

The VOICE

pastor's Corner

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 March 2024

Happy March to All God's People!

2024 is a leap year and brings with it an additional day in February, which seems to only mean the winter season was extended one more day on the calendar. We truly are at the threshold of spring. March, however, is a busy month with Holy week and Easter coming at the end of the month. With this month being the majority of our Lenten season, the verse chosen for the pastor's note seems appropriate.

I was asked recently if the Bible says anything about ashes. So, I thought I would share the only two verses in Scripture which talk about ashes. Job 42:6 and Matt 11:21 are two locations where you can read what it says.

The verse I want to take a closer look at is the one from Job. Job 42:6, ***“Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”*** It's pretty short and sweet, but I think it also speaks volumes about Job and where he was in this extreme time of trial.

Job did not ask to be in this most disparaging point in his life. However, here he was trying to comprehend how he wound up here in this horrific suffering along with such great loss. **He knew he wasn't perfect yet his love for his God was rock solid.**

Maybe you remember the story and how his friends continued telling him God was punishing him for either the sins of his family or for a sin he himself couldn't remember. It tormented Job and his friends tried diligently to bring comfort to him. Yet, they did not know the God of all creation like Job did. He confronts God begging for an opportunity to confront his accuser and tormentor. Job asks God to help him know his sins, so he can come clean and repent. He despises himself, and he knows he must find forgiveness in order to find peace and be made whole in the presence of God again.

What about us? Do we have the heart of Job? Do we confront God and beg Him to help us know our sins? Repentance is the only way to find true peace and restore us to a right relationship with our God. We can be confident the Lord God knows exactly who and what we are. He knows exactly where we are and He knows all about our hurting because it makes Him hurt for us. ***Will our sin knock us down to the point of Job where we can't live our lives without despising ourselves?*** Don't wait to be driven to the lowest of lows. Don't wait another week or day or even hours to pour out your heart to God and seek His mercy and grace. Seek to be made whole and righteous in the eyes of our Creator God.

Blessings for your journey through Lent, *Pastor Kathi*



THOUGHTS FOR THE MOMENT

By Valeta Betz

Following is a reminder of life when many of us were growing up. I found this on social media and thought I would share with you.

I remember the corned beef of my childhood and the bread that we cut with a knife,

When the children helped with the housework, and the men went to work, not the wife.

The cheese never needed a fridge, and the bread was so crusty and hot. The children were seldom unhappy, and the wife was content with her lot.

I remember the milk from the bottle, with the yummy cream on the top. Our dinner came hot from the oven, and not from a freezer or shop.

The kids were a lot more contented, they didn't need money for kicks. Just a game with their friends in the road, and sometimes the Saturday flicks.

I remember the slap on my backside, and the taste of soap if I swore. Anorexia and diets weren't heard of and we hadn't much choice what we wore.

Do you think that bruised our ego? Or our initiative was destroyed? We ate what was put on the table, and I think life was better enjoyed.

~Author Unknown~



Please Join Us:

Our Tonette has announced she will be retiring March 1st as Session Clerk. A pot-luck will be held on March 10th after worship. We will recognize her many years of supporting this church and to celebrate a wonderful time ahead of her to just enjoy life as she should. Pretty sure her kitty cats will appreciate the attention they'll receive full time now. Thank you Tonette & God Bless!

"Lead Like Jesus" Bible Study

Our Bible Study group led by Greg Myers has enjoyed this study so much. Learning the lessons from the greatest leadership role model of all time has strengthened our values and our friendships. We're all getting to know each other so much better sharing our thoughts and insights.

Consider joining us for the next Bible Study Greg is planning. The date will be announced soon. You won't regret it.

A Favorite Bible Verse



Zenas Blevins shares two favorite Bible verses with us this month.

Psalm 29:11

The Lord gives His people strength,
The Lord blesses them with peace.

In Psalm 29 David talks about the glory of God and how the Lord is in charge of everything. The Psalm ends with this powerful statement that God gives His people strength and peace to weather the storms of life.

A second favorite Bible verse is found in Titus 3:13. The Apostle Paul instructs Titus to help "Zenas the Lawyer" and provide everything he needs in his travels to meet Paul at Nicropolis. Although he is never mentioned anywhere else in the Bible, Zenas the lawyer was obviously important to the development of the early church.

Thank you, Zenas, for enlightening us on the source of your rather unusual name!



MARCH 2024 Happenings

Sunday Worship services ~ 10:30 AM
(1st & 3rd Sundays Celebrate communion and all special services)

Disciple Time included in each worship service.

Fellowship immediately follows our worship service in the Fellowship hall for cookies, juice and coffee.

Knitters ~ Every Tuesday at 10:00 AM

Adult Bible Study ~ 2nd through the 4th Thursday of each month at 3:30 PM in the library at the church.

Praying with Flair ~ 1st Thursday monthly via zoom 7:00 PM. Please submit your email address to join the group.

Believers ~ 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

Session ~ 3rd Wednesday monthly 1:00 PM.

Movie Matinee ~ last Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM. Free for all. **No Movie in March due to Holy Week Services**

AA ~ Mondays & Thursday 7:00 PM

NA ~ Tuesdays 6:00 PM, Fridays 9:00 PM and Saturdays 4:00 PM

Girl Scouts ~ 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 PM through May (back in August)

TOPS ~ Thursdays 5:00 PM

Upcoming Dates Mark Your Calendars

March 10 - Potluck following Worship Service celebrating Tonette

March 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day

March 15-16 - Art Fair in Fellowship Hall

HOLY WEEK services BEGIN

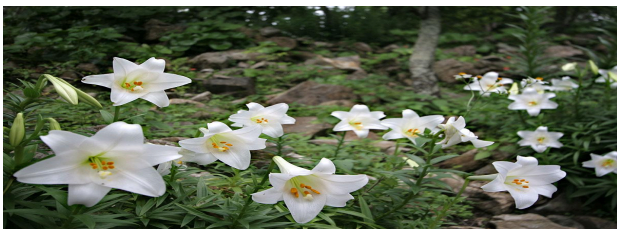
March 24 - Palm Sunday 10:30 AM

March 28 - Maundy Thursday 6:00 PM

March 29 - Good Friday 6:00 PM

March 30 - Great Vigil of Easter TBA

March 31 - Resurrection of our Lord 10:30 AM



March Birthdays & Anniversaries

1...Ransom Dudley
6...Carol Kroenung
7...Terri Sappington
11...Al Watz
12...Jane Watz
19...Michelle Walka
24...Barb Komo
29... Dennis Komo

No Anniversaries



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

4...Nettie Peterson
7...Patti Myers
17...Tonette Barnes
19...Dave Law

Anniversaries

12...Pete & Kathi Kraus

GREETERS

MARCH

3...Pat Andrae
10...Jack & Sharon Blanton
17...Kathryn McGill
24...Charlie & Valeta Betz

APRIL

7...Royce Scott
14...Steve & Kathy Gallop
21...Walka Family
28...Greg & Patti Myers

Liturgist for March

Sylvia Walka

Elder on Call for March

Terri Sappington



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Meet Our Staff

Pastor: Kathi Kraus
Clerk of Session/Treasurer: Valeta Betz
Office Assistant - Pat Andrae

Live Streaming our Worship

You are welcome to join us each Sunday morning from
wherever you are through live stream. Please follow us
on FaceBook or go to our website to join us in worship.
Join us in the pew every chance you get!

Join us for worship service every
Sunday at 10:30am.

Fellowship immediately follows with cookies,
juice and coffee!



Life Team Members are as follows:

Team A - Patti & Greg Myers
Pete & Kathi Kraus

Team B - Michelle Walka & Dave Law
Tim & Nettie Peterson

Cookies



March

3...Pat Andrae
10...No cookies
17...Jack & Sharon Blanton
24...Dan & Marilyn McWhorter
31...Terri Sappington

April

7...Connie Delcour & Tonette Barnes
14...Charlie & Valeta Betz
21...Zenas & Sally Jo Blevins
28...Tim & Nettie Peterson