

# Shorelines

**LIVING WATERS COVENANT CHURCH**

**MARCH 2019**

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**Pastor's Corner**

In my devotional reading I am currently going through Romans with a commentary by Eastern Orthodox priest, Patrick Henry Reardon. In discussing Romans Chapter 8, Father Reardon says that "Holy Spirit, is the new, internal principle by which we are united to the Father and the Son in knowledge and love...but there are obstacles to the Holy Spirit in our hearts, and these must be resisted and overcome."

In others words, sin is the obstacle that has invaded our soul and we must resist sin within us to allow the healthy invasion of our soul by the Holy Spirit.

In the spring of 1940 France was invaded by Nazi Germany. Very few Frenchmen welcomed this invasion. Unfortunately, the Nazis came to control every aspect of life in France. Nevertheless the heart of France beat against the invaders and so many resisted or at least cooperated with the Nazis as little as possible.

At the same time, France looked outward for another invasion. An invasion that would bring freedom to their enslaved land. Even though they were under the control of an enemy power many in France cooperated with the allies as much as they could. But no matter how much France resisted, they would only know victory by welcoming a second invasion. It came, of course, in June of 1944.

All of our hearts have been invaded by sin. As Christians, all of us put our hope in the invasion of our souls by the Holy Spirit. But in the meantime do we resist sin as much as possible and cooperate with the Holy Spirit every chance we get. This is the part of the battle we must fight.

Catherine of Seina heard the message from God, "I have created you without you, but I will not save you without you." Ally yourself with God through His Word and Spirit and join the victory only Jesus Christ can bring.

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**9:00 A.M. Sunday School**

**10:00 A.M.  
Coffee Fellowship**

**10:30 A.M. Worship**

SERVING YOU IN MARCH

**SCRIPTURE READERS:**

3 Kolette Eggink  
10 Jeff Ling  
17 Jerry Luinenburg  
24 Sam Martin  
31 Gretchen O'Donnell

**WORSHIP NURSERY:**

3 Colin & Gretchen O'Donnell  
10 Robert & Robin Redman  
17 Susan Collin & Kadence Hyvari  
24 Chad & Katie Kremer  
31 Chad & Jeani Harms

**SOUND SYSTEM:**

3 Dave Bos  
10 Jeff Ling  
17 Jerry Luinenburg  
24 Ron Hyvari  
31 Dave Bos

**USHERS:**

Dan & Kris Fischer  
Tom & Sharon Klucking

**GREETERS:**

3 Kevin & Nancy Flynn  
Ted & Sarah Martin  
10 Tom & Deb Martin  
Charles & Phyllis Middagh  
17 Clair & Diane Willemsen  
Howard Rachuy  
24 Ferne Scheniederman  
Bob & Suzy Brandner  
31 Gene & Lil Foth  
Dean & Carol Christopherson

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:**

3 Gene & Lil Foth  
10 Ted & Sarah Martin  
17 Colin & Gretchen O'Donnell  
24 Duane & Molly Fenske  
31 Gene & Lil Foth

**COMMUNION SERVERS (March 3rd):**

Dean Christopherson  
Ted Martin  
Nancy Flynn  
Clarice Gehl

*\*If you cannot serve on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement or call the church office at 376-5109.*



The Lead Team will meet  
Tuesday, March 12th  
at 6:00 P.M.;  
supper will be served.

**CONFIRMATION**  
Wednesday, March 13th &  
Wednesday, March 27th  
at 6:45 P.M.



**WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES**

Wednesday, March 6th:

6:15 P.M. Ash Wednesday Supper  
and Worship

Wednesday, March 13th:

6:00 P.M. Lenten Supper  
6:30 P.M. Lenten Devotions  
6:45 P.M. Confirmation  
7:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, March 20th:

6:00 P.M. Lenten Supper  
6:30 P.M. Lenten Devotions  
6:45 P.M. Youth Groups  
(for students in K-12th grades)  
7:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, March 27th:

6:00 P.M. Lenten Supper  
6:30 P.M. Lenten Devotions  
6:45 P.M. Confirmation  
6:45 P.M. Youth Groups  
(for high school students)  
7:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study

Ash Wednesday Supper  
and Worship  
Wednesday, March 6th  
Supper served at 6:15 P.M.  
followed by worship.  
Everyone is invited to participate  
in the Ash Wednesday worship  
which will include a time of  
reflection and an opportunity to  
receive ashes; if younger  
students attend, we ask that they  
have a parent with them.

Wednesday Lenten  
Supper and Devotions  
Beginning  
Wednesday, March 13th

This will be a casual, interactive  
time for youth through adults.  
Supper will begin at 6:00 P.M.  
followed by devotions at  
6:30 P.M.;  
youth groups/Confirmation will  
begin at 6:45 P.M.

Sign up in the lobby if you would  
like to host a supper.

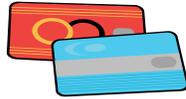
For the Wednesday Lenten Supper & Devotions we will be looking at different words that describes the season. Part of each evening will be a photo devotion and we are inviting you to submit pictures/images that describe the word of the week. Please send them by Tuesday of each week to [revstewart91@gmail.com](mailto:revstewart91@gmail.com).



- March 13th – wilderness
- March 20th – water
- March 27th – darkness
- April 3rd – hope
- April 10th – fear

**FAREWAY & HY-VEE  
GROCERY CARDS  
AVAILABLE!!!**

Don't forget to pick yours up on Sunday mornings, contact Howard Rachuy or Dean Christopherson or stop in the office during the week.



**CHURCH'S WEBSITE**

Check out the website at [www.firstcovenantworthington.org](http://www.firstcovenantworthington.org)  
You will find the bulletin, newsletter, Sunny Days calendars and much more there.

**FACEBOOK**

Did you know that First Covenant Church has a Facebook page?

Like us on Facebook and follow all the news!

**FYI**

Any money that is still being donated to the Building Fund will go toward building up the Contingency Fund.



**DEVOTIONAL BOOKS**

Copies of Covenant Home Altar are available.

Pick up a copy on the table in the narthex.



**TRIP**

(Tuition Reduced Incentive Program)  
Support Sunny Days Preschool with your purchase of TRIP. Slips listing the participating businesses are available in the office or at Main Street Kids.

**"Pray Worthington"**

Tuesdays at noon at the Love INC office



**Soles4Souls**

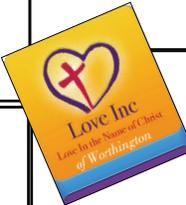
Village Northwest is collecting new and gently used shoes providing work opportunities for 180 people with a disability. Shoes will be shipped for distribution domestically and internationally to individuals that do not have proper footwear.

Bring your shoes and place them in the collection box in the narthex.



**CURRENT NEEDS FOR LOVE INC**

Watch the bulletin boards by the office and by the Jerusalem Room for their current needs.



Check out the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall for posters with announcements of things that are happening around the area.



Check out the brochures on the table in the narthex about upcoming events. Also check out their website at:

Living Waters Covenant Church is offering the option of giving your offering online.

If interested, go to [firstcovenantworthington.org](http://firstcovenantworthington.org), click on the "ministries" tab and choose "giving" from the list of ministries.

If you have any questions, please contact John or Kris Stewart.

## Faith at Home Connection

Sunday, April 14th is Palm Sunday. At Living Waters Covenant Church, there has been a tradition of celebrating Palm Sunday with the congregation processing in with palm branches as a part of the worship service. This year we'd like to set apart this day in a different way. We're inviting the Sunday School kids to be a part of a short drama during worship to tell the story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem. As we did for the Christmas program, we will be teaching the Palm Sunday story and rehearsing during Sunday School on April 7th & 14th. We ask that you please contact the church by March 20th if your child will be participating.

As the children were a part of the first Palm Sunday celebration in Jerusalem, we hope your kids can be a part of our worship to celebrate Palm Sunday.



### Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra Seeks Community Choir

The Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra will have their spring concert on Tuesday, May 21st.

The choir will prepare *America The Beautiful* arranged by Carmen Dragon along with Beethoven's Choral Fantasy. Beethoven's masterpiece is written for solo piano, orchestra, vocal soloists, and community choir. The piece will be sung in German.

Rehearsals will be held on Sundays, starting March 24th from 4:00-6:00 P.M. at Minnesota West Community and Technical College.

To register your participation, please contact Eric Parrish at [eric.parrish@mnwest.edu](mailto:eric.parrish@mnwest.edu) or phone at 507-372-3490.

Com share your talents and be part of this exciting musical opportunity!

## SUNNY DAYS PRESCHOOL NEWS



All that it wanted to do in February is snow and blow. We talked about love and things we love. You get all kinds of answers from kids! Lots of no school days and late starts for February. We did have a fun Valentine's week though.

We are planning on having a Grandparents Day at school for the Tuesday/Thursday class on Tuesday, March 26th and for the Monday/Wednesday/Friday class on Wednesday, February 27th. If children do not have a grandparents that are able to come they can bring an aunt/uncle or neighbor. That will be a fun day!

We learned more of our alphabet and are almost to the end. I'm glad that spring is around the corner. We are ready to play on the grass and the playground.

Just remember, "So these three things continue forever, faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 1:13

Thank you for your continued prayers.

Blessings  
Ms Jen



Sunday, March 10th