

# MARCH

**Looking Ahead to Lent:** Ash Wednesday is March 5. We will have the imposition of ashes that day as we have done in the past: 7 AM - 8 AM; 12 Noon - 1 PM and 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM. **SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT 4:30 PM AND 6:30 PM WITH A MEAL SERVED IN BETWEEN.**

**Our Lenten Series:** The 2025 Lenten series is titled "Restore the Roar!" written by Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing.

Sometime around the year 762 BC, Amos, a herdsman from the small Judean town of Tekoa, heard the voice of God and compared it to hearing the roaring of a lion, a roaring that causes pastures to mourn and forests to wither (Amos 1:2). That is some kind of roar! The prophet then personally encounters the Lord as a Lion (3:12), and this propels him to confront Israel's movers and shakers who were deaf to God's call of justice and righteousness (e.g., 5:24; 7:1-17).

This Lent we will listen to the Lion as He rumbles. And gathering under the cross, we will all the more be amazed when the roaring Lion defeats His greatest enemies: the devil, hell and the power of death. Then with resurrection joy we will say of Jesus, "The Lion of the tribe of Judah. . . has conquered" (Revelation 5:5)

**Ash Wednesday** - Amos 1:1-2 "Rescued from the Rubble"

**Midweek 1** - Amos 3:1-8 "Upside Down"

**Midweek 2** - Amos 5:18 "This is the Night the Lord Has Made"

**Midweek 3** - Amos 6:6 "Grieving for Joseph"

**Midweek 4** - Amos 7:1-6 "Locusts Here, Locusts There, Locusts Seem to Be Everywhere"

**Midweek 5** - Amos 7:10-17 "Lion Alert!"

**Holy Thursday** - Amos 8:11-14 "The Taste Test"

**Good Friday** - Amos 9:1-6 "Buried!"

**Easter** - Amos 9:11-15 "Come to the Feast"

**Meals for Lent** will be served at 5:15 PM. Those serving meals will be:

**Ash Wednesday** - March 5 - LLL Soup Supper

**Wednesday, March 12** - Sharon Kettelhut will serve barbecues and hot ham sandwiches with the freewill offering to the Hope Crisis Center

**Wednesday, March 19** - Youth Group will serve with freewill offering to support the youth attending the National Youth Gathering

**Wednesday, March 26** - Ladies Aid will serve the meal

**We still need hostesses for April 2 and 9**

**A Special Guest for Lent:** On **Wednesday, April 9**, Avi Snyder of Jews for Jesus will present "Christ in the Passover," at both Lenten services. Be sure to put this special presentation on your calendar. **WE NEED TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR AVI.** Would you like to host Avi or provide the funds needed for a motel room? If so contact the church office.

# 2025 MISSION GOAL

\$2,245

\$30,000