



# THE OPEN DOOR

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From Lisa , Church Moderator

It has been a year since our Pastor left and currently have an Interim Pastor. GUESS WHAT? We have survived as a church, and we could not have continued

without everyone stepping up to help. A big THANK YOU to all of you. We continue to be strong and grow as a church family and in our faith. We have celebrated milestones, our 200th year celebration, VBS and continue to move

forward. We have a strong congregation and seems to be falling into sync again.

As moderator my concern was to keep our congregation going. I hope you all feel

that that has been accomplished. As we, continue to prepare for a new Pastor

(which is a long process) and a new council (yes, a lot of our current council members are stepping down). Moving forward...I hope and pray we continue to

be the best we can be as a church family. Bless you all for your continued faith in

me and our, congregation.

Jeremiah 29:11 New King James Version 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

**200 YEARS**  
**Strong & Still Growing**  
**1823-2023**



Loving & Growing



Welcome to our new members: Marie Allman, Pamela Oblisk and Autumn Sanchez!!!



Tyler & Nikki Berry had a baby boy!!!

Elio Monet Berry, June 15, 2023

5 lbs 15.3 oz, 19.60" long

Grandparents: Roseann Brown and Jay Brown



Thank you to Cyndi Oblisk Husband Richard Oblisk for taking the time to mount new towel dispensers!

Thank you all for your patience and understanding, while Cyndi is enjoying her vacation and I attempt to fill her shoes, I do my best to make sure all Connect cards and Newsletters match her awesome skills.

-Pamela

Transition Team News. The Transition Team met in July and will meet again in the early part of August. They will continue their work of visiting with you in your homes and/or having small group conversation circles at church. Thank you to everyone who has shared their forthright, honesty, and thoughtful responses and feedback to the three questions:

- 1) WHO ARE WE TODAY?
- 2) WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR?
- 3) WHAT IS GOD CALLING US TO BE AND DO?

For the Search and Call Process to effectively move forward, everyone in the church needs to participate in the process which includes the Spiritual Assessment.

The TransTeam still has folks to see and information to gather. This information will be provided to the Search & Call Committee when they begin putting the profile together in the Fall. The information will also be compiled for the congregation. In the meantime, continue reflecting on the questions above and...

What were the activities you did in the best of times at EUC? How did you spend time in fellowship with one another? What is simply the Best of EUC?

The Search and Call Process

☒ During the month of August each member will have the opportunity to provide the names of folks you believe would be good representatives of EUC on the Search and Call Committee.

☒ These suggested names will be given to the Council along with the information from your Spiritual Assessments.

NOTE: It cannot be overstated how important the Spiritual Assessment information will be to the Council as they selected a diverse cross section of church members for the committee.

With names and information in hand the Council, working with Living Water ONE Association General Minister, Nayiri Karjian, will select 5-7 folks for the Search & Call Committee. This will be done late September, early October.

☑ First task: the Search & Call Committee will begin their work of putting together the church's profile.

☑ Once there is a completed Profile THEN the search for your next settled pastor begins. While the Search Committee does their work the rest of us will be busy as well. This time of transitional is a time of exploring and a time of preparation for your next called pastor!

Grace & Peace, Pastor Susan,  
Gratitude The act of being grateful in our daily living is an activity that frequently gets lost in the stress of each day. Juggling errands, and tasks to be completed on our "to do" lists, and the difficulties that arise in our lives seem to overshadow gratitude. This is the reality of our lives today. Yet, we all have people, places, events, and moments we are grateful for, we just need to take a few moments to reflect on the events of the day.

A colleague gave me the book:

*Sleeping with Bread: Holding What Gives You Life* by Dennis, Sheila Fabricant, and Matthew Linn (2 brothers and their sister).

In the book they write about the practice of the Daily Examen. The Examen is a practice done at the end of each day before going to bed. We are to ask ourselves two questions:

- 1) For what moment today am I most grateful?, and
- 2) For what moment today am I least grateful? (adding an "s" to "moment" wouldn't be a bad idea). Get a small notebook or use a journal to write down the

moment(s), giving thanks to God for all your gratitude's; the most and the least! Then say, "Amen," "Let it be so." Sounds like a blessed way to end the day and fall asleep; don't you agree?

"We can only live in the present moment. We cannot live in the past or the future. Remember, the only time Jesus talks about the future is when he says, "don't worry about it." The past language Jesus uses is, "forget it," the past is forgiven. Live now."

Communion Schedule 2023

August 6<sup>th</sup>

September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Oct 1 ~ World Communion Sunday

Nov. 26 ~ Reign of Christ

Dec 24 ~ Christmas Eve (Sunday)

# 200 YEARS!!!

## Shine Jesus' Light!!!



Thank you to everyone that came out to help with VBS!!! A special thank you to Melissa and Trista for all you do for the kids!!



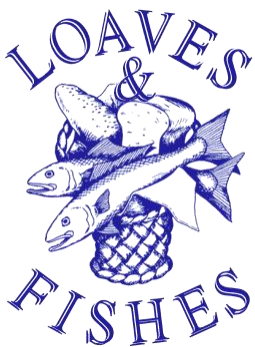


*Senior Funday*

*Wednesday, August 2, from 11:30 to 2:00, Come out and enjoy the fun!!!*

*Bring a dessert or something to share. All are welcome*

## *Congregational Meeting: September 24th*



We will be doing the "Loaves and Fishes" program at Ravenna First United Methodist church on August 12th. Volunteers are needed to meet in our fellowship hall on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> to help prepare and package the meals that will be handed out.

We also need volunteers to meet at the Ravenna First United Methodist church on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30-1:00 to help pass out the meals.

Please get with Jeneen if you are interested in helping.

# AUGUST 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2  Sommor Shaw	3  Lisa Kinter	4  Kinslee Wyss	5
6  Eric Lange	7  Scott Reynolds	8  Marcia & Doug Kibler	9  Chet Wiley	10	11  Robert Hatcher  Megan Podojil Ann & Jay Kester	12  Kyle Kibler
13  Paige Baldasare Bethel Bishop Andrew Hatcher	14	15  Shannan Booher	16  Mary Ann Leggett	17  Sherry Sommers	18	19  Michael Finney Kolin Kaley  Kelli & Scott Simmons
20  Amy & Bruce Lange	21  Daniel Kibler	22	23  Dwight Finney Corey Galloway Megan Gray	24  Mathew Pribanick	25  Mary Kaley	26
27  Brianna Lang Margaret Phile	28  Rick Stuart	29	30	31  Cherel Todd  Cheryl & Tim O'Connor		

Cookie queens for August are:

- August 6: Julia Hayes
- August 13: Eva Rowley
- August 20: Agnes Andrasak
- August 27: Brenda Hards



**Future Council Dates**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month)  
August 10  
Sept. 14  
Oct. 12  
Nov. 9  
Dec. 14

**Council members:** Lisa Morehead, Lenny Reiter, Barb Rohn, Audie Morehead, Cyndi Oblisk, Diane Ringer, Jeneen Kubula, Matt Finney, Roger Mansfield & Sabrina Finney

Have you, your kids, grandkids or anyone else done something you would like to announce??? If you would like anything added to the newsletter, please let Cyndi know by the last Friday of the month.

**NEW EMAIL: EUCNEWS1823@gmail.com**