

FEBRUARY 2021

Pastor's Column

February is kind of an in-between time. We are between Christmas and the start of the Lenten season. Ash Wednesday will be Feb. 17 with a 7:00 p.m. service. On Sunday, Feb. 14 we will undecorate the church after the worship service and I hope to provide pizza for those who can stay and help. What happens after that day is that the church looks kind of plain until spring and Easter brings a spring time look to the church. We usually leave it rather plain due to the nature of Lent. Lent is a time of introspection, looking at what we need to keep with our spiritual format and what do we need to change in order to have a closer walk with Jesus.

Years ago I was part of a United Methodist ministerial group who held Wednesday night services during Lent. We would travel to each other's churches which meant were only in our home church Ash Wednesday and in each other's churches the other Wednesdays. It worked out quite well as I looked forward to presenting my Lenten service in each church which meant I only had to do one preparation. It was a chance for my church to have other preachers during Lent. I remember one year I prepared a reader's dialogue with three other members of my church. Being a readers dialogue we did not memorize the parts but were readers of the parts. It actually turned out quite well and it was good fellowship for the four of us to travel to the different churches, some of which we had never been in. On any given year I took at least one person with me to be a part of the service.

As the years went by, Lenten services were becoming less attended due to a lot of different conflicts with work, home, and even school. Because Minnesota is great at having snowy days and sometimes weeks, there would be the need to make up sports games with Wednesday being the solution to the conflict.

Nowadays very few churches carry on Lenten services in the United Methodist Church. I think that was a loss for our spiritual journey. So, the Sunday services during Lent are extremely important preparation time. The scriptures that lead up to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday give us a better understanding of Jesus' whole ministry and what He was trying so hard to impart to us so our lives would become free to live a closer life with Him.

So, our journey will begin Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. We will endeavor to journey the road Jesus took to the cross. In some ways I wish we didn't know about the resurrection until Easter Sunday because we might be tempted to just skip to the end of the story. What is important is the journey and what took Jesus to the cross. Then the resurrection and the rest of the story fits into our lives and our journey. God bless us on our journey!

Pastor Jack

Scriptures for the Month of

February

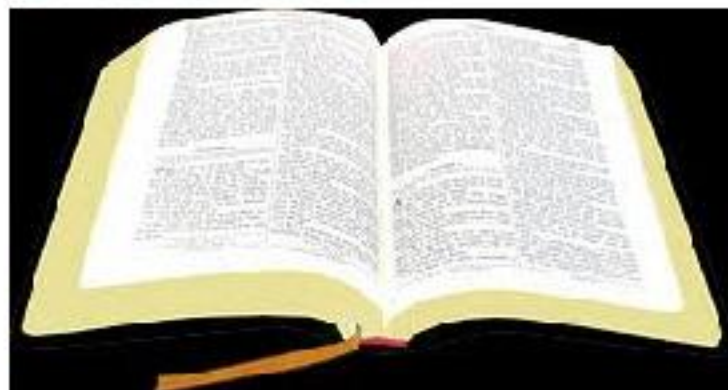
Sunday, February 7: Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39
Sunday, February 14: 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-62 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9
Sunday, February 21: Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15
Sunday, February 28: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38

Bible Studies

New Bible Study - Starts February 1
10:30 a.m. or On Your Own on
Right Now Media

We will do two sessions each week
for 3 weeks to lead us into Lent.

Come join us!



HOW TO READ YOUR BIBLE
JENNIE ALLEN

Does the Bible feel too intimidating and complex? Does understanding it feel impossible, so you don't even try? In this three-week study, we want to help you understand why the Bible is the greatest tool we have. We want to open your eyes to the way the Old Testament and New Testament connect and show you the purpose of each book of the Bible.

February 1 - Sessions 1 & 2: Understanding the Bible; Old Testament

February 8 - Sessions 3 & 4; Old Testament

February 15 - Sessions 4 & 5; New Testament

Lent Study "He Chose the Nails"

We will study Max Lucado's "He Chose the Nails" series on Right Now Media for our Lenten study. Whether you are at Bible study on Mondays or at home you will be able to join our study for Lent. Max examines the gifts that Christ gave us. Gifts when going to the cross, the gifts of grace, the gift of forgiveness, the gifts of love and victory as he chose to be one of us. We will have a study guide and start Monday February 22!

In He Chose the Nails, a five-session video Bible study, Max continues by examining the gifts that Christ gave at his crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the nails, and the empty tomb. The cross is rich with God's gifts of grace, and as we unwrap them, we will hear him whisper, "I did it just for you."

PRAYER BREAKFAST

The 1st Saturday of the month is our usual time to meet which in February is the 6th. We meet at 8:15 a.m. for a light breakfast like rolls and coffee and juice. We will meet in the basement of the church for a while so more people can attend because of more space. Prayer is central to our faith and mission. God wants us to pray to him before we move forward. He wants to be a part of our ministry and the journey we are on. SAT., FEB. 6 at 8:15 a.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY *Worship*

This Service will be Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. This service is designed to start us on a journey towards the cross and resurrection. It is a journey filled with ups and downs in the life of Jesus. We will search some of the reasons that Jesus needed to give His life for ours. It is a thought provoking time and a time to look closer to where we are in our Christian Journey. Palm Sunday is March 28 with the Easter celebration being Sunday, April 4.

Thrift Store

We hope to reopen our Thrift Shop in March . We have new LED lighting & new garage door openers in both shop locations (thanks Bob Lyon for installing those). We also have some fantastic multi-level shelving in the MH shop (thanks to Jack & Vivian Jensen for the donation & to JD Settles, Bob Lyon & Debbie's brother Bill for delivering & setting them up). We have worked during the winter months to keep up with donations to stay organized & ready to be open, especially for our big sale which will occur in May. We also sold a few of the more specialized items via Facebook Marketplace advertising. If you're interested in helping, let Neva Mielke or Debbie Lyon know. Pastor Jack & Susan Winston plan to take the shift on the 2nd Thursday afternoon of each month. We can always use volunteers to man the shop on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 8 AM to noon.

The Un-Decoration

This year we will take down the decorations on Sunday , February 14 after Worship. This is the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. So, Sunday, Feb 21 we will begin a journey through the Lenten Easter Season. Hopefully, we can do the undecorating together and even take time for pizza. We are praying that some of our normal activities can happen this year! Remember, Feb. 14 after church.



Spring Garage Sale May 21-22

Our Spring Garage Sale isn't until May 21 and 22, but now is the time to start planning and receiving items for the sale. This year there will be four sections. The craft section will not be during this garage sale but has its own program time later in the year.

Section 1 - will be clothing, linens, blankets etc. and books, DVDs and CDs in the basement

Section 2 - will be small items which are at the thrift store area.

Section 3 - will be large items and they are located in the garage near the church. We will also set up on the concrete outside the garage.

Section 4 - will be small items so that the thrift store can have the larger-small items and the Welcome Center can have the smaller-small size items. This will become more clear as we display items for sale.

Friday we will be open 8:00 - 5:00 and Saturday we will be open 8:00 - noon with everything open and sack sales will be going on in some areas.

If you are interested in donating, setting up, volunteering during the sales, cleaning up, or helping in other ways, please contact the church office. Thank you!!!



L.E.O.T.A.

Let's Eat Out Together Amen

L.E.O.T.A. Let's Eat Out Together Amen - will be starting up in March. Come join for a fun time of food and fellowship!

March 23, Tuesday - Clockers Cafe 103 Commercial St

April 24, Saturday - Little Hacienda 3375 Little Pete's Road

May 18, Tuesday - Billy Gails 5291 Hwy 265

All lunch times will be at 11:30 a.m. PLEASE R.S.V.P. to Debbie Herman 281-460-2038 by phone or text message by noon the day before each luncheon if you will be attending. Thanks! Hope to see you there!

Movie Night
Wednesday
FEBRUARY 10

6 p.m.

Join us in fellowship as we watch "In the Name of God." A story of giving thanks based on the ten commandments

Ministry House/Gazebo

Both Janice's Ministry House and the K&J Gazebo Ministry are in the process of getting ready for the 2021 season starting April 1. We will be contacting United Methodist Conferences in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas. The website is being updated so we have a direct link for people to see what the Ministry House is all about and how they can make reservations to use that facility.

We are offering the House to United Methodist pastors and families, to small groups (up to 22 people) of the United Methodist Church and to our own members and families. Pray that God will bless our ministry and help those who need to vacation or have a retreat center find our home a unique experience.

K&J Gazebo ministry is an outdoor ministry to those of church and neighboring community. Our goal is to use the area at least once a month in April, May, September, and October; twice a month in June, July and August. If you know of someone who could bring entertainment (about 45 minutes) please let the office know. We will gather around 5:30 on a Wednesday evening with some light supper items and then a program and time to visit. We should be done around 7:30 at the latest. Help us as we plan for the first night in April! Thanks!!!

Welcome Cathy Longstreth

We are very happy to have Cathy Longstreth join our faith community! She is transferring from Branson United Methodist Church. Cathy has also graced us with playing the electronic piano for us on Sunday morning. Please welcome her with our fellowship. We are very blessed to have her playing for us and she is even looking forward to putting the choir back together as soon as we can. Welcome, Cathy!



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We have a Facebook page, please go to our page and "like" us. You can post suggestions, pictures or anything you would like. It is also a great way to find out what is going on and see the pictures of events already taken place.

January

March

February 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Church Hours 10-5 10:30 Bible Study Women's Ministries	2	3 Office hours 10-5	4 Office hours 10-5	5	6 8:15 am Prayer Breakfast
7 9:30 Welocme Center 10:30 Worship Service	8 Church Hours 10-5 10:30 Bible Study Women's Ministries	9	10 Office hours 10-5 6:00 p.m. Movie Night "In the Name of God"	11 Office hours 10-5	12	13
14 HAPPY VALENTINES DAY! 9:30 Welocme Center 10:30 Worship Service After Church - UNdecorating Party with Pizza	15 Church Hours 10-5 10:30 Bible Study Women's Ministries	16	17 Office hours 10-5 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service	18 Office hours 10-5	19	20
21 BLUE SUNDAY 9:30 Welocme Center 10:30 Worship Service Church Council after Worship	22 Church Hours 10-5 10:30 Bible Study Women's Ministries	23	24 Office hours 10-5	25 Office hours 10-5	26	27
28 9:30 Welocme Center 10:30 Worship Service						



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 LISA GOINGS	3	4	5	6 JEAN SWAN
7	8	9 ALEX JOHNSON	10	11 HUNTER RIGGS	12 DANNY MIELKE	13
 TINA SHORT	15	16 JANE THOMAS	17 CHRIS AND SUSAN WILSON	18	19	20
21 LEENA MITCHELL	22	23	24	25	26 KAREN PIZZURRO	27
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