



*Jesus was transfigured
before them*

MARK 9:2



+ The Transfiguration Of Our Lord +
February 10-11, 2024

AS WE GATHER

The light of Christ is no mere metaphor. Christ is our light and He shines with the brightness of the one true light. Where the world lives in the darkness of doubt, Christ brings confidence to approach the throne of grace. Where the world lives in the faded glory of our aspirations and dreams, Christ’s light of forgiveness and hope never fades. Where the world imagines a future, Christ’s light shines on a new and everlasting tomorrow. As Christ shone with His light, so do we shine with the borrowed light of our Savior that those living in darkness and in the shadow of death might be shown the way.

The pottery vessels on the altar remind us that although Holy Communion is not celebrated today, our Lord’s sacred gifts are still central to our life of faith. Holy Communion is celebrated every 1st, 3rd, and 5th weekend (and major festivals).

Liturgical Color:

White is the color of purity and is associated with festivals of Christ and his Church .

*Visitors: We are glad you have chosen to be with us today! We would especially like to follow-up with you beyond today, so please take a moment to leave your best contact information in the guest books at each entrance/exit. **A cry-room for parents and children is just off from the front entryway, and there’s a wonderful nursery downstairs at the end of the fellowship hall for you to make use of at any time.** Do you have any questions about anything here? Don’t hesitate to ask one of the ushers or elders or talk to the pastor.*

Prelude

Pastoral Welcome

(Prayer request cards will be collected by an usher during the hymn.)

Gathering Hymn “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”, #873



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa - nied by Thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Tri-umph o'er the shades of night.
 Joy-less is the day's re-turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,
 Fill me, ra-dian-cy di-vine, Scat-ter all my un-be-lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.
 Till they in-ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 More and more Thy-self dis-play, Shin-ing to the per-fect day.

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Please rise, as able.

Service of Prayer and Preaching

Opening Versicles page 260

- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- P** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C** Teach me Your paths.
- P** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C** Your Word is truth.
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Old Testament Canticle pages 261-262



C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



With joy will you draw wa - ter from the



wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."



Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the



Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has become my sal - va - tion.
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will
 be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has become my sal - va - tion.

Please be seated.

Readings

Old Testament Reading..... Exodus 34:29-35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6.....(*front of hymnal, chanted responsively*)

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and sum/mons the earth

from the rising of the sun to its / setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of / beauty,

God / shines forth.

Our God comes; he does not keep / silence;

before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty / tempest.

He calls to the heav- / ens above

and to the earth, that he may judge his / people:

“Gather to me my / faithful ones,

who made a covenant with me by / sacrifice!”

The heavens declare his / righteousness,

for God him- / self is judge!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Epistle Reading **2 Corinthians 3:12-18, 4:1-6**

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice

cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please rise, as able.

Holy Gospel Mark 9:2-9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory.....page 263

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Ten Commandments

- C** You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Response Hymn "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory" #416



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz-zling light;
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la-tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,
3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per-cep-tion With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo-ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!
Not by build-ing on the moun-tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,
And re-cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe-ter, James, and John fall si-lent, Turn - ing from the sum-mit's rise
But by fol - low - ing the Sav-ior Through the val - ley to the cross
Till we seek no oth - er glo-ry Than what lies past Cal-v'ry's hill



Down-ward toward the shad-owed val-ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
And by test - ing faith's re - sil-ience Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

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Offering

Prayers

Please rise.

Prayerspage 265

P Let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy

...

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Collect of the Day (*spoken in unison*)

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness

of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for the Wordpage 265

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Evening Prayer (Saturday)page 266

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Morning Prayer (Sunday)page 266

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Canticlepage 266

Refrain

C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.
Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing.....page 267

Sending Hymn....."Alleluia, Song of Gladness" #417

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed

can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
 All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
 Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
 With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
 time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
 ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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Dismissal

- P** Grow in Christ,
- C** Live in Love and Share the Faith!

Postlude

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Next Week's Readings

Old Testament: Genesis 22:1-18; Epistle: James 1:12-18; Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Attendance Last Saturday: 45

Total Offering: \$5,486.00

Home Use: \$5,243.00

Attendance Last Sunday: 66

Missions: \$32.00

Benevolences: \$211.00

Serving us today:

- Elders..... Jimmy Smithers (Sat), Alan Miller (Sun)
- Musicians Jerrode Marsh (Sat), Rich Vanderburgh (Sun)
- Altar Committee..... Darlene Laubenstein (Chair), Bambi Burden,
Julie Crespo, Diana Holland, Georgia Luker
- Flower Committee Penny Humphrey (Chair), Lori Sloan

This Week's Schedule

- Sunday 2:30 p.m. Country Club and Arbors Care Center Services
- Monday 9:30 a.m. Exercise Class
- 7:00 p.m. Mary Martha Guild Meeting—White Elephant
- Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Quilting

	5:30 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (until 7:00 p.m.)
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	4:00 p.m.	KinderLent
	5:30 p.m.	Soup Meal
	6:45 p.m.	Mini Dulcimer Concert by Rebecca Limback
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
	8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	11:00 a.m.	Lunch Bunch
	1:00 p.m.	Games and Cards Group
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Galatians Bible Study
Friday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Garden Workday
	11:00 a.m.	Trustees' Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Sedalia Symphony Winter Concert
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	1:00 p.m.	Youth Catechesis
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Lock-in at LSC (3-9pm)

Prayers

Prayers for Marvin Kreisel and his family on the loss of his beloved wife and their beloved mother and grandmother, Wanda ... as well as for all in the Bethlehem family who mourn this longtime member and sister in Christ. May our Risen Lord uphold all with His comforting presence and the certainty of the resurrection to life!

Prayers for Roy and Judy Schache as they faithfully serve their brothers and sisters in Christ of all ages in Papua New Guinea from now until April.

For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, are undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization and rehabilitation: Charlie Becker, Mel Bockelman, Paula Brewer, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Galen Cobb, Bob & Barbara Compton, Marion Droege, Rev. Tom Fatka (Tommy Fatka's dad), Peggy Forstad, Ana Fonseca (Willie Crespo's grandmother), Wilma Gertz, Winnie & George Goldsmith (Steve's parents), Karen Haase, Juanita Holcomb (Peggy Forstad's mother), Mary

Johnson, Lloyd McCarter, Ronnie Moody (Sheree's mother), Maryanna Savery, Rose Steitz, & Joe Zeman.

For Military Members—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families.

Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you're feeling the strain, feel free to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

Thank You

Dear brothers and sisters. What an incredible month I've had! I'm so grateful to each of you who visited, prayed, and called with your support while I've been ill and hospitalized. I have had a major breakthrough overnight in my health, and I can report increased strength, far less pain, and a 5-pound drop in fluid retention. I can actually feel my knee bones!! I am at PAM Rehabilitation hospital of Overland Park for the remaining therapy. I'm praying the Lord will bless each one of you 100-fold because of your kindness! May Christ continue to be glorified in our lives!! With joy and thanks, **Peggy Forstad**.

Weekly Worship Services

Saturday Services start at 5:30 p.m. Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. Sunday Services are live on Facebook, YouTube and the webpage at blchurch.com.

Faith Formation & Special Services

Lenten Midweek Worship Services—Gather with us in the sanctuary on Wednesdays this Lent at **7:00 p.m.** as we explore the theme *The Carpenter's Cross: Making, Building, Repairing*. We'll enter the Lenten season together with the Divine Service on Ash Wednesday (Valentine's Day) by dwelling on *Greenwood, Drywood, & Heartwood*. In the following weeks, we'll reflect together on *The Carpenter's Branch, A Carpenter's Yoke, A Carpenter's Plow, A Carpenter's Door, & A Carpenter's Stone*—all of those services being the evening prayer service of Compline. Plan to attend, and think of inviting others, too!

KinderLent will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays (starting Ash Wednesday) through the Lenten season. Rebecca would like to preview and extend an invitation to the Lenten devotion series she is planning, as a focus on children whose bedtimes line up with the 7:00 services. But all are welcome to join us! She will be using **Gayle Boss's book *Wild Hope: Stories for Lent from the Vanishing***. Pastor used her Advent book several years ago. Her Lenten book is focused on animal species who are in

trouble due to hunger, sickness, habitat loss, pollution, and hunting. Through focusing on these species' struggles, we will learn together how to make small sacrifices to protect Creation, increasing our focus on Christ's sacrifice for us.

Children & Youth

Creation School—Join us on the first Friday of each month from **10-11 am** for our faith-focused version of the trendy forest school. We'll do our best to enjoy Creation in all weather, so be sure to dress appropriately. Please invite any families with young children that you know, as the hope is to welcome all in the community into our green space.

The Third Sunday (February 18) from **3:00-9:00 p.m.** the youth will get together for some fellowship, food and fun times at the Lutheran Campus Center for a lock-in evening. Bring a friend or two.

School and Christian Education

Sunday School is at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings downstairs for ages Preschool through 12th grade. We start out with a combined opening with the adults to kick off each Sunday, then we split up at **9:20 or so.** We invite all children to come and be a part of this time growing together in Christ!

Sunday Proverbs Bible Study—*Oh, to love wisdom and live wisely!* How many times have you said and thought that? Join us for our Sunday Bible study—*Living (& Loving) Wisdom*—which explores the book of Proverbs through the lens of the Ten Commandments and Christ “the Wisdom of God” (I Cor. 1:24. Pr. Joel is drawing from David Coe's *Provoking Proverbs*. **We start at 9:15 a.m.** (in the conference room) and still have a lot of ground to cover!

Wednesday Bible Study—Join us at **10:30 a.m.** in the conference room. We're looking at the Apocrypha, from the time between the two Testaments. Come and find out what it's about!

Thursday Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.—Pastor Bertels is leading a Bible study on the book of Galatians. It meets in the conference room and is open to all who have the interest and time available. Come and join us!

Music

During Lent, the choir will meet on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. or immediately after the service. We are always looking for new members! Please contact Peggy Forstad with any questions about joining the choir.

Sedalia Symphony will present a winter concert geared towards children on **February 17, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.** (Smith Cotton Jr. High School, 312 Broadway, Sedalia). It will be really fun! The theme is all about toys. Students ages 5-12 can put their names in a bucket to get a chance to come up on stage and conduct the symphony, too! Support and encourage all that we are doing to instill the value of making and listening to music in our communities. Children are free and adults are \$10.00. Tickets can be purchased at sedaliasymphonyorchestra.com.

Opportunities to Serve

The Food Center is celebrating The Super Bowl. Donations of soup or money to buy soup will be appreciated. At your Super Bowl party maybe you ask each attendee to donate? They also need volunteers in **March on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00-3:30 p.m.** Please contact The Food Center if you can help.

Bulletin Board—A section of the bulletin board at the North entrance has been dedicated to our congregation members who are home-bound and in nursing homes. Please check it out to see how you can reach out to those who can no longer come to services regularly. Send a card or leave one in the pocket on the board to be delivered during a visit. If you have a picture of a loved one you can share, please send it to Rebecca to have it posted!

Want to be on the Bethlehem Woods Trail Crew? Yes, we have our own nature trail at the back end of our property! Two of the bridges are in need of some major attention, so if you'd like to help with that and some of the other occasional maintenance back there, please contact Ron Rode (660.238.1557) and he'll let you know when the work is ready to start. Thanks!

Think Spring and Another Garden Growing Season! In order to get our community gardens in readiness for spring planting, plus, make needed improvements and gear-up for an outreach event in April, we'll be having work mornings on Saturday, **February 17th and 24th from 10-noon.** Think about joining us for this good, cooperative time together ... and put the **2nd Saturdays of March (9th & 23rd)** on your calendar, as well!

Fellowship

Mary Martha Guild will meet on Monday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. We will have a Bible devotion by Karon Harding followed by the "famous" (or "infamous") White Elephant gift exchange. Please come with a gift (something you have around the house which you would like to re-gift) and join in the fun! The MMG yearbooks are in the church mailboxes for all the Guild members. Be sure to pick yours up so you can read about the upcoming programs and committee appointments.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. Since this was such a hit last year, we will be having the Pancake Supper again on Tuesday, **February 13 starting at 5:30 p.m.** The Men's Club will be cooking and flipping pancakes that you will be able to enjoy with all different kinds of toppings. (This is a tradition that goes back to the medieval era for the day before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent.)

Begin your Lenten journey on **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14** with an evening of food and fellowship, special music and worship. A soup supper and fellowship will begin at 5:30 followed by a **Pre-Service mini-concert of Lenten dulcimer music presented by Becky Limback.** The Ash Wednesday service will then start at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for this special evening as we begin this Lent season with renewed emphasis on prayer, fasting, and giving to the needy—flowing from Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount (see Matthew 6:1-21).

Weekly Meals—To increase intergenerational fellowship, we plan to have a meal at **5:30 p.m. each Wednesday of Lent**, immediately following KinderLent. This is open to anyone that doesn't want to cook before the Lenten service. The menu will include soup, sandwiches, spaghetti, tacos, pizza & breakfast for dinner, along with some sides and desserts. Rebecca will be calling on different committees to help serve meals. We plan to cover the cost of meals with an Action Team and will take care of most of the preparation; we just need a few volunteer servers.

Lunch Bunch will meet on **Thursday, February 15 at 11:00 a.m.** Bring your lunch and dessert will be provided.

Crafternoon—**On the fourth Friday from 3-5 pm**, let's get together to craft! A project and supplies will be waiting for you in the fellowship hall. We'll make seasonal crafts and cards that can be shared with others and conspire to deliver them with good cheer and a visit.

Exercise Class happens at **9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** in the Fellowship Hall. This class is low impact exercise open to anyone, men or women.

The Games and Card Group meets on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room downstairs. Everyone is welcome to come to this fellowship time.

The Quilting Group meets on the **second and fourth Tuesday** of the month from **9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.** (September through May). Anyone is welcome to help with this project. No special sewing skills are needed. Bring your own lunch or go out and grab something. If you have any questions, please contact Georgia Luker.

This and That

The Johnson County Resource Center happens every **Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in the basement of First Presbyterian Church (206 N. College)—

providing breakfast, a hot lunch, and a place to hang out. Housing assistance and case management are provided, as well as Medicaid signup. **Katy Trail's Mobile Medical Unit will be resuming its services in April!**

Ongoing thanks to those who generously give to the Bethlehem Emergency Fund, which enables Pr. Joel to assist members and certain people in the community who are in crisis situations. Much appreciation for your good support in shining the light of Christ! If you'd ever like to hear some of the stories of how these funds have been used, just ask Pr. Joel.

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Lent 2024

The Carpenter's Cross: Making, Building, Repairing

KinderLent 4:00 p.m. (children 10 and under)

Meal served at 5:30 p.m.

Midweek Lenten Services begin at 7:00 p.m.

February 14-Ash Wednesday Soups and Chili	Greenwood, Drywood, & Heartwood
February 21 Sandwiches	The Carpenter Branch
February 28 Spaghetti	A Carpenter's Yoke
March 6 Tacos	A Carpenter's Plow
March 13 Pizza	A Carpenter's Door
March 20 Breakfast for dinner	A Carpenter's Stone

Lenten Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries and Society of St. Andrew are located at each entrance.

If you need a large print copy of the LHM please let the office know.

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Our Mission

· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

Our Vision

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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