



"It's hard to bear the fruit of the Spirit when they're hurling rotten tomatoes."



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Sunday School: 10:15 am

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Sunday School: 9:00 am



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	Brody Dingel
	Zachary Hellinga
16	Diane Duitsman
	Kristin Heikens
17	Jay Duitsman
	Jesse Duitsman
19	Hazel Jo Morrow
20	Madison Gilmore
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	Massina Mandelkow
21	Arin Elser
	Matt Perry

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23	Mandy Heuer
24	Pat Gillespie
	Fran Graham
	Louise Petersen
	Meagan Barnhart
	Tyler Anderson
25	Karla Kyle
27	Jeremy Rasche
28	Connor Gunderson
29	Joshua Paskert
30	Heidi Garloff Martens
31	Paul Gallagher
	Gregg Hellinga
	Cynthia Gilmore
	Keegan Carpenter

Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed in Lake Park for the following Sundays:

July 5, 12, 19, 26

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

If interested in helping on any of those dates, please either call the church at 832-3361 or email hlpumc@gmail.com



HARRIS	
3	Steve Bosma
8	Daniel Loring
	Jeff Loring
11	Madison Bosma
13	Kinley Bosma
16	LaDonna Bosma
20	Joni Harms
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	Michael Raveling
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28	Nancy Anderson
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1	Jeanine Gunderson
	Madison Read
2	Blake Gunderson
	Phyllis Johnson
	Rita Reimers
3	Sheyanne Weltzin
	Stacie Cornwall
4	Peyton Christenson
6	Allan Garloff
	Gerald Zahren
7	Hailey Heikens
9	Tim Gallagher
	Beckett Schultz

Dear Church Family,

The year 2020 has been very strange and unique for us all. First off, it was the COVID-19 Pandemic, which isn't over yet. Then, following the murder of George Floyd, we have been now dealing with racism, as you have seen it in the news. Since, in this article, I only focus on racism, let me say that the organization that can help address racism and any forms of discrimination is the Church. You and I are, therefore, the ones God would like to use to do it.

Whether you agree with what you see in the news or not, we still have work to do together, as a Church and a community. To do so, we have to use the following foundation, which offers us a framework to fight racism and all other forms of discrimination:

- **God created us all in God's image.** See Genesis 1.
- **We all have the same parents.** See Genesis 1:28, 3:20, 9:1, and Acts 17:26.
- **In God's eyes we are all equal.** See Galatians 3: 28, and Colossians 3: 11.
- **God wants us to love all people, and do it unconditionally.** See Leviticus 19: 34, and James 2:9.

Of course, you may have read or heard of the above. But, what matters is what you and I do about it. How we use these principles is what changes us and the people in our community. Apply the above framework to our daily lives will surely transform our society and help us fight against racism and any form of discrimination. The following lines suggest three ways you could do it.

Start with Prayer

It's important to pray asking God to help us. Our human nature has already set us up for harm, injustice, discrimination, and disobedience to God's word as laid out (see framework above). Prayer helps us reconnect with the original image of God that we, unfortunately, lose every time we disconnect from God through sin (Romans 3:24, and 1 John 3:4).

Choose to Learn about Other People

The willingness to learn about other people's culture helps us appreciate our racial diversity and cultural differences, as a people. Being a minority in Lake Park, I am a perfect example for this. I have a very different worldview because I am black, French speaking, and have lived in the Congo, and Zimbabwe prior to immigrating to the U.S. I am not the only minority, there are also two Haitians, an African American, and a few Hispanics. If you do not do it with any of them, reach out to me. I will be glad to talk to you about who I am, my experience as a black man with an accent living in the U.S. I will have questions for you too.

Say "NO" to Racism

Join others to condemn racism and all forms of discrimination. A friend of mine sent me this text last week,

I have been wondering how you are doing with your congregation in light of recent events surrounding racism?

Are you receiving racist comments? With this being at the forefront, even with me being white, I have heard disappointing comments from people. I just wouldn't have heard their hearts on the topic otherwise.

A lot of times, people do not go to the concerned individual to tell them what they feel about them. But, with people who look like them, people talk because they are comfortable with each other. Now, and in your specific group, *what have you heard? Has what you heard been racist or discriminatory? And, what have you done about it?*

My encouragement for us all today is to speak up against racism and any type of discrimination. Let your family and friends know that you are not racist. And, one way to do it is to condemn every racist word and comments in your family, community, at a restaurant, in your workplace, on social media, etc.



Remember—You can now give to LP UMC online, by text or directly out of your account.

Go to the church website at

www.harrislakeparkumc.org and click the Give Now tab

and follow directions.

To give by text, enter 73256 and receive a response with your next steps.

Automatic Clearing House (ACH): fill out the form on the next page if you would like to continue supporting our Church ministry and drop it off at the Savings Bank in Lake Park.



Baptism at LP UMC

Pastor Emmanuel baptized Keaton Curtis Vander Veen, son of Ashley and Derek Vander Veen, on Sunday, June, 2020. Keaton's siblings observed.



Library News

“I have a riddle for you today: What has four eyes and can’t see? The old answer used to be the Mississippi. A better answer for us today would be two followers of Christ who get together regularly but don’t pray. Taken from itstimetoprayer.org

These tiny books have opportunities for slivers of time throughout your day to include prayer. They include ***The Joy of Believing Prayer: Deepen Your Friendship With God*** by Joyce Meyer, ***Daily Prayer from the New International Version***, and ***Prayer Starters To Help You Heal After Loss*** by Elizabeth Stalling.

War Room: Prayer is a Powerful Weapon, a novelization by Chris Fabry and based on the motion picture by Alex Kendrick and Stephen Kendrick, “is a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power that prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of our lives.”* Priscilla Shirer, author of ***Fervent: Woman’s Battle Plan for Serious, Specific, and Strategic Prayer***, “brings her role from the ***War Room*** movie into real life, addressing the topics that affect you the most: your identity, your family, your regrets, your pressures, your temptations, your fears, your attitudes, and more.”*

Get Off Your Knees and Pray: A Woman’s Guide to Life-Changing Prayer by Sheila Walsh “is a real woman’s guide to real prayer—from understanding the biblical basis for prayer to cultivating a vital personal relationship with God.”*

“Do you ever feel your prayers are anemic? Hollow? Then this six session video Bible study is for you.” ***The Daniel Prayer: Prayer That Moves Heaven and Changes Nations*** by Anne Graham Lotz, “looks at the life of Daniel and unpacks the prayer he prayed in Daniel 9. Unlike the everyday now-I-lay-me-down-to-sleep kind of prayer, this was a prayer birthed under heartache...grief...desperation. It was a plea for Heaven to move and change his nation.”*

*Taken from book blurb

Say this prayer with me, please:

O God, our Father, help us realize that we all have the same parents. We would like to love and appreciate each other, no matter where we are from, how we talk, and how we look. We can do this through Jesus Christ who strengthens and enables us to fight against racism and every other type of discrimination. In his name, we pray. Amen.

Your brother, and son of our parents, Adam and Eve,

Pastor Emmanuel.

HAPPY
Anniversary!

Harris

8 Steve & Kathy Goodell

18 Ray & Lyla Akkerman

20 Dan & Susie Betz

Lake Park

2 John & Joy Mier

6 Bob & Rita Reimers

7 Stan & Alice Anderson

8 Terry & Deb Morrow

Bill & Ginny Verdoorn

16 Jordan & Meggie Widholm

Brian & Jamie Nebelsick

19 Brad & Fran Graham

25 Steve & Jennifer Krummen

26 Mat & Holly Johnson

Mike & Shirley Taylor

27 Tanner & Grace Hively

28 Jericho & Jordan Jones



30 Tim & Angela Fisher

Karl & Jo Watkins

Ryan & Brittney Houseman

31 Scott & Tricia Rueter

Mike & Kelli Vellema

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30am Men's bible study 7pm virtual worship service	2	3	4 NO 4pm worship service 
5 5 th Sunday after Pentecost Usher (LP): Usher (H): Scott Robertson, Steve Travaille, Thad Bosma	6	7	8 6:30am Men's bible study 7pm virtual worship service	9 7 pm Harris Ad Council	10	11 4pm worship service
Daily Reading for the week: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalms 45: 10-17 Romans 7:15-25 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30						
12 6 th Sunday after Pentecost Usher (LP): Fran Graham Usher (H): Scott Robertson, Steve Travaille, Thad Bosma	13	14	15 6:30am Men's bible study 7pm virtual worship service	16	17	18 4pm worship service
Daily Reading for the week: Genesis 25:19-34 Psalms 119: 105-112 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23						
19 7 th Sunday after Pentecost Usher (LP): Usher (H): Scott Robertson, Steve Travaille, Thad Bosma	20	21	22 6:30am Men's bible study 7pm virtual worship service	23	24	25 4pm worship service
Daily Reading for the week: Genesis 28:10-19 Psalms 139: 1-12, 23-24 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43						
26 8 th Sunday after Pentecost Usher (LP): Usher (H): Scott Robertson, Steve Travaille, Thad Bosma	27	28	29 6:30am Men's bible study 7pm virtual worship service	30	31	
Daily Reading for the week: Genesis 29:15-28 Psalms 105: 1-11, 45 Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 45-52						