

The R E A C H O U T

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Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!

Ash Wednesday again! From dust, you came and to dust you shall return. I cannot believe we are here again at this place of searching the truth in our life! Each one of us looks to find that one thing we can give up for Lent this year. Like searching for the right gift to give to God during these forty days of Lent. We want the gift to be just right so God will see it and feel honored. That God might see this gift this year and may it be acceptable in God's sight. Right? That is what we want right? The right gift to make God happy with us. Where do we get all this information? From dust, you came to dust you shall return. This does not make me think about anything except how precious life is for us. That our very lives are a gift from God, for it was God's own breath that gave us life. This, to me, prompts the question. Why? Why did God give me life? If God gave me life and if life is so precious for me then it must be for you too. Your life and my life are precious gifts. We have been given a life to support and the ability to gift others with life. To take care and lift each other to the best life we can live to show or to live our appreciation for the gift that has been given to each of us. Right?

This Lenten season I have asked you the people of Good Hope in working through the scriptures of

Matthew these past Sundays. To dig deeper in your life. We acknowledge that God has been gracious to us and has given God's only begotten Son to die for our sins and claim us adopted children of God. When Christ was raised from the dead He gave us an advocate the Holy Spirit to live in and through us. We have been asked by God to be a light to the world. A light in the darkness. We have been given this light and love through God who loves us so much and wants us to share that love so others might know the He who has saved us. That others might know our God who has claimed us as God's beloved children. Now we are gifted to shine so others might see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven. Yet each of us admits to being sinners. We go as far in the Lutheran Church to admit we are saints and sinners at the same time. So, what keeps us from shining the light of Christ to those around us? What causes us to become tarnished or darkened? What keep us from believing we are children of God?

I ask you to look deep into your life and give up those things in your life that cause you not to feel that love and

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YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

March 24

forgiveness that God has given to you through Jesus Christ our Lord. I ask you to seek the Lord in study of the word to find the truth that we are children of God. That we have been set free not by works but by the grace and Love of God to be witnesses to that grace for those around us. To show our neighbors that God is Love. We are to acknowledge that all people are our neighbors therefore deserve to see and feel the forgiveness we ourselves have been given and receive from God through Jesus Christ. By Christ encouragement we are even to love our enemies. What keeps you from shining that light of Christ in this world? Take time to be in the Word this Lenten season, but do that with others. Get together and do a devotion.

This year we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of Lutheranism. Maybe you get together with friends and study Luther's Small Catechism. Spend time in prayer! Time in silent contemplation. Take time to serve. Maybe you could read and do devotions with those in a nursing home. Maybe you could spend time walking and listening to Christian music. Maybe you give up something that hurts you. Do Something different than any other season of Lent.

May you feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as you walk in the desert of Lent 2017.

God Bless you

Rev Ralph Edwards

**Our steps are slow,
Our breathing ragged,
Our burdens heavy.
This walk to the cross,
It is not easy,
Yet Christ walked it for us.
For the joy
that was set before him,
He despised the shame,
He bore our blame,
And shared our pain,
Now let us build on the rock,
That is Christ.
Let us walk the way of the cross
together,
Moving forward without fear,
Into God's eternal purposes.
For Christ himself is with us,
every step of the way.
Let us trust in God alone,
And find the joy that Christ did,
Obedience to our loving God.**

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Youth & Family

Hello All! Lent is here again! As we move forward as one family in church, I urge you to take some time with family. With everyone's busy life in today's society it's hard to find the time to sit back and really enjoy family. This Lenten season I urge you to do some family devotions. Take your time to read the small catechism, but do it together. This is a wonderful way to strengthen both your family bonds and your faith! Spending time together is a wonderful way to honor God and all he has done for us! Love one another and cherish one another. Doing that we can all learn something about each other and about God's message!

God Bless,

Nathan Edwards

Dorcas Circle ~ Hannah Circle



MONTHLY MEETINGS

HANNAH CIRCLE: Second Tuesday at 11:00 AM
DORCAS CIRCLE: Second Wednesday at 10:30 AM

PURPOSE:

As a community of women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle members will meet March 14th at noon at Belleria in Boardman to eat lunch. Following lunch we will go to Shepard of the Valley on Western Reserve road to assist the residents in playing Bingo.

We are planning our annual cookie project for the Rescue Mission. All Kinds of cookies and goods, such as brownies, are acceptable. I'm calling all bakers of Good Hope to please bake for this worthwhile cause. We will gather the cookies on April 2nd. Please bring them to the church in plastic bags or containers so the Mission can freeze them to use when needed.

Please continues to save foil and aluminum cans for Hannah Circle.

Thank you

DORCUS CIRCLE NEWS

We will be cancelling our meeting for the months of December, January, February.

A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP!

Wow! Spring Cleaning time is approaching fast.

SRCCC's needs your help. Cleaning supplies must be purchased for their clients.

As you purchase your cleaners, etc. please remember those less fortunate and pick up a couple of cleaning products: mops, sponges, cleaning solutions. If you use it, they can use it too! Thank you for helping us help others!

-The Stewardship Committee

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
Mar 5th	First Sunday In Lent	Purple	Genesis 2:15-75;3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Mathew 4:1-11	Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.
Mar 12th	Second Sunday in Lent	Purple	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5,13-17 John 3:1-17	During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as daughters and sons of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.
Mar 19th	Third Sunday in Lent	Purple	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.
Mar 26th	Fourth Sunday in Lent	Purple	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. I was blind, but now I see, declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved sons and daughters. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.
April 2nd	5th Sunday In Lent	Purple	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome new sisters and brothers at the baptismal font, as we renew our baptismal promises.

Serving in God's House

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE	March 5th 1st Sunday In Lent	March 12th 2nd Sunday In Lent	March 19th 3rd Sunday in Lent	March 26th 4th Sunday In Lent	April 2nd 5th Sunday In Lent
Altar Guild	Jacki Mackowski	Art & Barb Gray	Alice Haller	Amber Powell	Kathy Kramer
Acolyte/ Crucifer 8:00am	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10:30 am	Tyler Haskin	Zachary Braham	Jacob Braham	Tyler Haskin	Zachary Braham
Communion Assistant	Kathy Kramer	Robin Marino	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer	Robin Marino
Lector 8:00 am	Nancy Crouse	Jane Peachey	Jane Peachey	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo
10:30 am	Andy Tesyk	Ed Peachey	Lee Panneton	Loetta Haller	Pam Nock
Liturgy	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer	Jane Peachey	Pam Nock	Sandy Kuntz
Ushers 10:30 am	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider
Fellowship After 10:30 am Service	Kathy Kramer	Beth & Tim Lower	Andy Tesyk	Jean Saurwein	Sandy Kuntz
Chrema Head counter in bold print	Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Jim Frost	Jeff Hum Donna Haller Ruth McMurray	Pam Nock John Nock Loetta Haller	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Sarah Deiger	Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Jim Frost
8:00 am Anointers	Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus				Nancy Crouse Marlene Varvus
10:30 am	Nancy Barret Robin Marino				Nancy Barret Robin Marino
Communion Bread	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller

If you need to exchange dates with someone else, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
AFTER you have made the arrangements with someone to exchange dates with, so that we many



March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday 7pm	2	3	4 Worship 5pm
5 Worship 8am& 10:30am	6	7	8 Lent Service 7pm	9	10	11 Worship 5pm
12 Worship 8am 10:30am then	13	14	15 Lent Service 7pm	16	17	18 Worship 5pm
19 Worship 8am 10:30am	20	21	22 Lent Service 7pm	23	24	25 Worship 5pm Soup Dinner 4-7
26 Worship 8am 10:30am	27	28	29 Lent Service 7pm	30	31	

Our Prayer List

NEW PRAYER CHAIN SYSTEM

Due to One Call we have a new system for the prayer chain. Call if you have a prayer that needs lifted up!

If you would like a One Call sent out just talk to:

Jane Peachey 234-567-1461

Or

Church Office .. 330-549-2406



Michael Bartel
Shirly Cantwell
Mike & Judy Dickey
Eric Barret
Candi Peachey

Jerome Hoeferts
Joanna Gallagher
Joanna Podolsky
Joe Kreidler
Debbie Stevenson
Leon Cassidy
James Webber
Jared Auszheimer
Jimmie Hood
Barb Hartsock
Pam Fesenmyer
Michael Elford

Paul Gremlich
Noelle Dunlap
Paul A
Joann Mayberry
Liam Meggitt
Nancy Musser Scowden
Gerald Hostetter
Rick Wadele
Debbie Frost
David & Abby Ausnehmer
Gwin Frost
Brandon Bill Byler

Our weekly Intercessory Prayer for the people of our congregation:

MARCH 5

Irene Bentley
Joan Bertolette
Thomas Biroshak
Cynthia Black

MARCH 12

Kaitlyn Black
Robert Black
Linda Blosser
Tracy Blough

MARCH 13

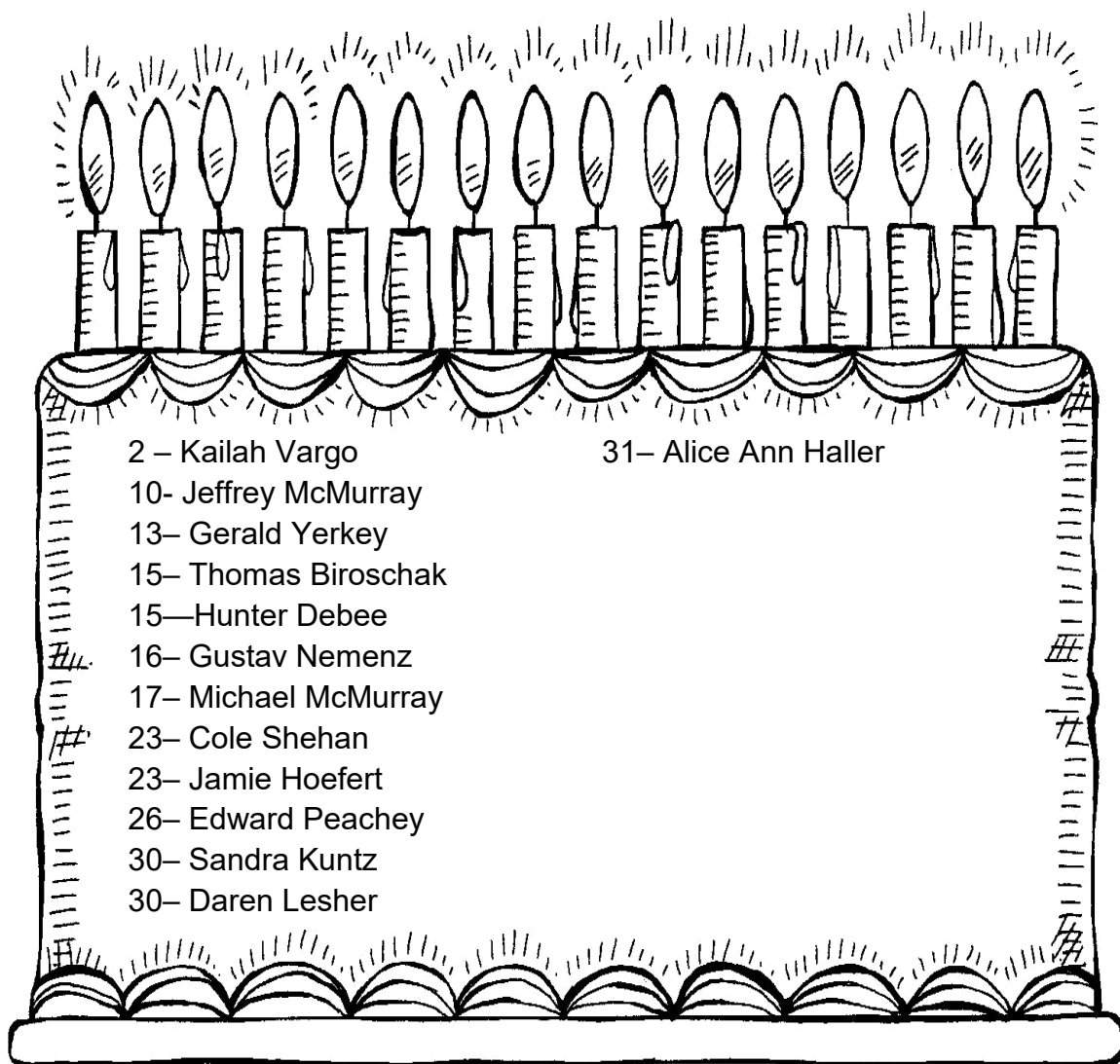
Gerri Bregar
Andrew Brockway
Carl Brockway
Even Brockway

MARCH 26

Megan Brockway
Paige Brockway
Pam Brockway
Danny Brown



Gus & Theresa Nemenz
Cathy & George Wakefield



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

: Council Meeting:

Jeff calls meeting to order and Pastor Ralph opens with prayer.

Present: Jane, Ed, Brian, Paul, Pastor Ralph, Jeff, Andy, Kevin
Excused: Amber and Penny

Pastor Report:

I had 15 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.

2 Hospital Visit Leon Cassidy,

We had our regular number of Saturday night, Sunday morning Services

Over the past month, I have presided at 12 worship services and prepared 5 sermons.

I had 12 meetings with various Groups in the Church and Outside Representing Good Hope.

Nov 10 Forgiveness Therapy attended for Continuing Education plus was asked to speak

Nov 11 Visit Juvenile Detention EB

Nov 12 Kraut and Kielbasa Dinner

Nov 14 took Left overs to Teen Challenge

Nov 30 Bible Study

Nov I have been working with a young man who needed serve times for the detention center. He has been raking leaves and cleaning the church. He helped at the hanging of the greens.

Youth & Family:

Sunday school

Date-Attendance-Lesson

Jan 29th – 2 -Rules

February 5th- 1 – N/A

February 12th- 3- Prayer

February 19th- 4- Love

Putting together a new system
Made rules as a group

Developed a point system (Luther Bucks)
Grief Camp Meeting February 23rd

Talking to college students about volunteering

Annual Report

Annual Report Cards made and mailed out

Working with Ruth for inserts in bulletins

Outside Sign

Meeting Bi-Weekly with Pastor Ralph and Jane.

Secretarial Work

Bulletins

Newsletter

Answer Phones

Assisting Jane with CCC's phone calls, and referrals.

Transformation:

Counseling Appointments -4 at the church, 2 at the Rescue Mission

Three C's end of the year report, 23 people assisted, referral information

Tax appointments – 3

Mutual Ministry Meeting – focus on evangelism teaching

Assist at Mahoning County Juvenile Court girl's circle meetings – 3

Presented to YSU social work class on former work with Hospice of the Valley, Transformation Ministry and Good Grief at Camp Frederick

Worked with Tammy and John Chuey to chair the Beef Tips and Noodle Dinner

This was a big success as over 180 people were fed either here or through take out

Attended Action meeting with Pastor Ralph and Jennifer Razo

Worked with Gene Byler, Wendy Stanley and with Bryan Hum on mastering the treasurer's position. We are looking at simplifying the report and I ask patience for the reports as we go through this process. Payroll is being completed by Gene's company.

Continued planning for Grief Camp

Met weekly with Nathan and bi-weekly with Pastor and Nathan

Old Business:

- Ed motions to table treasurer's financial report until the March meeting. Kevin seconds- motion carried.

- Pastor Ralph motions to accept financial secretary's report. Ed seconds- motion carried.

- Pastor Ralph motions to disband worship and music committee. Paul seconds- motion carried.

-Pastor Ralph motions to rescind the vote from last year to place all dinner proceeds into the operating fund. Kevin seconds- motion carried. Paul abstained from vote.

-Jane motions for \$20 bank fee for payroll direct deposit. Paul seconds- motion carried.

New business:

-Pastor Ralph motions for Lenten offering to go to Transformation.

Andy seconds- motion carried.

- Jane motions for proceeds of

March 25th soup dinner go to Good Grief Camp. Andy seconds- motion carried.

-Pastor Ralph motions to hold congregational meeting on March 12th. Ed seconds- motion carried.

-Kevin motions to accept the January minutes. Pastor Ralph seconds with corrections- motion carried.

Maintenance Report:

Members are Jeff, John, and Greg. Current projects are repairing the dishwasher and the roof-vent leak above the hot water tank.

For next meeting, all council members to read the church constitution in regards to council duties.

Meeting closes with Lord's Prayer

Treasurers Report Feb 2017

	Current month		Current Year to date	Prior Year to Date
Income	\$ 27,584.04	N/A	N/A	N/A
Expense	\$ 17,739.23	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	\$ 9,844.81	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Negative) Positive

Our church is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

Stop by the Narthex (Room with the Dove Window)
on March 12th and 19th

After ever service, Pastor Ralph will staff the tables
to get fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family.

Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer* as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, March 12th following
the 10:30 am service.

Items on the agenda include:
Revised 2016 Annual Report

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Soup & Salad Dinner

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

WHEN: March 25, 2017 4pm-7pm

WHERE: 12030 Market St.

North Lima, OH 44452

HOW MUCH: \$8 For Adults

\$4 For Children

\$6 Quarts-to-Go

WHY: Benefits Good

Grief at Camp Freder-

French Onion Soup!
Chicken Tortellini Soup!
Stuffed Pepper Soup!

**AND
DESSERT
TOO!!!**





CHARITY GALA

Camp Frederick
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Dear Friends of Camp Frederick,

Thank you so much for the support you have shown Camp Frederick in the past. Thanks to your help we continue to grow and be that "place apart" for many youth and adults. Our goal is to be more than a fun summer camp for kids or comfortable place for adults to gather. We want to be a place where children become confident in themselves, learn to work in a community, and experience God's creation as they grow in their faith. You have made this possible with the generous gifts you have given in the past. We're asking for your continued assistance to help us bring more children to Camp Frederick.

This year's **CHARITY GALA** IS a **ROARING 20'S** theme. It's on April 1st, at Zion Lutheran, in Cornersburg.

The gala will include Dinner, Basket Raffles, Wine Pull, Dancing and Music (with dance instructors), Silent Auction, and cash bar.

Doors open at 6pm with dinner served at 7pm. Get out your flapper dress and zoot suit.

You can help sponsor this event and aid Camp Frederick in the following ways:

1. Tax Deductible donation/ sponsorship which includes recognition in the event program and publicity at the event. Sponsorship levels include:

Diamond	\$1,000	4 tickets	½ page in program and on cover
Platinum	\$500	2 tickets	½ page in program
Gold	\$250	1 Ticket	¼ page in program
Silver	\$100		1/8 page in program

2. Donations of items for the Chinese auction (value \$0 - \$75) or live auction (value \$76 and up) which also includes recognition in the event program.
3. Purchasing tickets and being a guest! Tickets for event are

\$35 per person ~ NEW REDUCED PRICE!!!

Your support of the camp has meant a lot to us; we ask that you consider continuing to help us reach more individuals in our community. A committee member will be contacting you soon but feel free to call with any questions. We look forward to partnering with you.

Charity Gala Committee

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Lenten Bible-Study

Road to Coronation

By Harry Wendt

Road to Coronation by Harry Wendt takes you on a journey beside Jesus on his walk to the cross, examining the distinct passion narrative in each of the four Gospels.

What emerges is a vivid encounter with a King who lived solely to serve rather than to be served—who welcomed outcasts as family, touched the “unclean,” performed miracles that made astonishing theological declarations, and raised the dead all while challenging and confounding the spiritual authorities of his day.

Little wonder that five days after Jesus entered Jerusalem, the center of religious and political power at the time, Jesus’ “coronation” as King took place—in the form of crucifixion on a cross.

Vindicated in the resurrection and enthroned in the ascension, our forgiving Lord and Servant-king, Jesus the Messiah calls us now to listen, believe, and follow—in short, to find life by giving it away.

An ideal Lenten Study!!! We here at Good Hope will examine the passion narrative every **Sunday at 9:00 AM and 7 PM** starting **March 12, 2017 to April 9, 2017**. Please sign up in the narthex (Room with the Dove Window)



***"Even if I knew
that tomorrow
the world would
go to pieces, I
would still plant
my apple tree."***

Martin Luther

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Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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