

# CrossTalk March 2020

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## A Roadmap for Our Journey thru Lent to Easter

During the month of February, I value spending this time of winter to begin to think about planning our family vacations for the upcoming year. This is a task that I enjoy: to think about *where* we want to travel, what *route* we will be taking, the highlights of *things to do*, and what is our *focus or purpose* that this trip will provide.

That we are on our *spiritual journey* during the season of Lent, leading to Holy Week, and ultimately to Easter, I became inspired to consider: What does our *spiritual journey* through Lent to Holy Week and finally to Easter really mean to us? Where shall our focus be directed during this *spiritual journey*?

Like my trip preparations I can plan the spiritual route for my Lenten journey that I will take so I can address the key questions that lie ahead.

Instead of a paper road map or GPS, I discover the scriptures in the Bible aid me in finding my answers.

First, I discovered that through Jesus's life, suffering, death, and resurrection, Jesus fulfilled what all the prophets had for told about his coming as the Messiah.

Below I have listed eight key tRip maRkers that will assure us that we are on the **Right Route** and will aRRive at our planned destination of foRgiveness and life eteRnal with Jesus in heaven.

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## **Reflection**

Where we are in our own spiritual life, where we want to be, hope to be, and some guidelines to help us accomplish this

Scriptures: Be still, and know that I am God. *Psalm 46:10*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not a way from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. *Psalm 51:10-12*

## **Recognize/Realize**

We are all sinners. We need to seek and maintain God's forgiveness and free gift of grace

Scriptures: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God *Romans 3: 23*

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 6:26*

## **Reconciliation/Redemption**

Set oneself to be right with God through hearing and studying God's Word, understanding and acceptance of God's free gift of grace which will grant us redemption and reconciliation with God through Jesus

Scriptures: God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance *Romans 2:4b*

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *Hebrews 10:22*

## **Rewards**

To know, trust, and affirm a knowledge that our God's rewards are awaiting us in heaven.

Scripture: In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going. I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. *John 14: 2-4, 6*

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And Jesus said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” *Luke 23: 42-43*

## **Ray**

Becoming a ray of light to others by sharing God's gift of grace, love, forgiveness, and redemption

Scripture: You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. *Matthew 5: 14-16*

## **Rejoicing**

Rejoicing in God's promises now ours to claim—Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Scriptures: “I am the Resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.” *John 11: 25-26 NIV*

I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice and no one will take your joy from you. *John 16:22b*

Please pray. Read these scriptures. Ponder them throughout your Lenten journey. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Philip A. Sears

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# March Birthdays & Anniversaries



		1	Mary Lue Rizzotte Howard Romaker
10	Alex Ervin	10	Becky Krieger
11	Veronica Heilmann	12	Addison Inskeep Kelli Inskeep
14	Tana Henderson Brenda Montecalvo	14	Taya Henderson
16	Chuck Dahle Mary Norden Noelle Wiebeck	17	Judy Lemmon David Petersen Owen McGuffey
18	Steve Roberts	18	Sherry Whitt Patty Arnold
19	Marty Patterson	19	Beryl Boggess
22	Kaleb Whitt	21	Dakota Roy
23	Bill Lambacher	25	Ivis Cassity Blake Vollrath
25	Ivis Cassity	29	Robin Ford
27	Susan Motter	30	Brad Reid
28	Nicky Kuziak	31	Homer Ryman
29	Duane Wiebeck Austin Henderson		



21	Brian & Dakota Perks
31	Dave & Lynn Petersen

# LWML Convention

## Attention all ladies!

LWML Convention is June 19-21, 2020! Redistratation is due no later than March 31, 2020. The LWML convention will be help at the Marriott at the University of Dayton located at 1414 S Patterson Blvd, Dayton, OH.

Please mail medical and registration forms with payments to: Beth King-LWML Ohio District Convention- 19250 Sidney-Freyburg Rd, Botkins, OH 45306. If you have any questions please contack Beth King at [daabking@embargmail.com](mailto:daabking@embargmail.com) of 937-538-1567. Registration and medical forms are in mailboxes or you may call Gayle Roberts for a copy at 562-980-6726

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## Senior Piano Recital for Leah Bartlam

Leah Bartlam's senior piano recital will be on Saturday, March 14 at 3:00 p.m. at Cedarville University in the Dixon Ministry Center's Recital Hall. She will be performing selections by Beethoven, Schubert, Rachmaninoff, Gottschalk, and Debussy. Reception to follow. Please email her at [lbartlam@cedarville.edu](mailto:lbartlam@cedarville.edu) for questions or directions. She'd love to see you there!

# Box Packing

## **ATTENTION RISEN CHRIST LADIES!**

It is time for our annual get-together when we pack boxes for our college kids and care packages for our shut-ins. We will be gathering on:

**Saturday, February 29, 2020**

**9:30 am–11:30 am**

We will begin with brunch and a brief Bible Study. Please let us know the addresses for any of our college kids so that we will be able to mail the boxes to them. We are again asking for your donations of goodies such as little packages of cookies, popcorn, candy, crackers, hot chocolate, raisins or nuts, pencils, pens or post-it notes, etc., and things that our shut-ins might enjoy, to be packed in the boxes. The students and shut-ins really appreciate getting these boxes. We have a sign-up sheet in the narthex so that we will know how many are coming. For more information ask Sara Hale, or Patty Arnold. This event is sponsored by our Sisters in Christ organization and all women and girls in our congregation are included in this group.

# Flowers for Easter Update

**Would you help us beautify our church for Easter?**

During the month of March, the Altar Care committee will be taking orders for potted spring flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Order forms will be available March 8 through Palm Sunday, April 5. Forms, with envelopes for payments, can be found on the old altar in the narthex. If you have questions, please give Jo Baumgardner a call at 740-274-2894 or email [xxgokobxx@gmail.com](mailto:xxgokobxx@gmail.com).



**THANK YOU!!!**

# The CREW

Tuesday March 17, 2020

2 pm: School Concert

7 pm: Community Concert

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Freewill

Offering

[www.thecrewguys.com](http://www.thecrewguys.com)



Joel



Gary



Paul



Dave

**Some of our songs and some other songs by others; some acapella songs that rhyme and some unacapella ones that don't. Or something. Just thinking out loud.**





**Saint Patricks Day**  
**March 17**



**Giving Tuesday**  
**coupon for**  
**Risen Christ Lutheran School**

**Becky Reid 937-323-3688 ext. 11**

**RUDY'S SMOKEHOUSE**  
**2222 South Limestone Street**  
**Springfield, OH 45505**

Rudy's will donate 50% of the amount you spend  
back to Risen Christ.

**Coupon must be presented prior to ordering**  
**(electronic or paper coupon)**

# Stewardship

## **Thrivent Action Teams for 2020**

We are in the process of completing a Thrivent display to communicate the current list of Action Teams needed for the current two month period (March and April). You can sign up to use your \$250 card to help pay for events at Risen Christ Church and School. Upon your selection a pen will be provided to cross off the Team you select so we do not duplicate requirements.

Should you have an upcoming project that requires funding between now and the end of the year, it would be very helpful if you would kindly let me know so I can add to our list. Of the \$22,500 available through Thrivent we only used \$8750 total for both church and school during 2019. Seems to me we should not ignore \$13,750 that we lost in free money to use for our programs. I am eager to help you designate your available cards as needed. Let us not let that money be lost during 2020.

## **Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2019 - 2020**

Choice dollars are posted to your Thrivent account each quarter starting April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31 of the following year. You need to designate your accumulated dollars before the end of March or they go back to Thrivent and no longer are available to you. Please review your available dollars and designate either our church or school. Year to date our church has received \$1069 and our school \$1579. These dollars really help defray our expenses and we thank you for your consideration.

## **Website**

My son Johnny is redesigning our school website for ease in inputting information and automatic transfer to social media. Included will be a central email system to better serve our communication needs. The plan is to work on the church website at the completion of the school site. We are interested in any comments to make our sites better.

## **Stewardship**

Thank you for completing the Skill and Talent forms. Should you need any help for church/school tasks let me know. Our 2020 program plans include a pledge drive that we started putting together last year. Our goal is to introduce during our next year's budget cycle starting in the September/October time frame. Blessings on your day.

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# *Scriptures for March 2020*

## **March 1**

*First Sunday in Lent*

**First Reading:** Genesis 3:1-21

**Second Reading:** Romans 5:12-19

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:1-11

Psalm 32:1-7

## **March 8**

*Second Sunday in Lent*

**First Reading:** Genesis 12:1-9

**Second Reading:** Romans 5:1-8, 13-17

**Gospel:** John 3:1-17

Psalm 121

## **March 15**

*Third Sunday in Lent*

**First Reading:** Exodus 17:1-7

**Second Reading:** Romans 5:1-8

**Gospel:** John 4:5-26

Psalm 95:1-9

## **March 22**

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

**First Reading:** Is. 42:14-21

**Second Reading:** Eph. 5:8-14

**Gospel:** John 9:1-41

Psalm 142

## **March 29**

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

**First Reading:** Ezek. 37:1-14

**Second Reading:** Rom. 8:1-11

**Gospel:** John 11:1-45

Psalm 130



## **Verse of the Month – March 2020**

*Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.*

~ Romans 8:5-6

# March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Class 10:45 am HC Worship Voters meeting** <b>Mite Box Sunday</b>	2	3 9:45 am Women's Bible Study	4 6 pm Lenten Meal 7 pm Lenten Service	5 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack Meeting	6	7
8 8 am HC Worship 9:30 am Bible Class 10:45 am Worship Voters meeting** <b>Daylight Savings Time</b>	9	10 9:45 am Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm School Board	11 6 pm Lenten Meal 7 pm Lenten Service	12	13	14 1:00 pm Cub Scout food flyer walk
15 8 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Class 10:45 am HC Worship Voters meeting** <b>CrossTalk Articles due</b>	16	17 <b>Giving Tuesday @ Ruby's</b> 9:45 am Women's Bible Study 11-1 pm Food Pantry 7:00 pm Board of Directors 7:00 pm <b>The Crew Concert</b>	18 6 pm Lenten Meal 7 pm Lenten Service	19	20	21 1:00 pm Cub Scout Pinewood Derby
22 8 am HC Worship 9:30 am Bible Class 10:45 am Worship Voters meeting**	23 <b>No School</b>	24 9:45 am Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Elders Meeting <b>No School</b>	25 6 pm Lenten Meal 7 pm Lenten Service <b>No School</b>	26 <b>No School</b>	27 <b>No School</b>	28
29 9 am Bible Class 10 am Combined Communion Service 11 am 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck <b>Voters Meeting</b>	30	31 9:45 am Women's Bible Study				*HC Holy Communion

**\*\* Voters Meetings will now be scheduled for EVERY SUNDAY until the Call Committee is ready to present a candidate to the congregation. If a Voters Meeting needs to be canceled, we'll inform the congregation via Church Blast and Sunday announcements.**

## Those serving March 2020

### 8:00 am Service

	<b>Elder</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Altar Care</b>	<b>Sound Board</b>
3/1	Randy Schwarz	Jackson Windeknecht	Sara Hale	Keith Vollrath Ed Berg Steve Rutledge	Greg Shrader		Duane Wiebeck
3/8	Rob Hunt	Kaden McGuffey	Chandra Shrader	Gene Baumgardner Sam McKee Michael Moldenhaver	Chuck Bern	Deb Rutledge	Steve Rutledge
3/15	Jamie McGuffey	Kelsey Vollrath	Lynn Petersen	Greg Shrader Steve Roberts Philip Sears	Amy Windeknecht		Kole Vollrath
3/22	Philip Sears	Stephen Wiebeck	Sara Hale	Dave Petersen Eric Windeknecht Ed Berg	Gene Baumgardner	Jo Baumgardner	Duane Wiebeck

### 10:45 am Service

	<b>Elder</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Altar Care</b>	<b>Sound Board</b>	<b>Counters</b>
3/1	Jamie McGuffey	Ethan Cunningham	Patty Arnold	Chris Kitt Homer Ryman Sam McKee	Dawn Wells-Kitt	Jo Baumgardner	Duane Wiebeck	John Bacevic & Denna Johnson
3/8	Philip Sears	Isabel Brown	Chris Kitt	David Arnold Chris Heilmann Becky Krieger	Becky Krieger		Sarah Bussell	Dave Thomas & Dave Petersen
3/15	Randy Schwarz	Colin Linderman	Ruth Willfong	Chris Kitt Homer Ryman Sam McKee	Duane Wiebeck	Deb Rutledge	Bob & Reed Dahle	Beryl Boggess & Denny Norden
3/22	Rob Hunt	Alex Ervin	Isabel Brown	David Arnold Chris Kitt Homer Ryman	Beth Ervin		Wiebecks	Steve & Deb Rutledge

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3/29	Randy Schwarz	Veronica Heilmann	Judy Lemmon	Steve Rutledge Sam McKee Chris Heilmann	Dakota Roy	Deb Rutledge	Duane Wiebeck	Steve & Deb Rutledge