

Donations Needed

Recently the Lake Park UMC had to purchase a new projector to use during worship. This was an unfortunate and unexpected expense. We are currently asking for donations to help cover the expense to purchase a new one. The cost of the new projector will be over \$9,000.

Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Donations can be given during offering at Sunday worship services or dropped off to the Saving Bank in Lake Park.

Please write "Projector Fund" on the envelope.

Thank you for your support!
God Bless!
The Trustee Committee

Worship in the Parking Lot

Come join us for worship,
in the safety of your own car.

*Tune your radio to
87.9 FM*

Concerns or prayer request to be listed in the bulletin or monthly newsletter can be sent to Valarie Schoo at the church email hlpumc@gmail.com or call the office at (712) 832-3361
REMINDER: please help us keep our records up to date! Let us know if you have a new address or any other information we may need. Your feedback is important to us!
Thank you!

facebook We need your help with acquiring a better setup for our live streaming to stay connected with those who can't come to our in-person Church services (events). For the last several weeks, we have not been live streaming, and our people (Well Life, Community Memorial Health Center in Hartley, and homes), feel disconnected.

To learn more about how you can help, contact the Office (712) 832- 3361 or Joel Hellinga (712) 832-0130 .



United Methodist Women

UMW Ladies will meet September 8th. We will have a salad pot luck at 12:00. Shepherdess will give the program!

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Remember

You can now give to LPUMC online, by text or directly out of your account.

ONLINE GIVING: Go to the church website at www.harrislakeparkumc.org and click the "Give Now" tab and follow the instructions.

TO GIVE BY TEXT: enter 73256 to receive a response with your next steps

GIVE DIRECTLY FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT: automated clearing house (ACH); stop by the Savings Bank in Lake Park and they will be happy to help.



Harris & Lake Park
United Methodist
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We welcome you to grow together with us in Christ through prayer and the Word.

August 2021

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Worship 9:00AM
Sunday School 10:15AM

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Sunday School 9:15AM
Worship 10:30AM

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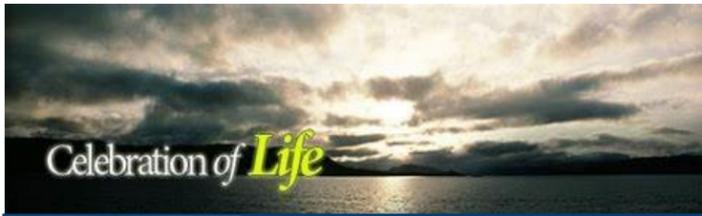
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It is in *blessing* others that we are blessed with a *precious blessing* of our own. ~ ♡

Over and over I marvel at the blessings of my life: Each year has grown better than the last.

Lawrence Welk

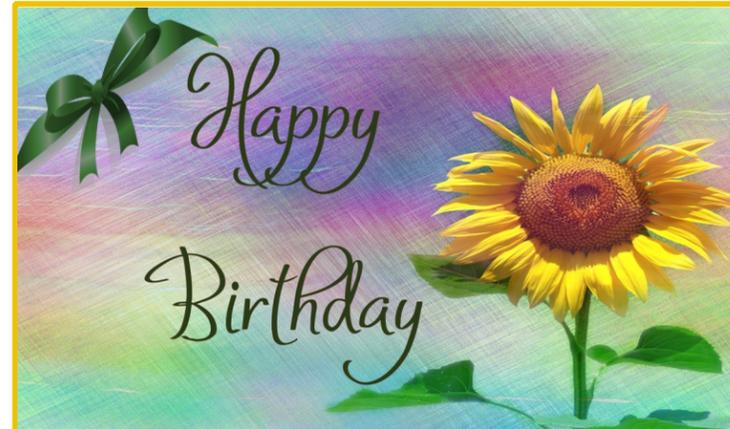


The Family of William (Bill) Verdoorn will be hosting a celebration of life to honor their husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

The family would like to invite all Bills family and friends to join them as they celebrate a life lived in Christ with love. The Celebration of this wonderful man's life will be held Sunday, August 8, 2021 at 2:00pm at the Lake Park United Methodist Church fellowship hall.



- 4 Jon & Peg Gunderson
- 5 Jeff & Phyllis Johnson
- 6 Scott & Jan Mitchell
- 8 Brett & Leah Tigges (H)
- 8 Brad & Sherri Munster
- 11 Bob & Janice Crist (H)
- 13 Matt & Megan Barnhart
- 15 Noah & Rachelle Bosma (H)
- 16 Dan & Charlana Gubbins
- 17 Brian & Lindsey Adams
- 19 Allan & Wanda Garloff
- 20 Dr. Randy & Stacie Cornwall
- 23 Dr. Chad & Billi Niemeier
- 25 Connor & Ashly Grussing
- 25 Calvin & Joni Harms
- 29 Daryl & Shakira Meyer
- 29 Keith & Judy Siemers
- 31 Tyler & Kyla Anerson



- 1 Jon Gunderson
- 1 Brienna VandeHoef
- 1 Grace Hiveley
- 4 Mike Vellema
- 4 Marc Oleson
- 5 Mike Baker
- 5 Braelyn Heikens
- 5 Travis Luitjens
- 5 Judy Siemers
- 5 Avery Jo VandeHoef
- 6 Bruce Goodell
- 6 Keith Klaassen (H)
- 7 Melanie Deets
- 7 Andy Preston
- 8 Nathan Kyle
- 8 Elizabeth Read
- 8 Tyler Jurva
- 9 Brock Garloff
- 10 Lena Anderson
- 10 Brian Lenderts (H)
- 11 Sherri Munster
- 11 Neal Luitjens
- 11 Ty Garloff
- 12 Jessie Paskert
- 13 Zachary Garms
- 13 Trevor Grussing
- 13 Liam Updike
- 14 Maddox Rahe
- 14 Lucas Jacobsma (H)
- 17 Amanda Oleson
- 18 Ben Meyerdirk
- 19 John Weltzin
- 20 Cassie Martin
- 20 Rebecca Ramsey Mooney
- 21 Trisha Ingham
- 21 Nichole Rowe
- 21 Emily Anderson
- 21 Meggie Mitchell Widholm
- 22 Todd Ahrenstorff
- 22 Matt Johnson
- 22 John Crosby III
- 23 Robert Halquist
- 23 Bo Barnhart
- 23 Derrick Dake (H)
- 24 Philip King
- 25 Shirley Gillespie
- 25 Kyle Ingwersen
- 25 Joan Miller-Hoye
- 25 Leah Tiggs (H)
- 26 Jacob Newbrough
- 27 Ryan Rowe
- 28 Jennifer Lueders
- 28 Nicole Vabre
- 29 Brian Nebelsick
- 29 Joshua Bridgeman
- 31 Kyle Jacobsen
- 31 Valerie Riesberg (H)



Ellen Wolfe, Butch Orwig, Rod Graham, Bob Ahrenstorff, Allan & Loretta Rowe, Amanda Bondhus, Rhonda Miller, Richard Friedrich, brother-in-law of Jan Mitchell, Craig Heuer, father of Kayla Updike, Claire Yaw, niece of Marie Mattiesen, Pastor Emmanuel, Our Church Family



SPECIAL MUSIC



- * June 27 Emly and Belka Naweji played a duet *“O How I Love Jesus”*.
Emly played *“For The Beauty Of The Earth”* & *“Battle Hymn of the Republic”*.
Belka played *“The Marines Hymn”*.
- * July 11 Jacie Rueter sang *“Hold On To Me”*.
- * July 18 Marianne Nebelsick sang *“Beauty of Holiness”*
- * July 25 Kyle Ingwersen sang *“The Father’s House”*

Thank you all for sharing your talents.

Your talent is Gods
gift to you
What you do with it is
your gift back to God

Message FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

In just about a few days, our children, grand and great-grand children will be going back to school. So, will our teachers and school staff. Some of our families are making those last summer trips as we get closer to the first day of school. School supplies will start running out in our stores because of all the preparations that come into play as we get ready for school to start.

In addition, when we think of school, what comes to mind is training. And, there is a Scripture about that, Proverbs 22:6, which goes as follows:
“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it” (ESV).

You may have heard of it. But, how are we to realistically accomplish it today? That task appears so difficult in today’s society. And, the reason why it seems so difficult may have to do with the fact that the average number of hours a parent, grand parent (or close family member) spends with a child daily keeps going down. As of last year (2020), and according to homeword.com, parents have about five hours of quality time with their kids per week.

In other words, you, as a parent (grandparent, or close family member, only have less than five hours a week to train up a child in the way he or she should go. It is no longer an easy job as it used to be ten, or fifteen years ago. With an easy access to so much information through technology today, if we do not do our task of training our children, someone else will do it. And, it will not be as we would want our kids trained.

There are three things I’d suggest for us to use, and which will make our task to train our kids in the way they should go a little easier. These steps come from Deuteronomy 11:18-21. You can read it on your own. **First, hold onto God’s Word.** Kids do, say, and become what they see. In other words, they can live in a way that pleases God as a result of how their parents (grand parents, or close family members) live.

Keep in mind that all kids and youth want to explore alternative ways of doing things. Sometimes, these choices may be counter to what you teach them. That does not meant you have give up on training them the way they should go. But, you will then need to move to the second step: **Teach God’s Word.** Teaching does not require you to be an expert in the Word of God. Thankfully, we have lots of good resources to help you study God’s Word and learn how to share it with your children, grand children, etc.

Since our kids are visual, use coloring books, or a resource like Right Now Media, which we have available on our Church website, www.harrislakeparkumc.org/rightnow-media. You will need to create an account for yourself, and take advantage of this resource our Church has provided for us all. Anyone can use (church members, friends and families). If you need help with setting up an account, contact the office (712 832 3361). In case you would like help finding appropriate resources for your family, you can reach out to me through the Office.

In case you did not know this, we all form our belief system (core values) between the

ages of 0 and 12 years. Where we grew up and the environment, in which we spent those early years of our lives, have played such a major shaping who we have become today.

Let’s assume you have tried steps one and two, and things do not seem to have been working for you, you will need to use step three: **make God’s Word more visible in the environment you can control.** Look at the walls in your home. Is there any scripture on them? Are Bibles in places where everyone, walking into your home, can spot them. It’s not about showing off, but just making God’s Word accessible to everyone in your home environment. You don’t have to overdo it. However, just a piece of Scripture on the wall can remind a child (or anyone else) of God’s love for him or her.

There is no specific way to do it, which will be relevant to every single family. Not at all. But, I encourage you to pray and ask God to show you the most excellent way to train your child, grand child, or great grand child. God is faithful and will answer your prayer. God knows what is best for you and your family members.

In conclusion, whether the three steps work for you or not, make sure to bring your child to Sunday school and youth groups. It’s another way to help train your child in the way he or she should go. Our Church Sunday school and youth groups’ meetings will resume in September. Check the Church calendar for the activities’ schedules.

See you in worship,
Pastor Emmanuel.



BE INVOLVED



"Teaching a child not to step on a caterpillar is as valuable to the child as it is to the caterpillar." —Bradley Miller

Volunteers Needed!

Please take the opportunity to serve as an usher in Lake Park.

Volunteers are needed for the following dates: ~August: 22 & 29, ~Sept. 5, ~ Oct.17, 24,31 ~ Nov. 28 ~ Dec. 19 & 26.

Please take advantage of this opportunity by signing up on the sheet located on the table by the fellowship hall.

Thank You!

From Worship committee:

In search of person/persons to run multiple forms of media during worship service, one Sunday per month. Please contact Pastor Emmanuel thru the church office.



Harris Coffee Schedule for September

- 5-Labor Day - No Coffee
- 12-Jeff Jacobsma
- 19-Shannone Serck
- 26-Gregg Hellinga

First Day of School for HLP is August 23. As students, teacher, administration, bus drivers, para educators, lunch personnel, custodians, & coaches prepare for school to start, keep everyone in your prayers. Remember parents need our prayers too! Let us all pray for a happy, healthy successful school year!

Sunday School Classes Resume September 12th! Lake Park Sunday School will be held 9:15am-10:15am.

Volunteers needed to donate snacks & water and to be snack servers. Sign up sheet is in the fellowship hall!

Join Us FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!



The Power of Listening

"The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen," says Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen, author of integrative medicine professor. Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention."

Twice in Mark 4, while teaching, Jesus urges, "let anyone with ears to hear listen" (verses 9 & 23, NRSV). One way we show what Jesus means to us is by truly listening to his word—not just hearing sounds but being attentive and intentional. Likewise, one way we love and serve others is by respectfully listening to them: not assuming we know what they feel or mean or will say; not planning what to say even as they're still speaking, but listening deeply to learn about them and their experience.

We often think living our faith calls for great accomplishments or world wide reach. But Remen says, "A loving silence often has ...power to heal and to connect." Don't underestimate something as basic and doable as listening as a way to practice Christlike love.

* Taken from the Newsletter Newsletter.

A prayer for slowing down.

God beyond time...teach us to pause in this moment, to tuck ourselves into the curve of your slow arm, that we may know the miracle of now, the gift of this moment: you beside and beyond us, welcoming us outside of all we measure, and standing with us in it. May we see the goodness of our still hours and days, sunrises, sunsets, and the darkness where our rest is found. AMEN Mica Boyett in A Rhythm of Prayer

PUZZLE No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.



Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.



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|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. ___ bear | 9. ___ monkey | A. fry | I. hatchling |
| 2. ___ frog | 10. ___ platypus | B. fawn | K. foal |
| 3. ___ owl | 11. ___ alligator | C. gosling | L. owlet |
| 4. ___ horse | 12. ___ giraffe | D. cub | M. puggle |
| 5. ___ kangaroo | 13. ___ goose | E. kid | N. joey |
| 6. ___ deer | 14. ___ swan | F. cygnet | O. polliwog |
| 7. ___ goat | 15. ___ dog | G. infant | P. puppy |
| 8. ___ fish | | H. calf | |

"_on't let any_ne _oo_ down o_ you _ecaus_ you _re youn_, but set an exa_ple for the bel_evers in spec_, in _onduct, in love, in _aith and in _urity."

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV

Answer: D, O, L, K, N, B, E, A, G, M, I, H, C, F, P

COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY



August 2021

Our library mystery has been solved! Many of those anonymous book donations to our church library have been donated by Darlene Halquist! And then some more have been donated by LaDonna Bosma. Thank you Darlene and LaDonna for passing on the gift of reading.

Deb Morrow, Church Librarian

“We may know something about God and something about Jesus, but what do we know about the Holy Spirit? Too often we seem to overlook the third person of the Trinity, perhaps because we don’t know much about Him. He seems mystical. Reserved for super-spiritual Christians. We might even say He intimidates us—or somehow seems optional.

Anne Graham Lotz has good news for us” in her book:

Jesus in Me: Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion.

[Personal Growth section of the church library.]

“Wherever you are in your spiritual walk, God will find a way to speak to you in a way you will understand. Become acquainted with the Voice that has spoken from a fire and a cloud; with visible signs and an invisible Spirit; through a burning bush and burning hearts.”*

Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God is Speaking by Pricilla Shirer

provides understanding of the uncompromising truths of Scripture intellectually and practically. [Personal Growth section of the church library.]

“***Becoming Myself: Embracing God’s Dream of You*** is a hope-filled book for anyone who wonders if her (his) life will ever change—if she (he) will ever change. In **Stasi Eldredge’s** most intimate book yet, she shares her own struggles with self-worth, addiction, and her past as she shows readers how God is faithfully bringing us to a life of freedom and wholeness.” *

[Personal Growth section of the church library.]

“In ***The Circle Maker: Praying Circles Around Your Biggest Dreams and Greatest Fears,***

Pastor Mark Batterson

shares powerful insights from the true legend of Honi the circle maker, a first-century Jewish sage whose bold prayer ended a drought and saved a generation. Batterson will teach you how to pray in a new way by drawing prayer circles around your dreams, your family, your problems, and, most importantly, God’s promises. In the process, you’ll discover this simple yet life-changing truth: **God Honors Bold Prayers and Bold Prayers Honor God.**”*

[Personal Growth section of the church library.]

* ***Taken from back cover.***

Draw the Circle: The 40 Day Prayer Challenge by Batterson is also

available in the Prayers/Devotions section of our library.

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Food Pantry Month	2 Pastor Emmanuel out of the office	3 Pastor Emmanuel out of the office	4 Pastor Emmanuel out of the office	5 Pastor Emmanuel out of the office	6 Farmer Appreciation	7 days- 8th
8 9:00 Iowa Lake Community Service 2:00 Celebration of Life Honoring Bill Verdoorn	9	10	11	12 7:00 pm Harris Ad Council Meeting	13	14 11:00-2:00 Don & Carol Bonnema’s 50th Anniversary Celebration
15	16	17	18 7:00 pm Lake Park Ad Council Meeting	19	20	21
22 Rev. Dr. Emmanuel providing services at WEL-Life & Accura	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Rev. Dr. Emmanuel providing service at Pear Valley	30	31				

Stewardship

Lake Park UMC Attendance	Offering	Harris UMC Attendance	Offering		
July 4	74	\$4,814.17	July 4	10	\$75.00
July 11	53	\$2,215.00	July 11	20	\$1120.00
July 18	49	\$966.00	July 18	12	\$295.00
July 25	83	\$1735.00	July 25	12	\$352.10

Thank you for your patience as we work to improve services on Facebook and YouTube!

Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.

-Aristotle



Ingathering

Health Kit Materials: (Value \$12 + \$1 for toothpaste & \$2 shipping)

- **1 New hand towel**
- 15" x 25" to 17"x 27";
- Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable.
- **1 New washcloth**
- **1 comb**
- Comb needs to be **sturdy** and longer than 6" long;
- No pocket size combs or picks please;
- Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth.
- **1 Metal nail file or nail clippers**
 - No emery boards or toenail clippers please.
- **1 Bath-size bar of soap**
- 3 oz. and larger sizes only;
- No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content;
- Do not remove from original packaging.
- **1 toothbrush**
- Adult size only;
- Do not remove from original packaging.
- **10 adhesive bandages** (previously this was 6 band aids, but has been updated.)

- ¾" to 1"-size;
- Common household Band-Aids.
- **1 plastic bag**
- One-gallon size sealable bag only.
- **\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste**
 - **Optional \$2.00 per kit for shipping**

Assembly Directions for Health Kit:

Set the \$1.00 for toothpaste aside to be included in a separate envelope. Lay out the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth. Fold over the sides of the hand towel to cover all of the items. Fold over one end of the hand towel so that it covers all of the items. Grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible and seal the bag.

Place items in one gallon size re-sealable bag. We are still asked that all items are new and the contents of kits not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.



Kits (UMCOR)

**** UPDATED School Kit Materials: plus \$2 shipping)**

- **1 pair blunt scissors**
- Blunt-end/rounded tip only;
- Metal blades – – No plastic scissor blades.
- **3 Notebooks of paper, approx. 8 1/2 x 11**
- Spiral- or top-bound wide-ruled pads (210 – 250 sheets total);
- No composition books, please.
- **NEW ITEM: One pack of loose leaf paper**
- 100 -200 page packets are acceptable
- Wide or college rule accepted
- **1 hand-held pencil sharpener**
- Must be at least 1" long;
- Remove from packaging.
- **1 30-centimeter ruler**
- Hard or flexible;
- Cartoon characters are acceptable;
- No advertisements please.

- **6 unsharpened pencils with erasers**
- No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols please;
- Cartoon characters are acceptable.
- **1 – 2 1/2 inch or larger-size eraser**
- No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols please;
- Cartoon characters are acceptable.
- **1 – 24-count box of crayons**
- Only 24-count boxes please.
- Please use permanent marker to cover US Flag on box
- **Optional \$2.00 per kit for shipping.**

Assembly Directions for School Kit:

Stack all paper items on top of each other. Place all loose items on top of paper. Small loose items may be placed in a smaller resealable bag. Place kit inside of 2 gallon resealable bag and seal. (NOTE: The cloth school bags are no longer being used for the school bag.)

