

FEBRUARY 2017

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Sunday Worship-11:00 am

Sunday School- 10:00 am



Love and Lent

On our church calendar, two main events come in February: Valentine's Day and Lent. As it happens, Lent starts a bit later this year, with Ash Wednesday falling on March 1. But the two might seem to clash: one is a time of joy, the other, of sorrow. One is about celebration and the other is about remorse. Yet the two are intimately tied together. Love led to Lent, and Lent leads to love.

In the world's eyes, we don't need Lent. Lent seems hopelessly backward and negative. It's when people wallow in misery for their failings, deprive themselves of enjoyable things, and focus on the sufferings of Jesus. Who needs suffering? All you need is love!

In fact, without Lent, there is no love. Lent is not about my attempts at self-improvement. It's about Christ's journey from the cradle to the Cross, bearing our sins, our selfishness, everything that hurts and keeps us from loving each other, and conquering all that once and for all. It's about Christ crying out from the Cross, "It is finished!" He did all that for love. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16).

During Lent, we walk a path that has already been walked. Our journey is not a lonely attempt at self-transformation, but a shared journey undertaken with Jesus. In June, 2012, in the finals of the 3200 meter race in the Ohio state high school track championships, Arden McMath stumbled and fell before reaching the finish line. Her nearest competitor, Meghan Vogel, refused to run past her. In an amazing act of selfless compassion, she picked up Arden and carried her to the finish line. And she made sure that Arden crossed the line in front of her.

In a far more wonderful way, that's what Jesus did by his life and Cross. He picked us up and carried us to the finish line. That's how we carry out our Lenten journey: through Christ. That's how we love. That's why lovers can celebrate Valentine's Day. I John 4:19 sums up the connection between love and Lent: "We love because he first loved us."
--Pastor Dan

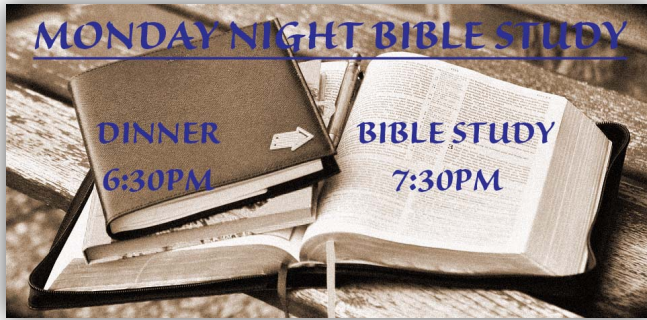


February 5th:
Communion &
Stewardship
Training
February 11th:
Men's Breakfast

February
12th: Bible
Study at
10:00 am
Valentine's
Dinner

March 1st:
Ash Wednesday
Service





Watch the church bulletin for more details. Potluck at 6:30 with the Bible study to follow at 7:30 pm. Monday night Bible study will continue until Lent.

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WELCA
 February 1st - 6:30 at Zion
 Hostess: Teresa Snyder
 Lesson Leader: Jeanie Ivy
 February Alter Guild:
 Teresa Snyder

For the month of February, Zion will continue to help the Morrison schools. Due to the overwhelming lack of funds this year, the school supply list included high priority items; however, **Kleenex and wipes** were not on this list. Faculty has been providing these for their classroom.

Please search your heart so we can provide Morrison schools with needed items for the winter months. Thank you and Blessings to All!



Sunday School
 learning to live the life

February Birthdays

- 1st - Mike Stodola
- 2nd - Amy Cowley
- 3rd - Cindy Mudder
- 5th - Linda Rieman
- 12th - Verna Frank
- 15th - Jake Rupp
- 19th - Raegan Luter
- 20th - Doug Gottschalk

- 25th - Leonard Rupp, Otto Davidson, Ralph Beier
- 27th - Kylie Casey
- 28th - Geraldine Finley



February Anniversaries

- 7th - Tony & Jan Kukuk

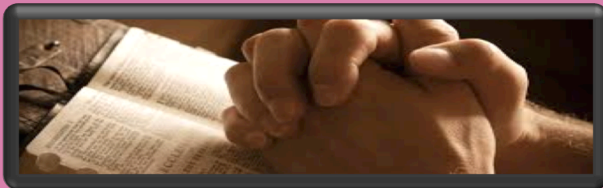


PRAYER CONCERNS

We Remember our Friends & Family

Kim Williams, Mark Rupp, Wade Voise, Sonny Rupp, Pastor Olson, Melvin Williams, Dennis Schieffer, Lyndee Strader, Dorothy Voise, Bernice Schieffer, Ken & Verna Frank, Geraldine Finley, Leonard Rupp, Marvin Beier, Dava Kukuk, Dustin Kukuk, Jandree Potter, Mandee Potter, Loretta Longan, Sandy Little, Valerie Danner, Caleb Pierce, Jana Benningfield, Leta Faye Baetz, Melody Gale, Tyler Kukuk, Jane Makovec, Otto Davidson, Joey Hamilton, Jason & Randy Shiever. Chris Nance, Kevin Voise, Staci Matthesen, Molly Tucker, Hattie Hentges, Cindy VanMeter-Christy Kukuk's mother, Doc Miller, Pastor Geishien.

We also pray for our men and women serving our country- (Blake Avery & Brent McClendon), our Police (Josh Carson) and Firemen and all others that need God's tender loving care.



Carson Avery

Whelan Carson

Katie Heim

Andrew Kukuk

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Pastor Dan's Bible Study
February 12, 2017-10:00 AM
1 Timothy & 2 Timothy



Conversations on Stewardship will be held on Sunday, February 5th following the church service. Lunch will be provided, please sign up or call to let us know how many to get lunch for! Conversation will be hosted by our own Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Liz. It should be a great experience as we talk about possibilities for Zion to grow in ministry together!



When: Saturday, February 11th

Time: 7:30 am

Where: Zion

Bible study to follow breakfast.

THE REFORMATION

OBSERVING 500 YEARS

Free To Be

Toward the end of his life, as Luther reflected on the development and scope of his career, he recounted, “But when I discovered the proper distinction, namely, that the law is one thing and the gospel is another I broke through.” The distinction between law and gospel has been the touchstone for Lutherans ever since. Luther discovered that distinction as he wrestled with the Apostle Paul’s letter to the Romans, especially in trying to understand what Paul meant by the phrase “the righteousness of God.” (Romans 1:17) Out of this distinction, all of Luther’s theology, and even his worldview, flowed.

An easy way to understand this distinction is to recall something you were taught in your English grammar class-- the difference between the pronouns “I” and “me.” “I” is an active subject in a sentence: “I made it.” “Me” is a passive object in a sentence, not in control of the action but being acted upon: “You made me.” When it comes to God’s activity in our lives, Luther recognized that the distinction between Law and Gospel was making the distinction between being a subject and being an object. Put another way, it is the distinction between being asked to do something - actively - when it comes to our salvation and relationship with God, and being given the gift of salvation by God - passively.

This distinction is not something Luther was taught. It was something he discovered; and it turned his understanding of God and faith upside down. As a result, many of the concepts and language Luther used to describe the Christian life and faith were new and radical. In fact, even today some of Luther’s fundamental convictions are not readily understood or taught. Join us this month as we explore some of Luther’s key theological concepts: two kinds of righteousness, bound will, apart from the law, and sin and sin boldly. These concepts are core to the freedom Luther found in the proclamation of the Gospel.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Welca	2	3	4
5 Communion Stewardship Training	6 Bible Study 6:30-potluck 7:30-lesson	7	8	9	10	11 Men's Breakfast 7:30 am at Zion
12 Bible Study Potluck Valentine Dinner	13 Bible Study	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 Bible Study	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Bible Study	28	March 1st Ash Wednesday Service			

February Greeters:

5th-Youth Sunday School
 12th- Tony & Jan
 19th- Melista & Eric
 26th- Scott & Brittany

February Readers:

5th-Ray Kukuk
 12th- Will Andrews
 19th- Cindy Rupp
 26th- Randy Rupp

February Ushers:

5th- Scott, James, Steve, Jeff
 12th- Scott, Ray, Teresa, Jeff
 19th- James, Steve, Charles, Ray
 26th- Scott, James, Steve, Jeff

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GROWING...IN
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