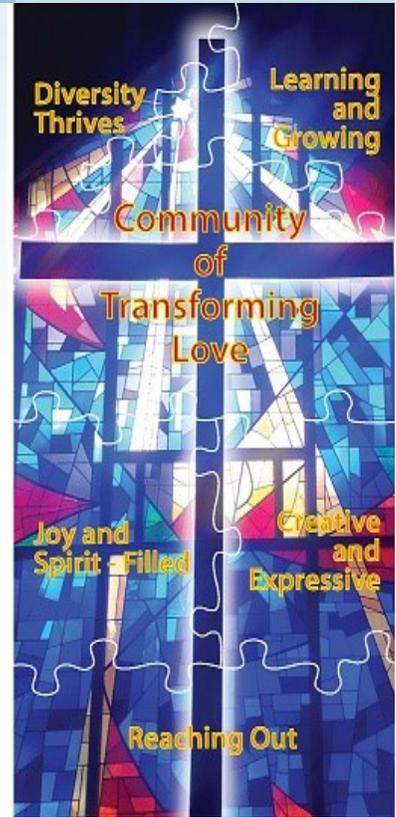




March 2019

The Pine Cone



A Word from the Pastor

On Wednesday March 6th Pine Grove will hold our annual Ash Wednesday worship service. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, which is the 40-day period (excluding Sundays, which were considered Feast Days, or celebration days, in remembering that Jesus rose from death on a Sunday) leading to Easter Sunday.

During the season of Lent, Christians have often practiced various spiritual disciplines, such as fasting, self-examination, or increased reading and reflection on God’s Word. These and other spiritual disciplines can be a means of grace by which Christians invite the Holy Spirit to bring more transformation into the believer’s life.

As we prepare for this season of Lent and its culmination in the passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, I invite you to join me in making the psalmists prayer your own, whom our Lord inspired to write these powerful words that follow in Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV)

²³ Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

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Mondays	Bible Study
Fridays	Soup Take-out
March 6	Ash Wed
March 25	Candy Making
March 28	Lifeline Screening
April 6	Work Day
April 18	Mauudy Thursday
April 19	Good Friday
April 21	Easter Sunrise

150th Celebration Dates

June 2
September 8
October 20

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March Sermon Series

March 3- Transfiguration Sunday, Luke 9:28-38

March 6- Ash Wednesday, True Fasting, Isaiah 58:1-12

March 10- Three Strikes and You're Out, Luke 4:1-13

March 17- Ready To Serve, Luke 12:35-40

March 24- What is DNA of Saving Faith? Luke 13:1-9

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We are reminded from prayers such as this, that a God-pleasing life is first and foremost about a heart and mind seeking to live for God. The reality is that when our hearts and minds are submitted to our Triune God our actions are bound to follow. This explains why Jesus was so focused on making our inner person healthy or strong. (Matthew 12:23; 23:26)

During Lent this year, I have decided to issue the 10-verse challenge. I encourage you to spend time memorizing 10 consecutive verses from anywhere in Scripture. When we do this, our hunger and love for Jesus will grow, as the Scripture moves deep within our spirit by our prayerful reading and rereading and meditating on that particularly Scripture. I am confident that God will use that memorization experience in beautiful and life-giving ways for you and others.

In Christ with you,

Pastor Tim

Thank You

I would like to thank all of you who prayed for our recent revival meetings as well as helped with services and/or the pot luck supper. I truly believe that God's Spirit was very pleased and our Triune God has strengthened each of us in our faith, hope, and love. Praise be to God for the gospel of His Son! Like Paul, may we find this gospel worth far more than gold or anything we could accomplish. For truly, He alone is worth our everything.

Pastor Tim

Notes From the Trustees...

There is a sign-up work sheet for candy on the bulletin board. All help is appreciated March 25, 30, and April 1.

A work day is being planned for April 6, rain or shine. There are many projects inside and out that need attention. More details will follow closer to the time.

A Lenten Study on Prayer is being offered for Monday evenings beginning on March 11 at 7PM. See Sue Shoff for details.

Several new issues have developed with the building. One is a leak in the roof which needs to be fixed and the roofer is charging \$225.00 (church discount). Also, there are too many light bulbs that are out in the multipurpose room. They need to be changed plus there is an issue with one of the light fixtures and the bulbs are somewhat costly. The changing of the locks at the church along with producing 20 keys was \$437.50, and there are more requests for keys. So we need to raise some funds which we are doing during Lent with Friday Night Soup Take-Outs. One flavor of soup will be advertised each week and preorders will be taken with the soup being picked up at the front door (drive thru) from 4PM to 6PM. Cost will be \$7.00 per quart, quart size only being sold. More information will be coming. Peace.

Sue Shoff

Sunday Offerings

Any undesignated Mission Giving for March will go to Life Path, as the March Mission of the month.

Birthdays: Jan Bankert 3/3, Wendy Bransom 3/12, Olivia Martin 3/15, Anna Ortman 3/16, Ryan McWilliams 3/17, Beth Martin 3/20, Charles Jennings 3/28



Deadline for article submission for the April Pine Cone is Friday, March 15.
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