

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – March 12 – March 19

Today	8:00/10:30a	Worship
	9:30	Sunday School
	11:45	Garden Group Mtg.
	6:00p	Youth Group
Monday	1:00p	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	6:00p	4-H
	7:00	Handbells Practice
Wednesday	6:00p	Soup Supper Choir Practice
	6:30	Confirmation
	7:00	Lenten Service
	7:45	Contemporary Worship Practice
Thursday	9:00a	Quilters
	9:30	Staff Mtg.
Saturday	7:00a	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8:00/10:30a	Worship
	9:30	Sunday School
	6:00p	Youth Group

Attendance:

3/5
8:00a – 76 10:30a – 138

3/8
Lenten Service
7:00p - 70

Mark your calendars!

Intergenerational Easter Craft Day. Saturday, April 1. Crosses start at 1:00p, Bunnies start at 2:00p. Donations for supplies would be appreciated and collected on day of class. See display in fellowship hall. *Sign-up!* Any questions contact Sue Wetzel.



La Puente

We will be taking Easter baskets/bags to La Puente again this year. We would very much appreciate donations of chocolate foil-wrapped candy kisses, jellybeans and plastic eggs. We plan to put them together between services on Palm Sunday, April 2. We invite you to join us! Thank you for your continued help and support! Contact: Dale Sue Hightower or Shari Kraus.



Today @ 9:30a in the sanctuary

Life Together: Conflict in the Early Church

A bible study on 1st Corinthians

Join Pastor Ken for this study where we'll learn how the apostle Paul works through various issues in Corinth, the most affluent, talented, and most troubled congregation in the early church.

- **Garden Group Invitation.** We're looking for more hands to help maintain the garden areas around the church. We welcome all levels of experience and ability. Please join us today for a meeting @ 11:45am in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about it. Contact: Jen Reily.

Youth!

Join Pastor Ken tonight @ 6:00p to play "Cure the Crog", plan Easter Sunrise Skit and chat about our neighbor's faith!

Wednesday Soup Supper and Lenten Service

6:00p -Lenten Soup Supper. Signup to bring soup or bread!

7:00p-Lenten Worship (Holden Evening Prayer)

God's Amazing Grace:

When We Complain



Lenten Devotional Booklets are located on the table in the narthex and in the fellowship hall.

Men – Mark your calendars!

Men's Bible Study – Saturday March 11 @ 7:00a

Men's Support Group – Thursday, March 23 @ 6:30p

Men's BBQ – Friday, March 31 @ 6:00p

- **Hygiene Bags!** It is time once again to collect donations for the spring hygiene bags that will go to LaPuente in Alamosa. Please find a shopping list of suggested items on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board which you may take with you. Items may be designated as "La Puente" and placed in the cart in Fellowship Hall. Social Ministry thanks you in advance!! "LOVE GOD, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!"
- **Book Stew.** The 2023 Book Stew team would like to thank everyone who donated. A big thank you to everyone who purchased books. The proceeds totaled \$643.55 which supports the Salvation Army's "Support for Veterans". A huge thank you to everyone who assisted in the setting up and tearing down for this fundraiser. This event would not have been as successful if it were not for your time and energy.

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7

17 ¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:1-11

5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our suffering, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42**Bold:** WomenUnderlined: Men

4 ⁵Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "**How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?**" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

¹¹The woman said to him, "**Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?**"

¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "**Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.**" ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "**I know that Messiah is coming (who is called Christ). When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.**" ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"**Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?**" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "**He told me everything I have ever done.**" ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."