

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT

One Word for LENT

A solo-spiritual activity for Lent! God speaks in many ways, and one way God might want to speak to you is by focusing and meditating on one solitary word for the next season of your life. That's what One Word is all about. Pick up a packet in the community room that will help guide you through how to identify and engage with your word during this season of Lent. We encourage you to share both your word with others and what God is doing in you through this one word.

Post-Service Pop-Ups (GIFT) – various leaders

Did this week's sermon really get you thinking or did that special music inspire you? Pop in for a Pop-Up after Sunday 9:30 AM Worship! Engage with a small group (4-8 people) of friends to explore the Sunday morning experience in a bit more depth. Gather take-aways to help you live your Sunday experience all week long.

Gathers Sundays in Lent, beginning March 5 | 10:30-11:00 AM @ Fellowship Hall

He Chose the Nails (GIFT)

In this Lenten Study Max Lucado explores the many gifts that Christ provided to us at his crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns that pierced his brow. The nails that tore his flesh. The seamless robe that He removed for us. The empty tomb where He forever defeated sin and death.

Sundays @ 8:00 AM w/ the Cornerstone Group

Sundays @ 9:30 AM w/ Journey of Faith Group

Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM Spring Meadows w/ Karen Kuhlman

New LIFT (Living In Faith Together) Group for 20s & 30s folk - led by Ben Hallett

Looking for authentic Christian community? Well, that's what we're all about! Our purpose is to gather around Christ & food to build relationships so that we may encourage each other in living out our faith every day & in every way. We will have childcare available!

Gathers the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month, beginning March 12

12:15 PM – 2:00 PM @ the Santillan home (adjacent to the church entrance on Elm Ct.)

Justice Discussions (GIFT) – led by Janet Mason

Continue the discussion on issues of justice in our country and world with a new book study during Lent. Evicted by Matthew Desmond takes readers into the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee where eviction has become routine – a vicious cycle that deepens our country's vast inequality. This book will transform your understanding of extreme poverty and economic exploitation while offering fresh ideas for solving the problem.

Gathers Sundays, beginning February 26 | 3:00-5:00 PM @ Church

Pilgrim Road (GIFT) – led by Jim Stewart

Back by popular demand! Journey with Father Albert Holtz on a 15-country sabbatical pilgrimage as he encounters the Divine God in diverse peoples and places. By applying Benedict's monastic wisdom to the everyday concerns and aspirations of modern Christians, Pilgrim Road helps contemporary spiritual seekers travel along and experience the journey of Lent in the most positive, meaningful, and fruitful manner.

Gathers Thursdays in Lent , beginning March 2 | 7:00-8:00 PM @ Church

A Small Group Study - 40 Days with John Wesley

This forty-day devotional experience weaves inspirational readings on faith and prayer with quotes and excerpts from John Wesley. Each selection offers a simple daily pattern of reflection with a prayer, scripture, a short reading, quotes from John Wesley, and a blessing to take with you through the day. Gathers Wednesdays in Lent , beginning March 8 10:00 -11:30 AM @ Church - led by MaryAnn Burson!

Praying with Julian of Norwich – led by Pastor Jamie

A five week Lenten class using the book Praying with Julian of Norwich. Julian was a 14th century Catholic mystic, anchoress (like a female monk), and theologian who received sixteen visions that led her to a deep understanding of God's love. Please email Pastor Jamie if you plan to participate. She will need to order the books. pastorjwilliams@umcl.org

Gathers Wednesdays in Lent (March 8 – April 5) | 7:00 – 8:30 PM @ Church

The Dynamics of Spiritual Life (GIFT) – led by Pastor Steve

The class first focuses on the "normal Christian life," presenting an ideal to which Christians are called to attain. The second section deals with the problems of the flesh, the world and the devil. The final three chapters bring it all together in the dynamics of spiritual life, both individual and corporate. This is the practical "how to" section which looks at Christ's victory, our individual victory and our corporate renewal. Email PastorSCWilliams@umcl.org

Gathers Thursdays in Lent, beginning March 9 | 7:00 PM @ Church

Sacred Sanctuary

Our Church Sanctuary is a vibrant place to gather for worship, sure. But what about a fuller sense of the word, 'sanctuary'? We invite you to spend time in solitude, prayer and meditation during Holy Week in a place that means 'refuge' and 'safety'. We will provide low lights, candles, and quiet music to help set the mood. Come be loved, provided for, and guided by our loving and mighty God as you prepare for Easter.

Monday, April 10 @ 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 11 @ 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 12 @ 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday Passover Meal and Worship Service

We are excited to invite you to be a part of a special symbolic meal and interactive worship service to celebrate our Jewish roots and connect us to Jesus' disciple's experience at the last supper. On Thursday April 13 we will do our Annual Maundy Thursday worship with the symbols of the Passover feast with food and dramatic readings. We hope you will join us for this night of remembrance.

Visit the Small Group window in the Community Room for more details or to sign up!

Or you can email Ben at ben.hallett@umcl.org or text to 765-481-8758