

While we understand this childlike metaphor, I must ask how often we *apply* it. How often do you feel the glimmers of Christ's hope penetrate through the winter of this temporarily, sin-cursed world? Lord knows, we can't turn on the news, read the paper, or do hardly anything without hearing about the "snow" of this world. Yet we, as faithful followers of Christ, *know* that *our* "Aslan" IS on the move. Jesus is working, even now, through the power of the gospel to bring about a Kingdom of Righteousness, an everlasting "Spring". Are we watching with the anticipation of a Narnian, not only for His inevitable return, but also for the *signs* of Him weakening Satan's curse along the way? Are we *celebrating* that?

How appropriate is it, then, that we get FIVE Sundays March? The "Lion & the Lamb" month is when we get extra opportunities to worship the One who is *both* THE Lion and THE Lamb. It's a subtle reminder that not only does the Spring bring new life, but the Christ who *created* that Spring brings new life as well. In a world where the "winter" of sin grows ever colder, will you join us in following the WARMER path, led by *THE* Lion of Judah? Will you pause and reflect with us, during Lent, on how He has come to thaw our "winter"? Will you come and worship Him with US? Will you join us on April 12th for our Easter service, to see the risen Lion... roaring as One who has broken the spell of "winter" once and for all? If you will, I promise you shall be better for it. It shall give you revitalization in your soul; one that will help you as you walk through the snowy cold of this life... and you'll be surprised at just how many spring flowers you find peaking up through the snow along your way. Take heart, you "Sons Adam" and "Daughters of Eve". *Our* Aslan IS on the move.



~Pastor David

CHURCH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed: We are in needed of more volunteers to help with the various ministry needs on Sunday morning. If you're willing to host a fellowship hour, serves as a greeter, aid in the nursery, assist in the tech booth, help clean up after service, or any other such service, please contact Wendy, the church administrator.

Thank You: The church wishes to express thank you to anyone who helped prepare the church for worship, especially during the difficult winter weather. Your silent deeds to prepare the house of the Lord for the worship of His people are greatly appreciated.

Town Hall Meeting: On Sunday March 8th, we will have a special town-hall style meeting for all members and regular attenders. This meeting, following the morning worship service, will feature a presentation from Gary Harrison on a ministry called *ReTool*. There will be a Q&A to follow. Please mark your calendars and plan to stay for this important meeting.

Women's Bible Study: Our weekly women's bible study continues to meet every Monday morning. For more information, please contact Edna at 262-728-6901.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: Our church offers a Men's Breakfast and Bible Study for men of all ages. For more information, please contact Pastor David at 954-629-8800.

Holy Week Reminders: Our upcoming 2020 Holiday Week Schedule is as follows: Palm Sunday Service (April 5), Maundy Thursday Service (April 9, more information coming soon), and our Easter Resurrection Worship Service (April 12)

Hour of Power Prayer Meeting: Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., a group meets for meditation on a Psalm and a time of intercessory prayer. If you are able to make this meeting, please know you are more than welcome to join. If you have prayer requests that we can pray for or have an interest in starting a second, "hour of power" prayer meeting at a different time, please contact Pastor David at 954-629-8800.

Lenten Luncheons: Every Wednesday through April 1st, the United Methodist Church in Delavan is hosting a Lenten Worship Service at 12:00 p.m. Each service is followed by a luncheon. Bob Wierenga will be preaching on behalf of our church on March 18. If you have your lunch hour free, please join them for a great time of community worship.

Youth Rummage Sale: The youth group is planning on having another Rummage Sale fundraiser this spring. We are beginning to collect donations from our church to sell. If you have unwanted clothing, bric-a-brac, household items, or miscellaneous items, please contact Pastor David at 954-629-8800.

Prayer List: Attached to every monthly newsletter, you will find a monthly prayer list. This contains the *known* prayer requests and praise reports of our church community. We recommend using it for your own prayer time at home. If you would like to add a prayer request of praise report to the list, please contact Pastor David at 954-629-8800.

Church Newsletter: If you have feedback about this new church newsletter format, please let Pastor David or Wendy know. All information to be placed in the newsletter is due to the church office **by the last Monday of the month**. Please make sure the office knows if you desire your copy of the newsletter emailed or if you want to pick it up here at the church.

Creek Road Community Church
A House of Prayer
March 2020

Prayer Invitation

"Come now, let us reason together", says the Lord: "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." (Isaiah 1:18, ESV)

Prayer Promise

"The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: 'I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.'" (Jeremiah 31:3, NIV)

Service Member

Cameron Zabel - Army
Sean Oliver - Army National Guard
Kathleen Nieuwenhuis - Navy
David Cefalu - Air National Guard
Devon Hubka - Army
Simeon Ploeger - Navy
Chris & Allison Easterly - Air Force

Missions

Rick and Kathy Wacek— tax concerns for pastors (global)
James Sundararajan's ministry in India, for those being persecuted for their faith

Ministries

Increase in membership, Pastor Dave Bordy and Family, Youth Group, Praise Team, Ladies Guild, Deacons, Elders, Agape Girl's and Boy's Home, New Day Women's Clinic, Gospel Alliance

Healing

Caitlin Nicholson, Pat Wierenga, Leona Kruizenga, Bonnie Kruizenga, Fred Wright, George Wyatt, Nell (Darlene's sister) and all members struggling physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.



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The Narnian Thaw

*"Wrong will be right, when Aslan comes in sight,
At the sound of his roar, sorrows will be no more,
When he bares his teeth, winter meets its death,
And when he shakes his mane, we shall have spring again."*
(The "Prophecy" from *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis)

Since my wife thinks that March is the "Lion and the Lamb month", I thought I'd play off that a little bit. March holds a different weatherly perspective for me *here* than it did in South Florida. I'll never forget the feeling of having snow on the ground for my birthday for the first time in my life. The snow is not what *defines* March, however. (Lord knows, we get plenty of **that** in January and February.) What makes March *different*, beside the *official* arrival of Spring, is that in March we begin to see glimmers of hope that winter is finally losing its icy grip. Sure, it gets down into the 30's in March, but it jumps up into the 50's as well. (Try getting *that* from the previous month.) Sure, it snows a bit, but the melting of that snow also intensifies with the warmer weather. Pretty soon, we're beginning to think about tulips more than evergreens. That's the beauty of March: The hope the winter is on its way out.

C.S. Lewis uses this "warm" reality as a metaphor in his famous children's book *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe* (a novel that has sold over 100 Million copies, in 47 languages). Believers in Christ know the powerful spiritual allegory that lies behind this book, His very gospel itself. The power of sin is depicted by a terrible winter that has blanketed the whole realm ("*always winter, but never Christmas*"). The devil is allegorized in the form of the great White Witch, whose spell keeps the land in winter. Her weakness, and that of her spell, is finally revealed when signs of Spring appear in the land. The true locals in Narnia know this can only mean that the lion Aslan (the Christ figure) has passed through. They don't see him yet, only the thawing effect he had on the winter. The story climaxes in Aslan's defeat of the White Witch and the ultimate triumph over the winter cold.