



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### **Even in Challenging Transitions God Knows the Plans He Has for Us**

We've just made a big transition in the church year. During Christmas and Epiphany we sing lots of hymns declaring "hallelujah" and "joy to the world!" Now we've entered the somber season of Lent, and sing lots of hymns remembering Christ's suffering for our sin, and we hear much about repentance.

Like the Church year, life has transitions too. Many in our congregational family are experiencing critical life transitions now. Some have recently lost beloved family members, have received a startling diagnosis, have transitioned into hospice care, are transitioning into and/or out of jobs they've had for some time. Many people are transitioning into being more regular caretakers for their aging, ailing parents, whom they love. Some people are transitioning towards high school graduation, choosing colleges, transitioning into or out of the military, through various military or vocational training schools, moving to new homes, etc.. Our entire congregational family now joins the Carlson family in another challenging transition, as Pastor Carlson has announced that after more than 13 years here, his last Sunday at Ruthfred will be March 19<sup>th</sup>.

I remember when Ruthfred's Pastor John Dennis passed away after more than 50 years of ministry here, and when Pastor Brent Olson left Ruthfred to teach at our church body's Bible college and seminary after more than five years here. I remember when Pastor James Molstre transitioned to another congregation after more than 17 years at Ruthfred. Many remember Pastor Adam Osier transitioning to become the dean of the Free Lutheran Bible College after years in ministry here. As I write this, it was 3 years ago today that Ruthfred voted to extend a call to me to be a pastor here in 2020, kicking off a critical transitional season in my family's life.

Don't trust everything you Google. But, if you're struggling now with some life transition, come and speak with Pastor Carlson or me, and/or go ahead and Google, "*What does the Bible say about transition?*" One link Google recommends to you may look like this: [openbible.info/topics/transition](http://openbible.info/topics/transition).

At that link you'll find Bible verses like Jeremiah 29:11 ("*For I know the plans that I have for you, ' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity, to give you a future and a hope.'")*), or Joshua 1:9 ("*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*"). You may also notice Philippians 4:6-7, which we proclaim in part during every worship service at Ruthfred ("*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*").



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God not only guides His people through every season of life, through every transition we endure, but He walks with us, holding us up with His righteous right hand, and promises to bless his people regardless of our circumstances. One member of our congregation, Fritz Motzer, is on hospice care now, and expecting soon to experience the ultimate transition: the transition from temporal life here on earth, to eternal life in heaven with Jesus forever! Most people are afraid of death. Fritz Motzer is not. By the grace of God, he looks forward to meeting His Savior, and trusts in God's Word completely to guide him through this final transition here on earth.

Fritz Motzer, a retired iron worker, helped put the steeple on our church! Fritz was here, serving as a deacon, and was the first person to greet some people who are still members of Ruthfred today. Some of them have said that it was Fritz, and his friendly nature and greeting, which made them feel at home here at Ruthfred during a critical transitional time in their lives.

Whatever transitions you're enduring now, however they challenge you, you're not alone! Your brothers and sisters in Christ at Ruthfred all endure challenging transitions with you. Most importantly, your heavenly Father has promised you, through it all, that He is with you, wherever you go. He knows the plans He has for you. Do not fear. Do not be anxious. Through it all, remain faithful to Him, offer your prayers to Him with thanksgiving, and His peace, which surpasses our understanding, will guard you, and keep your heart and your mind through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Love in Christ,  
*Pastor McMinn*



## ***Life Quotes from Lutherans For Life***



**“When God tells us He knew us before we were born in our mother’s womb, we can hardly say life doesn’t begin at fertilization. When God tells our days are numbered and He will decide when our life is over, we can hardly ask for our life to be taken prematurely rather than dying a natural death. As you ponder God’s Word and stand up For Life, your witness will have remarkable power and you, only you, will be impactful in your response. So, even if you are going it alone, you can and should contribute to the message For Life, and God will bless your efforts.”**

**Virginia Flo, Lutherans for Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •**



## ***A Lenten Prayer***

**Forgive them all, O Lord:**

**My sins of omission and my sins of commission;  
My sins of my youth and the sins of my riper years;  
My sins of my soul and the sins of my body;  
My secret and my more open sins;  
My sins of ignorance and surprise and my more  
deliberate and presumptuous sins;  
The sins I have done to please myself  
And the sins I have done to please others;  
The sins I know and remember,  
And the sins I have forgotten;  
The sins I have striven to hide from others  
And the sins by which I have made others offend;  
Forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all for His sake,  
Who died for my sins and rose for my justification,  
And now stands at Thy right hand to make intercession for me,  
Jesus Christ my Lord.  
Amen.**

***John Wesley (1703-1791)***



# Farewell: Blessings & Prayers

*A Letter from Pastor Carlson*

*Dear family in Christ,*

As I prayed about what to write, the account of the Apostle Paul and his farewell to the Ephesian congregation came readily to mind. Paul was pressed for time as he was sailing to Jerusalem, but he stopped long enough to meet on the beach one last time. Luke records that final scene in **Acts 20:17-38**, which I do not have room to print here, but strongly encourage you to read in its entirety. Paul says,

***“You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials ... and now I commend you to the grace of God which is able to build you up ...”*** Luke continues to write, ***“When he [Paul] had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And they began to weep aloud and embraced Paul, ... and they were accompanying him to the ship.”***

I vividly remember our family's very first days with you at Ruthfred, and the very first message that I preached from **Romans 1:1-17** on ***“The Call of God & the Power of the Gospel.”*** That has been my same message to you throughout these past years together. The Good News of the Gospel is that God is still calling and still saving people! As I reflect on these past years, it has been a great privilege to preach the pure Word of God to a congregation that has delighted to hear it and walk in it. Teaching Sunday school, JTTW, small groups, confirmation, etc. have been special times with you in Scripture as well. Please know that although I will not be able to visit each of you personally during this time; I love you deeply in the Lord Jesus and pray God's blessings upon you.

Just as Paul reflected on his three years with the Ephesian congregation, and how many tears and trials they shared, I also reflect on the trials and tears of sorrows and joy that we have shared together during the 300 funerals, scores of baptisms and confirmations, dozens of weddings, and over 10,000 visits, as well as praying together over loved ones who were spiritually lost and rejoicing when they were brought to Christ. Farewells are painful because I have you in my heart, as you also have opened your hearts to us and become our family through the years. Paul goes on to say that he did “not do it for the money” and that is certainly the case for us as well. We did it for love! Love for you and for our Lord Jesus.

The Apostle Paul also writes the letter of Ephesians to this congregation. He writes in the midst of great trials, but he repeatedly points them to the love of Christ. His prayer for them ***“that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may ... know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.”*** (Eph. 3:17-19) Almost forty years later, in the book of Revelation, we see the Ephesian church appear again. The Apostle John writes to them to remember their ***“first love”*** for the Lord. (Rev. 2:1-7)

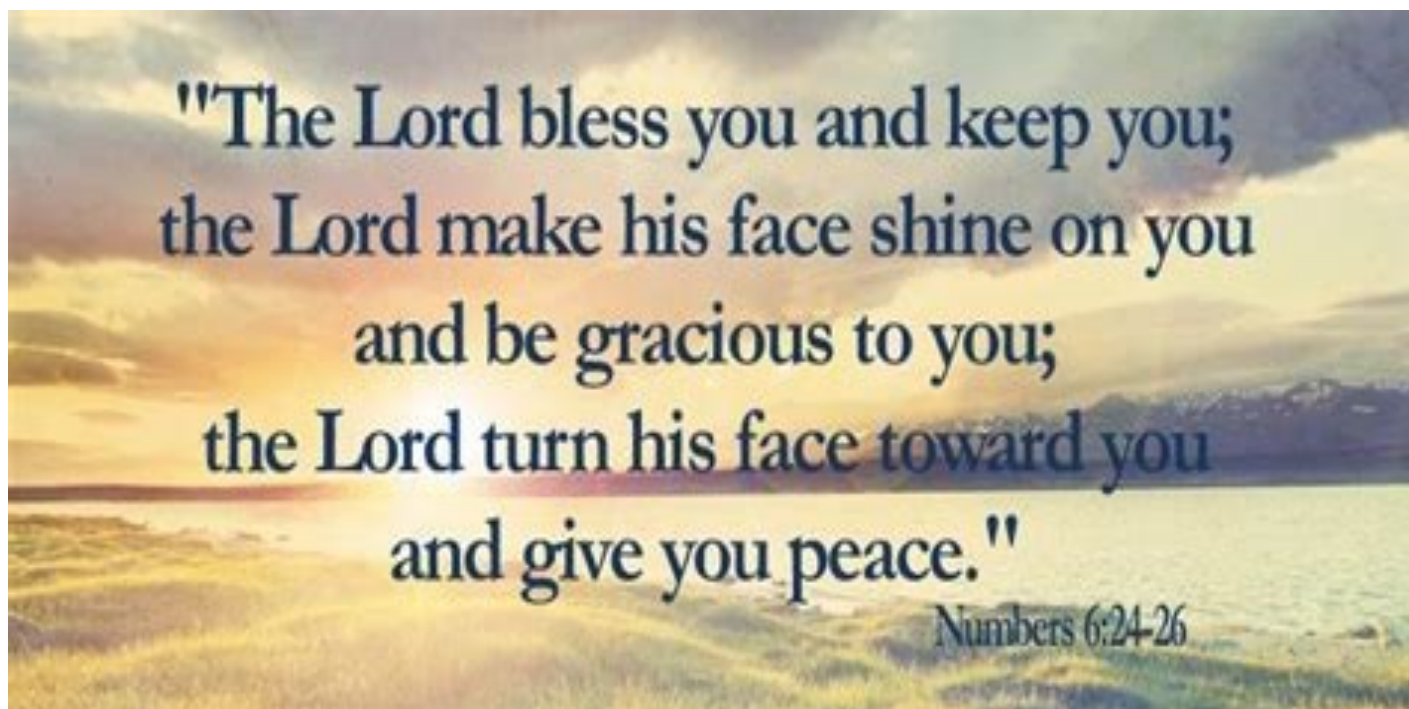
Near his death, the Apostle John routinely writes to dear friends ***“whom I love in the truth”*** and states that ***“he has no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth. ... and they have testified to your love...”*** (3 John 1,4,6) I will continue to pray for you and will have great joy to hear that you “walk in truth and love in the Lord.”

As you know, I loved raising sheep when I was growing up, and I have tried to be a faithful shepherd to you, my dear flock, as we have followed the Good Shepherd together. Therefore, let me close with this benediction blessing which speaks of our Good Shepherd who died and rose for us to equip us for all good things in Christ. The word “equip” can also be translated, “mend, heal, restore” and it is my particular prayer for you as well.

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*"Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen."*  
(Hebrews 13:20,21)

*Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Carlson*



The Carlsons' last Sunday at Ruthfred will be March 19th. Please look for opportunities to share with them a memory, a 'thank you', a prayer, or an encouragement. Farewell receptions for them will be held following the contemporary service on March 18th and the 11:00 service on the 19th.

**Thank You for 13+ years of faithful ministry!!**



**Member Profile:****by Mettélise Ziegler***Brandon & Katie Morrow*

Upper St. Clair residents Brandon and Katie Morrow have lived in their home for nearly five years. They have two sons, Brycen – 9, and Reid – 7. Currently in the “new member class”, the Morrows “feel at home” at our church and look forward to raising their sons here. Believe it or not, the family lives on Morrow Road, yet has no family connection to the original Morrows. The sellers chose to sell to them as a kind of tribute to the historical namesake.

Brandon was raised as a Lutheran in Moon Township. He attended Edinboro University and works for Thermo Fisher Scientific, a company that provides a wide range of resources for scientists. Katie, raised Roman Catholic in Penn Township, studied at the University of Pittsburgh. She works in human resource management for Avania (a company specializing in clinical studies for medical devices). They met through mutual friends while enjoying a night out on the Southside.

Having two young boys, it is no wonder the Morrows are busy with school and sporting events. They are active in lacrosse, soccer, wrestling, flag football, and basketball. Living in Upper St. Clair, the Morrows feel fortunate to have access to the recreation center, taking full advantage of the swimming pools, exercise equipment, trails, and special offerings. They also enjoy kayaking and taking their beagle on walks.

As busy as their schedules had been, Brandon and Katie felt the need to find a good church home. So just about the time COVID-19 upturned the world, they discovered Ruthfred. They wanted a “Bible-based” church for their family. They found the congregation to be welcoming and saw many opportunities for their family to grow in faith and service.



# Preschool News



Our preschool classes have been learning about various nursery rhymes, Daniel & the Lion's Den, Fishers of men and Naaman. Both classes are continuing to learn the alphabet through a variety of fine motor and gross motor activities. Our students love to sing and move each day and they especially love learning songs for each letter of the alphabet!

***Registration is open for both the 3-year-old and 4-year-old classes for the 2023-2024 school year. Visit [ruthfred.org/preschool](http://ruthfred.org/preschool) to register online and to see more pictures of our classes in action. Any questions can be directed to [preschool@ruthfred.org](mailto:preschool@ruthfred.org)***



# FAMILY EASTER FESTIVAL

AT RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

**WHAT:** *a fun fellowship event  
for young families*

**WHEN:** *Sunday, **April 2**, 4-6pm*

**Families will visit game and craft stations, followed by a NEW interactive Puppet Show featuring the Resurrection Eggs, “The Story of Easter– EGGsactly!” (no egg hunt this year). The event ends with a spaghetti dinner. (gluten-free available)**

**Activities are geared toward children age 2-8 years, but ALL are welcome! All kids MUST be accompanied by an adult. Grandparents may bring grandchildren.**

**Sign-up (required) by Sunday, Mar. 26**

**at [ruthfred.org/announcements](https://ruthfred.org/announcements)**

**OR sign-up sheet outside Nursery**

***Bring a Friend!***

**Your child may bring a friend, or invite another family. Just be sure to include names and ages of all children you are bringing.**

## Focus on RLC Supported Missions and Benevolences

### REFUGE FOR WOMEN

Pictured is a recent collection of items to be donated to the two pregnancy resource centers that our church supports.

One of them, Refuge for Women, also recently sent us a Thank You note, reproduced below:



*Dear Ruthfred Lutheran Church,*

*We want to thank you for your generous donation to Refuge for Women. We are so very grateful for your support and investment into the futures of women in need. Your donation will help make it possible for us to open our doors in the first quarter of 2023! We are so close!*  
*With sincere gratitude!*

*Your friends at RFW*

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## *The Chmiel Family in Ukraine*

Tomasz and Miriam Chmiel and their family do mission work in Ukraine in connection with an organization called the Josiah Venture. Josiah

**joshiah**venture | Annual Report 2022

Venture recently published their annual report for 2022. It begins with a letter from president Dave Patty. The following is a short excerpt from that letter:

Dear friends,

Unexpected crises are never a surprise to our sovereign God. The global pandemic in Europe seemed to end on one particular day, February 24th. When the Russian Federation invaded Ukraine, all eyes and hearts forgot about other threats and fixated on one looming danger -- the largest military crisis in Europe since World War II ..... In the book of Acts, we find a key turning point in chapter eight, when a crisis that could have killed the fledgling church actually served to strengthen it. A CONVERGENCE of three streams sparked an advance of the gospel ..... Looking back over this last year, we see this same convergence across the European region. The war in Ukraine is tragic and has produced so much suffering and loss. The persecution of this nation and the suffering of the church is very real. History has been cruel ..... Yet in over 30 years of serving in the region, I have never seen such an up-swell of compassion and initiative on the part of God's people. Believers have opened their homes and hearts in obedience, and the result is nothing less than astounding.....

To read the letter in its entirety, and to see additional JV news and financial reports, go to <https://www.josiahventure.report/>







## 90+ Birthday Club

Sue Kovac

March 2nd 93

Caryl Hansen

March 26th 91

## Happy Birthday !!

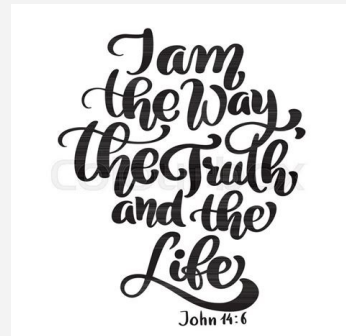
**It looks like Phil was wrong, at least for western PA, so enjoy the mild winter and keep thinking about VBS! , Dates are July 24th to 28th. Mark your calendars and consider volunteering, even if for only a day. It really is such a great time! Stay tuned for more info as we get closer.**



## Official Acts -- February 2023

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No official acts to report for February



## Song of the Month

By Tom Glasser

# COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN

Lyrics: James Montgomery

Music: Ludvig M. Lindeman

As we once again journey together through this penitential season of Lent, a wonderful hymn to consider is "Come to Cavalry's Holy Mountain". Wait – that's not right – it's "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"! How many times have you heard those two words confused? I know I have often had to pause briefly to make sure I got the correct word for my desired context. A cavalry, of course, is a group of soldiers mounted on horseback, or more generally any military unit that is quick and mobile. Calvary is the mountain outside of Jerusalem where Jesus was crucified. Ever wonder where that word 'Calvary' comes from, or what it means? It doesn't appear anywhere in the Bible. My curiosity was piqued and I did a little research. Here's the skinny: 'Calvary' is the English translation of the Latin 'calvaria' which is a translation of the Greek 'kranios' which is a translation of the Aramaic 'Golgotha' which means 'Skull'.

Apparently we are not sure if the location of Jesus' crucifixion was called Golgotha because the hill looked like a skull, or because it was a place of suffering, execution, and death. Either way it does not sound like a pleasant place to go! Mr. Montgomery urges us, however, to come there – not literally, of course, but spiritually. Why? Because ...

*Here a pure and healing fountain flows to you, to me, to all;  
In a full perpetual tide, opened when our Saviour died.*



I do not believe God wants us to go through life unhappy, joyless, dour, and a "wet blanket" on all the good in His creation. But we need to recognize our sinfulness and fallen condition. As John wrote, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." (I John 1:8) To deal with our sin, our Saviour went to that ugly "place of the Skull" on our behalf. So let us follow Montgomery's urgings to come there in poverty, meanness, sorrow, and contrition. Come defiled, wounded, impotent, blind, guilty, and troubled. The last stanza of the hymn elaborates on that "perpetual tide" of Jesus' spilled, saving blood:

*He that drinks shall live forever;  
'Tis a soul-renewing flood:  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break his covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when he was glorified.*



When we are besieged by our sin, by suffering, and by our mortality, we might even say "Thank you, God, for 'sending in the cavalry!'"

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When I first started writing these articles about six years ago, I featured "Go to Dark Gethsemane", also by James Montgomery (1771–1854). For those who may not have been readers back then, and for those like me who sometimes can't remember what I had for breakfast, I'd like to reproduce the following interesting little bio about Mr. Montgomery:

For those of us who have struggled to find our calling in life, and maybe even still wonder what we want to do when we grow up, Montgomery is someone with whom we can perhaps relate. Born in Scotland to a pastor and missionary of the Moravian Brethren, James was sent off to school to train for the ministry himself while his parents went to the West Indies for mission work. His father and mother both died there within a year of each other. James did not do well in school and gave it up. He was then apprenticed to a baker, and then later to a storekeeper. He tried to launch a literary career in London, but that proved unsuccessful. Finally he ended up as an assistant for a bookseller and printer of the *Sheffield Register*, a newspaper he eventually took over when his employer was forced to leave England due to political persecution. But even this journalistic venture was not wildly successful, and he finally ended up selling the business. The one constant throughout all of this floundering, however, was James' love of poetry. Over the course of his life he composed about 400 poems. Another one that you might recognize is "Angels from the Realms of Glory". In 1861 a statue was erected in Sheffield to honor the memory of James Montgomery. An inscription on the pedestal reads: "Here lies interred, beloved by all who knew him, the Christian poet, patriot, and philanthropist. Wherever poetry is read, or Christian hymns sung in the English language, 'he being dead, yet speaketh' by the genius, piety, and taste embodied in his writings."



*Sources: Random House College Dictionary; Greek New Testament; etymonline.com; vocabulary.com; hymnary.org*

## Ponderable Quote:

"Everybody has to live for something. Whatever that something is becomes 'Lord of your life,' whether you think of it that way or not. Jesus is the only Lord who, if you receive him, will fulfill you completely, and, if you fail him, will forgive you eternally."

**Timothy Keller**





On Friday and Saturday, February 24 - 25, our youth grades 6-12 participated in the World Vision 30 Hour Famine. World Vision is a Christian organization that provides relief to just under 100 countries around the world, including the US. Our youth donated \$200 to send to them.

After breakfast on Friday morning, they fasted until Saturday afternoon. We all gathered at the church on Friday at seven. The kids learned about World Vision and some of the countries that they support, including the Ukraine. They also learned what it feels like to go without food. To keep their minds off of their growling stomachs, they played games and spent some time doing devotions before getting to bed much later than was scheduled for the boys. :) On Saturday morning, we all went to World Vision's warehouse in Sewickley to help sort and box up new shoes donated by Reebok to be sent to Zambia and Zimbabwe. The church van got to go on its first trip of many! Upon returning to the church, the kids broke their fast with a delicious lasagne lunch. It was a great opportunity for learning and growing closer together.



# COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

February 13, 2023



**Benevolences:** The following special needs requests presented by the Benevolence Committee were approved:

1. Idia – Horeb Children’s Ministry - \$2,000 to help with placing children in local AFLC church members’ homes to be cared for.
2. Samaritan's Purse – U.S. disaster relief - in view of all the weather events in CA, TX, AL. - \$2,000
3. Send Relief – designated for earthquake disaster relief in Turkey - \$2,000. They have church connections over there and are already lending aid.

**Trustees:** The Council-authorized work in the parking lot, involving sewer drains and a manhole, was completed. The cost will be shared with the Municipality.

**Personnel Appointments:** Council approved the following staff appointments:

- \* Essi Efthimiou as long-term interim organist
- \* Erin McMinn as interim Preschool Head Teacher
- \* Mason Mitchell as temporary full-time Youth Director from mid-May (date TBD) until July 31, 2023

## **Other Business:**

- \* Four current Ruthfred students at the Free Lutheran Bible College were approved for scholarships for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, based on recommendation from the Scholarship committee.
- \* Marty Rieck reported on the Ministry Safe program for child protection training. Administrators of the program will be Eric Wente, Mettelise Ziegler, and Marty Rieck. Details will be posted on the Ruthfred website with links to MinistrySafe. Dates for the training for anyone working with children and youth will be determined and advertised. An online option will also be available.
- \* The AFLC annual conference is in Sioux Falls, SD on June 14-17, 2023. Council approved sending 6 members to the conference.
- \* The Benevolence Committee Charter, which includes guidelines for choosing Benevolence recipients, was reviewed and approved.

## Worship Team Members for March 2023

### Acolytes:

8:30 AM Joshua Cimarolli  
11:00 AM Evan Gusky

### Lenten Services 7:30 PM:

Wednesday 3/8 Asher Manzo  
Wednesday 3/15 Elliot McMinn  
Wednesday 3/22 Evan Gusky  
Wednesday 3/29 Jonathan Tarrant

### Crucifers:

8:30 AM Courtney Felicetti (12th)  
Holly Miller (26th)  
11:00 AM Morgan Dolence (5th)  
Holly Miller (19th)

### Ushers:

8:30 AM Bernard Paterra &  
John Ruzicka  
11:00 AM Richard Rostauscher &  
Mark Hisdorf

### Counters:

8:30 AM Tom Sanders &  
Mark Killinger  
11:00 AM Kurt Ziegler &  
Mark Riley

### Altar Guild

Eileen Bernish &  
Joanne Salvetti

### Coffee Hour

Bill & Susan Rotz

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~Psalm 84:10  
(KJV)~








For a day in thy courts  
is better than a thousand.  
I had rather be a  
doorkeeper in the  
house of my God, than  
to dwell in the tents  
of wickedness.

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# 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 JTTW 9:15 Lenten Service 2:00 Children's Choir 5:45 Soup/Sandwich 6:00 Confirmation 6:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Senior Choir 7:00 Lenten Service 7:30	2 Happy 93rd Birthday Sue Kovac	3 Men's Prayer Group 7:00 am (Fireside Lounge)	4
5  Holy Communion 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast 9:45 Holy Communion 11:00 Holy Communion 6:00 City Mission Food Sunday	6 JTTW Leaders 9:30 Craft & Sew 9:30 Elders Mtg 7:00 Worship Team 7:00	7 CONVIVIUM Choral Concert 7:30 in Adult S.S. Classroom	8 JTTW 9:15 Esther Noon Lenten Service 2:00 Children's Choir 5:45 Soup/Sandwich 6:00 Confirmation 6:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Senior Choir 7:00 Lenten Service 7:30	9 Knit Wits 10:00 am 	10 Men's Prayer Group 7:00 am (Fireside Lounge)	11 Mary Bible Study 9:30 am (Fireside Lounge)
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19 4th Sunday in Lent Worship Service 8:30 Sunday School 9:45 Worship Service 11:00 Farewell Reception for the Carlsons after 11:00 service	20 St. Joseph JTTW Leaders 9:30 Craft & Sew 9:30 	21 Worship Team 7:00	22 JTTW 9:15 Lenten Service 2:00 Children's Choir 5:45 Soup/Sandwich 6:00 Confirmation 6:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Senior Choir 7:00 Lenten Service 7:30	23 Knit Wits 10:00 am	24 Men's Prayer Group 7:00 am (Fireside Lounge) XYZ Noon	25 The Annunciation of Our Lord
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# Youth Ministry Calendar

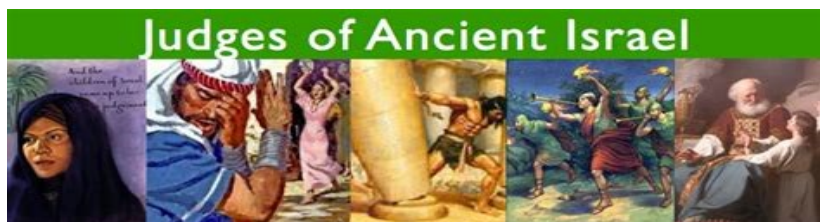
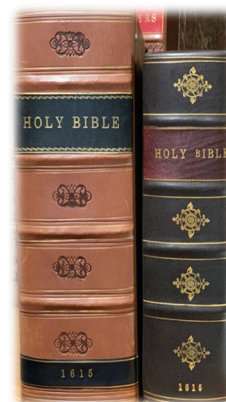
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<b>5</b>  Fellowship Breakfast 9:45  SWAP @ Church 6-7:30	6	<b>7</b>  TNT @ Church 7-9	8	9	10	11
<b>12</b>  Sunday School 9:45 SWAP @ Church 6-7:30  	13	<b>14</b>  TNT @ Church 7-9	15	16	<b>17</b>  Parents' Night Out Dinner 6:30  	18
<b>19</b>  Sunday School 9:45  SWAP @ Church 6-7:30  Farewell Reception for	<b>20</b>  	<b>21</b>  TNT @ Church 7-9	22	23	<b>24</b>  TNT Retreat at Seneca Hills  	<b>25</b>  
<b>26</b>    Sunday School 9:45 NO SWAP tonight	27	<b>28</b>  TNT @ Church 7-9	<b>29</b>  	30	31	

# Reading Through the Bible 2023

## "One Story that Leads to Jesus"

### Schedule for March

1st	Deuteronomy 21	Deuteronomy 22	Deuteronomy 23	Psalm 60
2nd	Deuteronomy 24	Deuteronomy 25	Deuteronomy 26	Deuteronomy 27
	Psalm 61			
3rd	Deuteronomy 28	Deuteronomy 29	Psalm 62	
4th	Deuteronomy 30	Deuteronomy 31	Psalm 63	
5th	Deuteronomy 32	Deuteronomy 33	Deuteronomy 34	Psalm 64
6th	Joshua 1	Joshua 2	Joshua 3	Joshua 4
	Psalm 65			
7th	Joshua 5	Joshua 6	Joshua 7	Joshua 8
	Psalm 66			
8th	Joshua 9	Joshua 10	Joshua 11	Joshua 12
	Psalm 67			
9th	Joshua 13	Joshua 14	Joshua 15	Joshua 16
	Joshua 17	Joshua 18	Joshua 19	
	Joshua 20	Joshua 21	Psalm 68	
10th	Joshua 22	Joshua 23	Joshua 24	Psalm 69
11th	Judges 1	Judges 2	Judges 3	Psalm 70
12th	Judges 4	Judges 5	Psalm 71	
13th	Judges 6	Judges 7	Judges 8	Psalm 72
14th	Judges 9	Judges 10	Judges 11	Judges 12
	Psalm 73			
15th	Judges 13	Judges 14	Judges 15	Psalm 74
16th	Judges 16	Judges 17	Judges 18	Psalm 75
17th	Judges 19	Judges 20	Judges 21	Psalm 76
18th	Ruth 1	Ruth 2	Ruth 3	Ruth 4
	Psalm 77			
19th	1 Samuel 1	1 Samuel 2	1 Samuel 3	Psalm 78
20th	1 Samuel 4	1 Samuel 5	1 Samuel 6	1 Samuel 7
	1 Samuel 8	Psalm 79		
21st	1 Samuel 9	1 Samuel 10	1 Samuel 11	1 Samuel 12
	Psalm 80			
22nd	1 Samuel 13	1 Samuel 14	Psalm 81	
23rd	1 Samuel 15	1 Samuel 16	1 Samuel 17	Psalm 82
24th	1 Samuel 18	1 Samuel 19	1 Samuel 20	Psalm 83
25th	1 Samuel 21	1 Samuel 22	1 Samuel 23	1 Samuel 24
	Psalm 84			
26th	1 Samuel 25	1 Samuel 26	1 Samuel 27	Psalm 85
27th	1 Samuel 28	1 Samuel 29	1 Samuel 30	1 Samuel 31
	Psalm 86			
28th	2 Samuel 1	2 Samuel 2	2 Samuel 3	Psalm 87
29th	2 Samuel 4	2 Samuel 5	2 Samuel 6	2 Samuel 7
	2 Samuel 8	Psalm 88		
30th	2 Samuel 9	2 Samuel 10	2 Samuel 11	2 Samuel 12
	Psalm 89			
31st	2 Samuel 13	2 Samuel 14	2 Samuel 15	Psalm 90



### Judges of Ancient Israel





**A joyful heart is good medicine.**

**Proverbs 17:22a**

