges along with used cell phones I-pods and now useable digital cameras can be dropped in the collection boxes located at both churches. We can also raise funds by recycling old toner cartridges from copy machines. Please contact me before you leave them in the collection boxes so I can verify that your cartridge qualifies for recycling. As always, thanks for your continued support of our youth!!

Family Meetings

The church secretary has already started calling and setting up appointments with families. Pastor Kelly would like to meet with ALL the church families. She hopes to get to know people better, figure out the tangled family connections, and also talk about what you hope for the future of the church. There are daytime, evening, and weekend appointment times available. Please check your calendars when you are contacted and get back to Jan as soon as possible. Thank you!

February



2nd – Kathy Pierce
6th – Tricia Hoesly
7th – Julie Davis
8th – Tim Davis
11th – Rocky Swedlund
12th – Deb Thompson
20th – Peter Speckman

21st – Phyllis Bauman
23rd – Gene Dobbins
Peggy Jordan
24th – David Davis
Sharon Roth
28th - Judy Hale



10th – Al & Teresa Larson
14th – Ned & Sharon Roth
18th – Dale & Katie Davis

GC2019 – Prayers Needed!

Please consider praying daily during the month of February for the General Conference and its attendees. General Conference will be happening on February 23-26th in St. Louis, Missouri. The decisions that they make will likely have ripples that will affect even our churches.

We pray for wisdom, patience, and tolerance as our delegates along with delegates from around the world gather to decide whether / how to change the Book of Discipline's wording around human sexuality.

In the year and a half that I have been with you all, I have gained a sense that our two churches both tend toward a conservative view on this topic. But I can assure you that not every member of either church feels that way. Our Wisconsin Conference tends toward a more liberal view on the topic, but again... not all Wisconsin churches are in agreement.

I know of churches that are conservative who have pastors appointed who are liberal (and vice versa). Nowhere to be found is total agreement. So there will be pain around whatever decision the General Conference makes.

Therefore, the most powerful thing that we can do in these uncertain times is to bathe this Conference and its delegates in prayer. Wisconsin's delegates are: Dan Dick (clergy), Sam Royappa (clergy), Steve Zekoff (clergy), Lisa King (laity), Barbara Dick (laity) and Gail Burgess (laity).

Thank you! Pastor Kelly



FEBRUARY FLOWERS

Hazel Matzke

FEBRUARY NOISY OFFERING

Will go to the Stained Glass Window Repair Fund.

In Christian Sympathy

Heartfelt sympathies go out to the Matzke family on the passing of Mardelle on January 16th.

Pastor's Office Hours The number of people seeking out the pastor during her offsite office hours has been dwindling. Because of that, there will no longer be Monday office hours at Perks. Please know that the pastor is always willing to meet you offsite if it is more convenient for you. But please call her or the office to make specific arrangements for that. Thank you for understanding.

Zion Finance Notes

As we did last year, the Finance Committee will provide monthly updates comparing actual income received versus what is needed each month as per the budget. This year's budget to meet all expenses is around \$1,900 more than last year, or \$140,138. All numbers, (income and expenses) do not include special projects.

	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>Year End Total</u>
Total Income for December	\$16,349	\$128,141
Income Minus Misc. & Special Project Income	\$13,524	\$115,371
Monthly Budget	\$11,678	\$140,138
Variance of Monthly Income to Monthly Budget	(\$1,846)	(\$24,767)

LIBRARY: Books/Videos/DVD's featured this month.

The Story for Little Ones by Max Lucado (Childrens). This book has thirty-one Bible stories that are written in a way to bring them to life for the young reader. Each story is presented with easy to read text, which is perfect for the young reader to experience God's great love story.

**Video:
Little Ones Can Do Big
Things, Too (DVD)**

New Horizons by Anne Marie Rodgers (Fiction). Margaret is stunned to discover that one of her paintings has been printed on the cover of a novel without her permission! Her efforts to learn what happened meet obstacle after obstacle. Will her assumptions about the culprit stand in the way of finding the truth? Meanwhile, Diane's excitement over her own book-launch turns to worry when her son Justin arrives at her door looking decidedly downcast. Can she help him recover from a devastating setback? Beverly is on pins and needles when she reluctantly agrees to play the piano for Easter services at Old First. Can she overcome her nerves to help bring joy to the congregation? And when Shelley reluctantly goes with her husband Dan to help him investigate a new career opportunity, she arranges with another vendor to supply the Cove's baked goods. Will she lose her best customer when her backup plan fails? Motivated by faith and some baffling clues, the four women set out to find the hidden treasure hinted at by Jeremiah Thorpe's letters. But his cryptic two-hundred-year-old map reveals a town that doesn't match the current one. Was Marble Cove moved? Why? What does that mean for their treasure hunt?



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(God) knit me together with bones and sinews. Job 10:11

Learn to cast on, knit and purl, and you can figure out any pattern.

Tuesday, Nov. 6 Cast on and knit
Tuesday, Dec. 4 Purl
Tuesday, Feb. 5 Patterns, fibers
Tuesday, Mar. 5 Stores, events, classes, web sites (time to be determined)

Instruction booklet and materials to knit a washcloth or scarf are available, or bring your own project. Chenille makes a bright, soft scarf. Try size 8 needles in a color you love.

I will bring a tote of different resources each session to inspire you.

Jean Busker



**Craft Night at Zion
Knitting Lessons 6-8PM
continues on the first
Tuesday in Feb. & March**

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MISSION STATEMENT:
Growing within...
Sowing throughout

Reminder

In the event Sunday School and Church are cancelled due to inclement weather you may refer to radio station WEKZ, our website joumc.org or our Facebook page for potential cancellations.

Soup Day At Union

If by the time Saturday, March 2nd arrives and you have come down with Cabin Fever, the congregation at Union Church has a good prescription – Come to Soup Day for good food and fellowship anytime between 11am & 7pm. On the menu are: 2 kinds of chili and homemade soup, cheese sandwiches and cheese slices, hot dogs, cake & ice cream, coffee, milk & water.

Then for exercise stroll over to the baked goods and craft table and make a purchase to take home and wander around the Baskets for the Silent Auction and see which one you would like to get.

You can exercise your right to buy tickets in advance or at the door. Adults - \$8.00 and Kids 6-10 - \$5.00. Under 6 are free.

Looking Ahead Beyond February

March 2nd – Union Soup Day 11 AM – 7 PM

March 6th – Ash Wednesday begins our Wednesday evening Lenten services
Potluck at 5:45 and Service at 6:30

March 24th – Loaves and Fishes – a cooperative ministry of Union and Zion
All hands on deck! It takes many hands to serve this community meal that is open to all. Check your calendars now!

March 30th – Women's Retreat

April 14th (1 PM) and April 19th (7 PM) – Easter Musical

May 3rd – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at school

May 12th – Confirmation

May 19th – Dan Holmes – special musical guest at both churches for worship

JUDA SPANISH CLUB

The Juda Spanish Club started their shoe drive fundraiser on Jan. 7th, it runs for 60 days. They are collecting gently used and new shoes to raise money for their June trip to Peru. Please look through your closet and feel free to drop-off shoes at any of the following locations: Juda School-Spanish room, La Iguana Restaurant, Zion UMC, Juda Post Office, Bank of New Glarus/Sugar River Bank Branches-Juda Branch.

NEEDED: Men's Bible Study Leader

Pastor Kelly would like to get a once-a-month men's Bible study started. She has a book/video that would make it easier to lead discussion and wonders if there is a man out there willing to get this started?

Disciple Bible Study

Looking for people who are interested in a long-term deep Bible study. Disciple is a 34-week Bible study (we don't have to do it all in one chunk). It requires several hours of preparation each week. People who have done this study have found that it was worth it. Once we know who is interested, we'll look for the best time to meet.



The Lord Speaks about his creation.

The wings of the ostrich flap joyfully, but they cannot compare with the pinions and feathers of the stork. She treats her young harshly...for God did not endow her with wisdom or good sense. Yet when she spreads her feathers to run, she laughs at horse and rider. (40 mph)
Job 39:13-18

God's creation is amazing and hard to understand. God made us as we are.
Jean Busker, Worship Committee Chair



Zion Rite of Intention October 28th

1st Year Confirmands Ciarrah Davis (with mentor Deena Adkins), Gracyn Bolton (mentor Kim Becker), Liana Daniels (with mentor JoAnn Eberle) and Matthew McCullough (mentor Judy Kaderly)



