
CONNECTION

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Mesquite, TX

March 2020

Coping With Fear

From infancy to maturity we all live with fear. Living with fear is the most significant problem facing the world, declared William Faulkner in his acceptance speech for the Nobel Prize. Franklin Delano Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy both punctuated inaugural addresses with ringing words: “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.”

Fear is the topic of our Wednesday evening worship services this Lenten season. We will study how fear caused the cowardice, betrayal, and injustice that accompanied Christ to Golgotha. Fear paralyzed some of the strongest men in Jerusalem. The Roman governor, the Jewish high priest, the most daring disciple all succumbed to fear. So do we—enlightened men and women of the modern era. Lest fear paralyze us by holding our lives in bondage, let’s learn from God’s Word of courage: “Don’t be Afraid!” That will be the theme of our Midweek Lenten Services—Read below.



WE’RE OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD

Our Midweek Lenten services lead us down a yellow brick road to new life in Jesus Christ. On our journey together we’ll meet fellow travelers like Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Lion, and the Scarecrow. We’ll also meet the central figures that sent Christ to the cross: Pilate, Judas, Peter, and the Disciples. But above all, we’ll journey with Christ to a deep understanding of forgiveness and grace as well as a deepening of our faith as we prepare for Easter. Along the path of Lent, we’ll learn to deal with our fears and find new courage to live with boldness. Our Journey won’t be complete without you so be sure to join us each Wednesday evening for both supper and service. (We’ll have a Wizard of Oz surprise at each service for the kids!) Don’t be afraid to join us each Wednesday in Lent for 6:15pm supper and 7:15pm services, as we learn from Jesus to give our fears to Him.



MIDWEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 26 Ash Wednesday, 7am & 7pm (no supper)

MARCH 4 6:15pm Supper—Spaghetti & Pasta
7:15pm Service “Don’t be afraid to say ‘I love you’”
Matthew 26:6-13

MARCH 11 6:15pm Supper—Soup & Stew
7:15pm Service “Don’t be afraid to admit you’re wrong”
Matthew 26:57-68

MARCH 18 6:15pm Supper—Mexican Fiesta
7:15pm “Don’t be afraid to speak up”
Matthew 26:69-75

MARCH 25 6:15pm Supper—Sandwiches & Salad
7:15pm Service “Don’t be afraid to come back”
Matthew 27:3-10

APRIL 1 6:15pm Supper—Texas Chili
7:15pm Service “Don’t be afraid to do right”
Matthew 27:15-26

Nancy's Health Notes

Our Savior family is aging—gracefully, but still aging. I have to admit, the higher the number to which I climb, the more aware I become of this fact.

There are many aspects of life that become altered as the human body ages. The obvious ones are gray hair, stooped shoulders, decreased agility and forgetfulness. These do not mean one has dementia but are a result of changes we have made. During the younger years, there are routines of families and careers. However, when one retires everything has changed. Children usually have grown and flown from the coop. Routines followed when working are gone. Sleep is usually altered—sometimes increasing sleep or difficulty sleeping.

The above factors can occur in greater or lesser frequency and often continue to change. As one has to change routines, the mind sometimes rebels and that is frustrating. A good example could be “Where are my car keys?” When you have a routine of being ready to go to work, the keys are usually in the same spot. However, now your day-to-day planning does not work the same. This does not mean something is drastically wrong with you but indicate a new routine is needed.

Senior citizens often become victims to unscrupulous individuals. These people prey on the common factor experienced by seniors. Fraud has become a very common crime and can be telephone, computer, or face-to-face. They pressure and threaten people into paying for repairs that were never done or they may represent themselves on the phone as a child or grandchild who is in trouble and needs help. When fraud occurs, the individual becomes frustrated and angry and trust goes down the drain. Being able to recognize some of the common elements of fraud is the best prevention.

I am planning a seminar to be held on a Saturday morning for anyone to attend. It will be helpful for seniors but also for younger people who may be concerned about their parents and grandparents. The speaker is a fraud investigator for Mesquite Police Department. She has a program that she wants to present to as many groups of seniors as she can. There will be a sign-up sheet in the centrum when a date is confirmed. I hope there is a good turnout so we can all continue to grow older gracefully.

Psalm 71:9

Nancy Wilson, R.N., F.C.N

First Communion Class



Help us set the table for a new group of first communicants this spring. Sign up in the centrum to celebrate the Lord's Table of Grace on Maundy Thursday, April 9th. (First Communion is a non-aged or graded glass to learn about the Lord's Supper.) A parent(s) is requested to attend. Our first introductory meeting will be determined after we have enough who have signed up. (Call the office at 972-226-0510 or email at oslmesquite@gmail.com for more information.)

Spring Forward—Daylight Savings

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead March 7th before you go to sleep so you won't be late for church March 8th.



Recipe Corner

Nancy's Corn Pudding

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| ½ cup soft butter | |
| ¼- ½ cup sugar | Cream until blended |
| 2 eggs room temp | Add 1 at a time and beat until fluffy |
| 1 cup sour cream | |
| Jiffy Mix | Add alternating |
| ½ cup mild | |
| 1 can whole corn drained | Fold in |
| 1 can cream corn | |

Bake in 9 X 13 or 3 qt. casserole for 1 hour at 325° -350°

Maundy Thursday—April 9th—6:30pm Seder/Agape Meal

We remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples by celebrating the Lord's Supper in the context of a family meal on Thursday, April 9th at 6:30pm. In two parts, our Holy Thursday service will focus on Holy Communion, the Last Supper, and the early Christian tradition of the Agape Meal. The Seder foods, shared at 6:30pm, will flow into our potluck. Agape meal at 7:00pm. If you are running a little late from work, don't hesitate to join us—even if it's 7pm. (There will be plenty of food as well, in case you are unable to prepare a potluck dish.)

Agape is the Greek word for love—specifically the self-giving love of God. It was the setting for a family gathering of God's New Testament people to celebrate Holy Communion.

(To celebrate our communion in Christ on Maundy Thursday, please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to complement the Passover Foods from the Jewish Seder Meal. Be sure to sign up in your plan on attending so we can set-up accordingly. As we share in this potluck Agape' Meal, we also share the new life of Jesus Christ and the boundless love of God—Agape!

Birthdays

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| 1 | Grayson Granados |
| 4 | Cynthia Lubben Kara Ranta Andrew Williams Baerbel Williams |
| 5 | Preston Williams |
| 10 | Nadia Keys |
| 15 | Elena Conoly Pamela Peterson |
| 16 | Jill Furr |
| 19 | Kenneth Williams |
| 20 | Paige Furr Alicia Villegas |
| 21 | Brian Dannen |
| 22 | Michelle Finamore |
| 23 | Rachel Schelter Mariah Williams |
| 25 | Edda Farrell Linda Last |
| 26 | Bob Kratus |
| 27 | Robert Hutchinson |
| 29 | Christian Lubben |

March



Wedding

Anniversaries

| | <u>Date</u> | | <u>Years</u> |
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| 26 | 19 | David & Becky Williams | 37 |
| 27 | 27 | Greg & Joyce Barabas | 38 |



Baptism Birthdays

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| 4 | Clinton Turner II |
| 5 | Jesse Rockwell |
| 8 | Gregory Folkmann Shari Murphy |
| 9 | Lila Johnson |
| 14 | Diana Bruneau Rodney Hutchinson |
| 15 | Yiyaine Floyd Shay Semmler |
| 18 | Bill Hutchinson |
| 19 | Eric Combs Char Kratus Matthew McCabe Nicholas McCabe |
| 20 | Catherine Ziska |
| 21 | Lionel Folkmann |
| 23 | Steven Belz |
| 26 | Craig Gerold Preston Williams |
| 28 | Cole Rockwell |
| 29 | Lisa Holmes |
| 30 | Bonnie Johnston |
| 31 | Frances Hare |

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

| | 3/8-3/22 | | 3/29-4/12 | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | 8:30 | 11:00 | 8:30 | 11:00 |
| Assisting Minister | Thane Katz | Clinton Turner II | Lois Schelter | Chip Cannon |
| Greeter | Jackie Howk Paula Fincher | Jerry Combs Kaethe Combs | Herb Salmons Rita Salmons | Edda Farrell Richard Mastin |
| Ushers | Mark Hall Dave Shafer | David Anderson Jon Cook | Thane Katz Kris Semmler | Dennis Chubbs Matt Chubbs |
| Reader | Kris Semmler | Marie Mazza | Paul Cross | Debbie Zimmermann |
| Communion | Paula Fincher | Marie Mazza | Michael Lubben | Jon Cook |
| Assistants | Lois Schelter | Henry Williams | Cynthia Lubben | Debbie Zimmermann |

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE—APRIL 9, 6:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE—APRIL 10, 7PM

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE—APRIL 12, 7AM

Annual Easter Celebration

EASTER BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT



Our Savior will host the Annual Breakfast but ask the congregation to bring their favorite breakfast food, casserole, fruit, pastries, muffins, etc. We could use a few more hands in the kitchen as well. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Centrum. The Egg Hunt will begin approximately at 10:30am. Children are asked to bring their own Easter basket, and youth will be on hand to set up for the breakfast and craft tables. If the weather is nice, the egg hunt will be held out on the back lawn. If not, it will be inside the education wing. So let us pray for beautiful weather on Easter morning!

Easter Lilies

The enhancement of our worship center with Easter Lilies is a tradition at Our Savior which allows us the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of spring, the symbol of the resurrection, and to honor or remember loved ones.

Those wishing to help decorate our sanctuary for Easter by purchasing an Easter Lily are encouraged to do so by completing the form below and placing it in the offering plate or church office by Sunday, April 5th. The Cost is \$7.00 per plant. You may take your plant(s) home after the Easter services.

Name _____

Number of Lilies _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Given in Memory of _____

Honor of _____



Celebration of _____

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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| Each Sunday 8:30am Worship Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 5:30pm Worship Service | 2 | 3 9:30am Mother's Day Out | 4 6:15pm Midweek Lenten Supper 7:15pm Midweek Lenten Service | 5 9:30am Mother's Day Out | 6 | 7 9:00am Men's Basketball |
| 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins | 9 | 10 | 11 6:15pm Midweek Lenten Supper 7:15pm Midweek Lenten Service | 12 10:30am Granny Group | 13 | 14 Gym Reserved |
| 15 12:30pm Nursing Home Service 12:30pm Council Meeting | 16 | 17 9:30am Mother's Day Out 10:00 NED Deanery Meeting | 18 6:15pm Midweek Lenten Supper 7:15pm Midweek Lenten Service | 19 9:30am Mother's Day Out 10:30am Granny Group | 20 | 21 9:00am Men's Basketball |
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