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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday, March 30

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 AM - Resident Worship, Julian Estates

10:45 AM - Coffee Hour

11:05 AM – Gathering Time in the Sanctuary

11:15 AM – Sunday School

1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure

5:00 PM* –Worship, YouTube

Tuesday, April 1

10:00 PM - Worship and Music Meeting

Thursday, April 3

3:00 PM – Hand chime Practice

5:00 PM – Lenten Service and Soup Supper

Saturday, April 5

9:00 AM - Women's Breakfast



Music Notes

The praise song for this Sunday: "Lion and the Lamb"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9ujBoud2 6k

Sunday, April 6

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 AM - Resident Worship, Julian Estates

10:45 AM – Coffee Hour

11:05 AM – Gathering Time in the Sanctuary

11:15 AM - Sunday School

11:15 AM – Contemporary Service in Sanctuary

1:30 PM - Resident Worship, Bonaventure

5:00 PM* –Worship, YouTube

Tuesday, April 8

9:30 PM – Church Board Meeting 10:00 PM – Women's Ministry Meeting

Thursday, April 10

3:00 PM - Hand chime Practice

5:00 PM - Lenten Service and Soup Supper

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

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Full Lectionary for March 30, 2025;

1st Reading Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm Psalm 32

2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Full Lectionary for April 6, 2025;

1st Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm Psalm 126

2nd Reading Philippians 3:4-14

Gospel John 12:1-8

Fourth Sunday in Lent Parament color is Purple

Fifth (last) Sunday in Lent Parament color is Purple

Sunday School News

March 30 The Birthday Bank is Open! We are celebrating March birthdays during the Sunday School Opening. You can bring any amount of money you like, but if you want to count out your years (in whatever manner you choose), then do that. Money donated will be given to Greater Love Community Church in Jinga, Uganda in June, 2025

Teens meet in the Narthex after Sunday School Opening to go the Starbucks in Graham for scripture, prayer, fellowship and treats. They will be back at the church at noon. Mary Kaye Owen and Lorraine Stargel will lead.

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 lilies will decorate our cross and altar area Easter Sunday. After the service, please take the lily home to enjoy. Your donation is very much appreciated. THANK YOU.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY
BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, APRIL 5
9:00 am

Join us to welcome Spring, enjoy fellowship, good food, and conversation!
Ann Vonderau will be our guest speaker.

Sign up in the narthex if you will attend, and if you will be bringing food or juice. We look forward to seeing you!

LOOKING AHEAD

March 30, Sunday, 9:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE

11:15 am Youth & Adult Sunday School

April 1, Tuesday, 10:00 am Worship & Music Meeting

6:30 pm American Heritage Girls

April 3, Thursday, 3:00 pm Chime Practice

5:00 pm Lenten Service followed by Soup Supper

Hosts: Men's and Women's Ministry

April 5, Saturday, 9:00 am Women's Ministry Breakfast

April 6, Sunday, 9:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 am Youth Sunday School

11:15 am CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

April 8, Tuesday, 9:30 am Church Board Meeting

10:00 am Women's Ministry Meeting 6:30 pm American Heritage Girls

April 10, Thursday, 5:00 pm Lenten Service followed by Soup Supper

Hosts: Church Board

April 12, Saturday, 8:00 am Men meet at Volcano's Coffee Shop

10:00 am Church Cleaning Day

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL CHURCH CLEANUP!

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 10:00 AM

The tasks include washing windows inside and out, wiping blinds, dusting chairs, vacuuming, and dusting shelves in every room of the church. And if the weather cooperates, there are weeds to pull, sweeping and light trimming to do outside. Please bring supplies dependent on your project choice, e.g. window spray bottles, dust cloths, and any other cleaning products as well as gardening tools. "Many hands make light work!" Please sign up at the table in the narthex! DONUTS AND COFFEE will be served.

LIVING WORD LEANING INTO LENT

LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday marked 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.

LENTEN SERVICES

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

Host Schedule:

April 3 Men & Women's Ministry

April 10 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**.

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 Utah Elijah Lundberg, USMC Yuma, AZ Ivan Daubenspeck, USMC Okinawa (Owen) Owen Daubenspeck, USAF Spokane (Owen)

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

Family and friends of Harold Liemohn

Family and friends of Al Luberts
Family and friends of Linda Kupka's sister

Family and friends of Morgan Olson

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 Rosalynn Gallagher Darlene Luberts Amy Cruver

Jeff Brennan Carolyn Martin Bill and ErrolLynne Marsh

Terry (and caregiver Ron) Richard Mitchell (and caregiver Raeanne) Yvonne Olson
Debbi Zavadil Pat Heilman (Ron's sister) Holly McCain
Mary Loshbough Cheryl Hedlund's aunt, Sue Owen Loshbough

David Martin (son of Bob and Nancy Martin) **Sue Doll** (sister-in-law of Duane & Valerie)

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:

Ron Heilman Steve Vonderau Kitty Jepsen Bonnie Socey Cheryl Hedlund Jan Williams (sister in law of Judy Williams) Saveth Lena Duggan Lori Schmidt

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.