

SHEPHERD'S VOICE

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Shalom!

"⁶Just as Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness, ⁷so then, understand that those who believe are the sons of Abraham. ⁸And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, proclaimed the gospel to Abraham ahead of time, saying, "All the nations will be blessed in you." ⁹So then those who believe are blessed along with Abraham the believer... ²³Now before faith came we were held in custody under the law, being kept as prisoners until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴Thus the law had become our guardian until Christ, so that we could be declared righteous by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. ²⁶For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith. ²⁷For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female—for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to the promise." Galatians 3

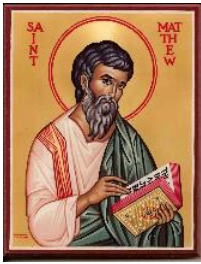
I make board games. I love games. Games are fun. A major structural reality of

games are the mechanics (draw a card or move a piece 3 spaces) and rules (a flush is greater than 2 pairs). But when designing a game there is something greater that guides a designer. Fun. Fun is a technical term, as much as it is a subjective, and it is the greater goal of playing games. You can have mechanics and rules, but if they don't get players to the state of fun then they are not worth their salt.

The ceremonial laws that governed the life of Israel were rules to govern a specific group of people, but what God really wanted was to get people the state of being his children, to know his blessings, and to be his creative agents in the world. God designed his salvation history so we can experience blessing and restoration. The law served a purpose at one time, but now that victory has come they no longer function in our lives. The game God created had as its victory condition Jesus Christ. Trust in God's good design, he knows what he is doing.

Peace,
Pastor Eric





MultiGen+ Bible Study is held in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. following worship and fellowship time. This year our focus will be on the Gospel of St. Matthew. However, there are sure to be some detours along the way ☺ Join us each Sunday as we study, learn and share together.



The Fellowship Luncheon Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at various restaurants in the Corvallis-Albany area. On February 12th, they will meet at Pop's Branding Iron in Albany. Bring your appetite! Talk to Karen Inman for more information.



Tuesday Morning Bible Class
9:00-10:30 a.m.

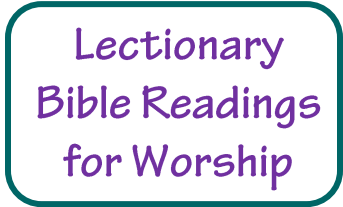
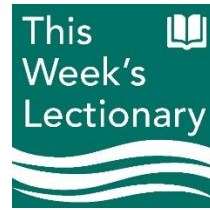


Watch the Scripture



Journal the Scripture

There is always room for more folks to join The Bible Project. These awesome study is interactive with videos, reading, journaling and discussion about the lectionary for the upcoming Sunday. Bring a journal and be ready to dig a bit deeper and engage in lively conversation. Pr. Eric leads this discussion (and also makes the tea!). Each week 'stands alone' so you can come whenever you wish.



February 2, 2020

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

February 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 58:3-9a

Psalm 112:1-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

February 23, 2020

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Reading: Exodus 24:8-18

Psalm 2:6-12

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

February 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday

First Reading: Joel 2:12-19

Psalm 51:1-13 (14-19)

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21



Emmaus Growth Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the church kitchen as they enjoy coffee, fellowship and yes, many times special treats ☺ as they delve into God's Word. All women are welcome to join!



Women on Wednesdays
1st and 3rd Wednesdays
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

All women are welcome!

They are currently studying, "Ephesians: Building a Community in Christ." These studies provide a vision of the new society God has planned in his church. Talk with Jennifer Klammer or Donna Durbin for more information.



Lutherfest 2020

Time is running out if you want to attend this year's event. Tickets are still available at \$60 each or a table for eight for \$400. This event features six seated servings of a selected craft beer, artisan cheese, and a tasty appetizer.

Tickets can be purchased online from the [Luther House](#) web site – simply click on the Lutherfest 2020 picture. You may also call Luther House at 541-753-5213 for more information. Come enjoy the fun!



Deadline for your newsletter submissions is the 20th of each month.

Suggestions for how we can make this a good resource for you are always welcome!!



February baptismal birthdays, birthdays and anniversaries

Baptismal birthdays: Karl Schmidt (2/5), Maggie Bohlmann (2/26), and Rob Durbin (2/29).

Birthdays: Bobby Webb (2/6), Alison Hintzman (2/12/), Opal Grossnicklaus (2/17) and Jim Knoke (2/28).

Anniversaries: Brad & Lisa Boylan (2/14) and Dennis & Debi Anderson (2/15).

Please let the office know if there are omissions or corrections needed to this list ☺ Thank you!

Gospel Fund application forms

It's not too late to look at how we might provide monies to a deserving organization through our Gospel Fund. Forms are now due on February 3rd.

Questions? Ask Pr. Eric, a Council Member or Elder

Thank you so much for your generous gift at Christmas. It was greatly appreciated! It is such a pleasure to be a part of this community. Thank you always for your words of encouragement throughout the year. May we continue to glorify God together in ministry and song! Lisa Boylan ☺



LOVE is patient.
LOVE is kind. ♥
 IT DOES NOT ENVY. IT DOES NOT BOAST.
 IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS
 IT IS NOT { SELF-SEEKING IT KEEPS NO
 EASILY ANGERED RECORD OF WRONGS
 LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL
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 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

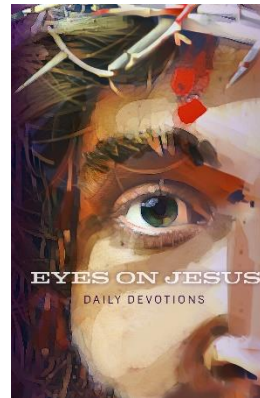
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Deacon	Dennis Anderson
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Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season are soon upon us! Make plans to join us on Ash Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00 p.m. for worship and imposition of ashes.



Our Biblical Equipping team will be providing a devotional, *Eyes on Jesus: Daily Devotions for Lent and Easter*, for you to use during the Lenten season. Forty-seven days of devotions help you fix your eyes on Jesus

throughout the Lenten season. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through Easter, each passage encourages you to consider what you see when you look at Jesus. "Fix your eyes on Jesus." When the people in the Passion narrative looked at Jesus, what did they see?

Eyes on Jesus asks us to look at Jesus through various Biblical character's viewpoints, learning how they saw Jesus. Did they misunderstand Him? Did they recognize Him as the Son of God?

Using Scripture passages from the Gospel of Mark, challenge yourself to consider what you see when you look at Jesus.

These will be placed in your church mailbox once they arrive. If you would like a devotional mailed to you, please call the office and let Lisa or Pr. Eric know. We would be happy to put one in the mail.






February Lay Ministry

	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Wednesday
	February 2nd	February 9th	February 16th	February 23rd	February 26th
Greeters	Bobby Webb & Karen Inman	Peter & Jennifer Klammer	Mary Nunery Sue Probus	Bud & Char Reger	
	Kari Dort	Norah Bohlmann	Kari Dort	Kari Dort	Kari Dort
Acolyte	Ann Capps	Lisa Boylan	Ann Capps	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan
Musician	Sue Probus	Katy Trautman	Bill Chambers	Jim Dort	
Reader	Ray Hart	Alison Hintzman	Ellie Hintzman	Jeff Hintzman	
Sound & Slide Tech	Jay McDougal	Jay McDougal	Jay McDougal	Jay McDougal	Jay McDougal
	Jim Dort	Jim Dort	Jim Dort	Jim Dort	Jim Dort
	Cynthia Dort	Cynthia Dort	Cynthia Dort	Cynthia Dort	Cynthia Dort
	Ryan Taft	Ryan Taft	Ryan Taft	Ryan Taft	Ryan Taft
Ushers	Jeff Hintzman	Jeff Hintzman	Jeff Hintzman	Jeff Hintzman	
	Debi Anderson	Debi Anderson	Sue Probus	Sue Probus	
Communion Assistants	Donna Durbin	Brad Boylan	Karen Inman	Jennifer Klammer	
	Alison Hintzman	Cynthia Dort	Char Bohlmann	Dianne Taft	
Fellowship	Donna Durbin	Donna Durbin	Donna Durbin	Donna Durbin	Donna Durbin
	Sandy Nash	Alison Hintzman	Donna Durbin	Rob Durbin	
Altar Care	Brenda Brumbaugh	Jennifer Klammer	Dianne Taft	Karen Inman	

I will keep an eye on the bulletin board and reflect changes in the Shepherd's Voice weekly. Thanks for helping!

February Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>If you see activities missing or incorrect, please let the church office know so that corrections can be made! Thank you!</p>						1
						9:00 a.m. Leadership Retreat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:00 am Eucharistic Worship	4:30 pm Girl Scouts	9:00 am Bible Project	10:00 am Women on Wednesdays	9:30 am Emmaus GG		9:00 am Men's Breakfast
10:30 am Multi-Gen+	6:15 pm Evening Garden	11:00 am Deaconess mtg	10:00 am Light of Christ Core	10:30 am Park Place devotions		
		6:30 pm Elders meeting	1:45 pm Violin lessons	2:45 pm Girl Scouts		
				3:00 pm Violin lessons		
				7:00 pm AA meeting		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:00 am Eucharistic Worship	3:00 pm Girl Scouts	9:00 am Bible Project	11:30 am Fellowship Potluck	10:30 am Park Place devotions		
10:30 am Multi-Gen+	4:30 pm Girl Scout	11:00 am PEO Chapter DQ	1:45 pm Violin lessons	3:00 pm Violin lessons		
3:00 Bethel GG	7:00 pm Damascus GG	5:30 pm Church Council	5:00 pm Womens' Discipleship	7:00 pm AA meeting		
6:30 pm Nazareth GG		6:00 pm 4H Garden Gnomes				
		7:00 pm MTL meeting				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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				2:45 pm Girl Scouts		
				3:00 pm Violin lessons		
				7:00 pm AA meeting		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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3:00 Bethel GG	7:00 pm Car Club	6:00 pm 4H Garden Gnomes	7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship	7:00 pm AA meeting		
6:30 pm Nazareth GG	7:00 pm Damascus GG					
	7:00 pm Garden Club Board					