Truth Caller

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Dear Church family,

I hope and pray that this letter finds you in good health with a heart full of hope for the future.

The season of lent began on March 2nd. We gathered as a church to reflect on Ash Wednesday and put ashes on our foreheads as an outward sign of an inward repentance. We contemplated on God's word from the books of Joel, Psalms, and the Gospel of Matthew.

The prophet Joel reminds us that we need to rend our hearts to the Lord and not just our garments. Joel is sharing that God wants us to have an inner change within our lives and not just outward change. Jesus's words challenge us not to be like the hypocrites during the season of lent but rather to have change even in our most inner lives where we tend to live in secrecy. God wants us to have a heart change like that of King David. In Psalms 51 David expresses his inner heart repentance as he offers his plea to God.

So, join me and others for the next 5 weeks or the next 40 days as we journey to change our inner selves. Let the season of lent help us to detox our spiritual lives, so that we can be found faithful in God's sight. Join us at church as we read Soul Detox— a book by Pastor Craig Groeschel which will help us change from the inside out.

I invite you to discover a deeper relationship with Christ during this Lenten season and encourage you to commit to sharing your experience with others. We grow in our faith when we are in God's Word and are connected to God's people.

Ways how you can participate with us for the next forty days of lent is to apply the teachings of Jesus in your lives:

- You can have an extended time of prayer in both your personal and family life.
- Spend time reading the word of God.
- You can reach out to at least one person and share about the Good News of Christ with them.
- You can make efforts to leave certain habits which are disturbing your spiritual life and growth. By practicing self-denial.

In Christ,

Shermin Parmar

Pastor Sherwin Parmar

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\$115 per member of Oconto United Methodist Church.

You may mail us your checks to: Oconto United Methodist Church 641 Washington Street, Oconto, WI 54153 or drop it in the offering plate on Sundays.

\$141.82 per member of Oconto Falls United Methodist Church.

You may give online or mail to: Oconto Falls United Methodist Church PO Box 991 Oconto Falls, WI 54154 or drop it in the offering plate on Sundays.

March/April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7 Women Book Club @ Oconto UMC at 6:00 pm	8 Oconto Falls Council Meeting at 6:30 pm	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Beings. Set Clocks 1hr ahead.	14 Men's Bible Study @ Oconto at 6:00 pm	15 *Oconto Council Meeting at 6:00 pm	16	17	18	19
20	21 Men's Bible Study @ Oconto at 6:00 pm	22	23 VBS Planning Meeting @Oconto 6:00 pm	24	25	26
27	28 Men's Bible Study @ Oconto at 6:00 pm	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 Worship Committee Oconto falls @4:00 pm	5 SPRC @ 6:30 pm	6	7	8	9
10 Palm Sunday 9 am Oconto Falls 10:30 Oconto	11 Men's Bible Study @ Oconto at 6:00 pm	12 Oconto Falls Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm	13	14	15 Good Friday 12:00 Oconto Falls 7:00 Oconto	16
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