

Last night around 10 o'clock, as I was getting ready to call it a night, Rita suddenly looked up from her phone and shouted, "We have to go outside!" She said it with such urgency that I had my shoes and jacket on before I even realized I had no idea why. It wasn't until I was standing outside in the snow and freezing cold that I thought to ask what was going on.

Apparently, people on Facebook were posting photos of the Northern Lights. It was one of those rare, magical nights when the Lights were visible this far south and there was no way she was going to miss it.

So, we stood there, staring up into the night sky. She oohed and aahed as she caught glimpses of the colors. I saw... nothing. Turns out that a combination of color blindness and poor night vision makes the faint Lights basically invisible. All I got were numb toes as I stood in the snow.

After a few minutes, I did what comes naturally to me: I complained. Instead of telling me to hush and stop ruining the moment, Rita pulled out her phone. She set the camera to long exposure and pointed it at the sky. When I looked at her screen, the heavens suddenly exploded in color. Reds and greens filled the image. Such colors that even a color-blind guy like me could see.

As the invisible became visible, I couldn't help but think of Paul's words in Romans: "And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?" (Romans 10:14c). If people are going to know Christ, someone has to show them. Someone has to tell them. Someone has to point toward the truth, like Rita with her long exposure, so that others can see what they couldn't see before.

We do this through long conversations with family, friends, neighbors, and even strangers. We have conversations that involve more listening than talking. But we also know that words aren't always enough. Actions speak louder. Every time we show love to our neighbors, we show them Christ. We help them see the truth of the love we've received from God.

And that's our calling, to be like that long-exposure lens, patiently revealing the beauty of God's light to those who can't yet see it. The world is full of people standing out in the dark, searching the sky for something more. What a gift it is when we can help them catch a glimpse.

Advent Series: "A Grace Filled Christmas."

It will be discussing the three types of grace as we prepare for Christmas.

November 30th - Topic: Prevenient Grace, John 1:1-9

December 2nd - Topic: Justifying Grace, Isaiah 9:2-7

December 14th: FAMILY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

December 21st: Topic Sanctifying Grace, John 15:1-11

We will have a discussion led Sunday School after worship.

God Bless, Pastor Ed

Disciples and Dragons Youth Group Is meeting every other Sunday at 6 PM

Online giving is available for your convenience
Scan the QR code for the direct link. Also, at lakevilleumc.org



TOPS Club meets at LUMC on Mondays, 4:00 PM, Room 206, use north east door.

THANK YOU

Thank You to all who participated in many ways with the Fall Rummage Sale. First of all the donations!! Extra tables were needed along with an added Sale Day.

Then to Carol McDougal for organizing the set-up, fielding many questions throughout the days involved and tear down of the foyer and Trodie Hall.

As of October 12th the total sales were: Bake Sale \$ 297.50 Rummage Sale \$2,132.80

The LUMC Women's Mission Circles uses the proceeds from the sale for local Missions we support. God's Love, Karen Taylor UMC Chair

Looking Ahead

Disciples & Dragons Youth Group - Sunday, Nov. 16, 6 PM

Staff Parish Meeting – Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6:30 PM

Craft Shoppe & Bake Sale – Thursday, Nov. 20 Noon – 7 PM

Turkey Supper – Thursday, Nov. 20 4 – 6:30 PM

Euchre/Game Night – Saturday, Nov. 22, 6 PM

Hanging of the Greens – Sunday, Nov. 23 after worship

Fellowship Committee Mtg – Monday, Nov. 24, 6:30 PM

Food Pantry – Tuesday, Nov. 25, 3-6 PM

Fifth Sunday – Sunday, Nov. 30 Carry In Lunch, Sloppy Joes will be provided

Disciples & Dragons Youth Group -Sunday, Nov. 30, 6 PM

Post Turkey Supper Meeting – Tuesday, Dec. 2, 7 PM

Finance Meeting – Wednesday, Dec. 3. 10 AM

Evangelism/Missions Meeting – Thursday, Dec. 4, 6:30 PM

Food Pantry – Tuesday, Dec. 9, 3-6 PM

Family Christmas Brunch – Sunday, Dec. 14 Pancake lunch and visit with Santa

Disciples & Dragons Youth Group – Sunday, Dec. 14, 6 PM

Mary Magdalane Mission Circle - Tuesday, Dec. 16, Eat Out

Food Pantry – Tuesday, Dec. 23, 3-6 PM

Food Pantry Needs: pancake mix, ketchup, saltine crackers, cereal – all kinds, jelly or jam, peanut butter, flour, dishwashing soap, soup with meat, mashed potatoes, ranch dressing, diced tomatoes

Food Pantry is open to anyone in the Union North school district as well as to our church family on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 3 – 6 PM

Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule

Nov. 16 Carolyn K. Nov. 23 Jean L. Nov. 30 Sloppy Joes Carry In Lunch

Sign up at the bulletin board outside the kitchen door.

Sunday Kids Church Schedule

Nov. 16 Hope! Nov 23 Hope!! Nov 30 Hope!!!

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