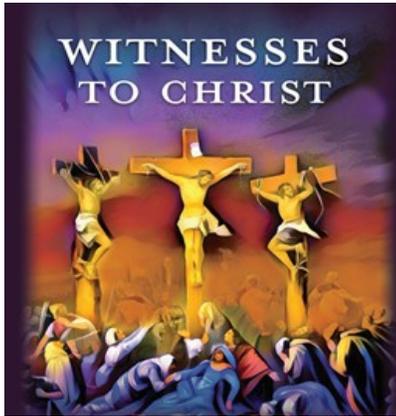


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Embraced by God through Jesus Christ our Lord, we share this gospel of hope and healing



Witnesses to Christ: People from His Passion

“Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:30–31)

People sometimes ask me, “If I am going to really start focusing in and learning a section of the Bible what is a good starting point?” Others ask me, “What is a good place for a new Christian or someone just starting to explore Christianity to begin?” My answer is often remarkably the same. Start with the book of John. In John Chapter 20, John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: Life! When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, God gives us life—abundant life, forgiven life, and eternal life.

Historically, the Fourth Gospel is likened to an eagle—an image that suggests that John soars to heights of glory and grandeur. That’s because the evangelist paints a stunning portrait of Jesus, who is the bread of life, the resurrection and the life, and the way, the truth, and the life. Life in Jesus. That’s God’s gift to you! That’s also a gift the world desperately needs, and which all of us need to be prepared to share.

During **Wednesday Night Worship** during Lent this year, our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those in John’s Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Along the way, we’ll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate, as well as sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus *three* times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by *seven* demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for *thirty* pieces of silver).

Our dive into John won’t just stop with the countless witnesses, who either did or did not understand what they were seeing. During **Sunday Morning Bible Study**, we will also look at *The Seven Signs of Jesus*, which John keyed in on throughout his Gospel. These seven signs performed by Christ will take us on a journey beginning with a wedding feast in Cana and ending with the resurrection of Lazarus. Throughout this trip, we will see the incredible events of water turned into wine, a sick boy restored, a lame man brought to his feet, thousands fed, a storm silenced, a blind man gaining sight, and a dead man coming forth from his tomb.

It is my prayer that through this Sunday Morning Bible study, along with our Wednesday Night Series and the theme for our **Sunday Morning Worship**, God will reveal to us what it means that He is indeed, *Holy, Holy, Holy*, and that through this revelation God will also help us to grow in our relationship to Him and the life we have in His name.

*If you are unable to attend the **Worship services** mentioned above, just a reminder that they will also be available online, during and following each service.*

*You can also request a copy of our **Sunday Bible Study** or additional **Lent devotional material**, by contacting the church office at office@faithmemorial.net.*

In Christ,

Pastor Eric Schoech

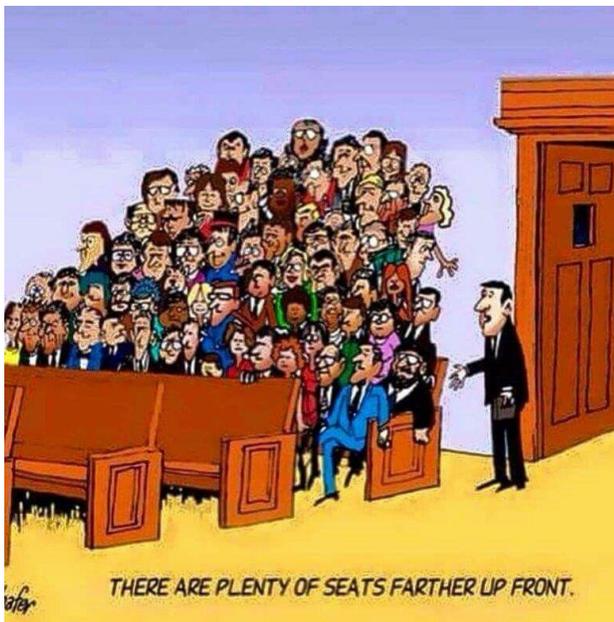
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<i>Bill Schoech</i>	<i>March 14</i>
<i>Michelle Grossnickle</i>	<i>March 20</i>
<i>Joy Martinsen</i>	<i>March 20</i>
<i>Laura Allwardt</i>	<i>March 21</i>
<i>Lisa Montania</i>	<i>March 24</i>
<i>Carolyn Klodzen</i>	<i>March 24</i>
<i>Dora West</i>	<i>March 25</i>
<i>Kathy Lund</i>	<i>March 26</i>
<i>Daisy Fryman</i>	<i>March 28</i>
<i>Cora Grossnickle</i>	<i>March 29</i>

Happy birthday to everyone celebrating in March!

If we have left anyone out please call the office at (219) 462-7684 or email of-fice@faithmemorial.net.



THANK YOU FROM SEWING SEEDS OF LOVE!

The sewing group would like to thank the congregation for their continued support of our Christmas sale.

We made over \$400. This will pay for shipping of items made for missions and will also buy supplies like batting and material.

Be sure to watch for more info on a summer sewing class. We would love to have you join us!



Sewing Seeds of Love meets here at church on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 9:00am in the sewing room downstairs. Everyone is welcome.

LENTEN SUPPERS

All are invited to join us for soup suppers prior to Lenten evening services, beginning the week after Ash Wednesday. A main dish, drinks and tableware will be provided by small groups. Please bring a side or dessert if you can. If not, just bring your appetite, as we always have enough for everyone. The supper will begin at 6:15 downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, followed by Evening Prayer at 7:00 (in the sanctuary). Please join us and invite your family and friends.



THOUGHTS FROM THE DEACONESS

Let Them Go

The scene is the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus has finished his prayers and he wakes the sleeping disciples. Judas and soldiers arrive to arrest Jesus. But in the middle of the chaos, Jesus still has one concern – his disciples. “I’m the one you want, so leave my disciples alone. Let them go their way. They are mine.”

As soon as dangers are about to overtake us, Jesus intervenes. “Let my people alone. They are mine.” How many times has Jesus protected us? We won’t know until we enter heaven.

Day and night, at home and elsewhere, Jesus’ love and power has shielded us against harm. Even when death comes and we walk through the *valley of the shadow of death*, Jesus will tell the devil that he can’t have us. We belong to Jesus and our true home is in heaven.

Especially in the spiritual realm do these words of Jesus find their fullest application. Every time the devil seeks to accuse us, “You are marked by sin – you have broken God’s will – there is no pardon or peace for you.”, Jesus calls to the devil, “They are mine. You can’t have them.”

When we are overwhelmed with troubles and sins, we can run to Jesus. We are wrapped by his loving arms. We hear his gentle voice, “The devil, the world, and even death cannot take you from me. You are mine.”

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Compass International Family Center is a non-profit organization located in Valparaiso that has been serving our local immigrant and refugee community for the last decade with free educational and social services.

Compass is in need of volunteers at their evening programming for Northwest Indiana immigrant and refugee families. Compass is an education-based organization that is driven by the love that God first extended to us and a desire to love our neighbor as ourselves. They offer free adult English, Citizenship and Pre-school classes, K-12 tutoring, childcare and more. As a program that serves whole families, there is an opportunity for your whole family to be involved as well. Volunteers should visit-

www.compassifc.org/volunteer/join-us/

to fill out a Volunteer Application. Educational Programming takes place on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm at Calvary Church in Valparaiso (1325 Evans Ave.) For more information please visit compassifc.org/volunteer or email the Program Director, Alyssa Long at along@compassifc.org.



LENT 2022

**Ash Wednesday, March 2,
7:00pm- Holy Communion**

**(5) Sundays in Lent: March 6,
13, 20, 27, April 3. 9:00am**

**(5) Wednesdays in Lent:
March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6.
7:00pm - Evening Prayer**

HOLY WEEK 2022

**Sunday of the Passion: April
10, 9:00am—Holy Communion**

**Maundy Thursday: April 14,
7:00pm- Holy Communion**

**Good Friday, April 15, 3:00
Liturgy of the Cross/ 7:00pm
Tenebrae**

**The Resurrection of Our Lord,
April 17, 8:00 & 10:45am Holy
Communion**



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Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:20

Ash Wednesday is March 2

FAITH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 7:00pm Holy Communion
The First Sunday in Lent, March 6, 9:00am Holy Communion
The First Wednesday in Lent, March 9, 7:00pm Evening Prayer
The Second Sunday in Lent, March 13, 9:00am Non-Communion Service
The Second Wednesday in Lent, March 16, 7:00pm Evening Prayer
The Third Sunday in Lent, March 20 9:00am Holy Communion
The Third Wednesday in Lent, March 23, 7:00pm Evening Prayer
The Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 27, 9:00am Non-Communion Service
The Fourth Wednesday in Lent, March 30, 7:00pm Evening Prayer
The Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 3, 9:00am Holy Communion
The Fifth Wednesday in Lent, April 6, 7:00pm Evening Prayer
The Sunday of the Passion, April 10, 9:00am Holy Communion
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