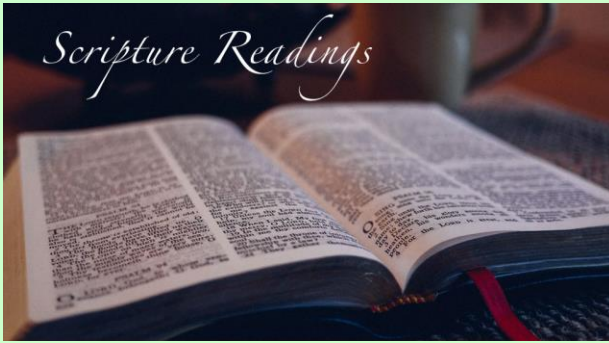


Crosstalk

March 2021



March 7

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

March 14

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 21

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

March 28 (Palm Sunday)

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1—15:47 or
Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]

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"What then shall we say about these things?" -

Romans 8:31. These are the beginning words of a scripture reading that I have read many, many times. The apostle Paul wrote these words of encouragement to the church in Rome a very long time ago. The church in Rome, was going through some tough times. They were struggling with

persecutions on several fronts. They were dealing with infighting between Jewish and Gentile members about all sorts of things. But Paul writes to tell them some good news. "...that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"- Romans 8:39.

Paul's words still ring true for us today. March is a unique month in our church year. From what I can tell, March is the only month in which we are in one "season" for the entire month that is not labeled "ordinary time". Lent started in February, and will not end until Good Friday, April 2nd. So, we have the whole month to participate in our Lenten journey. A whole month to remember the many ways that we, through our thoughts, words, or deeds, done our undone, have turned ourselves away from God. Add to that a year's worth of pandemic and March starts to look pretty long. But know that nothing separates us from the gift that is Jesus and the joy of his resurrection that we celebrate at this Lenten season.

Part of my Lenten journey this year has been digging into our daily devotional, "A Story to Tell." This has been a great spiritual practice for me, as well as allowing me to expand my video recording and editing skills. So far it has been a much-needed dive into the book of Mark again. I am inspired by the urgency in which Mark writes. With all the action going on in Mark it you get the sense that NOW is the time to act.

Even during this time of the pandemic, there is much work going on here at the church. The Evangelism and Stewardship team is hard at work reading a book titled, "Ask, Thank, Tell" that will help guide our evangelism and stewardship efforts for years to come. The Youth and Education teams are working together to keep our young people engaged during this "red" time. They are also making plans for when we are able to return to in person worship that include Jr. Church, Adult Sunday School, and possibly small group formation.

I really cannot wait to see you all back here in the building. I am excited to see where the spirit leads us. I am sure wherever we are lead we will be changing the world.

God's Peace,
Pastor Barry



1 – Denise Orwick
 3 – Maci Craig
 4 – Stacy Clark
 5 – Jessica Stansbery
 6 – Ellie Swinehart
 8 – Emilia Craig
 14 – Chad Baker
 14 – Russ Lee
 18 – Bert Dible
 20 – Jeff Clark
 24 – Teresa Shaffer
 24 – Betty Stein *Happy 98th!!!*
 27 – Connie Wall
 28 – Joe Stansbery
 30 – Vernon Koehler *Happy 90th!!!*
 30 – Rhett Mullholand
 30 – Robin Swihart
 31 – Jacob Swinehart



10 – Jim & Dorothy Leslie
 14 – Scott & Salesa Ogg
 20 – Dave & Janis Eippert
 25 – Tom & Vicky Utle



**We are collecting DEODERANT for the
 Christian Food Center this month.
 Place your donations on the table
 in the vestibule.
 Thanks for your help!**



We're collecting...



**Please drop off in
 the vestibule at
 the back of the
 church.**

SPAGHETTI *Dinner*

Support WyandotCARES while enjoying spaghetti
(meatless sauce available), salad and garlic bread!

April 16, 2021
4:30—7:00 p.m.

Where: Trinity Evangelical Church (west entrance)

108 Malabar Dr., Upper Sandusky, OH

What: Salad, Spaghetti, Garlic Bread

Suggested Donation: Adults—\$6.00

Ages 6 and Under—\$3.00

A fundraiser to benefit
WyandotCARES, a released time
Bible education program offering
classes to students from elementary
through high school age in Wyandot
County. More information about the
program will be available at the
Spaghetti Dinner or visit us online:





March's Mission Outreach dollars will go to the
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

For 80 years, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) has offered welcome and hope to more than half a million refugees. Since 1939, LIRS has transformed lives, with the support of people like you, to welcome the most vulnerable to the United States—from sea to shining sea. Together we have supported, equipped, and empowered these new Americans, while advocating for policy that protects all of God's children.

Please mark your offering envelopes accordingly.



**DAYLIGHT-
SAVING
TIME
BEGINS**

ON MARCH 14



Women's Lenten Luncheons

The format for the 49th annual luncheon is changed this year. There will be no in person lunches and talks in 2021 because of the pandemic. Instead, all of the talks will be over our local Christian radio station New Vision FM 90.1. The talks will be broadcast each Wednesday from February 10 – March 31 between 12-12:30pm. The schedule is as follows:

March 10 – Pastor Barry Halter (St. Paul Lutheran)
March 17 – Jenny Bacon Miller (First Presbyterian)
March 24 – Dianntha Lessig (Church of the Nazarene)
March 31 – Karin Donohoo (Apostolic Gospel Church)

In addition to the talks, there will be special music provided by Pastor Eric Anderson and company from our local Church of the Nazarene.

The Good Lord willing, we will again be meeting in person to enjoy good food and fellowship in 2022, our 50th year!

Holy Week Schedule (provided we are back to in person)

Maundy Thursday worship – 8pm

Good Friday worship – 8pm

Easter Vigil worship – 8pm

Easter Sunrise Service – 7am

Easter Day worship – 10am

PRAY that our county moves to orange and we are able to resume in person worship!