



The Messenger

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Times of worship —

Saturday Worship 6:00 pm
Sunday Family Worship 10:30 am

MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

Total attendance for services		
Feb 8	6:00 pm	17
Feb 9	10:30 am	116
Feb 15	6:00 pm	22
Feb 16	10:30 am	105



Baked Potato Bar – This Sunday, the 23rd

After the 10:30 service, please plan to stay and enjoy baked potatoes with all the fixings, plus chili & hot dogs. The Mission Committee is sponsoring this get-together to support the Nigeria teacher housing renovation project at the seminary where Kelly Fischbach volunteered several years ago. Donations welcome. Thanks for the donations already received!

The Messenger items are due at the main desk by Monday prior to printing. Watch bulletins for additional activities.

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Next Messenger: Mar 3rd

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COMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Feb. 23 Matthew 5:43-48 “Forgiveness and Love”
Jesus teaches his disciples a new way of living. Loving your enemies; forgiving those who hurt you; giving to those who ask; and return love for hate. Can you live this way?

March 2 - Matthew 17:1-9 “Moving On”

Transfiguration Sunday

On this Sunday we remember the transfiguration of Jesus. It was a great experience for the disciples and they wanted to just stay there in the moment. For us it is the same. As we have mountain top experiences with God we want to stay “in the moment”, but Jesus calls us to continue to move on in our Christian walk and to grow.

Ash Wednesday - March 5th - 6:30 p.m.

Joel 2:12-13 “Coming Home”

We begin the season of Lent with the worship of Ash Wednesday. Tonight we will begin to look at what it means to “return to the Lord” or in other words “to come back home”.

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR BAILEY

“For nothing is impossible with God.” (Lk1:37)

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.” (Psalm 23:1)

Author Sara Young in her devotional book **Jesus Calling** shares messages that Jesus has given her in her times of “listening prayer”. Listen closely to the words that Jesus shares with us through Sara’s book on one of those daily readings:

“Come to Me with all your weakness: physical, emotional, and spiritual. Rest in the comfort of My Presence, remembering that **nothing is impossible with Me.**”

“Pry your mind away from you problems so you can focus your attention on Me. Recall that I can do **immeasurable more than all you ask or imagine.** Instead of trying to direct Me to do this or that, seek to attune yourself to what I am **already** doing.”

“When anxiety attempts to wedge its way into your thoughts, remind yourself that **I am your Shepherd.** The bottom line is that I am taking care of you; therefore, you needn’t be afraid of anything. Rather than trying to maintain control over your life, abandon yourself to My will. Though this may feel frightening - even dangerous, the safest place to be is in My Will.”

Will this day be the day that we will learn to surrender to God’s control of our life? Somehow God continues to seek us out and to plead with us to rest, to surrender, and to put our trust in His Shepherding, His guidance, and His control. Remember the words at the end of the above devotional, **“....the safest place to be is in My Will.”**

May God keep you in His perfect Peace, Pastor Dennis Bailey



Please Remember in your Prayers:

- Esther Halverson who had shoulder surgery last week. Also remember her on her 90th birthday on March 4. Her address is: 2360 N. Tully St., Mesa, AZ 81215-2760. No charge calls to 292-9253
- LeRoy Albertsen who had foot surgery.

ASH WEDNESDAY TO BEGIN LENT

The Season of Lent will begin this year on **Wednesday, March 5th** with an **Ash Wednesday Worship service at 6:30 pm.** This worship service will center on a “returning to the Lord” in our daily faith walk with God. It is usually a 45 minute time together where we will center on self-examination, repentance, and remembering our need for God. You will have the choice of receiving the mark of the ashes on your forehead at the end of the service or to simply end with a time of prayer in your pew or at the altar. This is a great way to begin the season of returning to God.



PASTOR TO HOLD LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Bailey will be conducting a Lenten Bible Study again this year on five **Sunday afternoons; at 4 PM** during lent. The Bible studies will last around an hour in length and will be on the Letter of Paul to the Colossians. The study will **begin on March 16**, the 2nd Sunday of Lent. (Pastor will be on a retreat with the Confirmation Youth on the 1st Sunday of Lent.) **And it will go through April 13 which is Palm Sunday.**

You don’t have to be a Bible Scholar or to even have picked up the Bible for a while. Just come and enjoy the discussion, fellowship, and faith building. This letter is one of the

CONFIRMATION CLASS RETREAT –

The Confirmation Class will be going to **Des Moines** on the weekend of **March 8-9** for a **ministry retreat.** The youth will be working at Hope Ministries where they will learn about homelessness and even help in the mission there. They will be joined by the youth from Aldersgate UMC and will stay overnight at that church. The youth will also be able to tour the Iowa Conference Center in Des Moines.

Let’s get the Prayer Groups started!

Organizational meetings will be held Wednesday, February 26th at the church. **Women’s, Mother’s, Crafts, and Prayer Walking groups** will meet at 7:00 pm. **Men’s, Senior, Supper, Cooking and Breakfast groups** will meet at 7:30 pm. Come meet those who signed up for your favorite group! If you didn’t sign up, it is not too late...just come to the meeting! Prayer Pals will be organized by Nina with a call to those who signed up.

COMMUNITY CONCERN REPORT –

Our heartfelt thanks to you all for sharing in the need to help others! The following items are needed now: **pancake syrup, shampoo & liquid soap, laundry soap & soda crackers.** Items may be left in crate by the desk.

Lenten Study-Service Group

Starting Wednesday, March 12th, the learning begins in a really **fun** way with the Wednesday Lenten Study-Service Group! Each week prior to Maundy Thursday, we will learn the connection between the Passover-Seder meal and the Lord’s Supper-Communion. *Clay Winterboer will relate a Bible lesson pertaining to the meal’s meaning and then Jeremy Rierson will help us prepare the elements of the Seder meal in the kitchen. On Maundy Thursday evening, we will then serve the congregation and visitors, the Passover meal we have prepared. This will be something you won’t want to miss!*

PERSONAL NEEDS CLOSET

for Fairview Apartments – During the month of February WETeam will be collecting: Soap, body wash, hand soap & wash cloths. Basket is in the overflow.

NOTE: Our Sunday services are now shown on Mediacom Channel 6 at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, 11:00 AM on Thursday and 5:00 PM on Saturday.

**CALENDAR FOR
FEBRUARY 22ND
THROUGH MARCH 6TH**

SATURDAY FEB 22
Noon NA
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

SUNDAY FEB 23
9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Family Worship
11:30 a.m. Baked Potato Bar
Sponsored by Missions
Boy Scouts

3:00pm
MONDAY FEB 24
5:00 p.m. TOPS

TUESDAY FEB 25
8:30 a.m. ALANON
6:30 p.m. BoyScouts-Wolf

WEDNESDAY FEB 26
4:30 p.m. Confirmation
5:30 & 7:00 p.m. Youth meetings
7:00 & 7:30 p.m. Organizational meeting for Prayer Groups

THURSDAY FEB 27
5:30 p.m. Alanon
7:00 p.m. NA

SATURDAY MARCH 1
CONFIRMATION RETREAT
8:30 a.m. Girl Scouts
Noon NA
6:00 p.m. Family Worship

SUNDAY MAR 2
9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Family Worship
3:00-5:00p.m. Boy Scouts in Conf Rm
3:00-5:00p.m. Girl Scouts in FH

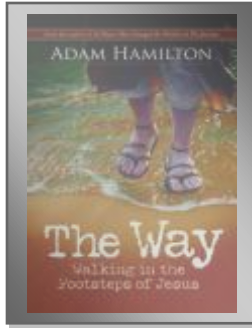
MONDAY MAR 3
4:00 p.m. German Club
5:00 p.m. TOPS
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

TUESDAY MAR 4
8:30 a.m. Alanon

WEDNESDAY MAR 5
1:00 p.m. UMW Executive meeting
1:30 p.m. UMW General meeting
Hostesses: Phyllis & Jewel
Program: Darlene Johnson
3:30 p.m. U M Kids
4:30 p.m. Confirmation
5:30 & 7:00 p.m. Youth meetings
6:30 p.m. **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

THURSDAY MAR 6
5:30 p.m. Alanon
7:00 p.m. NA

FRIDAY MAR 7
2:00 p.m. World Day of Prayer at St. John's Lutheran Church



A New Adult Bible Study –
Sunday Mornings,
March 9 – April 13
9:15-10:15
The Way is a DVD based Lenten Bible Study written by Adam Hamilton.

Class will be held in the classroom off of the elevator.
Contact Suzi if you need Nursery care.
Corresponding Book is available for \$10.00 but it is not necessary to have this to participate in the class.
Contact Jason Bush if you would like to order one.
Email at kj_bush@msn.com
Call/text to 830-7763.

The Heavenly Bound Book Club is inviting you to come join the discussion and the fun we have every month. March's date is **Tuesday the 18th at 11:00 AM at Queen Beans**

or that Tuesday evening @ 7:00 at church
or come the following Thursday (the 20th) at noon at Queen Beans.

The Queen Beans Coffee Bar provides a private room and great food. It is Dutch treat.

The March book is Called **Mustard Seeds: Thoughts on the Nature of God and Faith** by Lynn Coulter. Suzi will get copies from the Public Library so please see her to check them out.

From the back cover:

C. S. Lewis likened hard times to "God's megaphone," a season when the Creator's ways are made clear and proven merciful. Mustard Seeds author Lynn Coulter agrees, writing joyfully here across fifteen essays about the natural graces and "God signs" she caught sight of during past hardships and that sustain her faith today. In warmhearted stories recounting personal events (a loved one's death, a job loss), universal stumbling blocks (busyness, worry), and more, Coulter's fresh anecdotes unearth the little daily markers of God's love and care while staying rooted in the Bible: "Scripture tells us a tiny mustard seed can grow into a plant strong and sturdy enough to shelter God's weakest creatures. My prayer is that my faith, and yours, will grow strong enough to shelter our lives..."



Save the Date: VBS will be held **July 6th through the 9th**
We are very excited about this program and want to make it a wonderful VBS. Please let Suzi know if you are interested in helping in any way. Also be watching for sign up for the children! Encourage your children to bring a friend!



Once a month we make a conscience effort to have our children do something special in church.

When children actively participate in church, they develop positive attitudes about worship and are empowered to serve and praise God.

We would really appreciate it if you could have your child help participate the following Sundays:

February 23rd- *Jump Shout Sing*
March 30th- *Rise and Shine*
April 13- Kids will carry in palms for Palm Sunday
May 4- *Jesus Loves Me* with the Adult Choir



SAVE PRINGLE CANS - We need your Pringles cans for our next Sunday School rotation on The Widow's Mite. Please turn them into Suzi! Thanks!

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WORSHIP

**10:30 a.m.
Sundays**

**6:00 p.m.
Saturdays**

