

LORD OF LIFE NEWSLETTER

February 2010

Ash Wednesday is February 17

Merciful God,

We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who once were dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

We begin the season of Lent with a prayer of confession. Throughout the six weeks of Lent, Lord of Life will offer prayer and penitence, while rejoicing in our salvation through Christ.

The Sign of Jonah...

is the theme of our Lenten mid-week worship. Jonah for Lent? Yes.

It's a natural fit. When Jesus was asked for a sign, he said, "I will give you only the sign of Jonah." After three days in the belly of the earth, Jesus rose with news of God's prodigal grace.

Mid-week services are at 6:45 each Wednesday. There will be a light meal served at 6. All are welcome. Invite others to this holy time of repentance and restoration.



Shrove

Shrove Tuesday



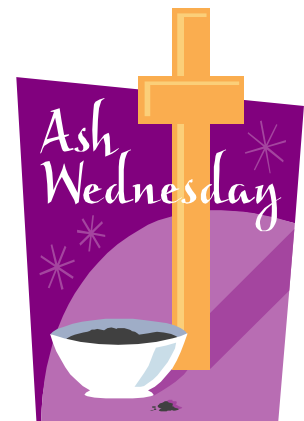
We will have our annual pre-Lenten Pancake Feast on Tuesday, February 16 @ 6 pm.

Pancakes will be provided, you bring the rest. All are welcome! Invite your hungry friends and neighbors.

Lenten Mid-week Meals

Volunteers are needed to offer light meals for the Lenten mid-week services. Please talk to Patty Greener if your group or Bible study will serve in this way. Our pre-service meals are a welcome time to unwind from the day and prepare for worship.

Meals are needed for February 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 24. You can reach Patty at 340-5656.



For your Lenten

Calendar

February 16—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feast @ 6 PM.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

- 5 am-5 pm Prayer Vigil
The church will be open for individual prayer.
- 7 pm—Ash Wednesday Service, with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

February 24—March 24—
Light meal @ 6 pm and Mid-Week Worship @ 6:45.

March 28—Palm Sunday

April 1—Maundy Thursday

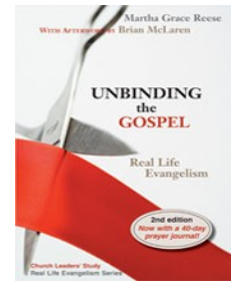
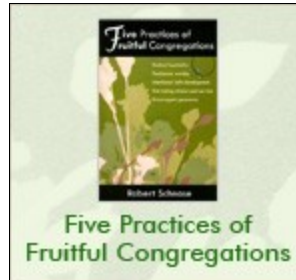
April 2—Good Friday

April 4—Easter Sunday!

New Topics For Our Bible Study Groups

Young Parents Bible Study—Pastor Dave Thies will lead the group in an examination of the book of Revelation and what it means for Christians in 2010. One of the resources for the study will be the work of Lutheran School of Theology professor Barbara Rossing. Rossing has appeared on 60 Minutes and other news and talk shows.

A Follower's Life Bible Study will study the "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" by Robert Schnase. The first unit is "The Practice of Radical Hospitality." Schnase is Bishop of the Missouri Conference for the United Methodist Church.



Sunday Morning Sanctuary Bible Study—is beginning a study called "Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism" by Martha Grace Reece. The study is the result of Reece's four-year evangelism research project funded by Lilly Endowment.

Welcome To Our Guests

Dear Friends,

Lord of Life has had a number of guests since the first of the year. First of all, we say, "Welcome!"

We hope you will find Lord of Life a place of rest and restoration. And we invite you to full participation in all of our activities.

Do you like to sing? Our choir meets at 7 pm on Wednesdays. All are welcome. Jeanmarie Nielsen is our music director. Introduce yourself and get acquainted.

Are you looking for a Bible study? We have a number of groups and frequently begin new groups. At this time there is a Bible study for

Young Parents who have children in middle school and below that meets twice a month.

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

There is a Men's Group that meets weekly. The WELCA Bible

Study group meets once a month. There is an adult group called A Follower's Life that meets twice a month. Two groups meet on Sunday morning.

Do you like fellowship? We do! Join us for coffee on Sunday and all other announced fellowship events.

Do you want to be active at LOL? Talk to Pastor Dawn and she will connect you to leaders in the areas that interest you.

Do you like to pray? We have two prayer teams that pray for the people, the church and the community.

Do you want to make Lord of Life your church home? We welcome you. Pastor Dawn will be happy to talk to you about membership, but if it is too soon for you to make that decision, please feel free to participate in all of our activities—choir, Bible studies, fellowship, church work.

Above all, know that you are welcome at Lord of Life!

In Christ,

Pastor Dawn

Thanks for all you do!

- Karey Barnes for cleaning and painting the kitchen after the canned food disaster.
- All who have contributed to the Haiti Relief Fund. We have collected \$1300 and will be receiving gifts again this Sunday. Thrivent matches our donations \$1 to our \$2.
- All who volunteered at the Regional Food Bank on January 9 and all who contribute food.
- Our Prayer Teams whose prayers rise like incense to the Lord on our behalf.