



Dear Faithfuls,

Easter is on the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the spring equinox. This year, that means that Easter is March 31. Leading up to Easter is this season of Lent. So, some thoughts about Lent.

Many of you are using the prayer guide for Lent. In the sermon on spirit-directed scripture reading, we noted that scripture reveals God's nature. As I write today, the passage is Nehemiah 9:6-25. Nehemiah recounts all that God has done for God's people, and he notes, "But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love..." What a powerful statement about the nature of our God. May your scripture reading and prayers during this season of Lent be a blessing to you on your journey of faith.

Our Mission Team encouraged us to get rid of things during Lent, and gave a list of many options for getting rid of all sorts of things in your home that you really don't need. Remember, that others may benefit – like through the Clothing Giveaway. If you need that list, you will find it on the table in the Centrum.

Lent concludes with the week prior to Easter Sunday, known as Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday, March 24. That day we will celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, with palm branches, and the great hymns for that day. On Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 pm, we will have a Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service to honor Jesus' last meal with his disciples, and his death on the cross. All that prepares us to rejoice in the resurrection on Easter Sunday. Please join us for this holiest week of the church year.

May all the ways you observe Lent draw you closer to God.

Peace,
Becky

Streaming Sunday Worship Service 10:00am

We continue to broadcast the worship service on Facebook. If you do not have computer access, you may listen to the service by calling 1-844-855-4444 and entering access code 716966#.

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Session Highlights

Our session meeting opened with Habitat for Humanity staff member Lee Cordell telling us about Habitat in general, and the Rock the Block event happening this October in "the 9s" neighborhood. The elders were enthusiastic about our participation – please be watching and listening in the next six months as to how we will be sharing Christ's love with our neighbors.

The elders also:

Approved purchasing new pew cushions

Approved Al Zimmerman serving communion whenever the pastor is on vacation or study leave

Referred updating Room 1 to Facilities; the furniture is quite old, and our members need furniture that allows our hips to be higher than our knees; Facilities will come back with a recommendation for furniture and cost

Approved inviting the Commission on Ministry to come for a triennial visit in April

Approved Peter Svoboda and Dave Wennstedt to be the signers for the Legacy Fund

Approved Fellowship overseeing the creation of a new picture directory

This year, we are living into our Lifework of *sharing Christ's love; spreading Christ's Word; caring for others.*

Transitions Group

When a family member's memory starts to change and decline, it is a challenge for the people around them. If you are in this situation, Faith Church is here for you. A small group of members and friends meets monthly, all of whom have a family member with some form of dementia. We share our experiences. We listen. We comfort and console, and we even give a little advice.

If there is a member of your family that is transitioning to the next stage of life, a time when their memory isn't good, you are invited to be part of this group on the third Friday of every month, at 10:00 am in Room 1 – the room with comfy chairs. Coffee is always served.

Questions? Please call Becky Balestri at 402-709-0568.

New email addresses

Steven Ernst Steven.p.ernst@gmail.com

Carolyn Ernst Carolyn.g.ernst@gmail.com

Helping Hands to the Rescue

Congregation members – Do you have jobs at home that you cannot do on your own (cutting up limbs, small electrical or plumbing jobs, yardwork, etc)?

For help from our Helping Hands Team, contact the church office or Doug Bogenhagen at 402-630-8487.

If you would like to join the Helping Hands Team, please let us know and we will add you to our list of helpers.

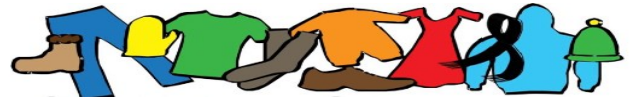
Clothing Give Away Update

Thanks to everyone who has made the monthly Give Away possible. We will celebrate one year of monthly Give Aways in March.

Mark March 16 on your calendars and come see what we do on Give Away day. The stories we hear are amazing!!

We will be sorting on March 13, 27, and April 17 from 9:00-11:00.

John and Terri O'Brien
and the Mission and Evangelism Team



Topic Saturday

February 24, we had our first Topic Saturday, discussing change and our lives of faith. The conversation was animated and engaging, about all the changes we go through, and how we as people of faith live with change. One person noted that often what we pray for and what God does in our lives are two different things – with the outcome being better than we prayed for.

The next Topic Saturday is **Saturday, March 23, at 10:30, at the Village Inn at 72nd and Giles.**

The topic will be Traditions – and along with that, Idols. Please join us to explore how we as people of faith honor traditions, without making them into idols.



The next Fun & Lunch will be
March 1st at 12:00 pm

We will be celebrating the group's
1st Anniversary at Farmhouse Café,
3461 South 84th St., Omaha, NE
(party time)

Anyone of any age is invited.
Sign up at church by February 27 or contact
Sharon Fleming at 402-709-2103 or
sfleming43@aol.com for your reservation or
if you need a ride.

Presbyterian Women

We invite all women of Faith to
join Presbyterian Women on the
3rd Tuesday of each month
January through May at 1:30
pm for Bible Study. We are
using Shannon Bream's book
*The Love Stories of the Bible
Speak*. The book includes
Biblical lessons on romance,
friendship, and faith. If you
would like to attend, please
contact the church office or
Debbie Kippley at
drdbk@aol.com.



February Lunch Bunch



Sightings

Ruth Tresemer, John Tresemer, Marc Wagoner, Peggy Wagoner, Ginger Norman and John O'Brien took down the two Christmas trees that adorned the sanctuary and centrum through January - thank you for your extra work!

A big thank you to **Rod Bosserdet, Ruth Tresemer, Debbie Ziegler and John Tresemer** for hanging our new banners. It took quite a bit to figure out the best way to hang them. The banners brighten our sanctuary! Thank you, all!

John O'Brien, Tim Stevenson, Jonah and Charlie Greni-Neves handed out palm branches for worshippers to burn on Ash Wednesday. Thank you all!

Lynda Shafer organized a meal train for dinners to be brought to Bob Meyer while he recuperates. Thank you to Lynda, and to all the many cooks!



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Last year, our members generously gave \$1,691 to OGHS! Thank you! We are again participating in OGHS this Lenten season. You can provide safety, sustenance and hope to our most vulnerable siblings in Christ. Remember, **when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.**



Mar 6 Karen Seda
Mar 9 Terri O'Brien
Mar 9 Sandy Stiverson
Mar 13 Ken Andersen
Mar 13 Maynard Boehler
Mar 17 Katelyn Norman
Mar 19 Dave Wennstedt
Mar 21 Khyenne Cottrell
Mar 22 Pat Neubert
Mar 26 Abby Hansen
Mar 31 John Tresemer

Hello! My name is Melissa Kindig, and I am a new member here at Faith Presbyterian Church. I am currently pursuing a Master's in Museum Studies, and I have been selected to participate in a study abroad course this summer. I invite you to travel with me as I study museums and libraries in Italy! Your donations will not only cover the program's cost and flights, but you will enjoy a virtual vacation in Italy as I share my journey with you.

Explore the backstreets of Florence, Arezzo, Rome, and Siena. Go behind the scenes with me in places like the Colosseum, the Catacombs of San Callisto, and the Accademia Gallery (Michelangelo's David). Oh, and don't forget the vineyard visit and the pasta-making class!

Through this course, I will experience a first-hand look at the history, theory, and organization of archiving objects and art in libraries and museums. This is a significant opportunity and a pivotal stepping stone toward fulfilling my dream of working in a museum (someday, maybe in Europe!).

Follow my journey at <https://www.facebook.com/melissainitaly>

To donate (or learn more about me, what I'm contributing, or the course),

visit <https://gofund.me/dca8353b>

Or scan the QR Code:



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>11:00 am Mission/Evang mtg 1:30 pm Volleyball 2:00 pm Puppet Rehearsal 5:00 pm Table Tennis - FLC 6:00 pm Crossroads Connection</p>	<p>6:30 pm Pickleball 6:30 pm A Capella group</p>	<p>6:30 pm Bells Rehearsal</p>	<p>7:00 am Campus Life 9:00 am Sorting Clothes 10:00 am Yesterday's Kids 11:00 am Chair Exercises 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>1:00 pm Pickleball 6:00pm Table Tennis - FLC 4:00pm Worship mtg 5:00 pm Fellowship mtg 5:45 pm Discipleship mtg 7:00pm Facilities - FH</p>	<p>8:30 am Donuts & Dialogue 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>1:00am Omaha Christian Social Group - FH</p>
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Sunday Worship
10:00 am

