

**THE NEXT TWO WEEKS**

**Sunday, March 17**

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary  
 10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates  
 10:45 AM – Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall  
 1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure  
 5:00 PM\* –Worship, YouTube

**Wednesday, March 20**

10:00 AM – Living Way Bible Study  
 12:00 PM – Prayer @ Noon  
 3:00 PM – Cutoff for Lifeline Information

**Thursday, March 21**

5:00 PM – Lenten Service followed by Soup Supper

**Sunday, March 24**

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary  
 10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates  
 10:45 AM – Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall  
 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM Choir Rehearsal  
 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Confirmation Class  
 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM Hand Chime Practice  
 1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure  
 5:00 PM\* –Worship, YouTube

**Wednesday, March 27**

12:00 PM – Prayer @ Noon  
 3:00 PM – Cutoff for Lifeline Information  
 6:00 PM – Passover Seder Meal

**Thursday, March 28**

7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday, March 29**

7:00 PM – Good Friday Service

**\*Always the goal, but may be impacted by technology issues beyond our control**

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Join us for a meal plus Biblical teachings of the Passover. Led by Pastor Brent Emory of the messianic congregation Beit Tefillah. Wednesday, March 27, 2024 in the fellowship room, 6:00 pm. Bring the family. Suggested donation, \$5.00, but don't let that stop you. Contact Pastor Eric with questions: (253) 370 4651 call, text, or leave a message.

**Full Lectionary for March 17, 2024; 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Jeremiah 31:31-34</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Psalm 51:1-12</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Hebrews 5:5-10</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>John 12:20-33</b>

**Parament Color: Purple**

**Full Lectionary for March 24, 2024; Palm Sunday**

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Isaiah 50:4-9</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Psalm 31:9-16</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Philippians 2:5-11</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Mark 14:1-15:47</b>

**Parament Color: Red**

# LIVING WORD LEANING INTO LENT

## LENT

Ash Wednesday was February 14th, marking the beginning of the Lenten season. Christians throughout the world collectively observe 40 days (46 minus the Sundays) leading to Easter, reflecting on the suffering, sacrifice, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Many Christians use these six weeks for self-examination to either give up something or add a new discipline into their lives. Fasting reminds us that nothing can fill the void in our lives except Jesus. A new discipline does the same, ultimately drawing us nearer to God. So how will you use this season to grow spiritually? Here are a few suggestions:

- Attend weekly Lenten worship services
- Increase ministry involvement at church
- Fellowship with someone you do not know well at Lenten soup suppers
- Add 15 minutes to your daily devotion and prayer time
- Reduce personal spending and increase gifts to ministries
- Join a Bible Study

## LENTEN SERVICES

**LENTEN EVENING SERVICES begin at 5:00 PM on Thursdays followed by SOUP SUPPERS**

### Soup Supper Host Schedule:

**March 21** LWLC Board/Evangelism/Stewardship

You do not have to serve on a ministry team to help with **soup suppers**, in fact, we encourage it!

To sign up for soup, bread, butter, crackers, or rolls, add your name to the signup sheet in the Narthex.

## LENTEN DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Pastor Eric has a daily Bible Reading Schedule for Lent. It starts on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and ends March 30<sup>th</sup>.

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## Notes of Interest

The praise song for today:

"Goodness of God" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9sE5kEnitqE>



## Easter Lilies

Would you like to make a \$15.00 donation towards the purchase of an Easter lily in memory or in honor of a loved one? Please sign-up in the Narthex with your donation. The deadline date for sign up is **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The lilies will decorate our cross and altar area Easter Sunday (March 31st). After the service, please take the lily home to enjoy. Your donation is very much appreciated. THANK YOU.



**Dan will be out of the office until Thursday, March 21.  
Please contact Pastor Eric directly with urgent issues.**

# Please Make Plans for these Coming Events

<p><b>March 21</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday Lenten Service and Soup Supper</b> At 5:00 pm</p>	
<p><b>March 24</b></p>	<p><b>Palm Sunday Service 9:30 am</b></p>	
<p><b>March 27</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday Passover Seder 6:00 pm</b></p>	
<p><b>March 28</b></p>	<p><b>Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm</b></p>	
<p><b>March 29</b></p>	<p><b>Good Friday Service 7:00 pm</b></p>	
<p><b>March 31</b></p>	<p><b>The Resurrection of Our LORD!!</b> <b>Easter-Sunrise Service 6:30 am</b> <b>Easter Service 9:30 am</b></p>	
<p><b>April 10</b></p>	<p><b>Dinner and a Movie</b> <i>(free, but must sign-up to reserve a spot)</i> <b>Route 60 The Biblical Highway</b> <b>Dinner 5:00 pm</b> <b>Movie 6:00 pm</b></p>	

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

5:00 - 7:30 pm

## "DINNER AND A MOVIE"

*A free dinner will be served at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall and the movie will be shown in the Sanctuary from 6:00-7:30 pm. Nursery is available (during the movie).*

*Dinner includes your choice of a chicken breast or a New York steak with potato casserole, green salad, roll, and apple pie.*

*Sign up for the movie and your choice of steak or chicken dinner on the sign-up table in the narthex.*

The movie is ***ROUTE 60: THE BIBLICAL HIGHWAY***

Carving through the heart of the Promised Land is the Biblical spine of Israel, sometimes referred to as the "Path of the Patriarchs" and officially designated as "Route 60." A highway of deep historical significance while often the scene of unrest and violence, this 146 mile road of asphalt and concrete begins in Nazareth, Israel's largest Arab city, and ends in Beersheba, one of Israel's hi-tech centers. Running North to South, Route 60 connects ancient Israel with modern Israel, Jews and Christians with Muslims, and Israelis with Palestinians.

This trek is far more than a two-lane highway; it is a historic, sacred link to the roots of Judaism and Christianity and the stories of the Old and New Testaments. Follow world-changing diplomats David Friedman and Mike Pompeo as they venture down this sacred road, treading the very ground Abraham, Jacob, King David, and Jesus once walked. Discover the history, witness the healing, and realize the hope along Route 60, the Biblical Highway.

## PRAYER ROOM

“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.”  
James 3:18 (ESV)

*Watch over those who put themselves in harm’s way to protect us and grant peace of mind to the families who love and miss them. We praise you for continuing to protect:*

Andrew Thompson (Griswold)  
**Josh Jepsen, USAF Jordan**  
Richy Vollmer (Vollmer)  
Evan Gregory Blodgett  
Devlin Durkin (McKenzie)  
Elijah Lundberg, USMC Yuma, AZ

Seth Hearl  
Michael Elliott  
Chris Berentson  
Ivan Daubenspeck, USMC Okinawa (Owen)  
Owen Daubenspeck, USAF Qatar (Owen)

*Comfort those who are bereaved, having lost loved ones recently:*

**Family of the Vollmer’s daughter’s mother in law**  
**Family of Carter Switzer**

*Relieve pain for all who suffer in any way and restore them to good health of body, mind, and spirit. Encourage them and strengthen their caregivers:*

Maurice Hedlund  
Jon Zavadil  
Jeff Brennan  
Terry (and caregiver Ron)  
**Bonnie Socey**  
**Bill and Erroll Lynne Marsh**

Harold Lawrence  
Al Luberts  
Carolyn Martin  
**Richard Mitchell (and caregiver Raeanne)**  
**Duane and Valerie Claibornes’ niece**  
**Ron Heilman**

Rosalynn Gallagher  
Amy Cruver

*Grant discernment, wisdom, and courage to leaders within the church and world. Raise servants to accomplish Your will. May Your will be evident in all decisions and actions.*

Living Word Members  
Victims of War in Ukraine and Israel

Living Word Leaders  
Elected Government Officials

Persecuted Christians

*Prayer and praise for healing and continued recovery:*

Katie  
Ryan  
Amy Braafladt

Darlene Luberts  
Steve Vonderau

Diego Huber  
Debbi Zavadil

Rachel Harder  
Toni Sherman

Savvy  
Reuben Sturdivant

*Thank you, LORD, for hearing and answering our prayers – even when you do so differently than we would prefer. We pray in the holy and mighty name of Jesus, our LORD. Amen*

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**Names in Bold are new additions. Please let the office know if you wish your request to remain on the list. Otherwise requests are removed after a month.**

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