



# Shepherd's Voice



A Weekly Publication of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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Rev. Joseph Hughes, Pastor

Date: February 26, 2017

## Weekly Schedule

\*Recurring Events\*

### SUNDAYS

- 9:00am Holy Communion
- 10:15am Fellowship
- 10:30am Multi-Generational Sunday School
- 3:00pm Bethel Growth Group (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun.)
- 7:00pm Damascus Growth Group (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun.)
- 6:30pm Nazareth Growth Group (per group)

### Monday

- 10:00am Fellowship Text Study
- 3:15pm to 5:15pm Violin Lessons
- 6pm Car Club Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Monday)

### Tuesday

- 6:30pm 4-H Garden Gnome Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Tues.)
- 3:00pm to 5:45pm Violin Lessons
- 6:00pm Deacon Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Tues.)
- 7:00pm MTL & Elder Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Tues.)

### Wednesday

- 11:30am Fellowship Luncheon (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, location varies)
- 10:00am Women on Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.)
- 2:00pm to 6:15pm Violin Lessons

### Thursday

- 9:30am Emmaus Growth Group (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs.)
- 10:30am Park Place Devotions
- 2:15pm to 5:15pm Violin Lessons
- 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs.)

### Friday

- Office Closed
- 12:45pm to 4:15pm Violin Lessons
- 6:30pm DIGG Growth Group (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri.)

### Saturday

- Office Closed

## Reminders

### February 23<sup>rd</sup>

- *Seed to Supper Workshop #2.*

### March 1<sup>st</sup>

- *Ash Wednesday Service 7:00p*

### March 2<sup>nd</sup>

- *Seed to Supper Workshop #3*

### March 4<sup>th</sup>

- *Mr./Ms. CV Garage Sale fundraiser*

### March 5<sup>th</sup>

- *Summer bible stories survey DUE see back page.*

Corvallis High School's

*production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's*

## Cats

opens this **Thursday, February 23**, which has been SOLD OUT but you can get tickets for the remaining shows every weekend 7:00 pm through March 12.

Come watch our own **Caroline Hintzman** as one of the principle dancers.

The best way to get tickets is to order online at [corvallisistheaters.com](http://corvallisistheaters.com). Use the code DANCINGCATS to get \$3 off on tickets for the first weekend or \$1 off for the other two weekends. Opening night tickets are only \$5 but they are going fast. Come enjoy an amazing show!

## ***PASTOR'S POST***

### ***The Transfiguration of our Lord – The Last Sunday after the Epiphany - February 26, 2017***

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**Momentum is vital.** This past Christmas we gave our granddaughter a new bicycle. Up to now she has been riding a bike with training wheels. This was her first two wheel no training wheels, 21 speed mountain bike. Needless to say it has been a big transition for her. For one thing she had to learn the importance of **momentum**. Chris, my stepson, and I took her out on to start learning how to ride the new bike. It's one of those things you can't really learn by being told. You have to just do it. So we sat her on the bike and gave her a shove and then ran alongside her as she started to pedal. I had done the same thing before 30 years ago with my own daughter and son. She didn't need to have it explained to her. She quickly understood that having **momentum** was essential.

When you lose momentum on a bike you lose your balance. When you keep pedaling and moving forward you maintain balance because you have momentum.

When I was growing up in New Orleans in the 1950's and 60's, my parents would take me to Pontchartrain Beach Amusement Park on Lake Pontchartrain. My favorite thing was to ride the Zephyr, the big wooden roller coaster. **Momentum** was important there too. A cog chain would pull the train roller coast cars up the long first and highest hill. It was so high that from the top of the hill you could see the tall buildings down town. Then, as we crested the hill the roller coast train would quickly pick up speed by gravity. The whole ride was probably half a mile long. But it was all done under the power of gravity which gave us the **momentum** we gained by slowly climbing to the top of that first big hill.



I thought about the importance of momentum as I reflected on the Gospel for this Sunday, Matthew 17:1-9. Matthew writes, <sup>1</sup>"And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here..."

Transfiguration of our Lord marks the end of the season of Sundays after Epiphany. Ash Wednesday is March 1, which marks the beginning of Lent, and Jesus' journey to the cross and resurrection. We don't know why exactly Jesus chose that specific moment to take his

disciples up on the mountain, or why God so revealed the divine nature of Jesus to them, and thus to us. But it clearly marks a defining moment in Matthew's story of Jesus. Moses' presence is symbolic of the Old Testament books of the Law (Torah), and Elijah's presence is symbolic of the Old Testament Prophets. Jesus transfigured presence with them shows Him as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 5:17).



Perhaps the idea of **momentum** applies here too. From that mountain top experience of the divinity of Christ, the disciples have perhaps been given momentum for the difficult days ahead as the conflict between Jesus and his adversaries heightens, ultimately leading to His betrayal, arrest, trial and death on the cross. Did that experience of the glory of God on the mountain top give the disciples the momentum to walk the way of the cross with Jesus.

Why do people come to church? Ask that question and you will probably get a variety of answers: to be with my friends at church, I enjoy the fellowship, I like the people, the snacks during fellowship time. What is interesting is that we don't know if the disciples were friends (they were relatives but that doesn't necessarily mean they were friends), or if they liked each other. They probably had their differences. But the Lord invited them up because of the gift of that experience a personal encounter with God in His glory. We also have no evidence that there was a coffee hour after the Transfiguration. The point is that Jesus in His love for His disciples led them into a personal encounter with the Holy.

One of the things we need to do as a church family is learn how to invite people to church. Long ago a mission director taught me that the most important thing a church member can do to support the ministry of his/her church is to invite others to church. But to

what should we invite people?

The Gospel reading suggests to me that when we invite people to church with us, we are inviting them to a personal encounter with God, the Holy One. The response is reverence and awe, as the disciples demonstrated, "...a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified..."

For me, the experience of a personal encounter with God provides the momentum I need to follow Jesus in my day to day life. In worship God comes to me to forgive and strengthen me in the grace given to me in my baptism. What does God do to you when you encounter His presence in Word and Sacrament?

God's blessings!

**Pastor Joe Hughes**

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*Note: The image above left is Raphael's painting of the Transfiguration of our Lord, oil on wood, 1516-1520. His last painting, finished by his student Giulio Romano due to Raphael's untimely death.*





## *Lent 2017 - Lord, Keep Us Steadfast!*

Dear members and friends in Christ,

This week, as we come to the beginning of Lent, I am reminded of Martin Luther's Reformation hymn "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast by Your Word" (*Lutheran Service Book*, no. 655). It is particularly appropriate for our reflection as we have entered the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Reformation. Here are the lyrics of the first stanza: *Lord, keep us steadfast*

*in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword, would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.*

When Luther wrote that hymn 1541 he actually felt as though he was surrounded by enemies – because he was! The "Turks" had won a decisive battle at Budapest and were forcing Islam into Europe. They had already over taken much of Europe that for over a thousand years had been Christian, and now they were threatening Vienna. There were political, religious and military forces threatening the work of the Reformation to bring the Gospel of God's mercy and grace to light. It was a dark and frightening time for the Lutheran reformers and their people. The rulers of the Lutheran provinces called for special prayers to be made, and Martin Luther, the leader of the Lutheran reformers responded by writing this hymn.

His words expressed a real fear Luther felt in his heart for the people of God entrusted to his care as their pastor. "Wresting the kingdom" away means leading us away from following Jesus and the life of the Christian faith, whether by coercion or by deception. Both forces are very much at play in the world today. As 21<sup>st</sup> century Lutheran Christians we are called to follow Jesus as His disciples in what can also seem to be a dark and frightening time. It may have been five centuries since the Reformation movement started, but we still face difficult struggles in life.

In a recent informal survey members of our congregation identified guilt, pride, anxiety, anger, bitterness, discouragement, personal failures, loneliness and the fear of death as the struggles people were feeling most in their lives. So this Lent I will be sharing a series of messages addressing how God keeps us steadfast in the face of these all too common and often deeply personal struggles beginning this Wednesday, March 1, Ash Wednesday.

Luther wrote this hymn-prayer at a time of political and religious unrest. Yet we can look back and see that God listened to the prayers of His people and preserved them. The Lutheran church survived this time of crisis and still exists to this day. It reminds us that we can sing this prayer joyfully, remembering God's promise of Romans 8: "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." I look forward to sharing the Lenten journey with you this year and invite you to come and share the soup suppers and special services that are planned as we follow Christ to the cross and resurrection.

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
Pastor Joe Hughes

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# Lent 2017 -

## Lord, Keep Us Steadfast!

### Wednesdays in Lent 2017

March 1	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday	Lord, Keep us Steadfast as we face our <b>Guilt</b> 7:00 PM Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes
March 8	6:00 PM	Soup Supper	Lord, Keep us Steadfast as we face our <b>Pride</b> 7:00 PM Compline (Night Prayer)
March 15	6:00 PM	Soup Supper	Lord, Keep us Steadfast as we face <b>Anxiety</b> 7:00 PM Compline (Night Prayer)
March 22	6:00 PM	Soup Supper	Lord, Keep us Steadfast as we face our <b>Anger</b> 7:00 PM Compline (Night Prayer)
March 29	6:00 PM	Soup Supper	Lord, Keep us Steadfast as we face our <b>Bitterness</b> 7:00 PM Compline (Night Prayer)
April 5	6:00 PM	Soup Supper	Lord, Keep us Steadfast when we are <b>Discouraged</b> 7:00 PM Compline (Night Prayer)

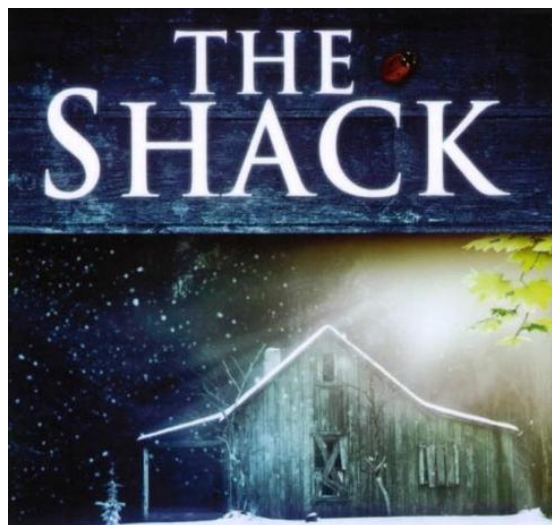


April 13	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday	Lord, Keep us Steadfast in our <b>Failures</b> Holy Communion
April 14	7:00 PM	Good Friday	Good Friday Liturgy Lord, Keep us Steadfast in our <b>Loneliness and Dying</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord</b> <b><i>Easter Brunch follows the service</i></b>

# At the Movies...

## *The Shack*: See It or Shun It?

Those who go to see *The Shack* movie when it hits the screen, will likely see God portrayed as never before. Some will be struck by the relentless affection God shows toward the main character. Others will probably be surprised by the depiction of the Trinity.



Some controversy is already swirling around the film--as it did around the book which became a runaway best seller. Even though the story is fictional, critics complained about theological issues, and casting. Some denominational officials banned the book--and anything else from its author, William Paul Young.

This effort to vanquish and block access to one with whom we may disagree smells a lot like today's ugly political atmosphere, where pundits, shouters and protesters from one side attempt to drown out the voices of those on the other side. Listening to one another, and calmly discussing various viewpoints, are becoming lost arts—sometimes even within our churches. On the other hand as we all know sometimes banning a movie actually has the unintended result of increasing viewership.

When he was asked about some churches banning the movie, Young responded that he believed most of people's issues were not intellectual, or theological. Rather, they were emotional responses, often generated out of the fear some people have of being exposed to alternative points of view.

But should fear and anxiety should restrain our quest to know God better? If a film, or poem, a story, or a piece of art presents God in a way we might not have thought of before, is that necessarily bad?

A central theme in the film is God's compassion. Still reeling from the brutal murder of his daughter, the main character, Mack, is invited to meet God in the very shack where his daughter was killed. When he goes to the shack he is gripped not only by fear but by anger toward God. Out of this angst, Mack encounters the depth of God's love for him.

This is not unlike Martin Luther who, out of his angst fearing God's wrath and judgment of him as a sinner, was driven to discover the Gospel: "The just shall live by faith!" (Galatians 3:11)

Through this film millions of people will be given the opportunity to think about God's relentless love for them even in the midst of their own angst. What an opportunity!

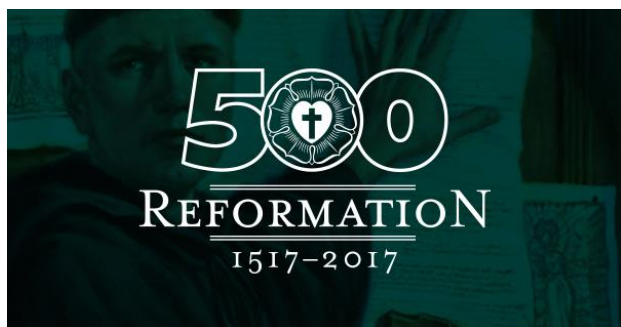
When you discuss the film with colleagues or friends, why not see it as an opportunity to invite them to worship at Shepherd of the Valley where the central message every Sunday, in Word and Sacrament, is one of God's mercy and compassion. As members of a Christian faith community we can join our friends, see and discuss the film, and trust the Good News of God's relentless love for all people in Christ. I'll be interested to hear what your reaction is if you see the movie.

Blessings,

Pastor Joe

Adapted from a commentary by Thom Schultz in *Holy Soup*

## REFORMATION@500-CORVALLIS – EVENTS BEING PLANNED



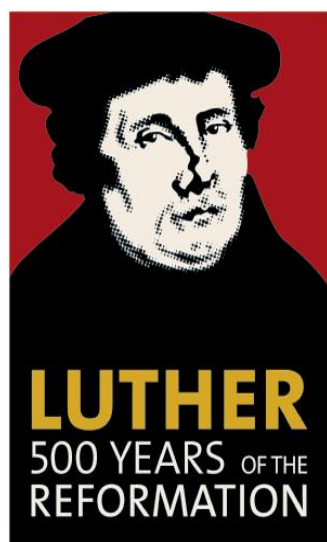
As many of us are already aware, 2017 is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. More specifically it is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the posting of Martin Luther's 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, sparking the Reformation era, a movement that literally changed everything and shaped the modern world in which we live.

For some time now I have been part of an *ad hoc* group that has been working on planning events to mark the 500<sup>th</sup> in Corvallis. Dr. Gary Ferngren, professor of history at OSU, Pastors Netsie Griffith, Wendell Hendershot, and Deaconess Donna King of Grace Lutheran in Corvallis,

and Pastor Jim Norlie of Luther House, the Lutheran Campus Ministry at OSU, and myself as pastor at Shepherd of the Valley in Corvallis have been working together on a series of commemorative events for the whole community and OSU campus to take place in October and November 2017. Here is a brief sketch of plans that are in development:

### Scheduled Events Confirmed

- October 1, "Luther," the film, with Chris Stehr (tentatively in Milam Auditorium at OSU)
- October 8, 3:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Community Hymn Festival with Paul Klemme, brass choir, and community choir.
- October 26, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Public Lecture: Dr. Kurt Hendel, Professor of Church History, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, topic "Luther and His Historical Context" – tentatively at OSU Milam Auditorium.
- October 27, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Grace Lutheran Church Fireside Room, Prof. Kurt Hendel, informal conversation with local clergy.
- Reformation Sunday, October 29, 3:00 PM LC-MS pastors and congregations lead a community Reformation service, Zion Lutheran Church, Corvallis.
- November 19, "Bonhoeffer," the film, with Chris Stehr (tentatively at OSU Milam Auditorium)
  - November 26, OSU Symphony, Austin Auditorium, Mendelssohn's "Reformation Symphony" – time to be announced.



### Additional Proposed Events

David Luft, OSU History Dept., "The Other Reformation- the Moravians."

Joanna Lundell, "Reformation Art" with slides, tentatively Milam Auditorium

Rare Book Exhibit

Repertory Singers performance, Bach Cantata

The 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation is an important once in a millennium opportunity for Lutherans to know more about their own heritage as well as engage members of the community and invite more people to come to know the "Lutheran story." As plans continue to unfold more information will be posted in the Shepherd's Voice. "Stay tuned!"

Pastor Joe Hughes



# OUR BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

## SYLLABUS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS in *MATTHEW, THE GOSPEL OF IDENTITY* February–May 2017

The Biblical Equipping Ministry Team is challenging everyone in at Shepherd of the Valley to read and study the Gospel of Matthew using Michael Card's book *Matthew, the Gospel of Identity*. Card argues that Matthew's first hearers (intended audience) were Jewish people who accepted Jesus as the messiah (Christ) and were probably living in or from Galilee in the time after Jesus' death and resurrection. Galilee was a land in turmoil. The Romans had destroyed the Jerusalem temple and many Jewish freedom fighters had died in the wars with the Roman occupation forces.

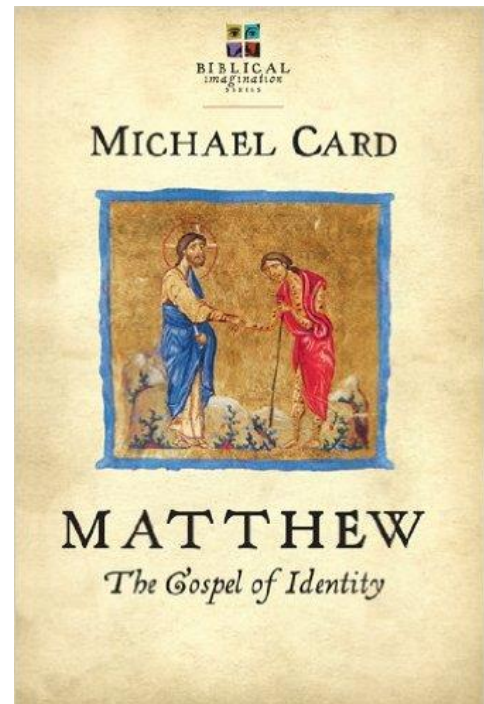
Not all Jews accepted that Jesus was the promised Messiah, as is obvious from the story of Jesus' passion and death. Those who did were a relatively small group that at first tried to blend in with those who did not. By the time Matthew's Gospel was in written form these Jewish Christians were being "stripped of their Jewish identity," expelled from synagogues and shunned by main line Judaism, says Michael Card.

The first listeners of the Gospel of Matthew may have been living that experience, propelling them to ask the question, "Who am I, really?" In Matthew Jesus redefines the identity of his followers in light of His own identity and Immanuel, Go with us." In Him they are fishers of people, inviting the poor, sinful and unclean to enter the new kingdom on Jesus' authority, by "following Jesus," and ultimately sent into the world to "make disciples of all nations." (Card, pp 20-21).

What can we discover about what it means to be called to follow Jesus as a "priesthood of believers" from the Gospel of Matthew? How does God call us to embrace a new identity as followers of Jesus in the world today? Join the lively conversation Sundays, 10:30-11:30 AM.

### 2/12 Introduction

<b>Book</b>	<b>Bible</b>
2/19 Card, pp. 1-36	(Matthew 1)
2/26 Card, pp. 37-49	(Matthew 2-4)
3/5 Card, pp. 50-73	(Matthew 5-7)
3/12 Card, pp. 74-105	(Matthew 8 – 10)
3/19 Card, pp. 106-122	(Matthew 11-12)
3/26 Card, pp. 123-132	(Matthew 13)
4/2 Card, pp. 133-152	(Matthew 14-16)
4/9 Card, pp. 153-181	(Matthew 17-20)
<b>4/16 Easter Sunday – no class</b>	
4/23 Card, pp. 182-206	(Matthew 21-23)
<b>4/30 Quarterly voters' meeting – no class</b>	
5/7 Card, pp. 207-222	(Matthew 24-25)
5/14 Card, pp. 223-246	(Matthew 26-27)
5/21 Card, pp. 247-252	(Matthew 28)





# The Refugees Among Us and Our Vocation as Christians

by Charles Arand, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Missouri



The last few weeks have been somewhat depressing or discouraging as I think about where things are within our country and where things seem to be going. We have seen heated rhetoric, name-calling, and protests . . . most peaceful, but some violent. The discourse in politics and on social issues has become so polarizing that it seems as if people do not even want to hear those they disagree with, much less attempt to understand or empathize with their concerns.

Perhaps it is the confessional Lutheran in me (or just common sense), but I learned from the Formula of Concord years ago that before you criticize another's position, you need to be able to state that position in such a way that the person with whom you disagree says, "yes, that is exactly what I am saying." Otherwise, we just talk past one another . . . or more likely (at least today), we just shout at each other. Perhaps social media aids this and amplifies it by providing a platform and a megaphone for one's voice.

With respect to this, it is worth reading, "[The big journalism void: 'The real crisis is not technological, it's geographic'](#)" on the decline of local newspapers. The author makes the argument that as social media has grown (and with it, links to news stories on Facebook and elsewhere), people have come to focus more on national issues than local issues.

It seems to me that a Lutheran theological contribution can remind us of the needs of our local communities. Our theology of vocation (callings) calls upon us to pay special attention to our location. That is to say, it focuses on how God has placed us in particular places at particular times. The needs of our neighbor in these locations and at these times function as

God's call for us to do what we can for their well-being.

In some ways, we may think of this call from God to help as a call to exercise hospitality. This is the life to which God has called us. When you think about it, God's two great works of creation and redemption are two acts in which God made room in his life for that which was not God. When God the Father created the universe through the Son, he made room in his life for an entire world with a myriad of creatures. When God redeemed us through the Son, he again made room in his life . . . this time for his prized human creatures who had become rebellious and violent in turning their backs upon God.

And now as the vanguard of the new creation, we are called to exercise that hospitality by making room in our lives for others. There are many people for whom we might do so. Some of them are new people who have moved into our communities. Nearly every town and city today has new immigrants moving in or new refugees being settled. They frequently come out of dire situations and may even experience a sense of desperation or helplessness as they work to make a life in a new country. Can we, as a community of Christians, make room in our lives for them that encompasses both creation and redemption?

As a community of Christians (i.e., church) we are the "instruments, means, and channels" (Luther's *Large Catechism*) through which God cares for people's bodily and temporal needs. As a community of Christians, we are uniquely "instruments, means, and channels" through which God cares for people's spiritual and eternal needs. This is not an "either-or" but a "both-and." And we don't carry out the former just for show nor do we carry out the latter as an afterthought. Both are God's concern.

The question of helping immigrants and refugees is not only a left-hand kingdom-government issue but also a call to the church. We have to be able to think in two different ways about immigrants and refugees, in terms of the government and in terms of the church. We want our government to have appropriate immigration laws. But we also want to welcome immigrants and refugees into our neighborhoods and churches. We should not let the media or the culture-wars make us think that the two approaches are mutually exclusive.

In that regard, I thought it would be worth giving a shout out to Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church here in St. Louis. Timothy is working with Charlie Brennan of KMOX radio to make a concrete gesture of good will and welcome to the Syrian refugees in our community (refugees who may very well feel that they are not wanted in our country). It turns out we have about 300 Syrian refugees—our new neighbors—in our town. Refugees have been required for the past several decades to pay back the United States government the cost of their airfare (roughly \$1000.00 per person). So as a gesture of good will and hospitality, they are raising money to help these refugees pay back that airfare even as they are often working several jobs to make a new life in our community. Here in St. Louis, these are our neighbors, and we are called to make room for them.

*Ed. Note: I thought this was a thoughtful article about an issue very much on the "front page" these days. It is good to see one of our Lutheran congregations engaged in welcoming refugees to the St. Louis community. Photo above: John Loum (left), director of Concordia Seminary's Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology, with one of St. Louis' Syrian refugee families. And who knew we had an "Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology?" - Pastor Joe Hughes*

# LECTIONARY BIBLE READINGS FOR WORSHIP:



## YOU CAN HELP SHAPE SUNDAY'S MESSAGE!

Everyone is welcome to participate in Monday **Fellowship Bible Studies, 10:00-11:30**. We read, learn about, and discuss the Bible readings for the coming Sunday. These important discussions help to shape pastor's message on the following Sundays, as well as provide a variety of ways you can get more out of your worship experience by sharing insights and questions raised during class. Want more information? Contact Pastor Joe (217-898-9063). Bring a friend! Everyone is welcome. ***NOTE that because of conferences pastor is attending Fellowship Bible Study will NOT meet January 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.***

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February 26	Transfiguration of our Lord Last Sunday after Epiphany	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Exodus 24:8-18 2:6-12 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9
March 1, 2017	Ash Wednesday	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Joel 2:12-19 51:1-13 (14-19) 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
March 5, 2017	First Sunday in Lent	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Genesis 3:1-21 32:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11
March 12, 2017	Second Sunday in Lent	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Genesis 12:1-9 121 Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 John 3:1-17
March 19, 2017	Third Sunday in Lent	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Exodus 17:1-7 95:1-9 Romans 5:1-8 John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)
March 26, 2017	Fourth Sunday in Lent	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Isaiah 42:14-21 142 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 <i>or</i> John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39
April 2, 2017	Fifth Sunday in Lent	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Ezekiel 37:1-14 130 Romans 8:1-11 John 11:1-45 (46-53) <i>or</i> John 11:17-27, 38-53

### Staff & Lay Leaders

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Deaconesses	Donna Durbin Sandy Nash OPEN

### Lay Ministry February 26

#### **Greeter:**

Craig & Sandy Bell

#### **Acolyte:**

Gabriel Havranek

#### **Reader:**

Peter Klammer

#### **Sound & Slides:**

Ray Hart

#### **Ushers:**

Ray Hart, Jim Dort, Craig Bell, Rich Millimaki

#### **Communion:**

Dennis Anderson & Peter Klammer

#### **Refreshments:**

Jennifer Klammer & Cynthia Dort

#### **Musician:**

Lisa Boylan

### February/March Birthdays:

Jim Knoke 2/28, Scott Hart 3/6, Cheryl Viner 3/13, Anna Hintzman 3/16, Bill Randall 3/23, Gabe Havranek 3/24, Donna Pompe 3/24, Nadine Wurtz 3/26, Bill Chambers 3/28

### March Anniversaries:

None listed



### Lay Ministry March 5

#### **Greeter:**

Dorothy Pratt & Colleen Fisher

#### **Acolyte:**

Ellie Hintzman

#### **Reader:**

Ellen Schmidt

#### **Sound & Slides:**

Jay McDougal

#### **Ushers:**

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#### **Communion:**

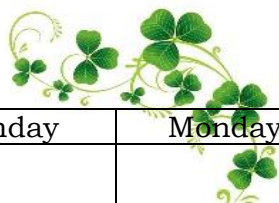
Peter Klammer & Jeff Hintzman

#### **Refreshments:**

Cynthia Dort & Donna Durbin

#### **Musician:**

Lisa Boylan



# March Activity Calendar



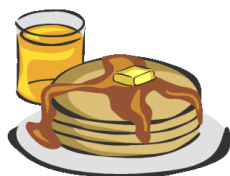
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1.</b> 10:00a Women on Wed. 2:00p Violin Lessons <b>7:00p ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>2.</b> 9:30a Emmaus GG 10:30a Park Place Devo 2:15p Violin Lessons 6:00p Seed to Supper	<b>3.</b> 12:00p-6:00p Mr./Ms. CV garage sale set up 12:45p Violin Lessons 6:30p DIGG	<b>4.</b> 8:00a-5:00p Mr./Ms. CV Garage Sale!
<b>5.</b> 9:00a Holy Communion 10:30a Multi-Gen	<b>6.</b> 10:00a Text Study 3:15p Violin Lessons	<b>7.</b> 3:00p Violin Lessons 6:30p Deacon Meeting 7:30p MTL/Elder Meeting	<b>8.</b> 11:30a Fellowship Luncheon 2:00p Violin Lessons <b>6:00p Soup Supper</b> <b>7:00PM LENT SERVICE</b> 	<b>9.</b> 10:30a Park Place Devo 2:15p Violin Lessons 6:00p Seed to Supper	<b>10.</b> 12:45p Violin Lessons	<b>11.</b>
<b>12.</b> 9:00a Holy Communion 10:30a Multi-Gen 3:00p Bethel GG 7:00p Damascus GG	<b>13.</b> 10:00a Text Study 3:15p Violin Lessons	<b>14.</b> 3:00p Violin Lessons	<b>15.</b> 10:00a Women on Wed. 2:00p Violin Lessons <b>6:00p Soup Supper</b> <b>7:00PM LENT SERVICE</b> 	<b>16.</b> 9:30a Emmaus GG 10:30a Park Place Devo 2:15p Violin Lessons 6:00p Seed to Supper	<b>17.</b> 12:45p Violin Lessons 6:30p DIGG  <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 	<b>18.</b>
<b>19.</b> 9:00a Holy Communion 10:30a Multi-Gen 6:30p Nazareth GG	<b>20.</b> 10:00a Text Study 3:15p Violin Lessons	<b>21.</b> 3:00p Violin Lessons	<b>22.</b> 2:00p Violin Lessons  <b>6:00p Soup Supper</b> <b>7:00PM LENT SERVICE</b> 	<b>23.</b> 10:30a Park Place Devo 2:15p Violin Lessons 6:00p Seed to Supper	<b>24.</b> 12:45p Violin Lessons	<b>25.</b>
<b>26.</b> 9:00a Holy Communion 10:30a Multi-Gen 3:00p Bethel GG 6:30p Nazareth GG 7:00p Damascus GG	<b>27.</b> 10:00a Text Study 3:15p Violin Lessons	<b>28.</b> 3:00p Violin Lessons	<b>29.</b> 2:00p Violin Lessons  <b>6:00p Soup Supper</b> <b>7:00PM LENT SERVICE</b> 	<b>30.</b> 10:30a Park Place Devo 2:15p Violin Lessons	<b>31.</b> 12:45p Violin Lessons	

## It is PANCAKE time!

*Zion's Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper*

Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>  
5pm-7pm in Zion's Gym

Free will offering is taken at the door.  
Proceeds will be used to purchase a gate for the safety fence and an electronic sign for Zion Ministries.



**We need more individuals who  
are willing to be counters of  
Sunday Contributions!**

***Please talk with Debi Anderson  
to assist in this area.***

**Your help is appreciated!!**





# March Lay Ministry Calendar

Date	Sunday March 5	Sunday, March 12	Sunday, March 19	Sunday, March 26
Greeters	Dorothy Pratt & Colleen Fisher	Dennis & Debi Anderson	John & Evelyn Stephens	Tom & Priscilla Stratton
Acolyte	Ellie Hintzman	Kari Dort	Caroline Hintzman	Gabriel Havranek
Reader	Ellen Schmidt	Priscilla Stratton	Charlie Rackley	Sue Probus
Sound & Slide Tech	Jay McDougal	Peter Klammer	Craig Bell	Ellie & Caroline Hintzman
Ushers	Bill Chambers Donna Durbin Rob Durbin Bill Randall	Bill Chambers Donna Durbin Rob Durbin Bill Randall	Bill Chambers Donna Durbin Rob Durbin Bill Randall	Bill Chambers Donna Durbin Rob Durbin Bill Randall
Communion Asst.	Peter Klammer & Jeff Hintzman	Peter Klammer & Jeff Hintzman	Peter Klammer & Jeff Hintzman	Peter Klammer & Jeff Hintzman
Fellowship	Cynthia Dort Donna Durbin	Priscilla Stratton Alison Hintzman	Debi Anderson Virginia Kutsch	Donna Pompe Tracy McDougal
Altar Care				

Wednesday Services starting with Soup Supper at 6:00pm (sign up outside the sanctuary).  
Followed by a 7:00pm service.

March 1 – Ash Wednesday – NO Soup

March 5

March 12

March 19

March 26

## **Chintimini Senior & Community Center**

*Presents*

### *Chintimini Spring Fashion Show*

Saturday, March 18, 2017 from 1:00-3:00pm

Chintimini Senior & Community Center, 2601 NW Tyler Ave

541-766-6959

\$12 (in-city), \$15 (gen. adm.)

#### **Event description:**

Wine, delicious desserts, fun and fashion are waiting for you at the Center's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fashion Show! Local clothing stores are providing the latest in trends and styles. Enjoy the decadent dessert bar, and sip on a glass of wine during the show. The models are volunteers who will delight you with their unique style. Come indulge and enjoy!

# We Have a Story for You!

The Biblical Equipping team is making plans for this summer's multi-generational Sunday School. We are looking for topics that will make you say, "Wow, I can't wait to hear this Sunday's story, I'm going to stay for Sunday School, then I'll go have some fun in the sun."

Bible stories help us understand God and how He wants us to act. They have purpose, as Paul listed in 2 Timothy 3:16: "for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." Storytelling is the most effective way for a speaker to help the listener remember the message, and God is the most awesome of all storytellers. We hope that a summer filled with stories will be a memorable and exciting way to enjoy and learn from God's Word.

To that end, we are asking that **everyone**, young and old alike, choose the Bible stories you would like to learn more about, re-visit, delve into for more understanding or just because it speaks to you.

**Instructions:** Rank your top five stories from the following list (use numerals 1-5). We know how hard it will be to choose your favorite 5, but please try. If your favorite is not listed (there are so, so many) then write it in at the bottom of the list. Don't miss the stories on page 2.

**Return your ranked survey ASAP or no later than March 5<sup>th</sup>**, to the box marked "Favorite Bible Stories," found near the Biblical Equipping bulletin board at the right end of our mailboxes.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Creation – Genesis 1: 1-25  
\_\_\_\_\_ Adam and Eve the fall – Genesis 3  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cain and Abel – Genesis 4  
\_\_\_\_\_ Noah and the Ark/Flood - Genesis 6 -8  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tower of Babel – Genesis 11  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sodom and Gomorrah – Genesis 18 - 19  
\_\_\_\_\_ Joseph's coat, dreams and sold by his brothers -  
Genesis 37  
\_\_\_\_\_ Moses birth & being found by Pharaoh's daughter –  
Exodus 2: 1-10  
\_\_\_\_\_ The burning bush – Exodus 3: 1 – 4: 17  
\_\_\_\_\_ The plagues of Egypt – Exodus 7 – 12  
\_\_\_\_\_ Crossing the Red Sea – Exodus 14  
\_\_\_\_\_ Manna – Exodus 16  
\_\_\_\_\_ The Ten Commandments – Exodus 20: 1-17  
\_\_\_\_\_ The capture of Jericho – Joshua 6  
\_\_\_\_\_ Samson and Delilah – Judges 16  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ruth – Ruth 1-4  
\_\_\_\_\_ David chosen by God – 1 Samuel 16  
\_\_\_\_\_ David and Goliath – 1 Samuel 17  
\_\_\_\_\_ Elijah and the prophets – 1 Kings 18  
\_\_\_\_\_ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego – Daniel 3  
\_\_\_\_\_ Daniel in the lion's den – Daniel 6

\_\_\_\_\_ Jonah and the whale – Jonah 1-4  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' birth – Matthew 1, 2; Luke 1, 2  
\_\_\_\_\_ Wise men visit Jesus - Matthew 2:10-12  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as a boy in the Temple – Luke 2: 41 - 52  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus calms the storm – Mark 4: 18-22  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus walks on water and Peter walks on water –  
Matthew 14: 22-34  
\_\_\_\_\_ Feeding of the five-thousand – Mark 6: 32-44  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' temptation in the wilderness – Luke 4: 1-13  
\_\_\_\_\_ The Faith of the Centurion – Luke 7: 1-10  
\_\_\_\_\_ The Parable of the Good Samaritan – Luke 10: 25-37  
\_\_\_\_\_ The parable of the prodigal son – Luke 15: 11-32  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus and the children – Luke 18: 15-17  
\_\_\_\_\_ Zacchaeus – Luke 19: 1-10  
\_\_\_\_\_ Raising of Lazarus – John 11: 1-45  
\_\_\_\_\_ The Last Supper – Mark 14: 18-26  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus crucifixion – Mark 15: 22-40  
\_\_\_\_\_ The empty tomb – John 20: 1-8  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' ascension – Luke 24: 51-53  
\_\_\_\_\_ Peter's escape from prison – Acts 12: 1-19  
\_\_\_\_\_ The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost - Acts 2: 1-13  
\_\_\_\_\_ Saul's Conversion – Acts 9: 1-19  
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**Comments/Suggestions:**