

"Hearing God's Voice In This Challenging Times"

THE MESSENGER

Gladbrook Methodist Church

February 2024



Ash Wednesday Service

Feb. 14, 7:00 p.m.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Lenten Season Study Group

**Every Wednesday at 7:00pm
following Ash Wednesday**

**Join us for a study of the
Scriptures and how to read them.**

Super Bowl Sunday



Join us on Sunday, Feb.
11th at 11:00am for a Super
Bowl party potluck.

Wear your favorite team
spirit to church.

Bring your favorite party foods to share.



We will also ask you to bring a canned
food item to donate to our local food
pantry.

Gladbrook American Legion

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, Feb. 4th

9am-12:30pm

Gladbrook Memorial Building

All you can eat for \$10.00

Menu includes sausage, pancakes
French toast, scrambled eggs, biscuits &
gravy, coffee, milk, and juice



The North West Tama
County Food Pantry will be
open Monday, February 12
and Monday, February 26
from 4pm until 6 pm.

There will not be any Saturday openings for
the months of February and March.

Omelet Breakfast

Sunday, Feb. 11th

7:30am -12:30pm

Lincoln Amvet Hall

Gladbrook Lincoln Fire Dept.



“Help Make a Dream Reality”

*³¹ But those who wait on the LORD, Shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.*

(Isaiah 40:31 NKJV)

As we enter a New Season of the Liturgical Year, I want you to think about this, **“How Could You Help Someone Make A Dream Reality?”**

In the King James text of the Bible, **“ENCOURAGE”** or **“ENCOURAGEMENT”** appears three-time-twice-twice when men were told to encourage Joshua, who had been responsible for leading the Israelites into the Promised Land. The third time it’s used by King David, who had commissioned Joab to see that Uriah, the Hittite met his death.

Now, Uriah happened to be married to the beautiful Bathsheba, and David wanted him to be out of the picture so that he could marry her. When Joab’s conscience bothered him because of the part he had played in Uriah’s death, David sent men to encourage him with some rather feeble words of rationalization (**read 2 Samuel 11:25**).

If you want to encourage someone, try the following. Why not make this your promise to God during the Lenten Season:

Let someone know you sincerely believe in him or her.

Sometimes a physical touch, a pat on the back, a firm handshake, a few simple words like **“I know you have what it takes-hand in there; I’m with you”** can make a difference. Somebody has to believe in the reality of the dream before it ever becomes a fact.

Make yourself available.

The greatest ability is **“availability.”** When someone shows and says, **“I want to help; what can I do?”** that’s a real encouragement.

Help someone look beyond himself or herself to God.

Encourage someone or testify to someone that the only source of strength that lasts is God. Teach them how to wait upon the Lord, who will renew their strength.

Let your encouragement be visible, eternal and vocal.

Look them in the eye, write it; just be sure to communicate it.

In focusing on encouragement, you may well find that you become a channel of blessing as God reaches down and speaks through you to encourage others. Start today and see what a difference it makes.

Pastor Gideon Gallo





Lectionary Reading for the Month of February

February 4

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

February 11

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

February 14

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalms 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 18

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

February 25

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38



Psalms 119:105

105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

- 1 Ashley Bruene
- 3 Andrew Scott
- 4 Taylor Flamme
- 5 Linda Schneider
- 6 Katie (Knaack) Raska
- 7 Bruce Appelgate
- 7 Kayla Reese
- 8 Shannon (Williams) Dirks
- 12 Kelly (Fish) Peterson
- 14 Pete Surber
- 15 B J Williams
- 18 Zachery Pierce
- 23 Kay Purvis
- 24 Rhett Williams
- 28 Jodi Kelli
- 28 Mandy Koester

19 Doug & Ashley Bruene



We ask that you keep these people in our prayers...

PRAYER CORNER: Pray for God's peace and reconciliation to overcome all hatred, conflict, and war, people under persecution everywhere, and our many unspoken concerns, our military

families, our law enforcement and safety professionals, those experiencing mental health concerns.

Pray for comfort and healing for all those in its need: Diane Mussig, Betty Kvidera, Steve Keiser, Rob Herink, Kari Groth, Carolyn & Don Anker, Pauline Flamme, Lucy DeWitt, Paul Purvis, Marilyn Brekke, Bud Locke, Priscilla Crumley, Janell Gienger, George & Galene Groves, Tim and Barb Quam, Dave Eggers, Marivel Manzano, Craig Russell.

Administrative Council Minutes

November 27, 2023

Eleven members of the Ad Council met at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall of the GMC. Members in attendance were Dana Brown, Cheryl Bruene, Gideon Gallo, Cornell Gethmann, Dave Koester, Lisa Koester, Paul Koester, Roger Luehring, Carolyn Moe, Grant Strohbahn, and Kevin Williams.

Lisa called the meeting to order. Paul provided our devotional. The past minutes were read and approved.

Roger presented the **treasurer's report**. Our bank balances are strong. He discussed how our current budget stands compared to last year's totals at this same time of year. There was some discussion of holding a Spring Shower as we have done in the past to collect needed office and kitchen supplies and other needed items. It was discussed and Dana agreed the Gladbrook Women will take this up as a mission for this upcoming year.

SPPRC, Dave K. The committee met Nov. 6. They finalized recommendations for the 2024 budget. Next meeting will be Jan. 2nd.

GMW, Dana reported the women of the church met Nov. 15th. We filled at least 75 blessing bags that were distributed to the nursing home, independent living and to several community members. Our next meeting will be December 20th. This will be our Christmas luncheon serving at 11:30. Please contact Linda Schneider to make a reservation. The women of Chapel church have been invited to attend.

Mission Outreach, Dana reported we will be inviting the community to the Gladbrook Theatre to watch a free showing of the Journey to Bethlehem. We will be paying the 3.00 admission fee for all attendees for the 2pm matinee on Sunday Dec. 3

Trustees, Paul reported the bell tower is being rebuilt.

Finance Committee, Grant reported on the 2024 budget. There was some discussion on the differences between 2023 budget and 2024 budget. Paul made the motion to approve the proposed 2024 budget. Second was given by Cornell. The motion passed.

Memorial, Cheryl reported memorial money was given to the Trustees to cover the parsonage plumbing issues. Money was also paid for new carpeting and paint and blinds in the far west classrooms. There was a discussion about using memorial funds for Trustee projects. Cheryl asked if there would be interest in having a small Little Free Food Bank located on the church property. This will be run by the food pantry and community volunteers. It was decided we would like one and it will be located on the north side of the church, by the kitchen door. There is a motion activated light near this area.

Good Samaritan, Dana reported we were able to help 2 families this past month. Both needed money for gas to travel to a long distance medical appointment.

Food Pantry- Dana reported we continue to serve 12 -15 people every month. The Angel Tree project is underway. Angels have been distributed. They need to be returned with the wrapped gifts by Dec. 13th. Distribution of the full Angel Tree gifts and food boxes will be December 15th from the Peace Church.

Pastoral Report, Gideon reported he attended several area meetings and home visits. He has begun regular services at Westbrook Acres. He would like to remind us to continue to pray for Richard Klinefelter. He is still in Iowa City but will hopefully be transferring to a rehab center in Ankeny.

Other Items:

1. The list for providing Devotional lessons in 2024 has been circulated and filled in.
2. We need to customize our new By-laws. Dave, Carolyn, Lisa and Grant will form a committee to meet before our January Ad Council meeting to fill out the specifics of our bylaws. This will be submitted to the Ad Council in January.
3. Lisa would like to make a presentation to some Sundays to keep the congregation up to date on our growth. She would also like to clarify some of the changes being made as we grow and develop into the Global Methodist Church.

Joys: 1. It is a great joy to have many children attend church and Sunday school

Concerns: 1 Continue to pray for Richard Klinefelter and his family as they deal with his recovery.

Lisa closed with a prayer. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting scheduled for January 22nd, at 7:00pm. **Cheryl** will supply the devotional.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Brown



Gladbrook Methodist Women (GMW)

November 15, 2023

The regular meeting of the GMW met at 9:30am at the Gladbrook Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall.

President Dana led opened with a prayer. Joan Surber and Dana Brown served cranberry and orange bread and Banana Bread and coffee. Secretary Joan read the minutes of the October meeting.

Dana read the Treasurer's Report. A check was issued to Linda Schneider to reimburse her for some of the items needed for the Trunk or Treat meal that was supplied to all the participants of the Gladbrook Beggars night. It was discussed that the church needs to look into holding another "Spring Shower" as we have held in the past. This event enables the church to save money by accepting specific donated items. Usually consisting of cleaning supplies, office supplies and items needed for Sunday school. We haven't held one since before the pandemic. We decided it is time to hold another one. Dana will head up this project. Volunteers to help with this project will be needed.

Terri Lamb provided the devotional. Our program consisted of filling 75 to 80 Blessing Bags that were filled for the local nursing home, Independent Living, and area shut ins.

Our next scheduled meeting will be **Dec. 20th at 11:30**. This will be our Christmas luncheon. All women of the church are invited to attend. We also would like to invite the women of the Chapel Peace and Lutheran churches. Please call Linda Schneider 319-610-3535 or Dana Brown 641-750-2219 to make a reservation. The kitchen committee for this luncheon will be Linda Schneider, Carolyn Moe, Avriel Koester and Dana Brown.

We will be setting up the committees for 2024. If you enjoy serving on a specific committee please let Dana know. She will have a sign up sheet at the luncheon.

Submitted by Joan Surber, secretary

Upcoming events for 2024 to remember

Feb. 11 Super bowl Sunday potluck– Bring your favorite party food and wear your team colors

Feb. 24– GMW will serve our community by volunteering at the Gladbrook Theatre Concession stand. Volunteers need to be at the theater at 6:30pm.

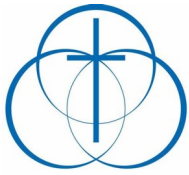
March 15– GMW will serve the Senior Dinner @ 11:30

March 24– Palm Sunday

March 31– Easter Sunday

April 17– GMW meeting @9:30am

April 28– Spring Fling potluck– kick off to our Spring Shower for the church.



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ACOLYTES

Feb. 4 Clay & Tate Koester
Feb. 11 Tate Williams & Nikko Agan
Feb. 18 Charlette Bruene
Feb. 25 Beau & Codi DeWitt

LITURGISTS

Feb. 4 Roger Luehring
Feb. 11 Sean Williams
Feb. 18 Dave Koester
Feb. 25 Kevin Williams

ORGANIST

Feb. 4 Ann Vibbard
Feb. 11 Sam DeWitt
Feb. 18 Ann Vibbard
Feb. 25 Sam DeWitt

COMMUNION STEWARDS:

Feb.4 Scott & Kathy Vavroch

PROJECTION

Feb. 4 Jhona Lyn Gallo
Feb. 11 Dave Koester
Feb. 18 Dave Koester
Feb. 25 Roger Luehring

GREETERS

Feb.4 Steve & Marcia Koester
Feb. 11 Logan & Emma Koester
Feb. 18 Dave & Lisa Koester
Feb. 25 Matt & Beth Koester

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Logan & Emma Koester, Steve & Marcia Koester

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