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From the Pastor's Desk



Tikkun Olam

meaning: repairing of the world

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. Isaiah 58:12

We are now entering calendar year 2021, waving goodbye to the year that is behind us. This past August, as Bill and I sat visiting with neighbors in lawn chairs in their driveway spread out by 10-12 feet, one said, "I am going to make sure that I stay up 'til midnight this year; not because I need to ring in the new year, but I need to make sure that I really shut the door on 2020."

It is my sense that many of us have that same overwhelming feeling. This past year held many challenges and struggles. Globally (COVID-19; on-going refugee crises—especially displacement of peoples in Tigray, Ethiopia, Myanmar, and Syria; international political friction); nationally (a challenging election season; the impacts of a pandemic on health care, employment, mental health; and attention to racial injustice); and locally (the death of George Floyd and racism; ICE detentions of people in our communities; surgeries delayed; ERs and ICUs overflowing; furloughs) there has been much on our minds. My guess is that you have many more things to add to the list of the brokenness of 2020.

Yet it is precisely to the places of loss, hurt, brokenness, and death that God breaks in and that we are called to live a new reality. We are to be repairers of the world.

The Hebrew phrase *tikkun olam* is noted as being used "officially" around the same time that Jesus lived. Sometime in the first and second centuries CE, the rabbis of the Jewish faith used this phrase to call themselves and their communities to mend or repair the broken world. It would become enshrined in the Jewish Mishnah (writings) and even in the closing prayer of the Jewish liturgy. But while the phrase was new (or maybe just rebranded), we can find this vision in the early prophetic writings, especially Isaiah, and faithful witness that date back centuries. We also see this vision of the world mended when we look to the birth of a child in Bethlehem and the life he would live.

As Christians, it is the proclamation of *Emmanuel*—God among us—that grounds us in the promise and witness of a world repaired. God loves this world, this creation, this people so much that God will not idly stand by, but rather enters in through one who embodies wisdom, compassion, healing, and an everlasting hope. In the season of Christmas, we are grounded again in what it means to see a God who is intimately connected with the work of repairing the world draw near to us, and engage us in a narrative of an infant, born out-of-wedlock, to a migrating couple, in a backwater (or more appropriately backdesert) hamlet, the world can be transformed.

As God draws near, our eyes are opened to what is yet possible. Our hearts are stirred with songs of how we might join in this life and ministry that will mend the world.

Many of us likely make New Year's resolutions—exercising more, watching what we eat, cutting down on alcohol or sweets, writing a book, running a marathon—that are meant to inspire us and challenge us to “be better” or “do more” in the year ahead.

I am going to challenge us, as a community and as individuals, to focus our resolve in another way, and that is in doing something that moves forward the process of healing the world. Is there one organization that you see impacting the lives of others in the world that you would like to make a special gift towards or volunteer with this year? Is there a friend or family member that you've lost touch with and a letter or phone call would mean a great deal? Is there someone whose life is different (a different political outlook, a different racial or ethnic background) that you could sit down and talk with and gain new perspectives? Are there

ways you can compost or recycle more...or use less...to change environmental impacts? Are there ways you are feeling called to serve or make a difference? Come up with your own ideas to see God come alive among us...and engage in the repairing of the world.

It's a New Year! May our witness be bold in proclaiming the one who has come, who is come, who will come. And may the events of Bethlehem stir us, here and now, to join in the work of repairing the world as we walk in the ways of Christ.

Blessings for the Year
and the Ministry before us!
Pastor Brad



St. Michael's Annual Meeting Sunday, January 24, 12:30 p.m.

This year the congregation's annual meeting will take place online. We will gather virtually on Sunday, January 24, at 12:30 p.m. Our goal is to keep the meeting succinct, but also to keep people informed on the work done this past year, plans for the upcoming year, and to conduct the business of the church such as receiving the financial and program reports, approving the annual budget, and electing council members.



The link and additional information will be provided in coming weeks. Be sure to mark your calendar for the annual meeting on Sunday, January 24.

Social Ministries

There are a variety of ways for folks of all ages to make a positive impact in our community! Check out the Social Ministry Calendar and learn how you can get involved!

Social Ministries Calendar—January

Daily	Panera Bread
January 4	Rezek House Meal
January 10	Sandwich Making
January 12	Food Mobile Distribution
January 18	Loaves and Fishes Meal

St. Michael's Card Ministry Holiday Edition



When the COVID-19 pandemic struck last March, Lisa Koland offered to create a card/letter writing ministry to help people stay connected. We continued this avenue of connection until August when we resumed in-person worship outdoors at St. Michael's.

Now, during this holiday season, Lisa is reigniting this outreach and way for our congregation to connect with each other. If you would like to send cards or letters during this Christmas, and Epiphany season, please let Lisa Koland or the church office know.

St. Michael's On-line Gathering & Nurturing Opportunities for the New Year

As we prepare for a new calendar year at St. Michael's, and perhaps individually develop a New Year's resolution or two, the congregation is creating an opportunity for connection and learning.



We invite you to think about areas where you are an expert, hobbyist, or simply have a strong interest and might be willing to form workshops, gatherings, interest groups, and learning opportunities to offer with or for others during the next couple of months. Topics might range from discussions about race or environment, to book studies, to baking, to teaching a language or sports skills, to spiritual exploration. St. Michael's is a community rich with depth of knowledge and experience and

willingness to share these gifts! We invite you to think about how we might create a place to learn and grow while at home; and opportunities to maintain connections and make new ones. The church will offer/create the Zoom links for individuals to use.

Our hope is to have the "course catalogue" available the last week of December so that people can sign up and take full advantage of these opportunities. So, if you are willing to lead/facilitate/teach please send an email to Pastor Brad and provide your topic, number of sessions or gatherings (maybe 1...or as many as five or six), and a short write-up. Also, make note if participants need any special supplies (for example items for bread or cookie baking, or a particular book to read). Provide this information to Pastor Brad over the next two weeks.

We look forward to trying something new during this time!

February *Messenger* newsletter
article submission deadline
Friday, January 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Go Green

Did you know that currently 292 Messengers are mailed each month?

In addition, 55 people receive their copy via direct email.

Others opt to read it on the church's website.

If you want to change your method of delivery, just let the church office know your preference.



Recipes for Disaster!

A St. Michael's Cookbook for 2020-2021

Been cooking more during the past months? Find yourself searching for some of those classic, comfort-food recipes you haven't used since the 90's? Maybe you're running out of ideas and are looking for inspiration.



You're just who we need to help us create the St. Michael's COVID-era cookbook, *Recipes for Disaster*. St. Michael's is known for its great cooks, and now's the time for you to share your best with the rest of us.

The Community Life Committee invites you pull out your favorite recipes and to email them (either in the body of the email or as a word document) to Pastor Brad. Feel free to submit several! We ask that you note whether the recipe is Entrée, Appetizer, Soup/Stew, Dessert, Bread/Baked Goods, or Other; Also, if you know whether it is Gluten-Free (GF), Dairy-Free (DF), or Vegetarian (V) feel free to make a note. Then while you're at it, if there is a story that makes your favorite recipe so special to you, feel free to include the story We're planning to include some of these stories and tidbits in this project, too.

We're hoping to have the submissions by January 15, 2021.

A team at St. Michael's will assemble the recipes and produce the first edition of *Recipes for Disaster* this winter. We hope to have printed copies of the book to share with everyone by March 1, 2021. Questions? Want to help work on this project? Contact Pastor Brad or Mary Nosek.

2020 Budget Overview from the Finance Committee



	<u>Nov. Actual</u> <u>as of 11/30/20</u>	<u>Nov. Budget</u> <u>as of 11/30/20</u>	<u>Annual Actual</u> <u>as of 11/30/20</u>	<u>Annual</u> <u>Approved Budget</u>
Income	\$ 59,306	\$ 61,408	\$ 689,600	\$ 814,918
Expenses	\$ 58,915	\$ 67,457	\$ 671,866	\$ 814,918
Net Balance	\$ 391	\$ -6,049	\$ 17,734	\$ 0

¹ At the Annual Meeting on January 26, 2020, the congregation approved use of reserve funds of \$48,910, if needed to meet the budget at the end of the year. This is included in the Annual Approved Budget of \$814,918.

Zooming in on Generosity

This year, the pandemic has forced our congregation to remain physically separate from one another. However, we remained united in our generosity, leaving a powerful impact on our local and global community. Together, we were able to spread the love of God through tangible and life-changing ways.

The following reflects the incredible impact that our congregation made in the past year.

We gave \$100,000 to care for people and the larger church through the ministries and agencies of the Saint Paul Area Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

We gave \$25,000 to Lutheran Disaster Response to provide aid for various disasters in the United States and around the world, including the Australia fires, the US wildfires, the gulf coast hurricane, the tornadoes in Southwest states, and the hurricane in Puerto Rico.

We gave \$1,000 to the Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul (formerly Saint Paul Council of Churches) to support their work in addressing poverty through interfaith initiatives

We gave \$10,000 to Holy Hammers, a consortium of churches which, through Habitat for Humanity, built a home for a family in St. Paul! St. Michael's donated hundreds of volunteer hours in construction and food/hospitality.

We gave \$1,000 toward crediting the internet bills of low-income families after local schools went virtual and slow internet or lack of internet prohibited learning for students.

We gave \$1,000 to Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota to support their important ministries such as services for refugees, homeless shelters, financial counseling, adoption services, foster care, behavioral health services, etc.

We gave \$1,689 to Rezek House, a ministry of Lutheran Social Service that provides supportive transitional housing to homeless youth.

We gave \$1,000 in Christmas gifts for the Rezek House youth.

We gave \$1,000 to Lutheran Campus Ministry at University of Minnesota Minneapolis/St. Paul campus to support the faith formation of college students.

We gave \$2,000 to the Saint Paul Area Synod local mission appeal, funding new mission start churches in the synod.

We gave \$905 in support of our neighbors out of the Pastor's Discretionary Fund for crisis needs such as rent, transportation, groceries, etc.

We gave \$350 to the Roseville Area Meals on Wheels Program to provide food assistance for our neighbors.

We gave \$2,552 for our various food ministries, including; the Loaves and Fishes meal which served over 700 people a nutritious dinner, bread and supplies to make over 4,000 sandwiches for the Union Gospel Mission to be distributed to clients and day workers, supplies to package Panera bread to be distributed at the Keystone Food Shelf, and hundreds of gift cards for the Keystone Fall Food Distribution Event.

We gave \$1,000 to the Calvary Lutheran Church Food Shelf in Minneapolis in the aftermath of George Floyd's death.

We gave \$1,000 to the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Justice Fund in Minneapolis in the aftermath of George Floyd's death.

We gave \$1,000 to the food shelf at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the Midway in the aftermath of George Floyd's death.

We gave \$1,000 to the Roseville Area High School food shelf to support their work in feeding students during the pandemic.

We gave \$1,800 to ELCA World Hunger to help feed hungry people through the ELCA World Hunger appeal.

We gave \$2,550 to the ILAG (Lutheran Church in Guatemala) and our partner congregation in Cimiento to support their needs during the pandemic including food assistance and scholarships for the girls school. Though we had to cancel our trip to visit Cimiento, the Guatemala team continues to find opportunities for partnership and support such as the virtual Gala and monthly updates in our newsletter.

We gave \$100 to Bread for the World, working to end hunger through advocacy.

We gave \$150 to Northeast Youth and Family Services which provides counseling and health education and services to youth and families.

We gave \$1,000 to the 2020 Virtual Overcoming Racism Conference at Metropolitan State University.

We gave \$200 to Global Health Ministries and hundreds of volunteer hours to send medical supplies to community clinics around the globe.

We gave \$100 to Luther Seminary to support students as they pursue God's call to ministry.

We gave \$100 to Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries, supporting LGBTQIA+ Lutheran rostered leaders and those pursuing a call to rostered leadership.

We gave \$100 to Reconciling Works, which provides advocacy, resources, and support to Reconciling in Christ congregations and congregations working to become "RIC" within the ELCA.

We gave \$1,000 to Luther Crest Bible Camp

We gave \$100 to Lutheran Mideast Development, which works primarily with women and children, victims of war and disaster in the Middle East.

We gave \$100 to Friends of Huruma Orphanage in Iringa Tanzania.

We gave \$250 to Roseville Schools Foundation.

We gave \$250 to Growing Through Loss, a coalition of local congregations that creates and hosts community grief groups.

We gave \$12,000 to Dorcas Star Mission in Uganda, feeding the hungry at the Mbale Regional Referral Hospital in the Maternity and Children's wards and specialized clinics. We served as the fiscal agent for their local fundraising efforts.

We provided 29 global microloans through Kiva

We gave thousands of dollars in supplies in collection drives such as the school supply drive and the winter clothing drive.

We welcomed into our church home Northern Voices School for Deaf Children and dozens of other groups to host ACA meetings, community concerts, banquets, and educational programs.

We give thanks to your generous and faithful stewardship in 2020! We gave over \$171,296 in making God's love tangible for our neighbors in need.

ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

..... 2020-2021 PROGRAM YEAR

Faith at home ministries

Weekly Gatherings for Children & Youth

Join in with your peers on Sundays on Zoom.

Children and Company

Sunday Mornings - 10:00-10:45am

Kindergarten through 5th graders are invited to gather virtually together and with company from the church. We'll join together for a check-in activity and an activity.

Children & Company Calendar		
Date	Focus	Item(s) needed
Jan 10	Bingo!	Yourself!
Jan 17	Baptism	An empty container that can hold water.
Jan 24	Journeys	A shoe
Jan 31	Healing	A band aid or something that helps you

Middle School Youth Group

Sunday Mornings - 11:00-11:50ish

Middle Schoolers (6th-8th graders) are invited to gather weekly on Zoom for a point of connection and an activity or lesson. This year, we're covering both the Old and New Testament.

Youth Group Calendar		
Date	Focus	Item(s) needed
Jan 10	Service Project	Yourself!
Jan 17	_____ Theology	Yourself!
Jan 24	_____ Theology	Yourself!
Jan 31	Game Day	A mobile device. (Not needed but helpful)

High School Youth Group

Sunday Evenings - 7:00-7:50ish

On Sunday evenings high school youth (9th-12th graders) are invited to gather weekly on Zoom



GroupMe is a free texting service for a closed texting group with two staff from St. Michael's (Jon Bates / Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries) and Brian Thompson) / Children & Youth Ministries Associate.) We invite our middle school and high school youth to join these texting groups to have community digitally, for staff to share updates & devotionals, and to have another place to belong to each other in a time of social distancing.

If you'd like to subscribe your student, please let me know by sharing their name and cell-phone number.

*This is not a replacement to Remind. Remind will continue for occasional updates to adults, parents, and youth for reminders and time-sensitive updates.



Virtual Slumber Party

Friday, January 29th from 7-9:00pm

3rd-5th Graders are invited to join together for a virtual slumber party. We will have community together virtually on Zoom and with the help of a Slumber Party Kit. Please sign-up on stmichaelselca.com/cyf by Wednesday, January 20 to receive a Slumber Party Kit. The kits will be delivered to your home the week of the Slumber Party.

During the night, we will join in on a game and movie online together, then the Slumber Party Kit will have items to open at specific times throughout the night and morning.

More information including the password to enter the Zoom Meeting will

**All of our online ministries are password protected.
Passwords are shared through the CYF Newsletter or E-Blast**

IN-PERSON MINISTRIES

An Update on In-Person Ministries for CYF Programming

At the time of the writing of the January Messenger, Minnesota is still under an order to withhold from social gatherings and the CYF Committee is still uncomfortable from offering ministries in-person from the cold.

If in-person ministries take place in January 2021, the ministries will be shared in the CYF Ministry Newsletter. We know that this makes it difficult to make plans but we hope that we can connect further online or in-person once it is okay to do so. Please subscribe by going to the website found on the bottom of this page.

We cannot wait to see your faces in-person again, even if your face is covered by a face mask.



**ACCESS OUR FAITH AT HOME MINISTRIES AT:
STMICHAELSELCA.COM/cyf**



You can make someone's life healthier and brighter **by delivering *Meal-on-Wheels*:**

Meals on Wheels delivers hot, ready-to-eat, nutritious noon-time meals to homebound clients.

The Roseville Meals on Wheels program is based at the Fairview Community Center and delivers meals within the boundaries of the Roseville Area School District five days a week.

It's an important service, not only because it provides a hot meal to people who may not be able to prepare one for themselves, but also because it provides personal contact to folks who are often isolated and may not see another human that day.



For many years, two teams of St. Michael's members have been delivering Meals on Wheels. Each team normally delivers once every six weeks on Thursdays, although some members deliver more often.

Understandably, the need for meals—and for delivery drivers—has increased during COVID. Add to that the fact that some veteran St. Michael's team members have found that they are no longer able to participate. It all adds up to a need for new volunteers!!

If you've been looking for a significant way to serve others during this challenging time, maybe Meals on Wheels is your answer!

Please know:

- ◆ Meals on Wheels has adopted COVID era precautions to keep everyone safe.
- ◆ Delivery routes generally take less than one hour
- ◆ You can deliver alone or with a partner. (It's a great way to get to know another person from St. Michael's!)
- ◆ You will help make another person's life healthier—both physically and emotionally.

If you'd like to know more, contact Mike Krachmer, Meals on Wheels Coordinator for St. Michael's Lutheran Church at mikekrachmer@yahoo.com or Tara Garvin, Meals on Wheels Coordinator at the Roseville Area Senior Program at tara.garvin@isd623.org.

Thank you!

Dear St. Michael's friends,

Thank you so very much for all the calls, cards and gifts you have sent during this time of Christopher's cancer and passing. I am very grateful to be remembered with all of your prayers, love and care. Thank you for remembering Christopher and for keeping Kimberlee, Alain, Nenoichi and me in your continued prayers as we learn life without Christopher.

With deep appreciation and love,

Gloria Honda

Men's Bible & Brew

Our next virtual Men's Bible & Brew will be on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:30 p.m.



Congregational Life

We offer our prayers and condolences to Karen Clapp and her son, Jason with the death of her husband Tom.

Janer Grudziak Boyd was baptized on November 25. His parents are Micah Boyd and Joanna Grudziak. His grandparents are Paul Boyd and Laura Matthiesen.

Desserters II Book Discussion Group

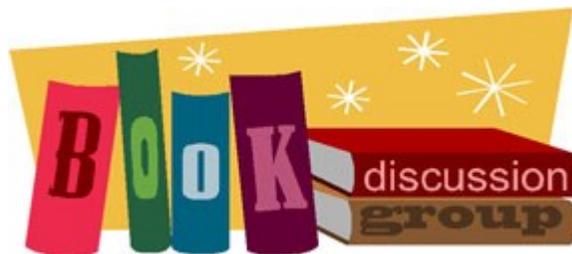
This fall Desserters II, the St. Michael's book discussion group, will desert the usual meeting place at church and gather together via Zoom.

Our next meeting details:

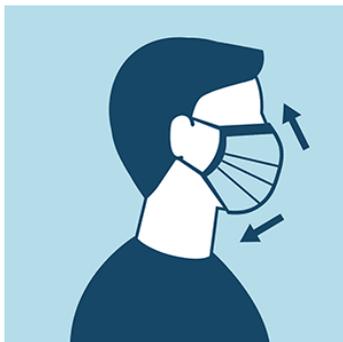
The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich—January 27

Welcome to all!

Send questions to [verena.larson\[at\]comcast.net](mailto:verena.larson[at]comcast.net).



Mask Up!



Friendly reminder: EVERYONE entering the church building is required to wear a mask covering both their nose and mouth. This includes walking in the hallway, even if it's "just for a quick errand." Thank you!

DEI Matters

We welcome you to participate in a new group to explore Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Matters using books, movies, and more. The topics are geared toward adults and young adults. Reading and watching will be done individually, using thought-provoking questions as a guide. Group discussion, via Zoom, will allow us to consider how and why these matters matter. The purpose of this program is to broaden our worldview, learn more about ourselves and others, and make progress on our journey toward inclusion and equity for all. Meetings will be at 4:00pm and last an hour or longer, if the group needs more time.

The group will be facilitated by Laurie Krachmer, a member of St Michael's who has been engaged in diversity and inclusion work for the past 6 years and is a trained facilitator.

January 17	Topic: Race Book – <i>The Grace of Silence</i> , Michele Norris
February 21	Topic: Racism Ted Talks https://www.ted.com/talks/heather_c_mcghee_racism_has_a_cost_for_everyone?referrer=playlist-talks_to_help_you_understand_r and https://www.ted.com/talks/bara-tunde_thurston_how_to_deconstruct_racism_one_headline_at_a_time
March 28* Note: Palm Sunday	Topic: LGBTQ+ Movie – <i>Milk</i> (2009)
April 18	Topic: LGBTQ+ Book – <i>She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders</i> , Jennifer Finney Boylan
May 16	Topic: Bias <i>Caste: A Brief History</i> , University Press

Instructions for January 17 DEI Matters Pre-work and Zoom Meeting

Each month, participants will read, watch, and complete activities and reflect on the questions prior to the Zoom meeting. The Zoom link will be in the Friday e-blast to log into the meeting.

Read *The Grace of Silence* and reflect on these questions

:Introduction

- When have you realized you were “talking around race” rather than talking about race?
- As you consider your fears, biases, hopes, and insecurities, what has been a consequence of your silence on matters of race?

In what way(s) are you “frighted down by the anger of your ancestors?”

Chapter 2

What was your awareness of integration/block busting in the Twin Cities?

What is the impact of that knowledge?

Chapter 5

How do you relate to the creed “good times allowed only after a day’s hard work”?

Chapter 8

- How was the information about able-bodied white men going to war and able-bodied black man staying home turned into a tool for fear? How has that impact lasted?

How did the “bedrock belief that life would be easier up North” play out—then and now?

Chapter 9

What is your response to the ideas expressed in the paragraph that starts, “Race is often seen as a black issue in America.”? (pg 106)

Chapter 11

What’s your response to Michele’s assertion that the white people “who’ve been denounced and derided—demonized—must have a seat at the table, so that they can be part of that dialogue.”?

Chapter 12

What do you think about “the *grace* of silence”?

General Reflection

- In what ways was your family of origin similar to and/or different from Michele’s family?
- What similarities and differences did you find between Michele’s story and those in *When They Call You a Terrorist* and *Your Blues Ain’t Like Mine*?
- How is this story reflected in our lives right now?
- What do you understand better or differently?
- What do you understand less well?
- What do you want to DO as a result of reading and/or discussion?

Thursday Morning Bible Study**Winter/Spring 2021**

Having read Anna Carter Florence's book, *Rehearsing Scripture*, in the fall, we will jump into reading lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday as we engage the texts and practice reading, rehearsing, and discussing scripture together. Here are the texts for January and February and the meeting dates for the winter/spring. Note: we will be using a new Zoom link for the winter/spring—it can be found in the Friday eblast.

January 7

Genesis 1:1-5	<i>God creates light</i>
Psalm 29	<i>God creates light</i>
Acts 19:1-7	<i>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)</i>
Mark 1:4-11	<i>Baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus</i>
	<i>Revelation of Christ as God's servant</i>

January 14

1 Samuel 3:1-20	<i>The calling of Samuel</i>
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	<i>You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1)</i>
1 Corinthians 6:12-20	<i>Glorify God in your body</i>
John 1:43-51	<i>The calling of the first disciples</i>

January 21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10	<i>Repentance at Nineveh</i>
Psalm 62:5-12	<i>God alone is my rock and my salvation. (Ps. 62:6)</i>
1 Corinthians 7:29-31	<i>Living in the end times</i>
Mark 1:14-20	<i>The calling of the disciples at the sea</i>

January 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20	<i>The prophet speaks with God's authority</i>
Psalm 111	<i>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. (Ps. 111:10)</i>
1 Corinthians 8:1-13	<i>Limits to liberty: the case of food offered to idols</i>
Mark 1:21-28	<i>The healing of one with an unclean spirit</i>

February 4

Isaiah 40:21-31	<i>The creator of all cares for the powerless</i>
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c	<i>The LORD heals the brokenhearted. (Ps. 147:3)</i>
1 Corinthians 9:16-23	<i>A servant for the sake of the gospel</i>
Mark 1:29-39	<i>The healing of Peter's mother-in-law</i>

February 11

2 Kings 2:1-12	<i>Elijah taken up to heaven and succeeded by Elisha</i>
Psalm 50:1-6	<i>Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)</i>
2 Corinthians 4:3-6	<i>God's light seen clearly in the face of Christ</i>
Mark 9:2-9	<i>Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son</i>

February 18**Genesis 9:8-17***The rainbow, sign of God's covenant***Psalms 25:1-10***Your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)***1 Peter 3:18-22***Saved through water***Mark 1:9-15***The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days***February 25****Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16***God blesses Abraham and Sarah***Psalms 22:23-31***All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:27)***Romans 4:13-25***The promise to those who share Abraham's faith***Mark 8:31-38***The passion prediction***Future dates:****March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25***April 1 (No Text Study: Maundy Thursday)***April 8, April 15, April 22, April 29****May 6, May 13 (Last Session for the Winter/Spring)****Faith in Daily Life****Winter Spring 2021**

Over the course of the last 100 years we have seen the movement of White Evangelicals as a significant faction in the United States and the development and mobilization into a voting bloc in politics. There are roots in anti-intellectualism, anti-elitism, and push back against the social gospel movement of the late 1800s and early 1900s. In *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation*, Kristin Kobes Du Mez explores the ideas and movement that have propelled this phenomenon in American civil, religious, and political life. Join in conversation as we discuss this book and how we can learn, converse, and strive to heal a fractured nation.

We will have two Faith in Daily Life groups meet online this winter and spring (***the first and third Wednesdays of the month***). Feel free to join either group for conversation. The hope is to be able to begin gathering in person later this winter/spring, if possible.

January 6 Chapters 1-4**January 20** Chapters 1-4**February 3** Chapters 5-8**February 17** Chapters 5-8**March 3** Chapters 9-12**March 17** Chapters 9-12**April 7** Chapters 13-16**April 21** Chapters 13-16**May 5** Conclusion & Next steps**May 19** Conclusion & Next steps



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