

MARCH 2026

# FIRSTNEWS



We are to follow  
Jesus in  
the way of suffering



Our church calendar centers around the two holidays of Easter and Christmas. Jesus' birth and Jesus' resurrection are the key events from the life of Christ that are crucial for our faith. As we prepare for Easter, we need to examine ourselves to consider our walk with Christ. As we wait for Easter, we are to consider our own spiritual condition, and also recalling that Jesus went willfully to the cross to die for our sins. We are to remember all of the sacrifices Jesus made for us, especially the sacrifice on the cross for our sins. During this season of preparation for Easter, we recall Jesus' suffering for us as he journeyed to the cross. As Jesus said in Luke 9:22, "And he said, 'The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.'" Yet, the suffering that Jesus endured is also to be lived out by Jesus' own disciples, as the following verse states. Luke 9:23, "Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." The season awaiting Easter is marked by prayer, fasting, and spiritual examination. Now is a great opportunity for us to remember the love of God that is poured out through Christ Jesus on the cross in His death; and His defeat of death, sin and Satan in Christ's death and resurrection that brings eternal life to you. Let us grow closer to Christ as we prepare for Easter. We are to let God examine what we say and what we think and then make the necessary changes. As the psalmist says in Psalm 19:14, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer." Before we get to the story of Jesus' triumph over sin, death, and the grave on Easter, we first have to go through the suffering that led to Jesus being victorious on Easter morning. This is the season of self-examination, as we wait for the Easter day of triumph. Whereas Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus after his death on the cross, we are in the season before Easter that recalls the events leading up to and including Jesus' crucifixion. Join us during this special season as we prepare our hearts for Easter!

Blessings, Pastor Kenny

## Birthdays:



- 3 Rob Stevens
- 3 Debbie Ferguson
- 8 Judy Bamberger
- 11 Hannah White
- 12 Patricia Higgins
- 13 Arlene Alles
- 13 Sam Houston
- 13 Jackie Taylor
- 14 Dean Terrell
- 17 Pat Fisher
- 17 Janet Teal
- 17 Frank Vega
- 19 Rev. Gayl Van Asdale
- 21 Dawn Bauerlein
- 21 Jeanie Wessell
- 21 Tom West
- 22 Isabella Montoya
- 26 Rose West
- 27 Nancy Cross
- 28 Clarence Hoffman
- 28 Pam Bosh-Buzzell
- 29 Audrey Tuchols
- 30 Arianna Wise

## Anniversaries:



- 9 Garland & Sue King
- 22 Rick & Marian Little
- 30 Bill & Janet Teal



# March Announcements:



**3/7 at 6:00pm** Dave's Famous Spaghetti Dinner in the fellowship hall. See Deb Hepler for tickets! Adults \$15 Children \$8. All proceeds go to missions. Thank you for your support!

**3/8** after the morning service will be an usher meeting. Please attend this meeting if you are currently an usher or would like to be an usher.

**3/14 at 8:00am** is our monthly Men's Breakfast. Join us for breakfast, meeting & devotion. All men are welcome!

**3/15 at 3:00pm** The Winter Concert series continues with Jim & Melissa Brady

**3/17 at 6:30pm** is the CWC meeting in fellowship hall. All ladies are welcome!

**3/20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>** is our Ladies Weekend of Fun & Fellowship through Crafts, Scrapbooking, Puzzles and/or Games at the church. The fun starts Friday at 1pm and Saturday at 9am. Please see Deb Hepler with any questions.

**3/28 from 5pm - 7pm** Join the children, youth & their families for Game Night in the fellowship hall! We will have a pot luck meal, followed by a devotion and games. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby to bring snacks or desserts. The church will provide hot dogs.

**3/29 at 3:00pm** The Winter Concert series concludes with The Guardians.



**CWC News**  
Ladies you are the BEST!

*Can't believe we made it through February. We had some wonderful meals together on our "Wednesday Night Dinners". Our Soup & Salad was amazing. Our rummage sale with a bake sale was on the 28<sup>th</sup>. We did it! Only one new fundraiser coming up and that is the Spaghetti Dinner on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss it! You will have a great night of food, fun and fellowship. I thank you ahead of time for your participation in all of our fundraisers and activities to continue this year! Our next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please plan to attend as this is a very important year end meeting. Many thanks to all of our cooks, bakers, workers & prayer warriors. It was a great year!*

**Deb Hepler**



**Home School Support Group**

Wednesday Evenings from 6:30-7:30pm in Room 4 & 5  
(during the mid-week service)

Be praying that God would use this group to minister to the children & parents of this church and in our community

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