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NEWSLETTER



John 5:38 **Search the Scriptures**

"You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life, and it is they that bear witness to me; yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life." (John 5:39-40 Nestle-Aland Greek-English New Testament).

Jesus was evangelizing the Jewish people in Israel. He was affirming to them, that they search the Holy Scriptures, because they were thinking that in them, they have eternal life. Jewish people were told to read the Holy Scripture all the time, to meditate in the word of the Lord day and night. To read them constantly because they needed to apply the word of the Lord to their daily living. They should be reading or meditating on the word of the Lord when they were walking or when they were working. If they love God above all things, then the word of the Lord must be in their heart and mind continuously.

Any devout person, who really believe and love the Lord Jesus Christ, will spend time in searching the scriptures. It is the only way you and I will learn the true about God, to know how we can meet God's expectations for our religious life. Most of us have several areas of interest, in which we spend most of our time. Others will be spending their time, making money, and obtaining resources that they want to have. Above all, devoted Christians have among other areas of interest the study of the Scriptures. It is through the word of the Lord, that we learn how to love God and do his will.

If you love God, then it will be easy and natural to spend time with him, knowing his words and will to be better prepared to serve him. We all run a busy schedule, there are so many areas of interest that we love to spend time on it, and on so many occasions we neglect to pray, or to read the word of the Lord. These issues speak very clearly about the Jewish who lived during the time of Jesus. They were searching the Scripture. This is not something we should delegate to the Pastors, theologians or Sunday school teachers.

The Jewish people during Jesus' time wanted to have eternal life. But their search for eternal life was not very honest because if that were the case, they will discover that by following Jesus they will have eternal life. However, Jesus said that, yet they refuse to come to him. The way they search the Holy Scripture was not honest, they were not humble asking God to reveal his true and will. How do we know that this is true?

Well Anna and Simon, two elders who were in the temple when Jesus was presented over there, by Joseph and Mary, they fasted, they pray day and night in the temple waiting for the Messiah to come and because in their devotion to God, the Lord revealed to them that they would not die until they meet and have seen the Messiah on their hands. So, they were blessed with the joy of knowing the messiah and having him in their hands before they died.

God is expecting from all of his children the devotion and consecration to his service and worship. During Jesus' times, the Jewish people were not searching for the scripture to found out what God had for them, but they were searching for another type of Messiah that fits their owned interpretation and desire who will lead them to fulfill their political expectations. Therefore, they were unable to identify Jesus Christ, because again, they were searching for the wrong Messiah, the one who will deliver them from the Roman Empire oppression.

How Jesus demonstrated that he is life and that what he was offering them and us is the true life. Well, Jesus resurrected Lazarus after being death for 4 days. He gave life to the daughter of Jairos, and the son of a widow too. Not only that but

Jesus himself rose from the death after the third day. By doing so, he demonstrated to us that he is life. As Jesus was offering eternal life to his contemporaries, we need to be aware that he is offering the same things to us.

Jesus said that they were searching for the scriptures, because they thought that in them, they have eternal life. So, Jesus did not criticize their search in the Scripture about eternal life. What Jesus criticized the Jewish people during his times was that after their search for eternal life, they were unable to identify him and believe the Scripture which testifies about him.

Over the centuries, these issues of searching the Scripture and given the right interpretation had divided the Jewish and Christian Community into several denominations. It is in our human nature to interpret the Bible or any other books in our own way and understand it's reading in a way other people may read and understand the Holy Bible in their own way different than other people may read and understand the Bible.

In the Bible, the Holy Spirit plays an important role for us discerning the meaning of scriptures. One just needs to be humble before God, so that the Holy Spirit could reveal to us the real meaning and its application correctly. In the Bible the apostles called "Sound doctrines", when someone read and interpreted the word of the Lord correctly.

Therefore, we need to understand how to interpret the Holy Scripture according to the Spirit who inspired the servants of God to write down what we have now as the Holy Scripture. Otherwise, we will be confused and those who hear us will be more confused too. Worse than that, people will be misguided in the way of the Lord, and they will not inherit eternal life as they are following false teaching. We welcome you to Sunday School classes, Confirmation and back to the church service.

Pastor Rey Díaz

As the leaves turn, may your heart turn ever closer to God's love. Happy Fall!

FENNIMORE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

September 2024
Article by Kim Cathman

WELCOME SEPTEMBER! Well, it felt like Fall was never going to get here. The heat of August always drags on, teasing us and delaying the cool crisp air of Fall in Wisconsin.

BACK TO SCHOOL! Actually, Fennimore started in August, but still remember to watch for those kiddos walking to and from school and for those flashing bus lights. Keep our kids safe!

MEETING CANCELED: The August 28th meeting for UWF was canceled last minute due to illness. It was decided that we could hold off until our next meeting in October, so we will not reschedule. These are a few things of interest we were going to discuss ...

Our **Salad Luncheon** was a success! We sold 116 tickets, a few less than 2023. We met briefly afterward to take stock and all felt it went well. Thank you to all who made and donated the delicious salads and desserts. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful congregation, willing to make these events successful. And even more blessed to have dedicated workers ...

Thank you all for – the prep, making German Potato Salad and Potato Salad, Deviled Eggs, grocery shopping, setting up of the dining room, serving and clean up. It takes many hands to make it a success!

Creation Team: We did not meet over the summer and are eager to start, with our next meeting on Monday September 23rd and Tuesday, September 24th at 9:00 AM (*normally it's the third Monday and Tuesday of the month*). Please contact Nadine Schrader or Kim Cathman if you would like to be a part of this group!

BINGO at Dove Healthcare: We received a letter inquiring about helping with the Bingo Birthday Celebrations. We've done this in the past and

with the changes that have been happening there, we were not able to pin down a plan in the past year or so. But we talked with Cathie Robinson, the recreation director, and she is happy to put us in line for 2025 to lead one or more Bingo days. Usually, we provide Angel Food cake and quarters for prizes. So, we look forward to that! We are planning on the first Monday in March to start with. We usually take 5 or 6 volunteers to help.

Our **Next meeting** will be in October. Look for it to be Wednesday October 23rd or Wednesday October 30th at 6 PM. We will settle on which by early October.

Feel free to join us! We'd love to see new faces. We'll plan for our Christmas Giving, Cheer Boxes and Potluck!

September Holidays:

- **Labor Day** is the most well-known holiday in September. It is observed every year on the first Monday in September.
- **Native American Day** is always celebrated on the 4th Friday of September.
- **Grandparent's Day** is observed in the United States on the first Sunday after Labor Day.
- **Constitution Day**, celebrating the ratification of the governing document of the United States, is observed on the 17th.
- **The Autumn Equinox**, which is the traditional transition from summer into fall, takes place on or around September 22nd, depending on the year.

September FUN Days:

- September 5: National Cheese Pizza Day
- September 9: National Teddy Bear Day
- September 16: National Play-Doh Day
- September 19: International "Talk Like A Pirate Day"

Shine on, Shine on Harvest Moon, up in the Sky ...

September's Harvest Moon is a Super Moon!

A super moon happens when a full moon's orbit is closest to the Earth at the same time the moon is full.

This year's harvest moon will be a super moon that will shine for three full days just before the start of fall.

The harvest moon is different from all other full moons in that it isn't tied to a particular month, but rather to the timing of full moons around the autumnal equinox.

The full moon closest to the autumnal equinox earns the harvest moon moniker, which means an early October full moon may at times be called the harvest moon. This year, the equinox will be on September 22.

The next full moon, the hunter's moon, will occur on Thursday, October 17.

From the 1969 Cookbook

Applesauce Oatmeal Cookies

In Memory of Mrs. Rev. (Mildred) Scott by June Klais

1 Cup Shortening
1 tsp Salt
3 T Cooking Oil
3 Cups Oatmeal
1 Cup Brown Sugar
1 ¼ Cup Applesauce
¾ Cup White Sugar
½ Cup Nutmeats
2 Eggs
1 tsp Vanilla
2 Cups Flour
12 oz Butterscotch Chips
¾ tsp Baking Soda
Cream Shortening, Oil and Sugars; add Eggs, mixing thoroughly.
Add Applesauce, Flour, Baking Soda and Salt; Stir in Oatmeal, Butterscotch Chips and Nutmeats.
Drop by teaspoon on baking sheet.
Bake at 350 until lightly browned.

A Prayer for Times of Abundance

"When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands" Deuteronomy 24:19

Dear Lord,

We praise you when the harvest is plenty. We thank you for the abundance and overflow of goodness and blessings you give us.

How humbled we are at your favor in our lives. As we find ourselves in a season of richness, may you cause our hearts to remember others.

As your word instructs us, guide us to be helpers to those in need, givers to those who have less, and generous with our time, talents, and resources.

We want to be obedient and faithful to you by giving to others the overflow of what we have, so that you would bless the work of our hands.

We ask to be cheerful givers and to be representatives of your love in this world.

Amen.

Worship in the Park

Bring your lawn chair and a dish to pass (if able) and join us for Worship at Marsden Park!

Sunday, September 22 at 10:00 AM
Location: Marsden Park | 895 Cleveland Street, Fennimore

This will be the **only** service offered on Sunday, September 22.



Worship In The Park
Sunday, September 22
10:00 AM
Marsden Park
895 Cleveland St. | Fennimore, WI

Combined Worship
Music Provided by Roddy Dull
Potluck to Follow Worship
Please bring a dish to pass, if able.



Care Facility Residents

Please keep our residents in your prayers!

Divine Rehabilitation and Nursing

Vicki Quincy
Sue Lewison

Orchard Manor

Christina Cathman
Bill Rotramel
Doris Schneider

Morningside Assisted Living

Marilyn Brodt

Park Place Senior Living

Geraldine Croft
Duane Furrer
Joann Schrader
Anna Grunder

Soldiers Grove Health Services

Janet Barnes

Riverside Transitional Care (Lacrosse)

Donna Blackburn

Aspire Senior Living (Oshkosh)

Harriet Brun

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education will be back in session on Sunday, September 29. It will run from 9:15 to 10:15 AM at Fennimore United Methodist Church. Stay tuned for more details!