

INVITATIONS TO ACTION

Our Last Winter Splash is Next Sunday, February 15th

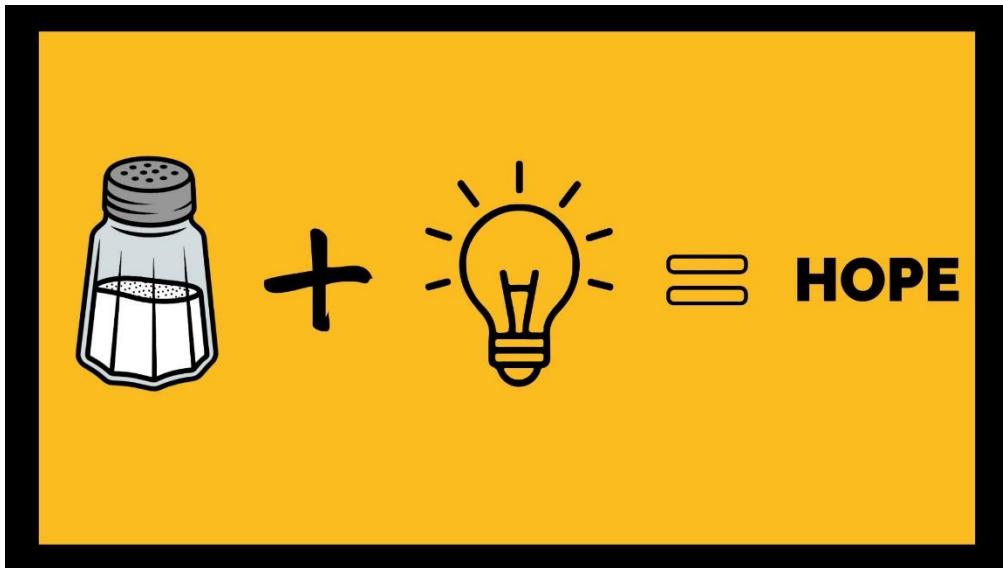
Join us in the Chapel at 10:15am to learn more from Pastor Jenny about Lent and the tradition of burning last year's palm leaves to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Our time together will include going outdoors to participate in this activity so make sure to dress for the weather.

Ash Wednesday, February 18

7:30-8:30 am Ashes and Coffee: Drive through our church parking lot for the imposition of ashes and coffee to begin the day.

12 pm Worship in Our Church Sanctuary

7 pm Worship in Our Church Sanctuary or Online



Sunday February 8, 2026 9:00 am

**Please stand if it is comfortable for you*

*GATHERING SONG

Trading My Sorrows

WELCOME & GREETING

*SONG

My Life Is In You

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us to live with courage and hope; unafraid and grounded in trust.

People: We are called to be salt in life around us—bringing flavor and meaning to life.

Leader: We are called to be light—shining hope where it's needed most.

People: When we live as salt and light, hope rises up.

Leader: When salt and light join together, we will not be shaken by fear; for our hearts will be steady with hope.

People: We come to worship, ready to live as hope.

All: Let us worship the One who fills us with purpose, who makes us salt and light and hope in a weary world.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 112:1-9

WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN

Children Pre-K through fifth grade may go to Children's Church. Pre-K through 2nd grade go to the Nursery and 3rd through 5th grade go to classroom E-8.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God of mercy, you call us to be salt that preserves and light that shines, yet we confess that too often we blend in instead of standing out. We confess that we have lost our saltiness when we stay silent in the face of injustice, when we choose comfort over courage, and when our words fail to reflect your grace. We confess that our light grows dim when fear keeps us from loving boldly, serving joyfully and leading courageously. Forgive us, God. Let Your light shine through us so that our lives bring hope to the weary, peace to the broken, and love to the forgotten. Steady our hearts, renew our minds and restore in us the joy of living as your people as we make our silent confessions (silent confession).

SUNG RESPONSE

Make Me a Servant

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Salt and Light

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:13-16

SERMON

Salt + Light = Hope

*SONG

To Know You More

A TIME FOR PRAYER

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND OUR BLESSINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Song of Thanksgiving

More Precious Than Silver

*CLOSING BLESSING

*CLOSING SONG

Days of Elijah

Psalm 112:1-9

Praise the LORD! Those who honor the LORD, who adore God's commandments, are truly happy! Their descendants will be strong throughout the land. The offspring of those who do right will be blessed; wealth and riches will be in their houses. Their righteousness stands forever. They shine in the dark for others who do right. They are merciful, compassionate, and righteous. Those who lend generously are good people—as are those who conduct their affairs with justice. Yes, these sorts of people will never be shaken; the righteous will be remembered forever! They won't be frightened at bad news. Their hearts are steady, trusting in the LORD. Their hearts are firm; they aren't afraid. In the end, they will witness their enemies' defeat. They give freely to those in need. Their righteousness stands forever. Their strength increases gloriously.

Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It's good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise God who is in heaven.

Participating in Worship:

Rev. Jenny Arneson, Pastor

Lisa Wink, Treasurer, Worship Assistant

RiversEdge Praise Team, Music, Readers

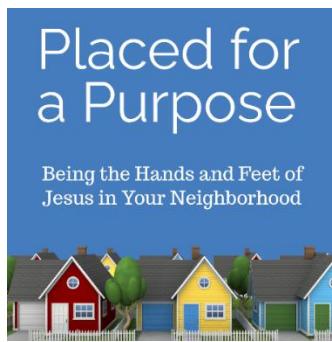
Terry Twedell, Children's Time



Starting on Ash Wednesday we will begin having dinner together in Fellowship Hall at 6pm all throughout Lent.

Our first meal together is a potluck where you are invited to bring a dish related to a family tradition. This could be a holiday favorite, a comfort meal, a passed down family recipe, anything with a story you are willing to share together! This meal time will focus on dialogue and growing in our connection together as a church family and getting to know our Director of Family Ministry Daniel Taylor.

Future dinners will be provided by the church and come with some cost. The cost of dinner is \$5 per person in attendance. Dinners will be pay-at-the-door, cash or check. If you have questions or concerns about payment let Daniel Taylor know (familymin@sunprairieumc.org) RSVP here <https://forms.gle/ZrEGwMKpFEaEDg1Y9>.



Lent Studies 2026

Many of us do not know our neighbors. If we do know them, we aren't sure how to grow the relationship or talk about our faith with them. *Placed for a Purpose* provides a theologically rich framework for neighboring that helps people live missionally where God has placed them. Authors Chris and Elizabeth McKinney seek to provide a sustainable vision for the "low and slow" lifestyle of neighboring and supply practical tools that help people invest in their communities, value each step in the process, and build meaningful, gospel-motivated relationships with their fellow image-bearers right next door.

Lent Study Options will include:

- Sunday mornings at 10:15 am from February 22- March 29 facilitated by Director of Community Engagement Amanda Hinthon
- Sunday evenings at 7 pm on Zoom from February 22- March 29 (This class will need a minimum of 6 participants to happen.) facilitated by Director of Community Engagement Amanda Hinthon.
- Wednesdays at Noon February 25- March 25 facilitated by Pastor Jenny.
- Friday Morning Grace Café, 9:30 am
- Saturday Morning Men's Group, 8 am

To sign up, please contact the church office at office@sunprairieumc.org or call 608-837-5554. The Book cost \$5.