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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday, February 4

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 AM - Resident Worship, Julian Estates

10:45 AM – Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall

11:00 AM – Choir Rehearsal

1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure

5:00 PM* –Worship, YouTube

Monday, February 5

7:00 PM - Happening Now Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, February 6

10:00 AM - Worship and Music Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 7

10:00 AM – Living Way Bible Study

12:00 PM - Prayer @ Noon

3:00 PM – Cutoff for Lifeline Information

Saturday, February 10

9:00 AM - Men's Breakfast

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is February 14 this year. Please see details on next page.

Sunday, February 11

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates

10:45 AM – Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall

11:00 AM - Choir Rehearsal

11:30 AM –1:00 PM Confirmation Class

1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure

5:00 PM* –Worship, YouTube

Tuesday, February 13

9:30 AM – Church Board, Fellowship Room 10:00 AM – Women's Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, February 14

12:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Chapel Service 3:00 PM – Cutoff for Lifeline Information 6:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service

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

Full Lectionary for February 4, 2024; 5th Sunday after Epiphany; Year B

First Reading Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm Psalm 147:1-11, 20c Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel Mark 1:29-39 Parament Color: Green

Full Lectionary for February 11, 2024; Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Reading 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm Psalm 50:1-6

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Gospel Mark 9:2-9 Parament Color: White

Full Lectionary for February 14, 2024; Ash Wednesday

First Reading Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm Psalm 51:1-17

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Parament Color: Black

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LIVING WORD LEANING INTO LENT

LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is 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

The Lenten season at Living Word offers several activities to help you savor the sacredness of the season.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES, FEBRUARY 14 EVENING SERVICE begins at 6:00 PM

LENTEN CHAPEL SERVICE

For those who can't make the Ash Wednesday evening service, there is another opportunity at noon on February 14. It will be a short, chapel-like service which includes imposition of ashes.

HOME VISIT

Pastor Eric is available from 8:00am – 11:30am for those who are homebound or have transportation issues. Please contact the pastor directly for scheduling by Saturday, February 10 if you are interested.

LENTEN SERVICES

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

Host Schedule:

February 22 Worship & Music/Choir February 29 Finance/Human Resources

March 7 Christian Education/Property Maint./Bldg. Use & Décor

March 14 Men & Women's Ministry

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON



There is a signup sheet on the table in the Narthex if you are interested in giving a children's message or in assisting.

NOT TO BE MISSED

THE ONCE A YEAR EVENT THE COMBINED MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

DATE: Saturday, February 3

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

WHY: To show our appreciation for all the work the men do in our church

This has become an annual event enjoyed by all. Please join us for fun, fellowship and delicious food! Sign-ups are on the narthex table.

Men's Breakfast

There will still be a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, February 10 at 9:00 AM

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:

Tom and Lonna Groce on the passing of his mother Kaye Sims on the passing of husband Dick

Family and friends of Carole Williams

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 Harold Lawrence Rosalynn Gallagher
Jon Zavadil Al Luberts Amy Cruver
Al Auge Jeff Brennan Carolyn Martin
Terry (and caregiver Ron) Richard Mitchell

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 Living Word Leaders Persecuted Christians

Victims of War in Ukraine and Israel Elected Government Officials

Prayer and praise for healing and continued recovery:

Katie Amy Braafladt Darlene Luberts Diego Huber Rachel Harder

Savvy Errol Lynne Marsh Ryan Steve Vonderau

Debbi Zavadil Toni Sherman 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

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.