

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020



COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READINGS

Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-26

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: "A Weather Wonder" is the theme for this week's lesson. With the simple command, "Peace! Be still!" (Mark 4:39), Jesus proclaims His power over a storm strong enough to shake even experienced fishermen. With the disciples, we must ask, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?" (v. 41). How can your family respond to this question?

APRIL MESSENGER: Our newsletter deadline is tomorrow, Monday, March 16th at noon. Thanks!

SUSPENSION OF MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES: The following groups/activities have been suspended through at least April 1st. The resumption of each. The resumption of classes will be shared both online (Email/Church website/Facebook Page and mailed letter).

- Mid-Week Bible Classes
- Lenten Soup Supper (Lenten Services will still occur as scheduled @ 7:00pm)
- Ladies Guild Meeting
- Spring Cleanup Day
- Music Programs (Choir/Ensemble/Bell Choir)

For additional follow-ups, please reach out to your respective group lead for further details questions.

CONCORDIA ANNUAL AUCTION MARCH 28TH: This activity has been postponed till a future date.

CALL FOR EASTER VOLUNTEERS! The Pancake Breakfast in part of our celebration of our risen King is still scheduled to occur and 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.

NEXT SUNDAY IS MITE BOX SUNDAY: Help support LWML Missions by bringing in your Mite Box. Extra boxes are available on the upper bulletin board.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

✠ 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' NIGHT OUT: The March meeting of Ladies Night Out has been cancelled.

THIS MONTH'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

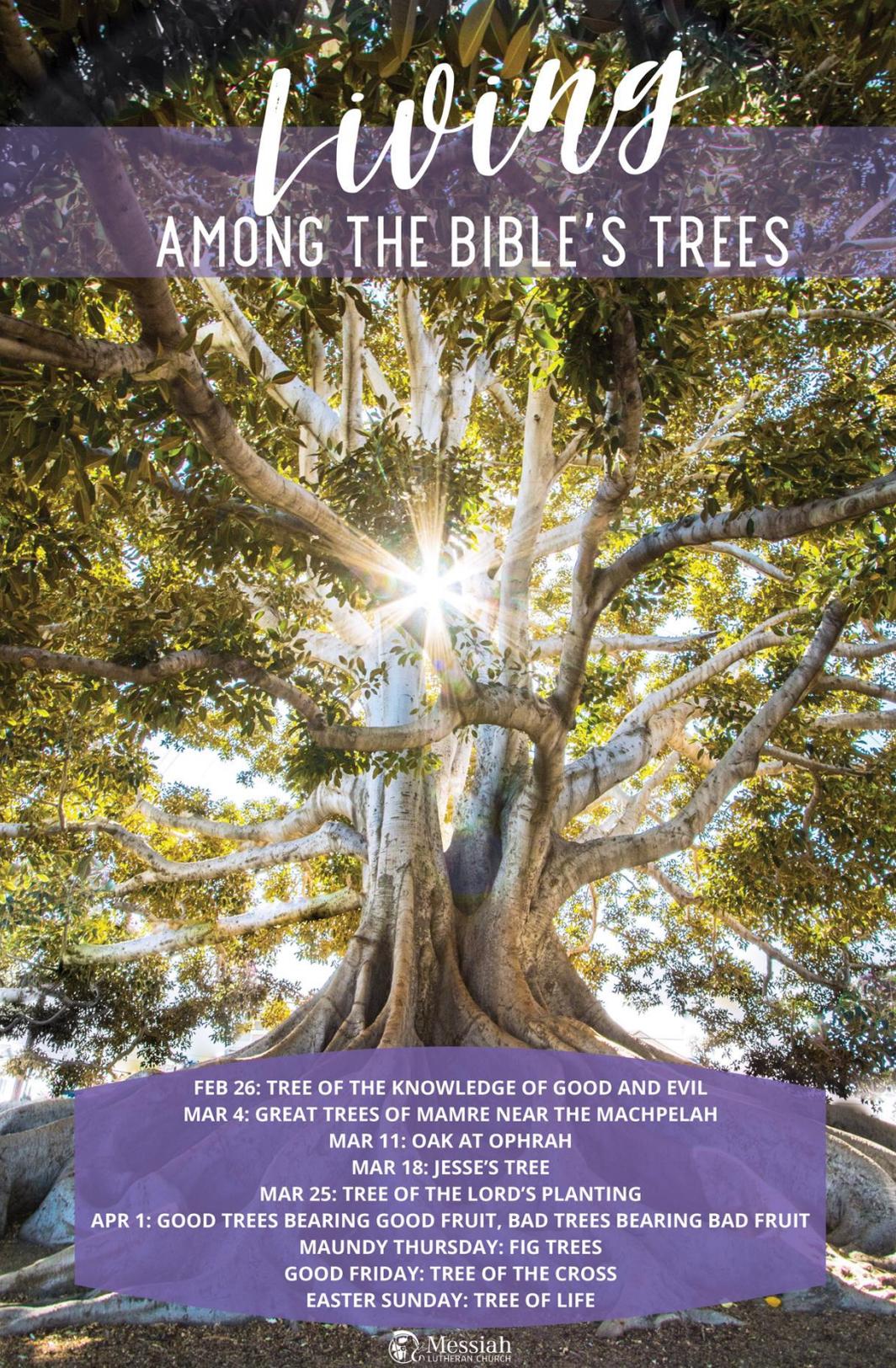
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED: Here at Messiah, we are thankful for the passionate and dedicated Sunday School teachers that provide weekly Christian education for our young members. But sometimes those teachers have other commitments that pull them away from their post for a Sunday here and 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 continue to collect the following items. **Items may be placed on the wooden table in the narthex by Sunday, March 29th:**

- 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

Thank you for your donations!



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



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Why do we celebrate Lent for 40 days?

Don't forget what Lent is all about! It is a time when we are reminded of what Jesus gave up for us, and a time when we look forward to and prepare for His death and resurrection!



We celebrate Lent for six weeks, or 40 days, as we remember Christ's temptation in the wilderness in the Gospel of Matthew. There **Jesus was without food** for 40 days.



We remember the temptation of **the Israelites in the desert** after the Lord had delivered them from Egypt. This lasted 40 years.



Finally, we can remember the story of **Noah and his family**. After 40 days and 40 nights of rain, the Lord delivered them as He promised.

During these 40 days of Lent, we remember God's faithfulness to His people and how His faithfulness is complete in Jesus, our Savior. Jesus remains faithful to us, always being where He promises to be: in His Word and Sacraments. Wow! What a Savior!



Parents: Continue to encourage your children in their Lenten preparation. During worship, point out the places where our Lord comes to us (i.e. God's Word, Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, Absolution). Remember, being their example and companion on this Lenten journey makes a difference!

