

## Pastoral News

Hello, my friends, hope this note finds you well, wherever you may be...

Charlie Worsham wrote the song "For the Love" – here is the hook.

"Love can't fill your tank or pay your rent, oh but love is the only reason that makes sense / If you can't put your heart into it, for the love of God don't do it, I've only ever been in it for the love,"

There is really only one way we are able to love like God. If we truly accept the love God has offered us. Apart from this, we are not capable of loving like God. That seems to be a pretty simple task, doesn't it? Why then are we so surprised when we or the people around us fail again and again to love?

In Matthew 22:37-40 (The Message), we read.

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.' This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' These two commands are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them."

The key for us today is 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' I believe that we are only able to love others by the love we are able and or willing to accept. It is like what we read last week I Luke 7:47 Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.'

## What's In This Month's Issue:

- Caritas Challenge
- Prayers Needed
- Birthdays and Anniversaries
- United Women of Faith

## November Calendar

**6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th**

Worship @ 10:30

**13th** Pot Luck @ Noon

**3rd** UWF @ noon

**8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th**

Tops @ 9

Prayer Group @ 10:30

Bible Study @ 11

**10th & 17th**

Crafting Group 9 till noon

**6th**

Ad Council meeting at noon

**20th**

Charge Conference @ 1

**24th**

Flashes Articles Due

Life is hard, I know I have made choices in my life of which I am not proud. Even today, I am far from a perfect human being, and I know that Jesus calls us to an even higher standard than that of a human being.

I must ask myself, and maybe you do as well...have I forgiven myself?

Have I accepted the forgiveness of God?

Do I love myself? Have I accepted the Love of God?

In my head this all makes perfect sense, but in my heart and in my life?

It is written: We love because God first loved us (1 John 1:4).

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us... (1 John 4:16).

The Bible says: Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

(1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

How am I doing with those?

What would the world look like if we could truly live by those words?

What would our church look like?

Let us... put our hearts into it, for the love of God and the love from God...because in the end, love is the only reason that makes sense.

Because God is love and we're made in God's image and likeness, the very fabric of our being requires love. When Jesus spoke of all the troubles that would take place on the earth in years to come, the need for our obedience to the law of love is glaring.

(Read Matthew 24:12).

So let us make a deal. Let us take one characteristic each month of the text above and try to love better, and then share with each other on Sunday mornings...deal?

November – Patience

December – Kindness

January – Not being jealous

February – Not being boastful or proud

March – Not demanding my own way

April – Not being irritable

May – Forgiveness (keeps no record of being wronged)

June - Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Peace, pastor René



Caritas is having a very difficult time at this time.  
There is a very big need all over Spokane.

# *Caritas Challenge For November*



**This month is  
Laundry Soap.  
They have a great  
need.**

# STAND UP TO BULLYING (October 2022)

Thank you so much everyone for your support of the anti-bullying campaign "HATS-NOT-HATE" that Fowler UMC sponsored for the students of Willard Elementary School.

On Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup>, Lorraine, Roberta, Donna, Diane, Dotie and Pastor Rene took over 500 blue hats to Willard for each student to select the hat they wanted to wear to remind each other to be kind, loving, calm, helpful, etc. All teachers and staff members received a hat also to support the campaign.

Two assemblies were held for K-2 and 3-5 grades to announce the student of the month from each class and watch 2 videos to inspire them to 'show love'. Dotie explained the blue hat project at each assembly and expressed our desire that every child at Willard will experience a bully-free school year.

It was such a rewarding experience for everyone who was a part of this project from beginning (April 2022) to end (October 2022). Helping each student select a hat was a special blessing. As Lorraine said, "I never heard the words, 'Thank you!' that many times.

I am ever so grateful for those who supported this project in material ways i.e. making hats, donating money and/or yarn, and purchasing hats and am ever so humbled by those who also lifted this project in prayer to our Father, who is the one who brought this project to completion. Please continue to pray for the Willard students, that God will bring about results in their lives according to His will and purpose.

Dotie Godley



## Prayer Requests

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

Ephesians 6:18 NIV

2nd - Reho Barron

Diane Strobeck

5th - Reba Arneson

8th - Cadie Olsen

19th - Tom Bryan

21st - Sharon Stovall

23rd - Roberta Decker

Bob Nilles

### **Hand of God to Touch**

The People of Ukraine

Families and Children with RSV

The Crew

### **Health and Healing**

Ryan

All in need of healing

Sandee - heart valve repair

Diane Skertal - chemo

### **Continued Prayers.**

Linda Stancil

Dan Montgomery Dan Myron

Wishing our friends and family

a “happy. . .”,

a “merry. . .”,

a “best wishes . . .”,

and a “blessings . . . .”

for their special day.



United  
Women  
in Faith

## WORLD THANK OFFERING

The Fowler unit of United Women in Faith will meet on November 3 at noon in Corinthian Hall. Bring a sack lunch. June Nelson will provide dessert and lead us in our time of reflection and devotions.

This month we celebrate World Thank Offering where we bring our gifts of gratitude for the transformation of local and global communities by raising money for women, children and youth in our neighborhoods and around the world. The topic of this session will be life-changing creation and transformation. We will look at different passages from the Bible and share some experiences we have had that made changes in our lives.

Sharon Stovall, Unit President

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**Do you like to craft?  
10th & 17th for our Crafting day.  
Let's talk and craft together.**



**Knit, crochet, cross stitch, quilt**



**Come join us!  
We meet  
every other  
Thursday  
from 9am to  
noon!**