



WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A WALK?

Some of you will remember past Labor Day Weekends and the Jerry Lewis Telethon for Muscular Dystrophy Association. Ah yes, Jerry Lewis, who died in 2017, could be an off the charts cornball with cheesy humor and antics. He also had a huge heart!

From 1952 until 2010, his telethons raised more than \$2.6 billion for MDA. Scientists funded by MDA discovered the causes for most of the diseases in the program, and developed treatments, therapy and standards of care that have let those with various forms of the disease live longer and grow stronger. More than 200 research and treatment facilities have been built with money raised by the Jerry Lewis' telethon. Amazing.

One part of the telethon I always tried to watch was Lewis' finale, when he

would sing the song "You'll Never Walk Alone," from the musical "Carousel," which had become his signature signoff. I invite you to read slowly through these lyrics or better yet, Google the song.

When you walk through a storm

Hold your head up high

And don't be afraid of the dark

At the end of a storm

There's a golden sky

And the sweet silver song of a lark

Walk on through the wind

Walk on through the rain

Though your dreams be tossed and blown

Walk on, walk on

With hope in your heart

And you'll never walk alone

Some days, especially during our recent trials, I need to hear these words. Psalm 121 makes an easy transition into these lyrics: “My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. He will not let your feet go out from under you. He Who watches over you will never slumber or sleep.”

During these continuously trying times, whether the words come from a Psalm

or from the lyrics of a 20th-century Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, we need to remember that in our darkest hours that with Someone there to guide us and hope in our hearts, we’re never walking alone.

I am thankful to be walking with you, and I am thankful you are walking with me. ***Pastor Troy***

For those who desire to continue worshipping online remember: Our worship will be live on Facebook at 9 am. Following the service, the video will be archived on the Facebook page. To find it you can go directly to <https://www.facebook.com/valleyheightsumc/> and scroll down to that day’s service to watch. It will say “Waterville/Blue Rapids UMC was live.” Click on that post to watch. The sermons will continue to be posted to the <http://www.umcbluerapids.org/sermons/> as soon as time permits.



What does it really mean to live the good life? Is living the good life possible even in the midst of a global pandemic? Is living the good life even the goal of a faithful Christian in 2020? Come and explore these questions, and others in our November worship series, "Living the Good Life". Here are our upcoming worship themes.

November 8: *Living a Life of Contentment.*

November 15: *Living a Life of Simplicity*

November 22: *Living a Life of Thankfulness*

**Join us as we live the
good life together!**

NEW MEMBERS ARE JOINING THE CHURCH!

Even a global pandemic can't keep new families away! What a great praise report and testimony to the fine people we have in our church families. We are very pleased to report that three new families have joined the Waterville Church: Josh, Nikki, Haily and Macy Stoudt; Heather, Brady, Hadley and Evelyn Anderson; along with Amy and Bill Kraber and their son, Tyrel. Joining the Blue Rapids Church are Jayne and Levi Pierson. Please welcome these new members with open arms!

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 1ST

We have the great joy of welcoming 7 young men into the life of our two churches. This confirmation class had to be very flexible as they endured a rather long and up and down roller coaster ride of schedule and events due to the health crisis protocols. But they did it! Those being confirmed this Sunday are: Dustin Denton, Logan Gray, Camren Hansen, Cooper McWilliams, and Hudson Nemechek from the Blue Rapids Church, and Ben Arganbright and Tyrel Wagner from the Waterville Church. Congratulations, young men!

QUIZ CORNER

November Question: What piece of artwork in the Blue Rapids church was done by Rev. Homer Noley?

Call or text Nancy N with your answer! 785.713.2572

Answer will be printed in the November Newsletter!

October Answer: On August 17, 1974, a bad hail storm damaged the original stained glass windows on the north side of the church. Janet Meyn and Jay Varicek got married in the church that day... a wedding day to remember!!

Harvester's Mobil Food Pantry, Waterville: Tuesday, Nov 16- 10 am
Blue Rapids Food Pantry: Saturday, Nov 21 - 9 am

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES

2. Sarah Whiting
3. Greg Anderson
Crystal Gordon
Morris Merrill
4. Carol Hill
5. Tabitha Arganbright
8. Brad Roepke
Kenny & Pat Winkenwader
9. Krista Porter
13. Patsy Jackson
14. Brett Jackson
15. Clayton Dick
17. Rob Stryker
18. Dan Smerchek
19. Scott Hedke
20. Jim Osborne
24. Marilyn Spain
25. Rich Anderson
Sidney Blackburn
Kevin & Jacqueline Coggins
Wesley Denton
Bill & Jimi Whitesell
26. Konrad Bergsten
27. Larry Nolte
28. Corky Godsey
Terra Hargrave-Bruna
Luke Roepke
30. Ken Wanamaker

*Give thanks
with a grateful heart*

Your birthday/ anniversary not listed? Let the office know!

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AGNUS DAY

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Matthew 25:31-46

The Sheep and the Goats

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ 'Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ 'Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ 'The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

⁴¹ 'Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

⁴⁴ 'They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

⁴⁵ 'He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

⁴⁶ 'Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.'



UPCOMING DATES TO KNOW

Sun November 1st *Communion/Confirmation Sunday*
Worship Services
9 am Blue Rapids
9 am Facebook Live (from BR)

Tues November 3rd
Election Day

Wed November 4th
6 pm W Trustees Meeting

Sun November 8th *Living a Life of Contentment*
Worship Services

Wed November 11th *Veteran's Day*
8 pm W Administrative Council Meeting

Sun November 15th *Living a Life of Simplicity*
Worship Services

Tues November 17th
10 am W Mobil Food Pantry

Wed November 18th
6:30 pm BR Trustees Meeting
7 pm BR Council Meeting

Sat November 21st
9 am BR Food Pantry

Sun November 22nd *Living a Life of Thankfulness*
Worship Services

Thurs November 26th
Thanksgiving Day

Sun November 29th
First Sunday in Advent
Worship Services