

DCE CORNER/WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Psalm 1:1-3

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

These words from the hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* are quite familiar to us, but have you ever taken the time to review, study, examine, and survey the cross? During this season of Lent, I challenge you to do just that.

Take time to feel the rough texture of the wood. Hear the sharp sound of the hammer connecting with the nails. Taste the bitter vinegar spilled on the ground. Smell the over-powering scent of sweat dripping from the accused and soldiers alike.

And if you look close enough, maybe you will even see what held Christ there. Not simply nails, but love.

It is there in the vividness of the red stains. Like the blood shed on that cross, it covers the entire surface and infiltrates every pore and crevice of the wood. Only love so amazing and so divine could be left on a cross such as this.

Jesus himself said, *“Greater love has no one than this: that someone lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13).*

John wrote, *“By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us” (1 John 3:16).*

Closely survey this cross of love during this season of Lent. But do not leave it without also examining your own heart. As the hymn writer did, he decided that Christ’s love demanded his soul, his life, his all. And the apostle Paul agreed. He wrote, *“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).*

Amanda



Saturday Praise Service
5:00 pm
Sunday Worship Services
8:30 am
10:45 am

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

II Timothy 3:16-17

Sunday School

Camp Sunday School will be on Sunday, February 12. In addition to singing, experiencing the Bible story, and eating a snack, the children will be creating Valentines for the residents at the Jacobetti.

Also during the month of February the children will be taking part in our annual Hearts for Jesus campaign. This year we will be collecting money so that families in Peru will be able to purchase guinea pigs. These families raise the guinea pigs and sell them in order to gain income.

We will be passing out the collection bags on Sunday, February 5 to each child. Our goal is for each child to donate at least \$4. If we collect \$200, then we will be able to purchase 50 guinea pigs for the people in Peru. We will collect each child's collection bag on Sunday, February 26. Thank you for participating in this important ministry for the people of Peru.

Women's Book Club

All women are invited to join us on Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 pm to discuss the book Nearing Home by Billy Graham. Now in his 90's, Graham writes about his life, faith, and finishing well. You may pick up your copy of the book from Amanda for \$13.

Confirmation

Since we missed two classes in January, the schedule for the rest of the Confirmation year will be as follows:

Monday, February 13—The LC-MS/What We Believe
Monday, February 27—What We Believe
Monday, March 12—What We Believe
Monday, March 26—What We Believe/Review
Monday, April 16—Test
Monday, April 23—Projects/Why I am a Lutheran

Monday, April 30—8th Grade Only—Faith Statement

Sunday, May 6—Confirmation Sunday

Please note that since we will not be able to cover everything regularly scheduled, there will be a take home assignment that will need to be completed by the student and parent. This assignment will need to be completed, signed, and returned to Amanda by the date specified.

Also, I added a class on Monday, April 30 for the 8th grade students only. During this time the students will be meeting with Pastor Ott and writing their Faith Statements which will be read during the service on Confirmation Sunday.

Youth Group

All junior and senior high students are invited to a sledding party on Saturday, February 11th, 1:00-3:00 pm. Save the date and look for more information to be coming out soon!

We will also be meeting on Monday, February 13 at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you there!

Adult Bible Studies

Sunday 9:30-10:30 am

Sunday 6:00-7:00 pm—"How We Got the Bible"

Monday 1:30-2:30 pm (Women's Bible Study)

Wednesday 7:15-8:00 am (Men's Bible Study)

Wednesday 1:00-2:00 pm—"How We Got the Bible"

Thursday, February 23 7:00-8:00 pm (Women's Book Club)