

THE GLORY SOUND

LeRoy United Methodist Church, Inc.

February 2017



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FOUR CHAPLAIN SUNDAY

The Rev. Jim Neider has once again requested to use our church facilities for the 4-Chaplain Worship Service. This will be held on Sunday, February 5 at 1:00 pm. Please feel free to stay after worship that day and join in worshipping with them! Pastor Dave will be delivering the Invocation and Benediction and Valorie will be at the organ. A wreath will be laid at the Four-Chaplain Memorial in Trigon Park following the service.

The Story

It was the evening of Feb. 2, 1943, and the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was crowded to capacity, carrying 902 service men, merchant seamen and civilian workers.

Once a luxury coastal liner, the 5,649-ton vessel had been converted into an Army transport ship. The Dorchester, one of three ships in the SG-19 convoy, was moving steadily across the icy waters from Newfoundland toward an American base in Greenland. SG-19 was escorted by Coast Guard Cutters Tampa, Escanaba and Comanche.

Hans J. Danielsen, the ship's captain, was concerned and cautious. Earlier the Tampa had detected a submarine with its sonar. Danielsen knew he was in dangerous waters even before he got the alarming information. German U-boats were constantly prowling these vital sea lanes, and several ships had already been blasted and sunk.

The Dorchester was now only 150 miles from its destination, but the captain ordered the men to sleep in their clothing and keep life jackets on. Many soldiers sleeping deep in the ship's hold disregarded the order because of the engine's heat. Others ignored it because the life jackets were uncomfortable.

On Feb. 3, at 12:55 a.m., a periscope broke the chilly Atlantic waters. Through the cross hairs, an officer aboard the German submarine U-223 spotted the Dorchester. The U-223 approached the convoy on the surface, and after identifying and targeting the ship, he gave orders to fire the torpedoes, a fan of three were fired. The one that hit was decisive—and deadly—striking the starboard side, amid ship, far below the water line.

Captain Danielsen, alerted that the Dorchester was taking water rapidly and sinking, gave the order to abandon ship. In less than 20 minutes, the Dorchester would slip beneath the Atlantic's icy waters.

Tragically, the hit had knocked out power and radio contact with the three escort ships. The CGC Comanche, however, saw the flash of the explosion. It responded and then rescued 97 survivors. The CGC Escanaba circled the Dorchester, rescuing an additional 132 survivors. The third cutter, CGC Tampa, continued on, escorting the remaining two ships.



USAT Dorchester

Aboard the *Dorchester*, panic and chaos had set in. The blast had killed scores of men, and many more were seriously wounded. Others, stunned by the explosion were groping in the darkness. Those sleeping without clothing rushed topside where they were confronted first by a blast of icy Arctic air and then by the knowledge that death awaited.

Men jumped from the ship into lifeboats, over-crowding them to the point of capsizing, according to eyewitnesses. Other rafts, tossed into the Atlantic, drifted away before soldiers could get in them.

Through the pandemonium, according to those present, four Army chaplains brought hope in despair and light in darkness. Those chaplains were Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Lt. John P. Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed.

Quickly and quietly, the four chaplains spread out among the soldiers. There they tried to calm the frightened, tend the wounded and guide the disoriented toward safety.

“Witnesses of that terrible night remember hearing the four men offer prayers for the dying and encouragement for those who would live,” says Wyatt R. Fox, son of Reverend Fox.

One witness, Private William B. Bednar, found himself floating in oil-smearred water surrounded by dead bodies and debris. “I could hear men crying, pleading, praying,” Bednar recalls. “I could also hear the chaplains preaching courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going.”

Another sailor, Petty Officer John J. Mahoney, tried to reenter his cabin but Rabbi Goode stopped him. Mahoney, concerned about the cold Arctic air, explained he had forgotten his gloves.



“Never mind,” Goode responded. “I have two pairs.” The rabbi then gave the petty officer his own gloves. In retrospect, Mahoney realized that Rabbi Goode was not conveniently carrying two pairs of gloves, and that the rabbi had decided not to leave the *Dorchester*.

By this time, most of the men were topside, and the chaplains opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. It was then that Engineer Grady Clark witnessed an astonishing sight.

When there were no more lifejackets in the storage room, the chaplains removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men.

“It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven,” said John Ladd, another survivor who saw the chaplains’ selfless act.

Ladd’s response is understandable. The altruistic action of the four chaplains constitutes one of the purest spiritual and ethical acts a person can make. When giving their life jackets, Rabbi Goode did not call out for a Jew; Father Washington did not call out for a Catholic; nor did the Reverends Fox and Poling call out for a Protestant. They simply gave their life jackets to the next man in line.

As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains—arms linked and braced against the slanting deck. Their voices could also be heard offering prayers.

Of the 902 men aboard the U.S.A.T. *Dorchester*, 672 died, leaving 230 survivors. When the news reached American shores, the nation was stunned by the magnitude of the tragedy and heroic conduct of the four chaplains.



“Valor is a gift,” Carl Sandburg once said. “Those having it never know for sure whether they have it until the test comes.”

That night Reverend Fox, Rabbi Goode, Reverend Poling and Father Washington passed life’s ultimate test. In doing so, they became an enduring example of extraordinary faith, courage and selflessness.

The Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart were awarded posthumously December 19, 1944, to the next of kin by Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, Commanding General of the Army Service Forces, in a ceremony at the post chapel at Fort Myer, VA.

A one-time only posthumous Special Medal for Heroism was authorized by Congress and awarded by the President Eisenhower on January 18, 1961. Congress attempted to confer the Medal of Honor but was blocked by the stringent requirements that required heroism performed under fire. The special medal was intended to have the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor.

Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation © 2015



Reverend George L. Fox



Rabbi Alexander D. Goode



Reverend Clark V. Poling



Father John P. Washington



Join Us February 5th @ 1:00 PM For the Four Chaplain Worship Service

Worship Committee

Well, we survived another Advent and Christmas Season. We hope you all had a blessed Christmas & New Years! Now, however, we have Lent and Easter breathing down our necks. Ash Wednesday is March 1st this year. Yikes! No problem! We got this.

The committee will be meeting February 7th to go over our plans for the Lent & Easter Season, and beyond. Would you like to join our committee? If so, please let Susan know. We are always looking for fresh input.

We have the TV media up and running (mostly). I am still in the learning phases of design and operation of the laptop programs. Our hope is that by Easter we will be fully functioning. Isn't that exciting? I think so!

I will have an order form for Easter Lilies in next month's newsletter. Please remember that donations to our Flower Fund is always greatly appreciated. The funds help us purchase extra plants for Easter & Christmas to help make our altar's plant display look fuller and more lovely.

Blessings, Susan

GRACE 'S CLOSET

As of Jan. 27th, we will be 7 years old! Hard to believe we have been serving this long. We thank everyone for their support and all the clothing to keep this mission going.

We could use some warm bedding. Our supply is getting low.

I thank all the volunteers who give of their time each week.

Janice Cooper, Chairperson

February Liturgists

Feb 5	Don Keys
Feb 12	Mary Lou Jones
Feb 19	Janice Cooper
Feb 26	Catie Long



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 1	Sandi Howard
February 10	Julie Long
February 24	Susan Callahan



Roma Downey writes:
"Sometimes God calms the storm, but sometimes God lets the storm rage and calms His child. When you feel like you are drowning on the sea of life, remember your lifeguard walks on water."

THIRD SUNDAY BREAKFAST GROUP

The “Third Sunday Breakfast and Bible Study Group” is no longer a men’s-only group. Instead, both men and women come together to enjoy eating at the Lord’s Table and study his word. Children would be welcome if we could find volunteers who are willing to develop a good program to occupy them after the meal while the adults do Bible Study.

We are still using “The Upper Room” as our resource for small group study, but can change to a different resource if the group votes to change. I wouldn’t object to inviting a guest speaker from time to time. We are always trying to come up with new ideas that would help us grow. I have said it a number of times, but it is always worth repeating: Please invite your Christian friends, regardless of whether they belong to our congregation or not. All are welcome at “Christ’s Table.”

I will confess that at 8:20 AM on January 15th, 20 minutes after we were supposed to break bread together, I was a little nervous. I called the other 4 people in attendance together for prayer and grace. Our chefs had prepared enough food for a small army that was out and ready to be served. We prayed for guidance as to whether we should continue this program. Our prayers were answered in short order when several people came through the door. We enjoyed a sumptuous breakfast and had lively discussion on the January 4th lesson in the Upper Room (Patient Fishing). Next month’s title is “Expressions of Prayer” (January 11th). I hope that you all have your copy of “The Upper Room”

The next breakfast is on February 19th. PLEASE arrive early for an 8:00 AM sharp breakfast. Thanks.

Yours in Christ, Don Keys

Don't forget about the Backpack Club!

Our church is still collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the LCCP for the LeRoy Backpack Club. They need lunch &/or breakfast items to pack into the backpacks for the local needy schoolchildren so that those students have something to eat over the weekend.



Unfortunately, many students in our community only get to eat breakfast and lunch while they are at school. The Backpack Club tries to fill the weekend void so that they don't have to go hungry while waiting for Monday to arrive.

Please remember that these are children, so child-friendly food items are best. Items like soups, noodles, cereal, single-serve fruits, puddings, etc. are best.

Money donations for food purchase are also gratefully accepted. Make checks out to this church, memo: LCCP Backpack Club. Thank you!

LeRoy United Methodist Church

2017 Committee on Lay Leadership

*We are a church for all seasons going faith forward, journeying together,
and experiencing the light of God.*

Church Council (year to year term)

Chairperson
Recording Secretary
Lay Leader (3-year term)
Staff/Parish Relations Committee (Chair)
Treasurer
Financial Secretary
Financial Secretary/alternate
Committee on Finance (Chair)
Lay Leadership
Lay Servants *(by November vote)*
Trustees Representative *(to be chosen by Trustees)*
N.O.W.

Currently Serving

John Johnson
Betsy Darby
Don Keys (2019)
Betsy Darby
Theresa McMullen
Elaine Keys

Phil Tooze
Rev. David Jones
Janice Cooper & Wayne Papke
TBD

Rev. David Jones/Susan Miller
Julie Long
Janice Cooper
(open)
Margaret Hurley
Clayton Dimick

Nurture Ministry Area (Chair)

Christian Education

Outreach Ministry Area (Chair)

Witness Ministry Area (Chair)

Memorial Committee

Member at Large

MINISTRY AND MISSION

Nurture (education, worship, Christian formation, membership care, small groups and stewardship, needs of families-all ages included)

Chairpersons: Rev. David Jones/ Susan Miller

Members:

Worship: Susan Miller, Valorie Stotz, Kym Horning, Janice Cooper, Mary Lou Jones.

Music: Karen Gabbey, Valorie Stotz, Wayne Papke,

Hospitality/Membership Care: Kym Horning, Lois Dimick, Elaine Keys, Janice Cooper

Greeters: Joyce Hunt

Membership Secretary: Susan Miller

Christian Ed: Julie Long, Kym Horning

Lay Liturgists: John Compton, Don Keys, Kym Horning, Janice Cooper, Betsy Darby, Mary Lou Jones, Catie Long. Karen Gabbey —substitute

Ushers: Joyce Hunt, Rex Miller

Outreach (local/larger community ministries of compassion, justice and advocacy. Religion/race, church and society, global ministries, higher education, campus ministry, health and welfare, Christian Unity, Status and Role of Women.)

Members: Elaine Keys (Dance), Rex Miller (Food Pantry), Janice Cooper (Grace's Closet & Ides of March).

Grace's Closet: Janice Cooper (Chair), Kym Horning, Beth Nicoll, Jeff Nicoll, Dawn Folts

Card Ministry: Beth Nicoll

3rd Sunday Breakfast/Study Group: Don Keys & Kym Horning

Salvation Army Coordinator/Operation Christmas Child: Janice Cooper

Mitten & Hat Tree Coordinators: Elaine & Don Keys

Witness (develop and strengthen evangelistic effort of sharing of personal/and congregational stories of Christian experience, faith and service, communities/lay speaking ministries and other expressions of witness for Jesus Christ.)

ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORTIVE

Board of Trustees (3-year terms)

Class of 2017
Class of 2017
Class of 2017
Class of 2018
Class of 2019
Class of 2019
Class of 2019
Class of 2019 (Chairman)
Voting Member
Endowment & Investment Advisor

Currently Serving

Janice Cooper
John E. Johnson
Susan Miller
David Powers, Jr.
Wayne Papke
Karen Gabbey
Walter Guthrie
Jeff Nicoll
David Jones
Phil Tooze

Committee on Lay Leadership (3-year terms)

Lay Leader	Don Keys
Chairperson	David Jones
Class of 2019	Wayne Papke

Staff/Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) (3-year terms)

Lay Leader	Don Keys
Council Chair	John Johnson
Class of 2019 (Chairperson)	Betsy Darby
Class of 2019	Elaine Keys
Class of 2019	Wayne Papke
Class of 2019	Tracy Merritt

Committee on Finance (1-year term)

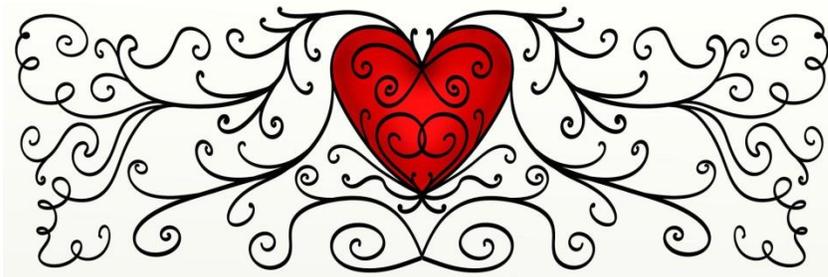
Chairperson	Phil Tooze
Church Treasurer	Theresa McMullen
Financial Secretary	Elaine Keys
Financial Secretary/alternate	Joyce Traxler
Pastor	David Jones
Lay Leader	Don Keys
Chairperson of Church Council	John E. Johnson
Representative from Memorial Committee	Margaret Hurley
Chairperson or Representative from SPRC	Betsy Darby
Chairperson or Representative from Board of Trustees	Rev. David Jones
Chairperson or Representative from Mildred Texter Ed	Karen Gabbey

Mildred Texter Education Fund (College Scholarships) *The Mildred Texter Education Fund Committee shall relate and report to the Committee on Finance:*

Chairperson: Karen Gabbey

Memorial Committee:

Margaret Hurley (Chair), Janice Cooper, Lois Dimick



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			I	2 9:30- 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	3	4
5 Communion Sunday 1 pm: 4- Chaplin Sunday	6	7 1:30 pm: Worship Mtg. 3:15 pm: GS Troop # 42123 3:30 pm: Bible Study 5 pm: Grace's Closet 6:30 pm: Trustee Mtg.	8	9 9:30- 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	10	11 4:30 pm: Vagg/Page Wedding
12 12:15 pm Council mtg.	13	14 <i>St. Valentine's Day</i> 3:30 pm: Bible Study 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet	15	16 9:30- 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	17	18
19 8 am: 3 rd Sunday Breakfast	20	21 3:15 pm: GS Troop # 42123 3:30 pm: Bible Study 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet	22	23 9:30- 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	24	25
26 Transfiguration Sunday	27	28 3:30 pm: Bible Study 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet	<i>March 1st Ash Wednesday</i>			<i>March 4th Celtic Concert</i>

Valentine's Day Word Search

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T R A E H C A R D N
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Be Mine

Candy

Card

Chocolate

Couples

Cupid

Date

Diamond

February

Feelings

Flowers

Friendship

Gift

Hand holding

Heart

Hugs

Kisses

Love

Lovers

Romance

Roses

Stroll

Suitors

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- ❖ Worship Hours: 10:30 AM Sunday Mornings
- ❖ Pastor: Rev. Dr. David Ursal Jones
- ❖ Pastor’s Office Hours: Tuesdays from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
- ❖ Administrative Assistant: Susan Miller
- ❖ Office Hours: Mon & Tue: 12:30 – 4:30 pm; Wed & Thu: 2:30 – 4:30 pm
- ❖ Music Director/Organist: Valorie Stotz
- ❖ Web Administrators: Kym Horning & Mary Lou Jones

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