



## As We Continue Our Lenten Journey...

We're now approaching the end of Lent. Lent is one of the seasons of the Church year I've come to value the most. Each year more and more I realize how much I need to journey through my brokenness and into the promise of the resurrected Christ.

Lent invites reflection and an honest evaluation of ourselves and our place in the world. In our fast paced, high tech, consumer driven, busy world the disciplines of silence, self-denial and letting go, are so necessary and also so counter-cultural.

Lent reminds me again that as Christians we're called to embrace the world without being seduced by it. We're called to live in the world without surrendering to its claims or false promises. As we face the aftermath of earthquakes, tsunamis and violence in a world plagued with the ongoing daily ravages of disease, poverty and hunger, we're reminded again that ours is a world in which sin runs rampant. Suffering and the power of evil are still all too prevalent and real. As we struggle and confront our own personal battles with death, disease and brokenness, we understand why no simple self-improvement ideology can truly save us.

In the midst of this we receive Lent's gift. Lent points us to the cross of Jesus Christ. That cross isn't meant to remind us simply of Christ's suffering and death. Rather it reminds us of God's gift of forgiveness and the depth of God's love. God took an end and made it a beginning. God took defeat and made it a victory. God still does. That's the hope in which we ground our living and dying and all the days between. That's the journey we take as we make our way from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Joe

# Bible Study



## April

1	1 Kings. 2-4
2	1 Kings. 5-8
3	1 Kings. 9-11
4	1 Kings. 12-14
5	1 Kings. 15-17
6	1 Kings 18-21
7	1 Kings. 22 2 Kin. 1-2
8	2 Kings. 3-5
9	2 Kings. 6-8
10	2 Kings. 9-12
11	2 Kings. 13-15
12	2 Kings. 16-18
13	2 Kings. 19-21
14	2 Kings. 22-25
15	1 Chronicles. 1-3
16	1 Chronicles. 4-6
17	1 Chronicles. 7-9
18	1 Chronicles.10-13
19	1 Chronicles. 14-16
20	1 Chronicles. 17-19
21	1 Chronicles. 20-22
22	1 Chronicles. 23-26
23	1 Chronicles. 27-29
24	2 Chronicles. 1-3
25	2 Chronicles. 4-6
26	2 Chronicles. 7-10
27	2 Chronicles. 11-13
28	2 Chronicles. 14-16
29	2 Chronicles. 17-20
30	2 Chronicles . 21-14

April 07 Katy Mahaney, Cooper Nichols, Charley Oborny

April 14 Zeke Kasel, Madison Osborn, Rory Pomper

April 21 Alec Actkinson, Maryn Terry, Caeleb Macdonald

April 28 Zeke Kasel, Elizabeth Mahaney, Brody White



Head Usher: Tim Kasel



April 7, 2019 Ben & Lori Osborn

April 14, 2019 Todd & Haley Christian

April 21, 2019 Roy Snodgrass

April 28, 2019 Robin Gregory



If you would like to order lilies to memorialize a loved one and decorate our Sanctuary, payment of **\$12.00** for each. You may also drop your order off at the church office.

The deadline for orders is **April 18<sup>th</sup>**.



## Christ Risen and Realized

Author George Thompson tells of a Jewish rabbi's appeal to Christians during the tumultuous 1930s. On Easter Eve, the rabbi wrote in a newspaper:

"I challenge the Christian world to measure itself by the standards of Christ. As long as any group is judged by its creed or color or country in place of its character, Christianity is a sacrilege rather than sanctity. To this end, I summon Christians everywhere to make this Easter signify Christ realized and not merely Christ risen.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**

**Commemoration of the Lord's Supper**

**April 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm CST**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**TENEBRAE - SERVICE OF DARKNESS**

**April 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm CST**

**Easter Sunday**

**April 21 11:00 am CST**



**Ewer and basin**

The ewer (a vase-shaped pitcher) and basin, which symbolize cleansing, are related to two biblical events from Holy Week: when Jesus washed his disciples' feet (John 13:1-17), and when Pilate "washed his hands of" Jesus' blood before the crucifixion (Matthew 27:24). Because of Christ's command that we live to serve others (exemplified by His sacrificial love), the ewer and basin have become a symbol of service ministry

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Staff would like to wish you & yours

A very Happy & Prosperous

Easter Time.

Joe MacDonald, Joyce Ketcherside

Tersesa Cabral, Carylon Reed,

Brenna Jarman



**CHURCH CAMP**

**King's Kids Camp** (entering grades 2-4): **June 7-9**

**Promise Seekers Camp** (entering grades 4-6): **July 8-12**

**SYC** (entering grades 7-12): **June 17-21**

**Music Camp** (grades 7-12): **July 7-12**

**For additional information please contact the church office**



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