



March 2025 Newsletter



Join us as we celebrate our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

During this year’s Lenten season, we will have a series of sermons based upon the theme, “Listening to the Spirit: The Seven Letters to the Churches“ The schedule of Lenten and Holy Week services and messages are outlined here. Please bring your family and friends!

Wednesday Evening Lenten Services at 7:00pm

****Holy Communion Service**

-March 5th: Letter to the Church in Ephesus: *“First Love: Remember, Repent, Return”* - Revelation 2:1-7

-March 12th: Letter to the Church in Smyrna: *“Faithful in Suffering”* - Revelation 2:8-11

-March 19th: Letter to the Church in Pergamum: *“Turn from Evil”* - Revelation 2:12-17

-March 26th: Letter to the Church in Thyatira: *“Hold Fast to your Faith”* - Revelation 2:18-29

-April 2nd: Letter to the Church in Sardis: *“Wake Up!”* - Revelation 3:1-6

-April 9th: Letter to the Church in Philadelphia: *“I Love You! I Will Keep You!”* - Revelation 3:7-13

Palm Sunday Service

April 13th at 8:00am and 10:30am:

“Broken and Poured Out” - John 12:1-11



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday Service

****Holy Communion Service**

April 17th at 7:00pm:

Letter to the Church in Laodicea

“Come and Dine with Me”

- Revelation 3:14-22

Good Friday Services - April 18th

◆ Afternoon service: 12:00 -12:45 p.m.
Worship Service of Scripture and Song
“Listening at the Cross”
The Passion History from the Gospels

◆ Evening Tenebrae Service: 7:00 p.m.
“The Suffering Servant, the Savior of the World” - Isaiah 53, John 19:17-30

Easter Sunday Services - April 20th

“The Power of the Risen Lamb”

- Revelation 5, John 20:1-18

Sunrise Worship Service - 7:00am

Easter Breakfast - 8:00am

Sunday School - 9:15am

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.



“Listen to the Spirit: The Seven Letters to the Churches”

This is our theme for the Lenten Season this year, as we listen to the Spirit of God speaking to the seven churches that are addressed in the book of Revelation. As the Apostle John begins Revelation, the last book of the Bible, he writes, “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.” (1:3) God promises a blessing to those who read, listen to, and heed His Word!

Pastor Steven Carlson John goes on to write, “Behold, He [Jesus] is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen. ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’” (1:7,8) At His First Coming, Jesus was “pierced” as He died on the cross for our sins to save us, but when He comes again, it will not be as our Suffering and Sacrificial Savior, but as the Sovereign King of kings, Lord of lords, and Judge of all the earth!

Jesus wants for His Bride, His Church, to be ready when He returns in glory at His Second Coming! These seven letters were written to specific churches in the first century, in Asia Minor, but they are also representative of the church at large throughout the world and the Spirit of God continues to speak afresh through His eternal Word in these seven letters still today. These letters are encouraging, challenging, convicting, and exhorting. They begin by calling the church to get ready for Christ’s Second Coming by returning to the fervency of its first love for Christ – “You have left your first love” (2:4) and end with an invitation – “Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.” (3:20) God wants you to take the time to grow in your fellowship with Him.

Each of the seven letters also contains the statement: “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” Let us come with open ears and hearts to hear the Spirit this Lenten Season. Pray that God would speak to you through His Word and draw you into a deeper relationship with Jesus through this journey. Please pray for our entire congregation, that God would do His good and gracious work within us this Lenten Season.

Let us listen to the Spirit,

Pastor Carlson



March Acolyte Schedule

Second service (10:30 a.m.)

Eli Hess and Becky Mosher-Wheeler
will alternate

First Service (8:00 a.m.)

March 2 Mary Voigt

March 9 Fred Voigt

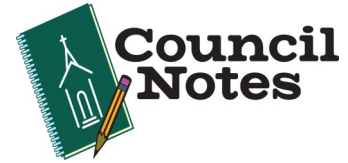
March 16 Makenna Cassidy

March 23 Micah Haverfield

March 30 Laurie Haverfield



FROM THE COUNCIL



1. Pastor Carlson went over the details for the Lent and Holy Week services. The theme is “The Seven Letters to the Seven Churches”. The Imposition of Ashes will be offered at the Ash Wednesday service. He completed the series on 1 Thessalonians for adult Sunday School. The “How Now Shall We Think?” series will start next. VBS will be held July 20-24 this year. We will use an Answers In Genesis program for the kids. The plan for the adults is the topic “For God so Loved the World”. Pastor Earl and Joan Korhonen will also be here.
2. The Finance Committee reported that expenditures were a little higher than income in January due to some extra one-time items. Overall though, we are doing well. We have started a discussion on a long-term financial reserve strategy.
3. The Worship Committee met to discuss details on hymns, sermon texts, and a schedule of who would deliver the message for the Lent and Holy Week services. We will be adding an afternoon service on Good Friday. They also discussed recent problems with livestreaming and possibly hiring an IT specialist. Worship In The Woods begins May 25th and ends August 31st.
4. The Parish Life Committee presented the planned schedule of events for the year which also went in the February newsletter. Plans were also made for a potluck on March 30th. Details will be posted in the bulletin in March.
5. The Social Concerns Committee would like to participate in a CW Human services project called “Baskets of Hope”. We would collect small toys for baskets through the month of March. This was approved. The PDHC baby bottle campaign wrapped up and Kristin G. will pick up the bottles on the 24th.
6. The Property Committee reported that the Handicap sign at the rear entrance of the church was replaced. The carpets in the church, parsonage, and PCC were steam cleaned, and two of the Sunday School rooms in the church were repainted.
7. The Youth Committee reported that the Spaghetti Dinner held on February 8th was a success! The kids raised over \$1400 for their FLY trip. The committee is also in the process of planning the transportation and lodging details for the FLY trip. The next Youth Second Sunday meeting will be on March 9th. In addition to the normal activities, Michelle Staffan will be leading bell choir for the kids.
8. The Evangelism Committee is making plans to host speakers from Chosen People Ministries on March 30th.

March lectors

March 2

8:00am—Lisa Schacht
10:30am—Marsha Windbigler

March 9

8:00am—Bill Minor
10:30am—Jeremy Hess

March 16

8:00am—Winnie Minor
10:30am—Debbie Williams

March 23

8:00am—Paul Roepcke
10:30am—Bill Carpenter

March 30

8:00am—Wendy Leitch
10:30am—Marsha Windbigler



Peace Free Lutheran Church Financials Through January 2025

General Fund Income:
\$243,389

General Fund Expenditures:
\$221,492

A copy of the council Minutes and Finances can be obtained from the church office.



This year, the donations collected at our Lenten services will go to Bethany International.



Bethany’s mission is to equip and send intercultural disciple-makers to bring Kingdom transformation to the nations. They focus on evangelism, church planting, leadership development, and missions training. They disciple students, send and support long-term missionaries, and partner with national churches to equip disciple-makers in proximity to the national culture or country. They currently have more than 100 missionaries fielded across the world in 20+ countries to reach those who have never heard the Gospel. [Click here](#) for more information on this mission.



Save The Date!

Vacation Bible School - July 20-24

Our Youth Vacation Bible School curriculum for this year is “*Wonder Junction; Marvel at Jesus, Live for His Glory*”. Over the course of the week, the kids will embark on an exciting adventure where they will marvel at Jesus and learn to live for His glory. There will be games, crafts, Bible stories, and more!

Pastor Carlson will be leading a manuscript study of the book of Jonah with the adults. In addition, the AFLC World Mission Director, Pastor Earl and his wife Joan Korhonen will be with us. Pastor Korhonen will be speaking during the adult classes as well. Mark you calendars!



“How now shall we think?”

The adult Sunday School class has begun a series during which we will be looking at a number of contemporary issues in our culture today, and asking the question, “How now shall we think?” We will be exploring the issues from a Biblical perspective as we look at key Biblical passages and use them to address our cultural issues. Topics addressed will include: Gender identity, sexuality, artificial intelligence, role of government, marriage, cohabitation, abortion, refugees, religious freedom, etc. Doug Hertlein will be leading and teaching this series, along with others. All are invited to attend and participate!

Consider the (Easter) Lilies



We need to place our order for Easter Lilies with Cuthberts the week of March 9th. If you would like to purchase Easter lily plants to decorate the church chancel for Easter, there is a sign up sheet available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary or you may call or email the office to place an order. The cost of each 6” potted lily is \$7.65. Orders and payments are due by next Sunday, March 9th. Please mark your payment “Easter Lily” and either put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Lilies may be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. Easter Service.



Looking for our next Council Secretary

We are looking for someone to fill the role of Council secretary. This person would take notes for the Council meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. If interested or if you have questions, please contact Lilane Fox at fox13@aol.com.



To our loving and caring church family I send you my heartfelt thanks for your prayers, cards, calls and support given to me during my recent surgery. All have been very much appreciated. Looking forward to being back with you. God Bless, Marilou Poling

Thank you to everyone who attended the Valentine's Dinner! The youth truly enjoyed serving the congregation and are so thankful for the generous donations that will be used to fund our trip to the FLY conference in Colorado this coming summer. Through your donations, we were able to raise over \$1,400!!

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, and expressions of sympathy at the passing of my mother-in-law Imogene Arden. It is wonderful to have such a warm and caring church family. God's blessings, Janelle

Texas Corn Casserole

From the kitchen of DiAnn Cole

Ingredients:

- 1 stick of butter
- 8 oz. cream cheese (room temp)
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 cans Shoepeg corn (drained)
- 1 cup diced green chilies (two 4oz cans)



Directions:

1. Melt butter
2. Add cheese and milk, stirring until there are no lumps.
3. Mix in corn and chilies. Pour into a 2 quart baking dish.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until bubbly. ENJOY!



Baskets of Hope 2025

This year we will be participating in the Canal Winchester Human Services' project called "Baskets of Hope". Through this program, CWHHS will be providing Easter baskets to children in need around the area.

We are looking for donations of small toys for boys and girls, ages 3-13. This could include items such as jump ropes, small Lego kits, crafts, etc.

If you would like to participate, please bring your items to the church by March 30th. Thank you for your generosity!

Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner

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Chosen People Ministries program coming this month!

We are hosting Boris Goldin of Chosen People Ministries to speak at our church the evening of March 30. The topic of his presentation will be current conditions in the Middle East and their outreach to Jewish people in Ukraine. Please join us and bring your family and friends!



Boris Goldin

"Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved." - Romans 10:1

Boris' Topics:

- * Messiah in the Passover
- * Why Jews Don't Believe in Jesus.
- * "To the Jew First!" - The need for Jewish Evangelism
- * God's Appointed Times: The Feasts of Israel
- * How to talk to your Jewish friend about the Messiah
- * Hanukkah

For Booking Information
Please contact:
Office of Church Ministries
888-405-5874
churches@chosenpeople.com

Boris Goldin moved to New York from Russia. He came looking for the "American Dream" - security and success, but his search took a whole different turn when his wife, Shulamit, became a believer in Yeshua (Jesus). Boris resisted her witness and argued vehemently with her. But as he began to read the Bible for himself, he sensed the reality of God. After a year and a half of searching, he accepted Yeshua as his Savior.

Boris helped begin a few new Russian outreaches in Brooklyn, New York. He knew God was calling him to serve in full-time ministry so he left a successful insurance business to become a missionary with Chosen People Ministries and also help lead a Russian-speaking congregation in South Florida.

In the many years since that time, Boris is now leading the work of CPM in the Ukraine and has helped to build a network of more than twenty Messianic congregations, which are working with Chosen People Ministries. At the same time, he has very fruitful ministry among Jewish people in Israel, Russia and Germany. Boris is also the President of the Association of Russian-speaking Messianic Jewish Congregations of America.

In addition to being a gifted evangelist and teacher, Boris Goldin is an effective preacher of God's Word. His passion is to see Jewish people throughout the world accept Yeshua as their promised Messiah.

Chosen People Ministries exists to pray for, evangelize, disciple and serve Jewish people everywhere and to help others do the same. Chosen People Ministries serves in 16 countries around the world with headquarters in New York City.



Getting To Know You

Wendy Leitch - Women's Adult Bible Study Teacher



1. What do you hope never changes? My continued love for learning more each day about the Lord.
2. What job would you be terrible at? Anything having to do with Math!
3. What skill would you like to master? I would like to learn how to crochet as well.
4. What do you wish you knew more about? I'm reading the Scriptures every day; however, I'm asking the Lord to really open my eyes to the Psalms.
5. What's your favorite genre of books, movies, and/or music? Nonfiction (history, biographies, gardening), historical fiction. Old movies from the 1930's to the 1970's. Music- Christian/spiritual as well as music from the 70's/80's and country.
6. Where is the most relaxing place you've ever been? Sitting in an Adirondack chair in the countryside of Holmes County. Sitting by the ocean.
7. What pets did you have while you were growing up? A little mutt named Sylvia, several gerbils.
8. What did you do after you graduated from high school? I went to THE Ohio State University and received my BS.Ed in elementary education. Later I also received my Master of Arts in Education (focus Children's Literature and Language Arts).
9. What do/did you do for a living? I taught 2nd grade for 30 years at French Run Elementary and then worked in intervention another 5 years. I love and miss it!
10. How do you like to spend your free time? I love my needlework, papercrafting, reading, listening to podcasts, working outside, walking, and spending time with Mr. Leitch and the rest of my family.
11. Where is your hometown? Reynoldsburg, Ohio
12. What's your hidden talent? It's really not a talent, but I love to dance!!!
13. Describe the church you grew up in. I grew up in the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church. Greg and I were also married there.
14. What is one of your favorite Bible verses? Philippians 4:13 – "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."
15. How did you come to Peace? Greg was invited by Michelle Staffan to come and sing at various services. We then started coming to Worship in the Woods. When Labor Day would come, we didn't want to leave Peace. Eventually, we left our former church and became members in 2004.

Spend the Year in Scripture

The One Story That Leads to Jesus reading plan will guide you through the entire Bible in one year. Each day, you'll read a few chapters—or occasionally skim through large genealogies or census sections—as you make your way from Genesis to Revelation.

Meditate on the Psalms

Each day's reading features a psalm for you to meditate on through quiet reflection and prayer. By the end of the year, you'll have read through this entire book of biblical poetry more than twice.

Videos for Learning

Before you dive into a new book of the Bible, we'll share an overview video that outlines the structure of the book and its central themes. In addition to these overview videos, we have also included many of our newest theme videos that explore topics found within each reading section. Follow the hyperlinks found in the readings for easy access to the videos.

Extra Reading Opportunities

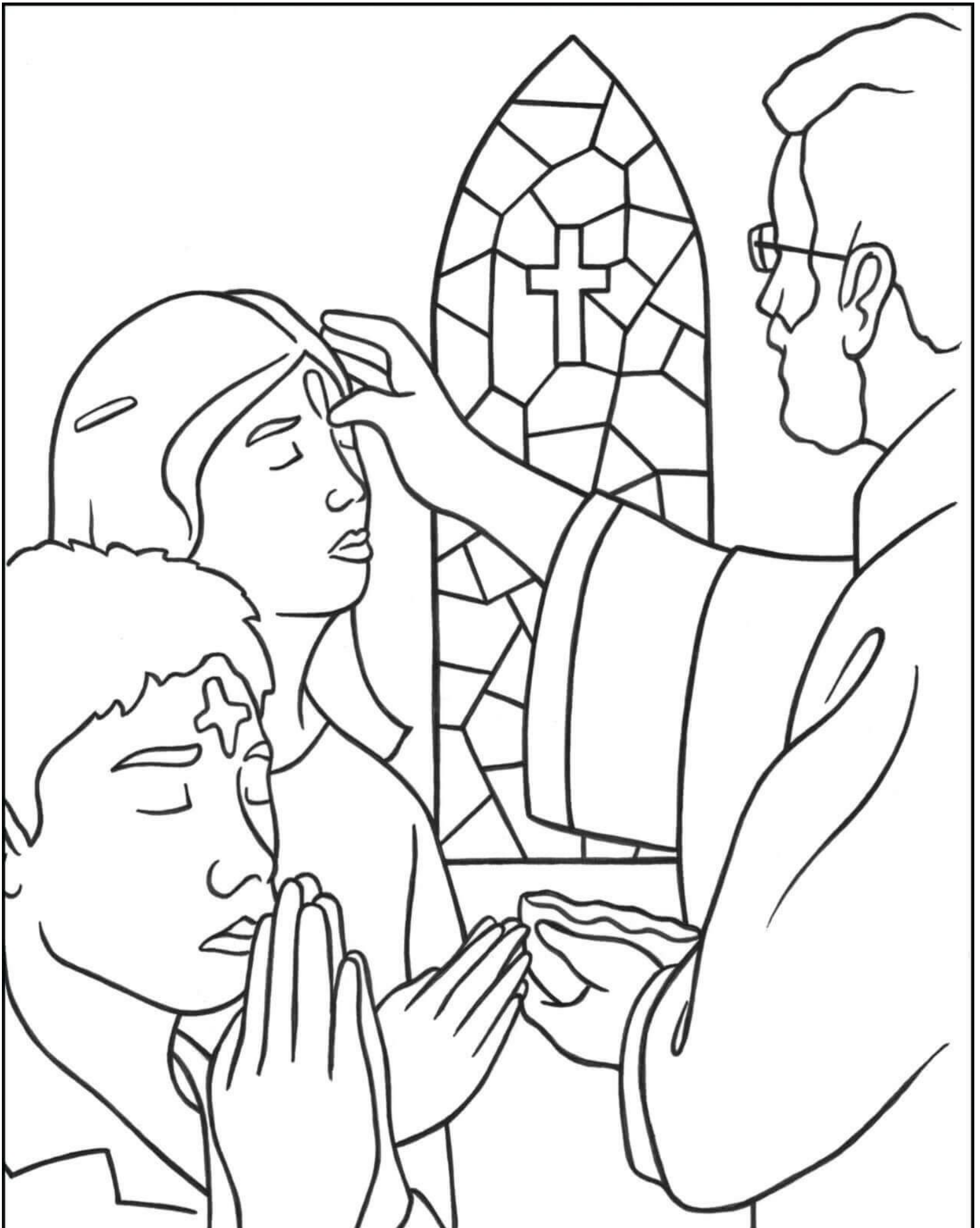
Our team is working on a growing collection of articles, guides, and other resources to help you learn more about specific ideas introduced throughout the Bible. We've hyperlinked these resources throughout the reading plan to give you the option to dive deeper into a book or theme.

Overview Posters

Want to download or print a copy of each book's overview? Overview posters are available [here](#).

To support our work and learn more about our growing library of free resources—online Bible classes, podcasts, apps, articles, and more—visit bibleproject.com.

No.	Month	Day	Book	Ch.	Psalm	Video	Book Guide	Article
The Wilderness								
61	March	1		24-27	61			
62	March	2		28-29	62			
63	March	3		30-31	63	Blessing and Curse		
64	March	4		32-34	64	OT Overviews: Deuteronomy		Deuteronomy & Exile Predicted
The Promised Land								
65	March	5	Joshua	1-4	65	OT Overviews: Joshua	Joshua	Judgment or Cruelty? Conquering the Promised Land
66	March	6		5-8	66	Design Patterns		
67	March	7		9-12	67			
68	March	8		13-21	68			
69	March	9		22-24	69			
70	March	10	Judges	1-3	70	OT Overviews: Judges	Judges	Judges & Messianic Hope
71	March	11		4-5	71			
72	March	12		6-8	72	Plot		
73	March	13		9-12	73			
74	March	14		13-15	74			
75	March	15		16-18	75			
76	March	16		19-21	76			
Rise and Fall of Israel's Kingdom								
77	March	17	Ruth	1-4	77	OT Overviews: Ruth	Ruth	3 Love Stories in the Bible That Help Us Rethink Romance
78	March	18	1 Samuel	1-3	78	OT Overviews: 1 Samuel		
79	March	19		4-8	79			
80	March	20		9-12	80			Saul: A Tale of Self-Deception
81	March	21		13-14	81		Samuel	
82	March	22		15-17	82	David the Priestly King		David: What's the Big Deal?
83	March	23		18-20	83			
84	March	24		21-24	84			
85	March	25		25-27	85			
86	March	26		28-31	86			
87	March	27	2 Samuel	1-3	87	OT Overviews: 2 Samuel		
88	March	28		4-8	88	The City	Cities in the Bible	
89	March	29		9-12	89			
90	March	30		13-15	90			
91	March	31		16-18	91			



first day of lent:

Lent

Calendar

Do something **NICE** for a teacher or pastor.

Make a cross with things you find in nature.

two

Read a Bible story or book.

3

Play your favorite game with someone.

four



5

Give someone a hug.



NO sweets today!

six

7

Learn an Easter song.



8

Make a cottonball lamb & think about how Jesus is the Lamb of God.



Help someone today.

ten

Draw or decorate colorful Easter eggs.

11

Surprise someone with a **SPECIAL NOTE.**

12



Give away something to someone.

9



Draw a picture with chalk outside.

13

14 Pray for someone.



GIVE SOMEONE A COMPLIMENT.

15

16

Help with yardwork or pick up a piece of litter.



Share a meal with someone.

seventeen

Perform a random act of **KINDNESS.**

18

Download Easter coloring pages, print and color.

19



twenty

Tell God what you are thankful for.

LIST

reasons why you love Easter.

twenty one



Draw or purchase an Easter Lily for a friend.

twenty three

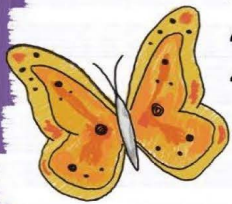
Read John 13:1-17 and wash someone's feet.

Have a palm parade around your home.

twenty four

FORGIVE

someone for something they did to you.



25

Draw an Easter picture for your family.

29

twenty six

Talk to someone or think about why we celebrate Easter.

27

Read about Good Friday.

(John 19:16-37)



Go on a nature scavenger hunt & find things that remind you of Jesus.

Collect items in a basket that remind you of Easter.



thirty

Make something for someone.



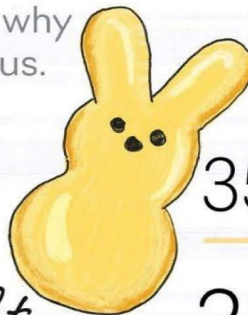
Go on a walk or bike ride & pray for your neighbors.

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thirty three
Play a game in the dark with flashlights.

Tell someone why you love Jesus.

34



35

Play stack the Peeps.

(See who can stack the most Peeps in a minute.)

thirty six

GIVE UP

Something for the day.

Make an Easter card.

37

thirty eight

Hold the door open for someone.

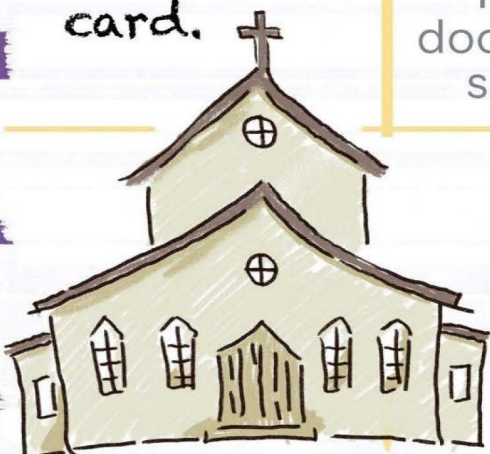
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Read about Jesus' resurrection.

(Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20)



Attend an Easter service.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Coral Young Wedding Shower 12:00pm
2 Worship Ser- vices with Holy Communion: 8:00am & 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am	3 Leitch Home Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	4 Women's Day- time Bible Study Lunch at Senior Center- 11:30am Bible Study in PCC- 1:00pm	5 Ash Wednesday service 7:00pm	6	7	8 Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 8am Deacons Mtg 10:00am
9 Worship Service 8:00am & 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am Parish Life 11:30am Youth Second Sun- day Grp 12pm Jauert Home Bible Study 6:30pm	10 Stewardship Meeting 6:30pm	11 Women's Daytime Bible Study Lunch at Senior Center- 11:30am Bible Study in PCC- 1:00pm Women's Evening Bible Study 6:30pm	12 Lent Service 7:00pm	13	14	15
16 Worship Ser- vices 8:00am and 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am Haverfield Home Bible Study 6:00pm	17	18 Women's Day- time Bible Study Lunch at Senior Center- 11:30am Bible Study in PCC- 1:00pm Council Mtg 7pm	19 Lent Service 7:00pm	20	21	22 Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 8:00am
23 Worship Services 8:00am and 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am	24 Newsletter Submissions due	25 Women's Day- time Bible Study Lunch at Senior Center- 11:30am Bible Study in PCC- 1:00pm Women's Evening Bible Study 6:30pm	26 Lent Service 7:00pm	27	28	29
30 Worship Services 8:00am and 10:30am : Sunday School 9:15am Potluck TBD Chosen People Min- istries program TBD	31					



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March
BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd Nikki Hall**
- 7th Mary Barnhart**
- 11th Jan Seabaugh**
- 14th Jerry Seabaugh**
- 15th Bobbie Rickrich**
- Solomon Patenaude**
- Willow Noland**
- 16th Becky Mosher-Wheeler**
- 18th Lloyd Wasem**
- 19th Bruce Tamte**
- 21st Amy Murray**
- 22nd Amelia Coleman**



March
ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Mike and Kit Steiff**
- 16th William and Melissa (Mosher) Snowball**
- 20th David and Lisa Schacht**
- 25th Calvin and Marilou Poling**
- 26th Lloyd and Betty Wasem**
- 23rd Sean Hierl**
- 26th John Muller**
- 28th Skylar Baker**
- 30th Mia Muller**

But you, O Lord,
are a God
merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love
and *faithfulness.*

Psalms 86:15

