



From Pastor David

Miracle!

“Awestruck, everyone praised God. ‘A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help His people.” -Luke 7:16

March barely starts and we immediately begin Lent. Lent starts on March 2 as Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time when we add spiritual practices to help us follow Jesus better and push back our selfishness. Each week as a church we will do a different Lenten practice together. On Fridays the morning devotional video will introduce the practice for the following week and provide a worship music video to use in connection with Sunday worship. The practices will include the traditional lenten practices of prayer, fasting, almsgiving as well as reconciliation and special worship experiences. Doing them as a whole church encourages us to be more faithful in keeping these practices!

For Lent we also start a new Sunday message series: Miracle! The main miracle, of course, is the salvation that Jesus won for us at Easter. But in the weeks before, we'll continue reading through Luke's Gospel, chapters seven through nine, and seeing how all of the miracles that Jesus performs point to the main miracle He has come to do.

The miracles that Jesus is doing in these chapters of Luke we see make Jesus very popular. He goes viral, with skyrocketing approval ratings. He's a full-blown celebrity! He continues to be out in public engaging ordinary people in preaching and teaching, yes, but what really captures attention are His miracles. He's been healing the sick, raising the dead, calming the weather, casting out demons, and feeding the crowds.

This makes us ask ourselves: why are we following Jesus? Are we wanting Jesus' miracles: for Jesus to help us, bless us and make our lives better? Or are we committed to being Jesus' disciples, to live sacrificially for Him. Do we want to get from Jesus, or do we want to give to Him. Of course, both are a part of true discipleship, but which is your primary reason for following Jesus? Lent is a time to reorder our commitment to

Monthly Church Events

Mar 2	4:30pm - Dinner 6:30pm - Ash Wed. Worship 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
Mar 3	10:30am - Book Club 12:00pm - Sarah Circle
Mar 4	8:00am - Grow Group
Mar 5	9:00am - United Methodist Men
Mar 6	HOLY COMMUNION 8:45am - Grow Group 10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service
Mar 7	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Quilters and Prayer Knitters
Mar 9	10:00am - Birchwood 5:30pm - Grow Groups & YA Game Night 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
Mar 10	7:00pm - Jamestown Choir Concert
Mar 11	8:00am - Grow Group
Mar 12	5:45pm - Adult Fellowship
Mar 13	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 8:45am - Grow Group 10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service 11:30am - Grow Group
Mar 14	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Quilters and Prayer Knitters

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Jesus first and our desire for His blessings second. Our allegiance shifts ever so slightly. How have we made those many small choices to prefer comfort, convenience, and our own desires? In what ways do we let Jesus slip from being the center of our focus?

We wrestle with these questions as we realize that Jesus' popularity also waned as He refused to just give the people whatever they wanted. In the end, the people rejected Him. Yet only then do we see His greatest miracle, at His empty tomb! But we must wait until April to celebrate that. For now, we continue to wrestle with our inner selves, as we follow Jesus with Luke, during Lent.

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Jamestown University Choir Concert

The University of Jamestown Choir is stopping at Forest Hills on their Spring Choir Tour. Thurs., March 10 at 7 p.m. Rebekah Werner is a proud part of the choir and arranged for them to make a special stop at her home church! Free will donation, and dessert to follow. Members of our church will be housing students overnight and the Friday Morning Grow Group is providing breakfast for the choir. Thank you!

Sunday, March 20: Women's Sunday

Guest preacher will be our new District Superintendent, the Rev. Cynthia Williams. William states "I am excited about helping hearts to come alive again, helping people throughout our district be on fire for God and have so much passion that it spreads," she said. "My vision is that we will be a district of faithful, strategic, and courageous leaders, both lay and clergy, who would dare to believe that God has called us to raise up this next generation for Christ."

Mar 15	10:00am - Rebecca Circle
Mar 16	11:00am - Romeos & Juliets 4:00pm - Confirmation 5:30pm - Dinner 6:15pm - Wed Programming 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
Mar 18	8:00am - Grow Group 2:00pm - Unload Food Truck
Mar 19	6:00am - Set up Community Care 7:00am - Community Care
Mar 20	8:45am - Grow Group 10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service 11:30am - Grow Group
Mar 21	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Quilters and Prayer Knitters 6:30pm - CMMT
Mar 23	4:00pm - Confirmation 5:30pm - Dinner 6:15pm - Wed Programming 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
Mar 25	8:00am - Grow Group
Mar 27	8:45am - Grow Group 10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service 11:30am - Grow Group
Mar 28	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Quilters and Prayer Knitters
Mar 30	4:00pm - Confirmation 5:30pm - Dinner 6:15pm - Wed Programming 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal

Easter Outreach

Easter is the greatest celebration of the year for Christians! It is the culmination of all Christ's work, and the final point of God's grand plan of salvation. It is our only hope and our path to eternal victory! But Easter is meaningless without Lent. Jesus came to claim victory over sin but only by suffering the pain of death. His journey is our journey. The final outcome is the same, but so are the hard times along the way. But it is precisely because of Easter that we can endure any sort of suffering with great hope. As we enter into Lent and engage with tried and true spiritual practices that help us better understand the depth of sin in our own lives, we know that Easter is just ahead. This reality allows us to celebrate each and every day in the good times and bad.

Even as we begin Lent, we look forward to Easter and as a church we want to do what we can to proclaim the greatest story ever told to people in our community who may not have heard or who may have forgotten about the God who gave His all for us. Last year, we hosted a candy event with great success! We had many families come through and they had a wonderful experience of our church. This year, we want to expand on that good work and provide kids and families with a hands-on way of hearing the triumphant story of Easter. Yes, we will still hand out candy, but we will also provide interactive stations that retell the plight of Jesus and highlight his ultimate victory.

As with last year, we will need all hands on deck! We need people to help with candy, we need to set up our story stations, we need help running the stations and narrating the story. As we begin Lent, we look forward to Easter but we also look forward to sharing the only truth that matters with those in our own community.

Easter Hop will jump into action April 10th (Palm Sunday) from 2-4pm.

For the King,

Pastor Andrew

Youth Group

We have just started our new series "THE WORDS OF EASTER" is a four-week teaching series that explores the themes of Easter and encourages students to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus.

March 2 - Ash Wednesday Service

March 9 - No Class

March 16 Week 2 – "Follow"

March 23 Week 3 – "Resurrection"

March 30 Week 4 – "Peace"

March 20th we will be joining Hosanna Lutheran Church's youth group for a day of bowling! We will be leaving Forest Hills at 1:30pm. We will spend a few hours at Splitrocks then be back at church at 4:30pm.

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Wednesday Meals:

Mar. 2: Soup Bar & Ash Wed. Service

Mar. 9: None (Spring Break)

Mar. 16: Staff (Something for St. Patrick's Day)

Mar. 23: TBD: Nancy D.

Mar. 30: TBD: Mike Hansen

March Birthdays

May your special day be blessed and filled with joy!

If your birthday isn't listed, please call the office and let us know so we can add you to the list!

Vicky Keintz 3/5

Kurt Charter 3/8

Dan Hair 3/9

Patty Phillips 3/10

Duane Dittberner 3/13

Diane Geving 3/18

Sue Dugdale 3/19

Lily Betker 3/25

John Hendrickson 3/29