

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ed Clifford; Ashlyn; Jim Lambert; Chuck Kellogg; Jim Cleveland; Aiden Snyder; Leona Walker; Betty Treece-Green; Barb Myers

THE ELDERS AND CHURCH COUNCIL meet this Tuesday, March 2, at 6:30 and 7:00pm respectively.

LENTEN POTLUCKS continue this coming Wednesday, March 3, at 6:00pm. The last potluck supper will be March 24. Join us!

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES will focus on the story of salvation in five major Old Testament passages. Join us for the stories of Creation, the Flood, the Crossing of the Red Sea, Jonah, and the Fiery Furnace.

THE YOUTH GROUP will meet this month on the first and third Sundays, March 7 and 21, from 6:00 – 7:30pm to avoid conflicts with Holy Week. Join us for supper, Bible study, and more. Bring friends!

THE SEASON OF LENT is a great opportunity to begin, refresh, or re-focus your individual or family devotions. Feel free to ask Pr. Mullet for guidance, resources, or suggestions.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Old Testament highlights

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: The Book of Isaiah

CALENDAR

Sun. Feb. 28 (Lent 2 - Reminiscere)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation
Tue. Mar. 2	6:30 / 7:00pm Elders / Church Council
Wed. Mar. 3 (Lent 2 Midweek)	11:00am Holy Communion (mask req'd.) 6:00pm Potluck Supper 7:00pm Holy Communion
Thu. Mar. 4	7:00pm Bible Study
Sun. Mar. 7 (Lent 3 - Oculi)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30am Confirmation 6:00pm Youth Group

FAITH PRAYS

These suggestions can help you and your family stay connected to the church year and focus on what we hear, sing, and pray together on Sunday. Sundays form, shape, and lead us Christians into the week. Pick three days this week to reflect on Sunday's readings, prayers, and hymns. Each day you might do this:

1. Read one reading and the "Thinking About." How do the readings fit together? What themes do you see?
2. Sing or read the hymn. Ask Pr. Mullet to borrow a hymnal. You should be able to find it on YouTube if it's unfamiliar!
3. Pray the Collect of the Day and the Lord's Prayer.

THE WEEK OF LENT 2 (FEB. 28)

OT: Genesis 32:22-32

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

HYMN: LSB 615

COLLECT OF THE DAY: O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THINKING ABOUT THE READINGS

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22–32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21–28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: "*Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.*" This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. "*O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire*" (Mt. 15:27–28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1–7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint.