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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

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

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.

Sunday, March 31

6:30 AM – Easter Sunrise Service 9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates

10.00 AM Office House Followship Hell

10:45 AM – Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall

1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure

5:00 PM* –Worship, YouTube

Monday, April 1

7:00 PM – Happening Now Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, April 2

10:00 AM - Worship and Music Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 3

10:00 AM - Living Way Bible Study

12:00 PM - Prayer @ Noon

3:00 PM – Cutoff for Lifeline Information

Saturday, April 6

9:00 AM – Women's Ministry Breakfast

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

A Note from the Office

The land-line phone at the office has been out most of this week. To contact us use email, text or cell.

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Full Lectionary for March 24, 2024; Palm Sunday

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9
Psalm Psalm 31:9-16
Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47 Parament Color: Red

Full Lectionary for March 31, 2024; Easter First Reading Acts 10:34-43

Psalm Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
Second Reading I Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Mark 16:1-8 Parament Color: White with Gold

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.

When does Lent end? This is often confusing and a bit nuanced, but liturgically it ends with Maundy Thursday (according to the Roman Catholic tradition since 1969). Technically, the Lenten fast season ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. But practically, and probably for a lot of people, Lent ends on Palm Sunday.

So how will you use this season to grow spiritually? Here are a few suggestions:

- 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 DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all those who generously provided soup, bread, crackers, butter, and dessert at the Lenten Soup Suppers – very much enjoyed and appreciated!

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 AM



Join us to welcome Spring, enjoy fellowship, good food, and conversation!

Carol Brennan will be our speaker. Please indicate on the sign up sheet in the narthex if you are coming, and if you are going to bring a food item.

Please Make Plans for these Coming Events

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

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 Harold Lawrence Rosalynn Gallagher

Jon Zavadil Al Luberts Amy Cruver

Jeff Brennan Carolyn Martin

Terry (and caregiver Ron)

Richard Mitchell (and caregiver Raeanne)

Bonnie Socey

Duane and Valerie Claibornes' niece

Bill and ErrolLynne Marsh Ron Heilman

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 Darlene Luberts Diego Huber Rachel Harder Savvy

Rvan Steve Vonderau Debbi Zavadil Toni Sherman Reuben Sturdivant

Amy Braafladt

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.