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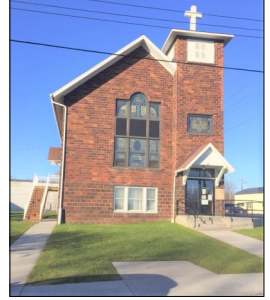
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Mission Statement

To share the Good News of Jesus Christ, through our worship, our education, and our role in our community and the world.

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To spread the good news of Jesus Christ and the message of God's grace.

Pastor's Note

Happy Easter! And Happy Spring — hopefully!

A few weeks ago, we got absolutely dumped on by one of those classic "springish" snowstorms. Everything came to a halt — stores closed, roads were a mess, and churches across the state shut their doors for the day. I'll be honest: while I was sad to cancel in-person worship, it turned out to be a gift. Paul and I stayed home, did a little church work (emphasis on little), and just breathed. The highlight? Sharing our live online service with all of you. It took me right back to those COVID days when we connected from our living rooms — prayer, scripture, song, and reflection flowing from our house to yours. Paul and I even got to worship together, which, if you know the life of a clergy couple, doesn't happen nearly as often as you'd think.

That snowstorm got me thinking — what is it that causes us, or even forces us, to slow down?

It's a question that feels especially fitting when reading the Gospel of Mark. If you've ever noticed, Mark is in a hurry. He uses the word "immediately" more than 40 times. Immediately, the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness. Immediately, the disciples dropped their nets and followed him. There's a breathless energy to it — a sense that something urgent is unfolding and there's no time to waste.

Until there is.

Because right in the middle of all that urgency, the Gospel slows down. Scholars often describe Mark as "a passion narrative with an extended introduction," and it's easy to see why — roughly forty percent of the book is dedicated to Holy Week alone. Mark lingers. He notices the characters, the details, the weight of what's happening. He walks us carefully through Jesus being handed over, the mocking, the crucifixion, the death, the burial. And then — resurrection.

Some manuscripts end quietly at Mark 16:8, leaving the women trembling at the empty tomb. Others continue with Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene, commissioning his disciples, and ascending into heaven. Either way, the pace has completely changed. This is no longer a sprint. This is the moment everything has been building toward, and Mark wants us to feel it.

So, this Easter, I hope you bring some of that Markan urgency with you — excitement, joy, the thrill of He is risen! But I also hope you find a moment to slow it all down. To sit with the details. To let the death and resurrection of Jesus move past your head and settle into every corner of your life.

He is Risen! Indeed!

In the Hope of Jesus Christ,
Pastor Mary

Charge Celebrations and More

New Auburn Birthdays

- 02 Ryan North
- 05 Toney North
- 10 Justin Lee Nelson
- 17 Don Moos
- 19 Patricia North
- 19 Dan Moos
- 21 Scott Stuckert
- 25 Curt North

New Auburn Anniversaries

- 17 Toney and Pat North

Bloomer Birthdays

- 06 Duane Wallsch
- 13 John Leonard
- 20 Juanita Fransway
- 20 Shawn Stoffel

The Community Table in Eau Claire.

Bloomer and New Auburn UMC's will be volunteering at the Community Table on Thursday, April 23rd.



If you do not remember, the Community Table in Eau Claire is a non-profit organization that provides free, nutritious meals 365 days a year, to anyone in need, no questions asked, in a safe and welcoming environment.

If you are interested in volunteering, a sign-up sheet will be passed around on Easter Sunday, April 5th and the following Sunday, April 12, if volunteers are still needed.

Volunteers are needed for prepping the food for lunch, 9am to 11:30am and for serving the lunch and cleaning up, 11:15am to 2pm. Car pooling will be arranged if needed.

Look for the sign-up sheet Easter Sunday.

If you have questions, please ask me.....Chris 715 225-2983

Bloburn Mission May

Do you need help with spring clean-up? Do you know someone else that does? Bloburn youth group would love to help you!



We are looking for people that need help with yard clean-up, window washing, exterior house washing...

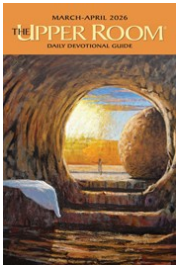
Bloburn has several strong, hard working youths that are great at spring clean-up.

If you are in need of help please contact Michelle Stoffel or Ilene Moos and we will put you on the books.



Missions and Ministries

New Auburn UM Women of Faith



Thursday April 9th 1:00 New Auburn Church Upper Room Bible Study Invitation: come for coffee and great discussion.

Ongoing Prayer Ministry

Please lift up our homebound friends in prayer.

**Bloomer and New Auburn friends:
Verona Donahue, Louise Hacker, Gordy Chapman...**



Bloomer On Going Missions

Keep on collecting your...

...Aluminum cans...SAVE your ALUMINUM CANS...we will not collect them thru the winter...but please SAVE them and we will get them in the spring!

...Pop tabs...They will be given to Ronald McDonald House Charities to help raise money so the people that need to stay there are able to do it without worrying about how to pay for where they will stay when their child is in the hospital.

...Box Tops...The box tops go to help the area schools. Remember to enter them into the Box Tops website.

If you have any questions about these missions please feel free to contact Maryann Gumness or Juanita Fransway.



Caps and Personal Hygiene

Do you have any brand new personal hygiene products or hats that you have knit that you would like to donate to various organizations? Talk to Juanita Fransway and she can help you get them to people in need. You can find her Sunday mornings at Bloomer UMC.



New Auburn Loose Change for March



Loose Change offering for April will be collected for HOPE Village in Chippewa Falls. If you remember, we had a speaker come from HOPE Village to speak to our congregations last year. There seemed to be much interest in HOPE Village, so I thought it appropriate to support them in 2026 with a Loose Change offering.

HOPE Village – Tiny House Alternatives, Inc. provides temporary and long-term housing solutions for low-income individuals and families experiencing homelessness, offering support services, and life skill training.

Along with the offering taken during April, a field trip is being planned for Thursday, April 16 to visit and tour the facility. This field trip is open to both congregations and to anyone that is interested in learning more of how our neighbors are cared for in our communities.

We will carpool together to Chippewa Falls, have our tour at 11am and then enjoy lunch together at the Chippewa Family Restaurant next door to HOPE Village.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact me.....Chris at 715 225-2983 or email me at 24x7gig@gmail.com.

Plarn

Every Tuesday 10:15 – 11:45am, we meet, we cut, we weave, we talk, we laugh, we care for the earth, all in the Bloomer UMC's basement, to make a positive difference in someone else's life.

Come join us and discover what we are doing!!!!!!

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Save the Date

- New Auburn Ad Board Meeting, April 13, 5pm
- Bloomer Ad Board Meeting, April 14, 5pm

A Little Bit Extra

Name: _____

Easter Activity Sheet

"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."
Matthew 28:6 (NIV)

Across

3. The place where Jesus was crucified

6. The book that tells the story of Easter

9. Believing in Jesus and His resurrection

10. Jesus rose after ____ days

Down

1. Easter is a time of ____ and celebration

2. The large rock that was rolled away from Jesus' tomb

4. Jesus ate this with His disciples after He rose

5. Jesus had ____ disciples

7. Jesus is the ____ of the world

8. She was the first to see Jesus after He rose

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cross	rejoice	risen	miracle