

## Unity Lutheran Church

*"We share the heart of Jesus in the community  
by loving people through life's struggles"*

### *"This Changes Everything"*

What could possibly be so important that it changes everything? The gospel. The good news of Jesus' resurrection changes everything. It changes the laws of physics as we understand them presently. This once-in-a-universe event changes the physical world of the cosmos, reconciling heaven and earth for the healing of creation itself. And of course, Jesus' resurrection changes our lives.

Because he lives, so we live. Without fear of death's sting, unchained from the bonds of sin, undaunted by any obstacles or challenges that lie in our path, we live on Jesus' mission each day. No matter how hard powers that rebel against God may try their best, we see Jesus reconciling the ways of the world to the way of God's reign among us. We get involved in what he's doing. That's how we live. That's why we're here.

Our involvement leads us to new opportunities in sharing God's love with our neighbors. As we look forward to our final visioning retreat with Leighton Ford Ministries the weekend of May 3rd & 4th, our two strategic task forces continue to learn and discover new ways Unity can serve God's purposes faithfully long into our future. With our focus on reaching (a) people experiencing homelessness and (b) single parent families, much could change from what we've grown accustomed. We may decide to redevelop part or all of our property in order to serve our neighbors in new ways that provide the congregation with greater sustainability. We may see new initiatives, priorities, and ministries that better align our efforts with these goals. Whatever God has in store for us and the community we serve, we embrace it with the faithfulness that Jesus -- living among us and leading the way -- changes everything.

Join us in worship this Lent and Easter season as we study scriptures under the theme "This Changes Everything". Hear your calling through the gospel. Live your witness to our savior. Journey together in discovering where Jesus is leading the way.

Shalom!  
Pr. Kevan



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## Join Us for Worship Easter Sunday! April 20, 2025

Unity has TWO ways to join our worship services if you are unable to make it in person,  
Here are the links.

Watch it live stream at: <https://facebook.com/unitymilwaukee>

Watch the recording on YouTube at: [Unity Lutheran Church - YouTube](#)

## 2025 SECA Worship & Lent

### Ash Wednesday – March 5 – Christ Church UCC

915 E Oklahoma Ave

- 12 PM Ash Wednesday Service
- 5:45 PM Community Potluck
- 7 PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service



### Maundy Thursday- April 17 – Tippecanoe Presbyterian

125 W Saveland Ave

- 7 PM Worship Service

### Good Friday – April 18 – Unity Lutheran Church

1025 E Oklahoma Ave

- 12 PM Good Friday Service
- 7 PM Good Friday Service

### Wednesdays - March 12, 19, 26 & Wednesdays April 2, 9

#### Christ Church UCC

915 E Oklahoma Ave

- 11 AM Soup Luncheon
- 12 PM Worship



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## *New Spanish Language Bible Study*

Join Josepha and friends for our new Spanish Language Bible Study Group on Tuesdays from 5-6PM in our Sanctuary.

## *Spanish Language Worship*

Unity's Spanish Language Service is held the first Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon. These services are led by Josepha Puerta-Villacrez as she continues her seminary program and candidacy for ordination. As our 10:00 am worship service is scripted in Spanish, these worship services will be scripted in English. Please join us and spread the word! The next several service dates are: March 2, April 6, May 4 and June 1. All are welcome!

## *KidsTime Schedule Update*

Kid's Time meets each Sunday immediately following worship. They will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 20. The model is to have a brief Kids Time following worship, during a Cross Generational fellowship time in the back of the sanctuary. In other words, ALL are encouraged to participate in Kid's Time and Coffee Connections. The last day of KidsTime will be May 18 as we will take a break over the summer months.



## *Lunch Club*

Join our Lunch Club March 13, 1PM at Final Approach (4959 S Howell Ave)



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## Active Adult Center News

Unity's Active Adult Center invites you to join them on **Tuesdays from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm** in Unity's Fellowship Hall. Feel free to please bring a friend or neighbor for conversation, cards, bingo, games and more! Luncheon is offered when available, if preferred bring your own lunch such as a sandwich. Coffee and Snacks available each week.



## Unity's Warming Shelter Update

Unity is blessed to be one of four warming centers in Milwaukee which will provide nightly refuge and resources. Unity entered a partnership agreement for our building to serve as a warming shelter this winter with Milwaukee County Housing. This program began on Monday, November 25 and will run through Sunday, March 30, 2025. We welcome our guests to use our building from 7:00 pm – 7:00 am 7-days a week and will give Unity financial compensation. The county will provide trained staff, and we will provide lots of love!

## CommUNITY Meal Continues!

Unity's CommUNITY Meal Continues to serve those in need! We continue our Wednesday meals. A hot meal, on the third Wednesday of each month, serves from 5:00 – 6:30 PM. Our to-go meals are served all the other Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:00 PM, During our Food Party.

Thanks to many, many are blessed. We have had an increase in guests at our third Wednesday hot meals which provide a nutritional dinner, an opportunity to be seen and heard, a resource for the food and clothing they need, and a warm, safe place to gather with new and old friends. Our guests are grateful! We demonstrate our invitation "Love Invites You In" is more than a slogan but an authentic act of hospitality. This ministry helps so many of our friends in need. Thanks to all who help, dine and donate to this ministry!

Thank you to the many volunteers who help with this important ministry! If you have any questions, please contact Unity's office, or Lynn Rinderle.

Hot Meal Dates: March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18



Unity's Food Pantry & Clothing Closet  
Open Every Wednesday  
5:00 - 6:00pm



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## Join Us for Strategic Visioning Work

A follow up retreat with Kevan Ford, from Leighton Ford Ministries, is scheduled at Unity for Saturday and Sunday, May 3-4, 2025. Whether you have attended previous retreats or not, you are welcome and encouraged to join us. A sign-up sheet will be available in April on the usher's table or by contacting the office at [unity@unitymilwaukee.org](mailto:unity@unitymilwaukee.org). Saturday we will meet from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm in Unity's Fellowship Hall and Sunday we will meet from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Lunch will be provided on Saturday. Coffee, iced tea, and water will be provided each day.

Our two task forces continue their work. The purpose of the Revamp Task Force is to align all of our resource with our primary mission. Resources include disciple-making ministry programs, staffing model, organizational structure, utilizing endowment, robust stewardship team, property and facility, etc. We are listening to neighbors to identify needs that involve educational opportunities, especially around our two target communities: single parents/starters and those experiencing housing insecurity. The Campus Development Task Force is exploring options to maximize our impact and efficiency by shifting to a multi-use campus partnership with a developer providing services in mission alignment with Unity.

## RIC BOOKCLUB- Join Us

We are doing a Lenten themed Bible Study/Book Club, RIC style! The book is called First Nations Version: An Indigenous Bible Translation of the New Testament by Terry M. Wildman. This is a version of the New Testament using Indigenous translation that also happens to be inclusive language. We will be reading Matthew, Mark & Luke through fresh eyes.

We will meet on March 11th, 25th, and April 8th at Anodyne Coffee at 6pm. We will be reading the book of Matthew for March 11th, the book of Mark for March 25th, and the book of Luke for April 8th. If you did not order your own copy, the book is also available on the Libby app, and there are currently copies through the Milwaukee public library.



## *News From the Endowment Board*

The Endowment Board has reviewed the submissions for Scholarship. We awarded a total of 17 scholarships. One of our applicants wrote this on where they see Jesus in their life: "...I can also speak to the observation of Jesus in nature, particularly during a walk I took during the spring. Spring most notably signifies a period of rejuvenation and rebirth. As I was on that walk, I was taken back by the beauty of the season, with the budding flowers, newly green trees, and sunny clear sky. In a way, spring is Jesus' reminder to rejuvenate and heal yourself, which is why spring is a dear season for me. These types of experiences are what impact me the most, as they deepen my faith and further instruct me to trust in Jesus, even when things seem like they are not good as a whole. In addition to this, these experiences also help me build more trust in my relationships with the people and things around me. The great thing about being able to feel Jesus in your life doesn't just present itself in the prominent or incredible moments. Interactions with the people around you, as well as taking time for quiet reflection help me recognize a greater gratitude and awareness I can obtain." Our applicants think deeply about where they see Jesus, how it impacts their life their faith and their growth. Congratulations and best wishes on your learning journey.

## *Ministry Volunteers Needed!!*

Once a month on Monday at approximately 9am, we pick up food for our meal ministry from Ebenezer Stone at 12th & Bruce St in Milwaukee. The food is brought to this south side location by Feeding America. If you are able to help with picking up this food, please contact church office or Lynn Rinderle.



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### *Election Day Bake Sale!!*

Offering home baked goods on election days has become popular with our neighbors and profitable for us! Our next election is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Several voters inquired about our baked goods on the primary election on February 18th! Please remember to support our bake sale by baking, volunteering, or shopping the sale! You can let Sarah Brauhn know if you'd like to have a two-hour work shift, and we will have a sign up sheet on the ushers table closer to the event. Thank you all for baking and donating the yummy muffins, pies, cookies, cakes, breads....!

### *Spring Plant Sale!!*

Another popular event we offer is our spring plant sale! As with our bake sale, we have returning customers who not only need plants but enjoy the conversing! It's not too early to start planning, dividing houseplants, selecting seeds, or deciding which perennials to thin this year. We are going to try a new schedule; one Saturday morning from 9am-12pm and the next Tuesday from 3pm-6pm and as you know, we need you to help us sell the plants; they actually sell themselves, but we do provide community cheer. The dates will be announced in March! Thanks for helping us with our neighborhood outreach/fundraising events!

### *Plant Sale Leaders Needed!!*

Do you enjoy being outdoors, talking with others, and taking on a new challenge? We are looking for an individual or pair of people who would like to take charge of our plant sale. We have been doing it for 3 years now and our congregation drops off plants and signs up to help host the sale. If you would like to be the leader of this fun event, please let Lynn Rinderle know!



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## Stewarding our resources for Jesus' mission

Thank you for your generosity and for sharing your blessings and supporting Unity's ministries. This is our financial situation (General Fund) through January

Total Income	\$29,178.00 YTD	Annual Budget	\$206,384.00
Total Expenses	\$14,861.00 YTD	Annual Budget	\$206,384.00



Use your QR Code Reader on your phone to give securely through the VANCO giving app.

## Unity's Stewardship Campaign 2025



The theme is:

### Loving God Big

Our center Bible verse is:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Matthew 22:37

A huge **THANK YOU** for all those who responded to and turned in a pledge card this fall for 2025. If you have not turned in your pledge card, you are encouraged to do so. We value your ongoing partnership with Unity in Jesus' mission!

## CommUNITY Notes from Council...

Here are just a few highlights of what your council has been doing and what issues we are facing. Please note that these are highlights and will not include everything.

- Staffing updates: In December we hired a new Office Administrator, Chelsea Sieger.
- In February we switched our internet provider to Spectrum. Hopefully this will solve our internet connection issues.

**Deadline for the Summer 2025 Newsletter is Tuesday, May 13.**

**Please Send Submissions to Chelsea**

**Office.Admin@unitymilwaukee.org**





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## Sundays Worship Schedule

### Ushers, Online Host, Producer, Altar Guild

	<b>03/02/2025</b>	<b>03/09/2025</b>	<b>03/16/2025</b>	<b>03/23/2025</b>	<b>03/30/2025</b>
Ushers	Erin Whitehead, Nicholas Whitehead, Jacki Davis, Chris Davis	Kitty Dinauer, Josefa Puerta-Villacrez, Jorge Tores Munoz, Wayne Pratis	Erin Whitehead, Nicholas Whitehead, Jacki Davis, Lynn Rinderle	Kitty Dinauer, Josefa Puerta-Villacrez, Jorge Tores Munoz, Wayne Pratis	Erin Whitehead, Nicholas Whitehead, Wayne Pratis, Jorge Torres Munoz
Online Host	Laura McVann	Chad Lyden	Chad Lyden	Laura McVann	Chad Lyden
Director/Producer	Kyle Davis	Chad Lyden	John Lyden	Chad Lyden	John Lyden
Altar Guild	Wayne Pratis	Josefa Puerta-Villacrez	Wayne Pratis	Wayne Pratis	Josefa Puerta-Villacrez
Lector	Wayne Pratis	Janet Dunst	Wayne Pratis	Jody Stack	Nick Latona
	<b>04/06/2025</b>	<b>04/13/2025</b>	<b>04/18/2025</b>	<b>04/20/2025</b>	<b>04/27/2025</b>
Ushers	Kitty Dinauer, Josefa Puerta-Villacrez, Jorge Tores Munoz, Wayne Pratis	Erin Whitehead, Nicholas Whitehead, Wayne Pratis, Jorge Torres Munoz	Kitty Dinauer, Josefa Puerta-Villacrez, Jorge Tores Munoz, Wayne Pratis	Erin Whitehead, Nicholas Whitehead, Jacki Davis, Chris Davis	Kitty Dinauer, Josefa Puerta-Villacrez, Jorge Tores Munoz, Wayne Pratis
Online Host	Patsy Lenz	Chad Lyden	Laura McVann	Chad Lyden	Patsy Lenz
Director/Producer	Kyle Davis	John Lyden	Kyle Davis	John Lyden	Kyle Davis
Altar Guild	Stacy Davis	Josefa Puerta-Villacrez	Wayne Pratis	Stacy Davis	Josefa Puerta-Villacrez
Lector	Wayne Pratis	Nick Latona	Janet Dunst	Jody Stack	Wayne Pratis
	<b>05/02/2025</b>	<b>05/11/2025</b>	<b>05/18/2025</b>	<b>06/01/2025</b>	
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If you would like to serve in any of these ministries please email our office at [unity@unitymilwaukee.org](mailto:unity@unitymilwaukee.org) to learn more.



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*We remember the following people as we pray...*

**Ebony Brown and family** (friends of Unity); **Gail Senelon** (AAC member); **Mary Cicerelli** (member); **Dareyl Wahl** (member); **Jeff Tessmer** (son of Marge); **Keith Mueller** (brother of Kim Thomas); **Jean Weibner** (mother of Tricia Skinner); **Don Plant** (friend of Jeff Kornreich); **Blake Oleson** (friends of Unity); **Dorothy C.** (outreach member); Pastor **Kevan Penvose**; **Patsy Lenz** (member); **Patricia Orłowski** (friend of Unity); **Sandy LeBombard** (friend of Unity); **Jerry & Nellie Javorski**; **Cindy Larson** (friend of Frank Jendisa); **Bonnie Ziowkoski**, **Lori Jameson** (member); **Kathy** (friend of Unity); **Joan** (friend of Unity); **Jack Badalik** (friend of Unity); **Andy Wegner** (member); **Mary Noe**; **Sandi Buchman**; **Robin Servantez** (friend of Lori Jameson); **Kim Deschler**; **Justin, Nathan, and Frank**, (friends of Unity); **Jamie Kornreich** (member); **Elaine Kornreich** (member); **Joe, Shelly, and Joey Tuzzo** (friends of Unity); **Gloria Brandenburg**; **Jeannine Lau** (member); **Trudy Rossman**; **Neil Larsen**; **Thom R. Bagley, Marty**; **Cindy Bereiter**; **Susan & Betty Johnson** (Ross); **Paul, Donna, Paula, Cathy, Izzy & Lee**; **Hernandez family**; the **Toni Fare family** (member); **Nicholas Whitehead** (member); **Rita Smith & Jr.** (members); **Thurston, Isaac, Eric**, the **Zolinsky family**; **Tricia Skinner** (member); **Scott Neumann** (friend of Cindy Flechner); **Dennis Block** (member), and **Irvin Smith** (AAC – Charolette Smith's husband); and **Matthew Robert Van Etta** (dad of Ophelia); **Pam Padgett** (member); **Wayne Pratis** (member); **Dave Emmons** (Friend of Unity); **Chuck Williams** (member); and **Jason** (Friend of Unity).

*\*Please notify the office to add or remove someone from Unity's prayer list.*



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## Scripture Messages & Daily Readings

### **"Get Ready"**

#### **March 2<sup>nd</sup> Transfiguration**

**Sunday Luke 9:28-45**

Monday Exod. 35:1-29  
Tuesday Ezek. 1:1-2:1  
Weds. Ps 35:11-28  
Thurs. Acts 7:30-34  
Friday Acts 7:35-42  
Sat. Gen. 3:8-24

### **"Uncommon"**

#### **March 9**

**Sunday Luke 10:25-42**

Monday Zech 3:1-10  
Tuesday Job 1:1-22  
Weds. Ps 17  
Thurs. Phil 3:2-12  
Friday Phil 3:17-20  
Saturday Matt 23:37-39

### **"Undeterred"**

#### **March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday Luke 13:1-9,31-35**

Monday Ex. 33:1-6  
Tuesday Rom. 4:1-12  
Weds. Ps. 105: 1-15, 42  
Thurs. Rev. 2: 8-11  
Friday Rev. 3:1-6  
Saturday Luke 6:43-45

### **"Determined"**

#### **March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Sunday Luke 15: 1-32**

Monday Jer. 11:1-17  
Tuesday Ezek. 17: 1-10  
Weds. Ps. 39  
Thurs. 2 Cor. 4:16-5:5  
Friday 2 Cor. 5:6-15  
Saturday Luke 15:1-10

### **"Now is the Time"**

#### **March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday Luke 16:19-31**

Monday Lev. 23:26-41  
Tuesday Lev. 25: 1-19  
Weds. Ps. 53  
Thurs. Phil. 2:19-24  
Friday Phil 2:25-3:1  
Saturday John 11:45-57

### **"New Perspective"**

#### **April 6<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Students**

##### **Lead Scripture**

**Sunday Luke 18:31-19:10**

Monday Ex. 40:1-15  
Tuesday Judges 9:7-15  
Weds. Ps. 20  
Thurs. Heb. 2:1-9  
Friday Heb. 2:10-18  
Saturday Luke 22: 1-13

### **"No Going Back"**

#### **April 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**

**Sunday Luke 19:29-44**

Monday John 12: 1-11  
Tuesday John 12:20-36  
Weds. John 13: 21-32  
Thurs. John 13:1-17,31b-35  
Friday John 18:1-19:42  
Sat. Ezek. 37:1-14

### **"A Whole New World"**

#### **April 20<sup>th</sup> EASTER**

**Sunday Luke 24:1-12**

Monday 1 Cor. 5:6b-8  
Tuesday Rev. 12:1-12  
Weds. Ps. 150  
Thursday Acts 5:12-16  
Friday Acts 5:17-26  
Sat. Luke 24:36-40

### **"Can't Wait"**

#### **April 27<sup>th</sup> REFORMATION**

**Sunday Luke 24:13-35**

Monday Rev. 1:9-20  
Tuesday Rev. 2:8-11

Weds. Ps. 122  
Thursday Rev. 3:14-22  
Friday Rev. 4:1-11  
Sat. Luke 14:12-14

### **"Finding Peace"**

#### **May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday Luke 24:36-43**

Monday Acts 9:19b-31  
Tuesday Acts 26:1-18  
Weds. Ps. 121  
Thurs. Rev. 5:1-10  
Friday Rev. 6:1-7:4  
Sat. 12:29-32

### **"You are Witnesses"**

#### **May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday Luke 24:44-53**

Monday Rev. 15:1-4  
Tuesday Acts 9:32-35  
Weds. Ps. 100  
Thurs. Rev. 10: 1-11  
Friday Rev. 11: 15  
Sat. Rev 11:16-19

### **"From Now On"**

#### **May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday Acts 1:1-11**

Monday Acts 11:19-26  
Tuesday Acts 11:27-30  
Weds. Ps. 133  
Thurs. Acts 15:36-41  
Friday Acts 16:1-8  
Sat. Luke 19:1-10

### **"In It Together"**

#### **May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday Acts 1:9-14**

Monday Rev 21: 5-14  
Tuesday Rev 21 15-22  
Weds. Ps. 93



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*Mission:* We share the heart of Jesus in the community by loving people through life's struggles.

*Vision:* Love invites you in. Community cultivates growth. Compassion sends us out.

*Values:* Affirm All  
Follow Jesus  
Empower Individuals  
Cultivate Community

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**Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Friday is Pastor Kevan's day off.

## *COUNCIL* ([council@unitymilwaukee.org](mailto:council@unitymilwaukee.org))

Lynn Rinderle – President	Graci Hanson
Laura McVann – Vice President	Massamba Smith Jr.
Stacy Davis – Treasurer	Jim Liedtke
Sarah Brauhn -Secretary	

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Jody Stack – Chair	Rachel Hahn
Jill Wisniewski – Treasurer	Jack Kosmoski
Nick Latona	

Thank you!

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