

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020



COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READINGS

Genesis 3:1-21; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: "The Wine Sign" is the lesson for this week. While Jesus and His mother are guests at a wedding in Cana, Mary asks Him to assist the wedding hosts, who have run out of wine. In Jesus' first recorded miracle, He changes a large volume of plain water into wine that is superior to what has already been served. Those who witnessed this miracle marvel at what He has done. Discuss, "What wonders does God still work through His people?"

TODAY IN THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Join us for a presentation by LMSNW as they present their current missions.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S NIGHT OUT: The next Men's Night Out will be held on Monday, March 2nd at 6:00 pm at Elliott Bay Public House and Brewery, located at 12537 Lake City Way NE. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206-363-5654.

LENTEN DINNERS: Lenten Dinners before the Lenten service have become a tradition, and this year is no exception. We will need volunteers to make this happen, and it may be something you would be interested to help doing. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the hallway bulletin board. Shifts are 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm, 5:30 pm - 6:30

pm, and 6:30 pm until cleanup is completed with some possible needed after service. If you have questions, please contact Sharon Christiansen. Thank you in advance for volunteering.

MEAL TRAIN FOR RYAN AND DANIELLE SMITH: What is a meal train? There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends give a meal, this is a Meal Train. Mealtrain.com is a free meal calendar tool that makes planning meals among a wide group easy and less stressful. <https://mealtrain.com/w36y80>

THIS MONTH'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SCHEDULE: Below are the details for this year's Lenten series.

- ✚ March 4th, 7:00 PM - "Great Trees of Mamre near the Machpelah"
Readings: Psalm 96; Genesis 18:1-33; 23:1-20
- ✚ March 11th, 7:00 PM - "Oak at Ophrah" Readings: Psalm 78; Judges 6:1-40; Matthew 12:38-42
- ✚ March 18th, 7:00 PM - "Jesse's Tree"
Readings: Psalm 80:8-19; Isaiah 6:1-13; 10:33- 11:16
- ✚ March 25th, 7:00 PM - "Tree of the Lord's Planting" Readings: Psalm 104:10-18; Ezekiel 17:1-24; Mark 4:30-32
- ✚ April 1st, 7:00 PM - "Good Trees Bearing Good Fruit, Bad Trees Bearing Bad Fruit" Readings: Psalm 148; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Matthew 7:15-20

LADIES' GUILD MEETING: Ladies' Guild will be meeting March 11th at 10:00 am. Coffee, tea and a sweet roll will be served. Please remember to bring your "Mites for Missions" money. All women of Messiah are cordially invited to attend!

LADIES' NIGHT OUT: The March meeting of Ladies Night Out will be at Spiro's Pizza and Pasta, located at 18411 Aurora Ave N, at 6:00 pm on March 16th. Please RSVP to Bev Edmon, bevedmon@gmail.com or text (425) 773-3711. We hope you can join us.

ANNUAL AUCTION MARCH 28TH: Roaring 20's! Save the date and gather your 1920's attire to join us for our annual auction on Saturday, March 28th! Our goal is to raise \$85,000 and break attendance records! If you are interested in being a table host to gather 8 people for a table or

have ideas of items you could donate (vacation home, nice wine, themed basket, a service), please email clsauction@concordiaseattle.com.

CONCORDIA AUCTION MARCH 28TH! Have you been thinking about buying tickets to the Concordia Auction March 28th but you think it would be more enjoyable to sit with a few fun friends? We would like to host 1 or 2 tables of 8 from Messiah. Interested? Contact Cheryl Kohring 206-617-4720 or Robin Danforth 206-276-2662. Thanks!!

CALL FOR EASTER VOLUNTEERS! On Easter Sunday, we will be holding a Pancake Breakfast in part of our celebration of our risen King but we need your help! We need volunteers to help with: set up, clean up, and bringing additional side dishes or fresh fruit. Have a favorite brunch side dish? Come share it with Messiah! Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Narthex.

CONCORDIA LIBRARY PROJECT: Hello! My name is Cameron Petro. For my high school graduation project I am restoring the Concordia school library. If you are interested in helping support this project there are two ways; Simply sending a donation of an amount of your choice to Concordia Lutheran School. OR if you are a thrivent member, you can take advantage of a grant your given a year to put towards the library. If you are interested in using your thrivent grant, please email me @nhhspectro@gmail.com for more information about the project. Thank You.

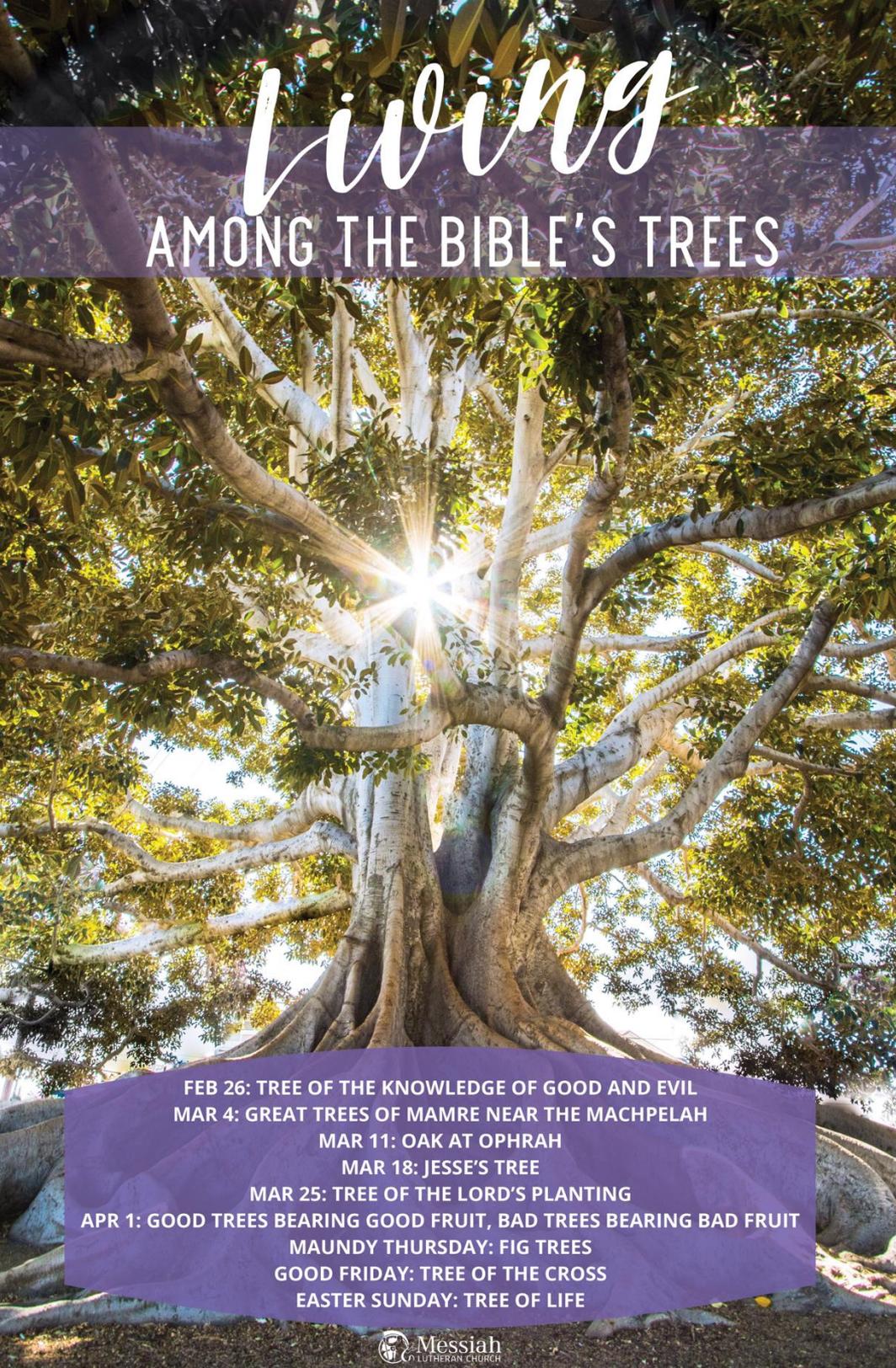
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED: Here at Messiah, we are thankful for the passionate and dedicated Sunday School teachers that provide weekly Christian education for our young members. But sometimes those teachers have other commitments that pull them away from their post for a Sunday here and there. The Sunday School is seeking a couple members who would be willing to support the regular teachers in a substitute role. Interested members would be welcome to attend some classes led by regular teachers in order to increase comfort level for teaching a class, and any additional resources or training would also be provided as needed. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Sunday School Superintendent Lisa Lindstrom in person on Sundays, or by email: lisa.lindstrom78@gmail.com.

PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: We are collecting the following items for Personal Care Kits for LWR:

- Light-weight bath-size towels (20-27" wide and 40-52" long), dark color recommended
- Adult-size toothbrushes
- Metal nail clippers
- Bath-size bars of soap (4-5 oz.) in original wrapping

Please see the flyer on the wooden table in the narthex. Items may be placed on the table **before the end of March**. Thank you for your donations!

SANCTIFYING YOUR VOCATIONS WITH THE WORD OF GOD...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: "Peace" in the Bible, Polygamy in the Old Testament, Gaps in the Genesis Genealogies, The Religious Nones and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.



Living

AMONG THE BIBLE'S TREES

FEB 26: TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL
MAR 4: GREAT TREES OF MAMRE NEAR THE MACHPELAH

MAR 11: OAK AT OPHRAH

MAR 18: JESSE'S TREE

MAR 25: TREE OF THE LORD'S PLANTING

APR 1: GOOD TREES BEARING GOOD FRUIT, BAD TREES BEARING BAD FRUIT

MAUNDY THURSDAY: FIG TREES

GOOD FRIDAY: TREE OF THE CROSS

EASTER SUNDAY: TREE OF LIFE

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is Ash Wednesday all about?

You may see something strange happening in church on Ash Wednesday.

You'll see your family and friends go forward to receive the sign of the cross on their foreheads. The strange part about all of this is that it will be done with the ashes from last year's Palm Sunday palm branches.



Why do we do this?

Usually when someone gets dirty they know they need water to get clean. The ashes that are put on our foreheads remind us that in sin we are dirty and need to be cleaned. It also helps us to remember the first time the sign of the cross was made on us at our Baptism. In the waters of Baptism, we are cleaned and the dirt of sin is washed away. Ash Wednesday helps to remind us of this.



Parents: At home after the service, when your children are washing the ashes off, remind them once again that we are washed clean of sin at our Baptism. Jesus did all of this for us through His death on the cross which we prepare for during Lent. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of this time of preparation.

