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Holy Week &
Easter activities

Lent 2017

THE PROGRESS

Faith Conversations

with: Pastor Steve Schumacher

The focus for Wednesday evenings in Lent this year will be “The Stations of the Cross,” as we journey with Jesus from his arrest to his eventual crucifixion. This focus will center our Lenten journey on Jesus’ self-less sacrifice on the cross for our sake. You are invited to be a part of this Lenten journey. Soup Supper is at 5:45pm, followed by a 30—40 minute worship service at 6:30pm.

This past summer I had the good fortune, along with some other folks from Pilgrim, to travel in Central Europe.

Every time we went into a Catholic church, whether it was the Czech Republic, Poland, or Austria,

I noticed a series of 14 separate paintings prominently displayed somewhere in the main part of the church. These paintings depicted the passion of Christ from his arrest to his crucifixion.



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These series of 14 paintings are what is known as “The Stations of the Cross” and they depict Jesus’ road to his crucifixion. They are an invitation to reflect on Jesus’ work of salvation, and to invite us to respond with gratitude and worship.

This is one such painting at the church in Maria Plain, near Salzburg, in Austria. It depicts Jesus’ burial, station #14.

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The purpose of Pilgrim Lutheran Church is to glorify God by fostering:

- Vibrant worship—
Pilgrim is a prayerful place of vibrant worship where the gospel of Jesus Christ is faithfully proclaimed in a family-oriented, intergenerational atmosphere. Varied worship expressions come together to provide a rich response to the love of Christ in our lives.
- Bible-centered growth and teaching—
Pilgrim is purposeful about nurturing faith and spiritual growth in all who enter its doors as well as for those who are not able to enter. Pilgrim is a place where, led by the Holy Spirit, all children, youth, and adults may grow up into the “full measure of the stature of Christ.”
- Nurturing congregational care—
Pilgrim members strive to model Christ’s love and nurturing care to one another. Pilgrim is a family; care for one another is evidenced in all aspects of congregational life. Pilgrim is a place of health and healing where people of all ages find help for their life journeys.
- Intentional outreach and evangelism—
“Pilgrims” share with others the abundant life that they have received through faith in Christ and intentionally reach out to people of all ages with the love of Christ—beginning with South Hill, Washington, and moving outward to the ends of the earth through local, national, and world-wide outreach.

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Faith Conversations (cont. from page 1)

One Friday morning, not long after we returned from our trip, I visited All Saints Catholic church in downtown Puyallup. Sure enough, they too had these same "Stations of the Cross" conspicuously arrayed around their worship space.

What is the purpose of the Stations of the Cross? What are they intended to accomplish in and for the Christian? For us this year, during Lent, as we do our own version of the Stations of the Cross here are some things to keep in mind:

To participate in the Stations of the Cross, the first point to be aware of is that this is prayer. It is an invitation to prayerfully examine our faith - who is Jesus, what has he accomplished, and what does it mean for me? It is prayer that seeks to open our hearts, and asks Jesus to lead us into thankfulness and faith.

Journeying through the Stations of the Cross invites us to imagine the love Jesus had for us, that would lead him to make this journey to crucifixion. By praying the Stations of the Cross, and imagining the journey Jesus made, we are asking Jesus to lead us into thankfulness and faith.

The Stations of the Cross, therefore, are meant to touch us in at least two ways; in our prayerful turning to God and in our ability to imagine the extent of God's love for us.

I hope you will join us on this Lenten journey. I pray this Lenten season will be a time of growing thankfulness and faith in your life, as together we come to realize God's great love for us, how Jesus brought that love to us as Immanuel, and how he completed his saving work - sealed the deal if you will, through his cross.



We're Taking an Amazing Journey on Palm Sunday!

Join us for a special service at 9:30 AM on Palm Sunday, April 9th, as we journey on the *Road to Resurrection*! We will take a step back in time and follow Jesus' footsteps through the week leading up to his death and resurrection. On the road we will encounter the people who met Jesus along the way and experience his incredible journey. Come and draw closer to Jesus at this special worship event.





Christian Education Update

From Julie & Kim

We are on the move... from the Cradle to the Cross. If you are not sure about that, take a look at the Christmas tree in the sanctuary, that is now a cross, with a cradle at its base: "He was laid upon a tree, as a sacrifice for all people." There are many things to look forward to in the upcoming months as we 'prepare our hearts and minds for Christ Jesus. Ash Wednesday begins that journey on March 1, with a worship service at 6:30 PM. Ash will be placed on each participants forehead as a reminder of the salvation of our sins ('from ashes you came, so shall you return'). Then, the next five Wednesdays are a continuation of the journey with Lenten services, again starting at 6:30. This year, part of the homily will be a short video of a number of 'stations of the cross' along the Via Delarosa (the road Jesus took through Jerusalem to the place of his crucifixion). You will see the actual place in Jerusalem, along with the accompanying scripture. The remaining homily will connect Christ's experience to our own journey to His cross. We are hoping you can join us for this short worship (6:30-7:10). The Lenten services take us to Passion week, starting with Palm Sunday (April 9-Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem) and ending with His Last Supper (Maundy Thursday), His death on the cross (Good Friday), His vigil in the tomb (Saturday Easter Vigil), and His resurrection (Easter Sunday). Please make these experiences a part of your weekly planning. We owe it to God.

There are always ways to continue enhancing His Word in your life. Lenten daily devotionals will be made available to you on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Pastor Schumacher is teaching a new survey of the Bible on Sunday mornings called 'See Through the Scriptures.' It is designed to provide the basic framework needed to understand the sweep of the Bible's narrative and helps show how all the pieces of scripture fit together. A shorter eight-week study of this may be made available on Wednesday nights after Easter. There will be more information about that to come. The Christian parenting class continues to meet on Sunday mornings, with a new larger-scope study called 'The Wired Word,' a series of lessons that confront current news and world events. It challenges Christian families to navigate through the times we live in with the scriptures as our guide. The weekly text study still continues on Tuesday mornings at 10 AM. The Women's Bible Study continues on Thursday mornings at 9:15-10:30 with a new study beginning March 2 called 'The Battlefield of the Mind.' This is a DVD study presented by Joyce Meyer, and it explores how The Word is instrumental in overcoming negative thinking and finding Joy. Here's one more fun and inspiring experience offered once a month: Theology on Tap meeting the last Friday of each month at Bob's Burgers and Brew. The next gathering is March 24. Join one, any, or all of the offerings upcoming, as part of your faith journey from the cradle to the cross.



Children's Education

Immersing ourselves in God's Word through activities, stories, singing, memorizing a "Bible Verse of the Week," service and much more... what fun Sunday School JAM has been! Thank you, families, for faithfully bringing your children as often as you can. Life sure gets busy, doesn't it? Yet in the midst of it, God calls us to keep Him at the center of all we do and glorify Him through our words and actions. Each week that we all have the opportunity to be in relationship with Him and each other grows us in ways we cannot comprehend, yet will last a lifetime!



Recently we concluded our second "Mission Sunday" of the year. Thanks to Sarah Lieu and Krystal VonGnatensky who passionately led the crew to prayerfully develop "Chemo Bags of HOPE," including the making of fleece blankets, for chemotherapy patients of all ages at Good Sam Hospital. This unique, wonderful service project will provide comfort to many as they face uncomfortable situations.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days (not counting Sundays) up until Easter. It mimics the period of time that Jesus was praying and fasting in the wilderness. During this time, we have an opportunity to seek out and grow closer to God. Many people will "give up" something during Lent, to think about what it means to "sacrifice," as Jesus did for us. The goal is to grow closer to God during this time, but it can also be accomplished by "Giving to" or doing something positive daily.

Here are a few individual and family ideas during Lent:

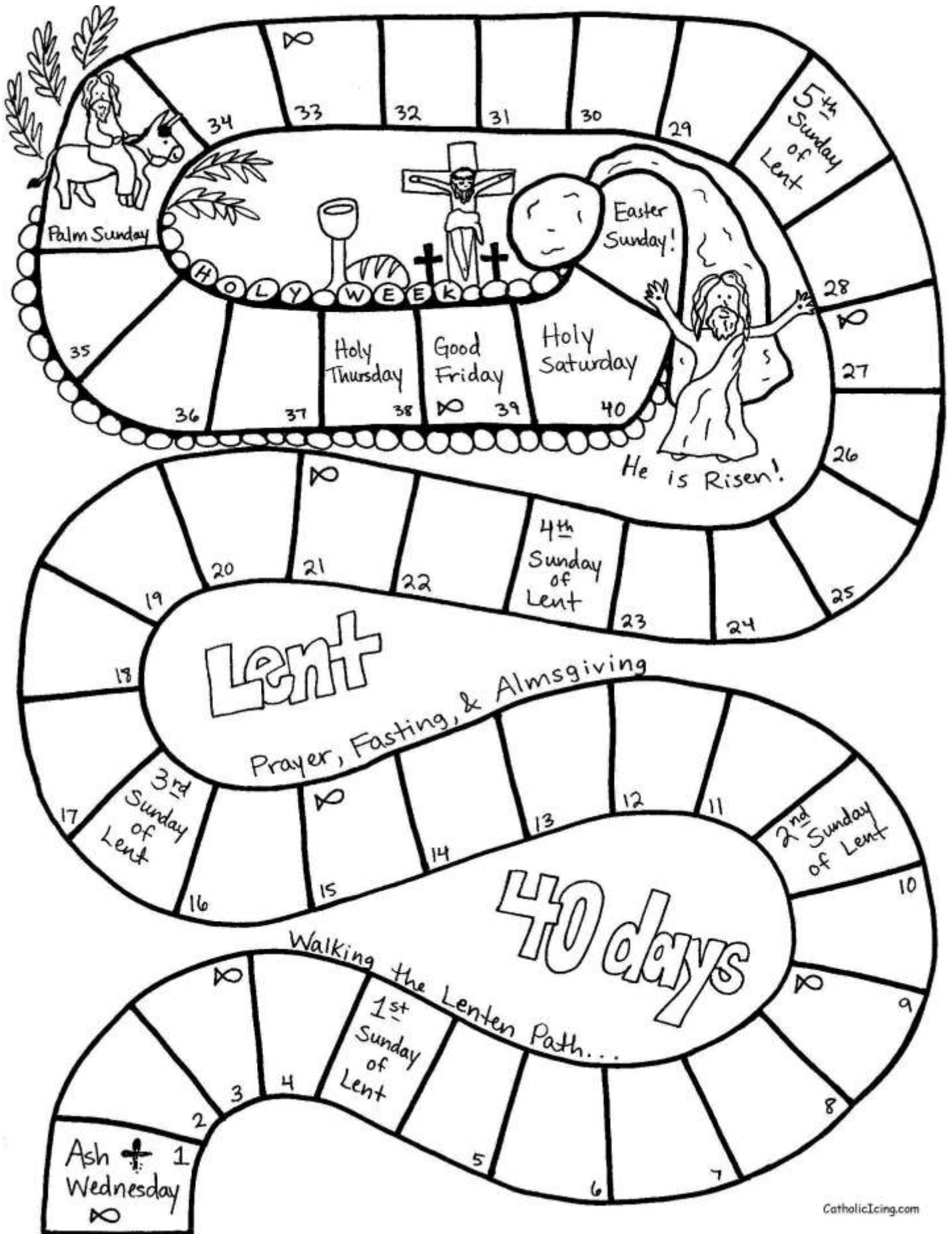
- Give one compliment every day to someone.
- For every meal and snack you eat, contribute a nickel to be donated to offering or a charity of your choice.
- Spend five minutes each morning or night in prayer.
- Read the Bible each day as a family.
- Post one Bible verse on the mirror in your bathroom each day.
- Make a prayer chain on 40 slips of paper, link them together and rip one off each morning of Lent, praying for that need.
- Pick a service activity to participate in as a family.
- Have each family member write down one blessing a day and compile them in a "Blessings Jar."

(Print out the Lenten calendar on the next page and mark each day of Lent as you celebrate the chance to grow closer to God.)

Our Youth and Family Calendar from Feb. - May 2017 is now available (page 8). Looking ahead, please note JUNE 4 will be CONFIRMATION SUNDAY. If you have something you'd like to see added to our calendar, please let Jeff or Kim know!

As we close, remember to carry our theme verse for the year, "Fear Not! For I am with you always!" (Isaiah 43:5) in your heart! Life is such a journey of ups and downs, but God has a Bible full of His promise that yes, we will get through it all!







Family & Youth Ministries



Welcome 2017!

This year is full of amazing opportunity and one of the greatest examples of this opportunity: PLC Youth using their gifts and abilities to bless this community. So this year we started 2 Youth Leadership Teams to help us further the mission of PLC, share the Good News of Jesus, and build stronger connections with one another. Each month these youth will meet, plan, lead and serve! Join me in welcoming them to the Team.

High School

Izzie Holland	Ally Lessard	Julia Melchert
Nick Waterstraat	McKenna Wilson	

Young Adult

Shelley Castro	Kurt Ertel	Caitlan Whitley
Michael Whitley	Stephen Whitley	

Important upcoming dates

- Youth Leadership Team Event:
Northwest Ministry Conference
March 23rd-25th @ Overlake



- Easter Events:
 - Palm Sunday, April 9th
 - Road to Resurrection: the Easter Event
One Worship Service @ 9:30 AM
 - Parents Afternoon Out, 11:45-2 PM
 - Easter Breakfast, April 16th from 9:40-10:40 AM sponsored by FYM .



- Spring Break Activities
- VBS July 9th-13th @ PLC
- Creation July 13th-16th @ Benton County Fairgrounds



- Mission Local 2017: August 16th-19th

As always, contact Jeff Hobson for further information.

Youth and Family Events February 2017 – May 2017

Sunday, Feb. 26: En Fuego HS activity after 2nd service

Tuesday, Feb. 28: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!

Come enjoy some delicious pancakes and support Little Pilgrims Preschool's scholarship program!

Wednesday, March 1: ASH WEDNESDAY. Soup supper 5:45, service 6:30.

Friday, March 3: [Agua Viva](#): MOVIE NIGHT, 6:00-8:30 at location TBD.

Bring your friends, cozy clothes and a snack to share!

Popcorn bar provided.

Sunday, March 5: En Fuego HS activity after 2nd service

Wednesday, March 8: En Fuego MS (6th – 8th), 5:45-7:15

Sunday, March 12: En Fuego HS activity after 2nd service

Wednesday, March 15: En Fuego MS (6th – 8th), 5:45-7:15

Sunday, March 19: En Fuego HS activity after 2nd service

Wednesday, March 22: En Fuego MS (6th – 8th), 5:45-7:15

Thursday, March 23-Saturday, March 25: Youth Leadership Team at NW Ministry conference

Sunday, March 26: En Fuego HS activity after 2nd service

Wednesday, March 29: En Fuego MS (6th – 8th), 5:45-7:15

Sunday, April 2: First Communion Class (3rd grade), 12:15

Sunday, April 9: *The Road to Resurrection: the Easter Event*
One Service at 9:30

Wednesday, April 5: En Fuego MS (6th – 8th), 5:45-7:15

Tuesday, April 11: [Agua Viva](#): SCAVENTER HUNT/ACTIVITIES/LUNCH, 11:00 – 4:00 at the church

Wednesday, April 12: En Fuego MS (6th – 8th), 5:45-7:15

Sunday, April 16: EASTER...Easter Egg Hunt between services!

Wednesday, April 19: En Fuego MS (6th – 8th), 5:45-7:15

Sunday, April 23: En Fuego activity HS after 2nd service

Wednesday, April 26: En Fuego MS (6th – 8th), 5:45-7:15

Saturday, April 29-Sunday, April 30: WEEKEND OF SERVICE!
Volunteer opportunities for all!

Wednesday, May 3: En Fuego MS (6th – 8th), 5:45-7:15

Sunday, May 7: En Fuego HS activity after 2nd service

Wednesday, May 10: En Fuego MS (6th – 8th), 5:45-7:15

Wednesday, May 17: En Fuego MS (6th – 8th), 5:45-7:15

Sunday, May 21: [Agua Viva](#) Pizza Party and games! 12:15-1:30

Wednesday, May 24: En Fuego MS (6th – 8th), 5:45-7:15

Sunday, May 28: En Fuego HS activity after church (one service at 9:30)



2017 Weekend of Service

“The Church has left the building!”

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Mark your calendars and set aside the weekend of April 29th and 30th, and join us as we take our light out into the community and serve those around us! More information and sign-ups to come!

The 37th Annual Hunger Walk & 5K Run

Saturday, May 20, 2017

The Hunger Walk is one of the oldest hunger fundraisers in Pierce County. There are a few changes for this year! The first one is that the event will be in May this year - not October! Also, this year they are adding a timed 5K run to the event! So you can walk through the trees, around a beautiful lake or run in the timed 5K.

More information and sign-up information will be coming. All funds raised help Emergency Food Network provide food for our neighbors in need.



Holiday Basket Follow-up!

Thanks to your compassion and generosity, we were able to help 30 families this year with our annual Holiday Basket Program! We provided food for a week at both Thanksgiving and Christmas, and gifts for each member of the family at Christmas. Our 30 families equated to 136 individuals, and of those 136 individuals, 92 were children. Thank you!!!!

A Note of Thanks!

Dear Friends at Pilgrim Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your generous gift of quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief's distribution overseas. These gifts of your hearts and hands are beautiful expressions of God's grace and love to people all around the world.

In 2016, we shipped quilts and kits to Peru, where they will be distributed in the most marginalized zones of Lima, as well as some of the most remote areas in Peru—sites to which other organizations and the government do not reach out. The distribution is expected to reach over 30,000 people, including nearly 15,000 children.

On behalf of our neighbors in villages, schools, hospitals and refugee camps around the world; I extend deepest thanks for your contribution, and pray God's richest blessings on your life and work as a community.

In Christ,
Melanie W. Gibbons, Quilt and Kit Ministry Manager



Weekend of Service





WOMEN'S




Lenten Soup Suppers

Ash Wednesday, March 1st, will begin our Lenten Soup Suppers. Join us prior to worship each Wednesday evening during Lent for a simple meal of soup, bread and fellowship. Soup supper will begin at 5:45 PM, followed by worship at 6:30.

Please consider bringing a pot of soup on Ash Wednesday, March 1st, and below is the schedule for the rest of Lent (you are always welcome to bring soup even if you are not a part of the scheduled host group):

- March 8th - Choir
- March 15th - Women's Bible Study
- March 22nd - Congregational Board
- March 29th - Staff
- April 5th - Knit, Purl, Pray and Crochet





I appreciate the visits, the greetings, and the prayers for me and for my family as I battle illness and restore my health. I am grateful for your support.

George Baker

Overflowing With Thanks

Get ready, Moms, a new group is starting just for you!

Get ready, Moms, a new group is starting just for you! Starting this fall, Jaime Knox will be leading a small group Bible/book study geared towards moms of all ages and stages. The Study will start off with [HoodWinked-10 Myths Moms Believe and Why We all Need to Knock It Off](#) by Karen Ehman and Ruth Schwenk. Whether you are the mom of a little one, tween, teen or even adult (after all, parenting doesn't end when your kids are grown, it just evolves, right?) this group is for you. Stay-at-home mom? Working mom? Work-from-home mom? It doesn't matter, this group is for ALL moms. Single? Married? Divorced? YOU are welcome here! As the Bible says, "iron sharpens iron", and so, therefore do we learn from each other. Interested? Invite your friends, invite your neighbors! Let's see where God leads us together! We know moms have a lot going on, so at this point we are looking to gauge interest, not commitment!

Contact Jaime Knox at 206-384-5777 or jaimejac@comcast.net for more information or sign up below to be added to a mailing list to receive more information as it becomes available. Dates and times are to be determined. Childcare will be provided.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March-April-May

March Birthdays

03 George Ditsworth
 03 Linda Doelle
 07 Charlotte Boyd
 07 Dave Severeid
 07 Brian Sutter
 07 Carole Whitmire
 08 Gordon Jurgensen
 10 Ellie Hobson
 11 Myrna Kucklick
 12 Abby Pfeifer
 13 Joyce Alvarez
 13 Matt Klein
 15 George Baker
 15 Darren Kawamura
 16 Rick Eastman
 16 Marianna Markham
 16 Patti Peluso
 17 Tristen Kennedy
 18 Vinny Leuzzi
 21 Betty Anderle
 22 McKenna Wilson
 22 Madison Young
 23 John Doelle
 24 Phil Mills
 25 Judy Bedard
 25 Janet Voss
 26 Bonnie Wilson
 27 Madelyn Johnson
 28 Natalia Leuzzi
 30 Kelsey Spears
 31 Mike Blumenschein

March Anniversaries

13 Bob & Ruth Cudney
 21 Mike & Tami Nelson
 29 Bob & Byrna Klavano
 31 Steve & Rachelle
 Lessard

April Birthdays

01 Ingrid Staeck
 02 Tyler Karlan
 02 Brandon Karlan
 02 Bruce Severeid
 02 Christian Staeck
 02 Nicholas Waterstraat
 06 Connor Saxe
 08 Dave Berry
 11 Matthew DeBoer
 11 Katie Westwood
 12 Debbie Myrvik
 13 Jacob Shaffer
 14 Krista Severeid
 20 Trevor Kawamura
 22 Rachel DeBoer
 23 Steve Schumacher
 24 Kate Kennedy
 24 Adam Lieu
 27 Melanie Leuzzi
 30 Jay Bates

April Anniversaries

02 Mike & Patti Peluso
 04 Jay & Krista Bates
 06 Larry & Emilie Wright
 29 Jim & Laurie Josephson

May Birthdays

01 Ron Pokrandt
 02 Everett Womack
 03 Noah Hobson
 03 Bruce Moeller
 09 Jim Russo
 10 Ian Johnson
 10 Maiya Waterstraat
 11 Laurie Lerch
 14 Annalise Strom
 17 Gabe Knox
 17 Catherine Warr
 18 Brittanie Stevens-
 Erickson
 18 Victoria Trivitt
 19 Gerry Hagen
 19 Laurie Josephson
 19 Nicholas Wilkerson
 20 Ken Larson
 22 Darlene Kerwin
 22 Julia Melchert
 26 Steve Lessard
 29 Shirley Willis
 30 Nathaniel Waterstraat

May Anniversaries

15 Roger & Pennie Stevens
 25 Steve & Tara Saxe
 26 Mike & Jean
 Blumenschein





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8:15 AM, 11:00 AM
Fifth Sundays and Summer:
9:30 AM
Sunday School for all ages:
9:45 AM
(September - May)

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Mission Statement

We are called to share the
Good News of Jesus Christ, to
live as God's servants and to
reach out to all people.

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The Way of the Cross Lenten Journey

Ash Wednesday, March 1

- Worship at 1:00 PM and 6:30 PM
- **Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion**
- Soup Supper at 5:45 PM

Sunday Mornings, March 5-April 2

"Five Encounters with Jesus"

Sermon Series

- Worship at 8:15 & 11:00 AM
- Education Hour at 9:45

Lenten Wednesdays, March 8-April 5 *"The Stations of the Cross"*

- Soup Supper at 5:45 PM
- Worship at 6:30 PM

