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Shalom!

Theology AND Mission

In the Cross-cultural Ministry Center (CMC)

we often talk about three "gravitational pulls" that almost all pastors or vicars feel and that we encourage them to resist. One of these "gravitational pulls" is the tendency to dichotomize between Theology and



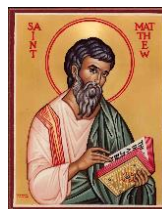
Mission and to treat them as somehow opposed to one another. Experience has taught us that our students/vicars are inclined to focus on one more than the other. Some are enthusiastically inclined toward the academic study of theology and less engaged in the day-to-day

mission of the church to reach the lost. Others are thoroughly enthused by outreach into their communities and less engaged in the pursuit of theological understanding. Each of us probably tends toward one side or the other. An underlying theme of the CMC is that theology and mission go hand in hand: Theology serves as the impetus for mission and mission provides the context for theology.

The interrelation could be illustrated as a never-ending circle with each one feeding into the other. But perhaps it would be better seen as a helix--theology engenders mission, which, in turn, leads towards greater theological understanding, which, in turn, engenders greater engagement with mission, which, in turn, leads towards even greater theological understanding, which, in turn, leads to even greater engagement with mission, and so on and so forth.

Theology and mission continually cultivate each other in a kind of symbiotic relationship, each playing its distinct role, never static, but spiraling upward towards greater levels of understanding and engagement. When kept integrally together, they form and shape what we often call the "missionary pastor." (Glen Fluegge, Director of Cross-cultural Ministry Center at CUI)

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. Join us each Sunday as we study, learn and share together.



Our SVLC Fellowship Luncheon Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at various restaurants in the Corvallis-Albany area. The location for the March 11th is (drum roll please!) the SVLC Fellowship Hall for a Brown Bag lunch! You choose . . . bring something from home or takeout from your favorite restaurant! Come and join in some great fellowship and, if you want, stay for the 12:30 p.m. Meditative Lenten worship! For more information, contact Karen Inman.



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



Watch the Scripture

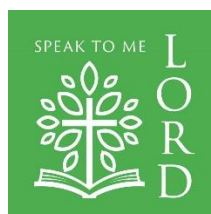


Journal the Scripture

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.



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!



Lectionary Bible Readings for Worship

March 1, 2020

First Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Genesis 3:1-21

Psalm 32:1-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

March 8, 2020

Second Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Psalm 121

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

March 15, 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95:1-9

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Gospel: John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)

March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Isaiah 42:14-21

Psalm 142

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

Gospel: John 11:1-53



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.



March baptismal
birthdays, birthdays
and anniversaries

Baptismal birthdays: Joyce Robak (3/2)

Birthdays: Cheryl Viner (3/13, Anna Hintzman (3/16), Bill Randall (3/23), Donna Pompe (3/24), Nadine Wurtz (3/26), and Bill Chambers and Pr. Eric Bohlmann (3/28).

Anniversaries: None on file.

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

From Bill Randall: NEEDED! A monitor that could be used in the office for our security system. The monitor we had is 'kaput.' A monitor in the 22-32" range would be greatly appreciated. Contact Bill with questions or for more information. Thanks so much!



Chains of Love

Nine caps were lovingly knitted or crocheted and delivered to the Cancer Center in February. If you are interested in being a part of this loving ministry, please chat with Donna Durbin. She has copies of the patterns which she will gladly share with you!

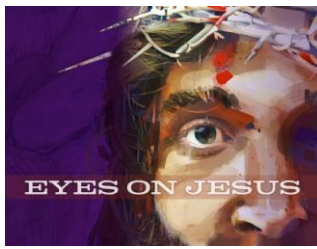


Lenten Worship Opportunities at SVLC

12:00 p.m.	Brown Bag lunch
12:30 p.m.	Meditative Worship
6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship

Once again, our circuit pastors will be rotating to different churches each week to lead worship. They will each preach on one of the "Eyes of Jesus" as denoted in the following article.

Don't forget your Lenten devotional which was placed in your church mailbox. May God bless your Lenten season!



Eyes on Jesus

*O come, let us fix our
eyes on Jesus, the
founder and perfecter
of our faith, who for*

*the joy that was set before Him endured the
cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the
right hand of the throne of God.*

(Gradual for Lent, based on Hebrews 12:2)

When the characters in the Passion narrative look at Jesus, what do they see? In most cases, people misunderstood who He is and what He was doing. In some cases, by faith, people recognized Him aright. Our Lenten series this year, *Eyes on Jesus* is based on Passion according to St. Mark. We will examine how the various people around Jesus viewed Him—and how we should view Him. We will “fix our eyes” on what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death, and celebrate what God sees on account of His work: our justification for His sake.

On Ash Wednesday, we will see how, in spite of Jesus’ repeated predictions about His upcoming Passion, the disciples with “Misjudging Eyes” fail to recognize that soon He will not be with them, and they cannot see the anonymous woman’s anointing of Jesus as preparation for His burial. But Jesus sees her actions as a beautiful deed that will be proclaimed throughout the world wherever the Gospel is heard.

At our midweek service after the First Sunday of Lent, we will look through Judas’s “Betraying Eyes” and learn why he did this awful deed. Yet the behind-the-scenes-reality is that Jesus was “handed over” (another way of translating the verb for

“betray”) by God the Father Himself, so that Jesus could die for the sin of the world.

“Sleepy Eyes” is the theme for the second week of Lent. In Gethsemane, Jesus’ inner circle of Peter, James, and John cannot keep their eyes open to watch and pray with Jesus for even an hour, while Jesus comes to see that His Father’s will is that He drink the cup of God’s wrath when He comes to the “hour” of His suffering.

In the third week of Lent, we stare into the “Denying Eyes” of Peter and the other apostles. They could not see how they could ever fall away from Jesus, but after Jesus is betrayed by Judas, ten of them flee, and Peter—when he is spotted by a servant girl and sees that his own neck is on the line—sees fit to deny Jesus, which leads to his own eyes weeping in remorse. We sinners likewise deny our Lord in many ways, but Jesus denied Himself to take up the cross for our salvation.

“Murderous Eyes” is the theme of week 4 in Lent. The chief priests and scribes saw Jesus as an obstacle to be rid of by murdering Him through the Roman judicial system. Yet during the Passover festival, they would unwittingly bring about the Father’s sacrifice of the ultimate Passover Lamb.

In the fifth week of Lent, we look through the “Worldly Eyes” of Pilate, the Jewish leaders, and the Roman soldiers. Pilate can only view matters in a worldly, pragmatic way, wishing to placate the worldly Jewish leaders and crowd, so he consents to handing Jesus over for crucifixion. The soldiers see the opposite of a worldly king, but their ironic hailing of Him as “King of the Jews” proclaims who He really is. The world looks for power and glory; God’s way is suffering and the cross.

On Maundy Thursday, there is "More Than Meets the Eye" to the Lord's Supper. We will look into the Old Testament background of the Last Supper and rejoice in the mystery that Jesus, in and with, bread and wine, gives us His body and blood in order to deliver to us the benefits of His Passion.

On Good Friday, we look through "God's Eyes" to see what is happening during the Passion: the once-for-all atonement for the sin of the whole world and the justification of all sinners on Easter.

"Resting Eyes" is the theme for Holy Saturday. Various disciples rested their eyes upon the dead Jesus, cared for His body, and buried it. As Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses rest their eyes upon the sealed tomb and contemplate further anointing of His body the next day, they cannot see that Jesus' own eyes are merely resting temporarily, and Easter morning will bring a dramatic reversal.

Finally, Easter Sunday gazes upon "Angel Eyes." The angel in the tomb knows the whole story of Jesus' resurrection. When he sees the women, he proclaims the Gospel to them, shows them where Jesus' body had formerly lain, and tells them that they can see Jesus themselves in Galilee. Likewise, the "angels" or messengers of the Church in the apostolic ministry tell God's people where they can find Jesus and His salvation in the Means of Grace.

With *Eyes on Jesus* as our theme this Lent, we will continuously focus on Jesus Christ and Him crucified, buried, and risen for our justification. This is a vision that will never disappoint, for by trusting in Jesus, He promises that we will gaze upon His beautiful face now by faith and forever in heaven!



talk with Bill Randall.

April 4th – 9:00 a.m.
We will 'spruce' up inside and outside our building. Stay tuned for more information or



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

Staff & Lay Leaders

Pastor	Pastor Eric Bohlmann
Administrative Assistant	Lisa Boylan
Musician	Lisa Boylan
President	Bill Chambers
Secretary	Jim Knoke
Treasurer	Debi Anderson
Property Chair	Bill Randall
PR Coordinator	Sandy Bell
Elders	Peter Klammer Jeff Hintzman Jay McDougal
Deaconesses	Donna Durbin Char Reger Karen Inman
Deacon	Dennis Anderson
Ministry Team Leaders	Katy Trautman, <i>Biblical Equipping</i> Char Bohlmann, <i>Community Building & Care</i> Ray Hart, <i>Missional Outreach</i> Lisa Boylan, <i>Worship & Prayer</i>




March Lay Ministry

Please let me know if you are unable to serve :)	Sunday	Wednesday	Sunday	Wednesday	Sunday	Wednesday	Sunday	Wednesday	Sunday
	March 1st	March 4th	March 8th	March 11th	March 15th	March 18th	March 22nd	March 25th	March 29th
Greeters	Dennis & Debi Anderson		Colleen Fisher Sandy Nash		Fernando H. Katy Trautman		Karen Inman & Bobby Webb		Peter & Jennifer Klammer
	Kari Dort	Kari Dort	Norah Bohlmann	Kari Dort	Norah B.	Kari Dort	Kari Dort	Kari Dort	Norah B.
Musician	Ann Capps	Lisa Boylan	Ann Capps	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan	Ann Capps	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan
Reader	Donna Durbin		Colleen Fisher		Ray Hart		Alison Hintzman		Jeff Hintzman
Projection	Jeff Hintzman		Peter Klammer		Craig Bell		Marla Crane		Ray Hart
Ushers	Rob Durbin	Rob Durbin	Rob Durbin	Donna Durbin	Rob Durbin	Rob Durbin	Rob Durbin	Rich Millimaki	Fernando Henriques
	Donna Durbin	Donna Durbin	Donna Durbin	Aaron Taft	Donna Durbin	Rich Millimaki	Donna Durbin	Aaron Taft	Katy Trautman
	Rich Millimaki		Rich Millimaki		Rich Millimaki		Rich Millimaki		Rich Millimaki
	Aaron Taft		Aaron Taft		Aaron Taft		Aaron Taft		Aaron Taft
Communion Assistants	Jay McDougal		Jay McDougal		Jay McDougal		Jay McDougal		Jay McDougal
	Jim Dort				Jim Dort		Dennis Anderson		Dennis Anderson
Fellowship	Virginia Kutsch	Soup Supper	Gail Millimaki	Soup Supper	Tracy McDougal	Soup Supper	Char Bohlmann	Soup Supper	Brad Boylan
	Char Reger		Donna Pompe		Dennis & Debi		Alison Hintzman		Jim & Cynthia Dort
Altar Care	Sue Probus	Sue Probus	Sue Probus	Sue Probus	Sue Probus	Sue Probus	Sue Probus	Sue Probus	Sue Probus
Counters	Donna Durbin		Alison H		Brenda		Rob Durbin		
	Karen Inman		Jennifer K		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!

March Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:00 am Eucharistic Worship 10:30 am Multi-Gen+ 11:30 am Church Council	4:30 pm Girl Scouts 12283 5:30 pm Brownie 10176 6:15 pm Evening Garden	9:00 am Watch & Journal 11:00 am Deaconess/ Deacon meeting 6:30 pm Elders	10:00 am Women on Wednesdays 10:00 am Light of Christ Bd mtg 12:00 pm Brown Bag lunch 12:30 pm Meditative Worship 1:45 pm Violin lessons 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Worship	9:30 am Emmaus GG 10:30 am Park Place devotions 2:45 pm Girl Scouts 40447 3:00 pm Violin lessons 7:00 pm AA meeting		
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