

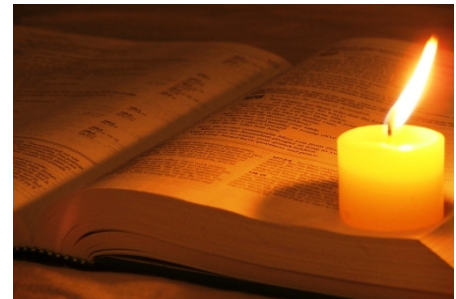
The Transformer

March 2012

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Friedens (Peace) Lutheran Church, 301 W. Washington Ave., Myerstown, PA

The Word of the Lord *is* the word of life. As the Psalmist writes about God's Word, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." (Psalm 119:105). The word, Word = Bible. The Bible is our guiding light for life. Here are some Bible references about the importance of how God's Word is to be a guide for us and our life together in Christ.



Then he said to me, "Son of man, eat this scroll (Word) I am giving you and fill your stomach with it." So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth. (Ezekiel 3:3). The Word of the Lord is as sweet as honey in Ezekiel's mouth. What a great image. Ezekiel then shares the sweet Word of God with others. **Is the Word of God like sweet honey in your mouth?**

As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you." He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it." (Luke 11:27-28). Jesus tells us that those who hear the Word of God are blessed and those who obey God's Word are doubled blessed. God's Word can be summed up in the word LOVE... **Does God's Word guide you to love yourself and others?**

So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God..." (Acts 6:2). From the early church we learn that it is not right for the disciples to neglect the Word of God. Nothing is more important. The Word guides our mission and ministry in the church. It's the foundation for everything we do. It's the road map for our journey. It is the doorway for a new life. **Are you faithful to the Word of God for your life?**

So the word of God spread. (Acts 6:7). Like wildfire the Word of God spread and has been burning with a passion in the hearts of the faithful for the past 2000 years. **Does the Word of God burn in your heart with a passion for others?**

I hope you can answer a resounding "Yes!" to all four questions above. And to strengthen your yes – I invite you to join me in reading through the Word of God in the New Testament using the following [30 Days Through the New Testament](#) reading plan on the next page.

May God's Word become like honey in our mouths, guiding us to love ourselves and others, strengthen our faithfulness, and fueling our passion for the Lord's work in the world during the Lenten Season 2012.

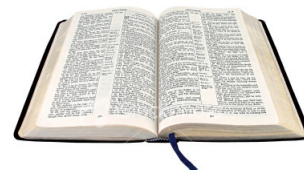
Peace,
Pastor Miller

30 Days Through the New Testament

A Bible Reading Plan for Lent 2012
Friedens Lutheran Church, Myerstown PA

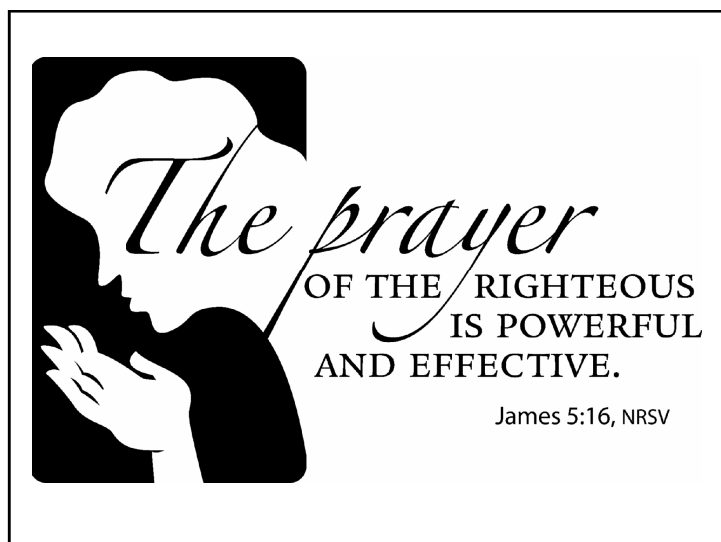
Questions for Reflections:

1. *What word or phrase are you drawn to and why?*
2. *Which character/person do you most relate to and why?*
3. *What do you hear/understand God/Jesus/Holy Spirit saying to this person/character?*
4. *What do you hear/understand God/Jesus/Holy Spirit saying to you?*
5. *What changes in your life does this reading challenge/invite you to make in your own life?*



Day 1: Matthew 1-9
 Day 2: Matthew 10-15
 Day 3: Matthew 16-22
 Day 4: Matthew 23-28
 Day 5: Mark 1-8
 Day 6: Mark 9-16
 Day 7: Luke 1-6
 Day 8: Luke 7-11
 Day 9: Luke 12-18
 Day 10: Luke 19-24
 Day 11: John 1-7
 Day 12: John 8-13
 Day 13: John 14-22
 Day 14: Acts 1-7
 Day 15: Acts 8-14

Day 16: Acts 15-21
 Day 17: Acts 22-28
 Day 18: Romans 1-8
 Day 19: Romans 9-16
 Day 20: 1 Corinthians 1-9
 Day 21: 1 Corinthians 10-16
 Day 22: 2 Corinthians 1-13
 Day 23: Galatians & Ephesians
 Day 24: Philippians, Colossians,
1 & 2 Thessalonians
 Day 25: 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon
 Day 26: Hebrews
 Day 27: James, 1 & 2 Peter
 Day 28: 1, 2, 3 John & Jude
 Day 29: Revelation 1-11
 Day 30: Revelation 12-22





If you are interested in ordering a lily to place in the church for Easter, now is the time to do so. To order, please use the envelopes provided on the narthex bulletin board and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. The cost is \$6.25 each. **March 5** is the last day to order.

SHUT-INS BIRTHDAYS

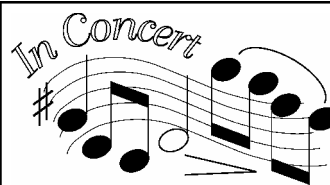
March 13
Mrs. Mary Gassert
StoneRidge Poplar Run
Myerstown, PA 17067

March 14
Annie C. Haag
7 W. Park Avenue
Myerstown, PA 17067

March 28
Mr. Eugene Miller
450 E. Lincoln Avenue
StoneRidge Skilled Care, Rm. 141-C
Myerstown, PA 17067



The church office is open from 9 AM—1 PM Monday-Friday.



THE SINGING CEDARS CHORUS, a fantastic barbershop chorus, will be presenting a concert

at Friedens on Saturday evening, March 17th, at 7:00 P.M. On this St. Patrick's Day, the Singing Cedars will be doing several Irish selections. This is the first concert in the Friedens Anniversary Concert Series. Admission is Free. Mark your calendar and we'll see you there!





Do you know anyone coming home from the hospital at Friedens, who will be homebound for one or two weeks and in need for meals? Please call Joanne at 717-628-1211 to schedule the meals. THANKS!



On Sunday, March 4, food will be collected for the Lebanon County Food Bank. All gifts are welcomed. There is a need for instant mashed potatoes, canned potatoes, cold cereal, 18 oz. jams & jellies, 5 oz. canned chicken, 12 ocanned chicken, 12 oz. Spam, toothpaste, toothbrushes and toiletries.

MARCH 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7 PM—Heavenly Metal Handbell Choir 7 PM—Small Group—Parlor John Flesher	2	3
4 9 AM—Contemporary Worship 10:30 AM—Traditional Worship	5 7 PM -Small Group Parlor—Kerry Keller	6 7 PM -Small Group Parlor—Jan DuBois Joanne Maurer’s home	7 6:30 PM—Soup & Bread Dinner 7:30 PM—Lenten Worship	8 7 PM—Heavenly Metal Handbell Choir 7 PM—Small Group—Parlor John Flesher 8 PM—Adult Choir	9	10
11  9 AM—Contemporary Worship 10:30 AM—Traditional Worship	12 7 PM -Small Group Parlor—Kerry Keller	13 7 PM -Small Group Parlor—Jan DuBois Joanne Maurer’s home 7 PM—Property Committee	14 6:30 PM—Soup & Bread Dinner 7:30 PM—Lenten Worship	15 6:45 PM—Church Council 7 PM—Heavenly Metal Handbell Choir 7 PM—Small Group—Parlor - John Flesher 8 PM—Adult Choir	16	17  7 PM—Singing Cedars Concert
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DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

Lent is my favorite time of year. This 40 –day season that leads to Easter, beginning with Ash Wednesday, offers me a refreshing time of reflection and prayer, The Ash Wednesday service we have here at Friedens begins my Lenten journey as I am reminded where we come from and where we are going.

This is the day we admit out loud and in public that we do indeed all fall down as individuals, as churches, as communities, as societies, as the world. Some years I've put a lot of emphasis on what I was going to "give up" but over the years my attitude on this has shifted to what can I add to my life that will encourage personal and spiritual growth. It is the grace of God that makes it possible for me to be honest about the realities of my life, including the reality that we all fall down. Think about our human relationships; how easily we say that everything is fine even when it is not. Except sometimes, with someone we trust, we might actually be honest that everything is not so fine.

But we admit our failings and fallings so that we can move on. Honesty, awareness and learning from the past are meant to carry us forward, not to hold us back. The *same* grace that frees us to be honest about our lives frees us to take one step, then another, in pressing toward the goal of God's call on our lives.

Lent is a time to slow down and look back at (my) life, to take an inventory of the things that I've said and done, that I may continue doing the good things and become the better person that God has always wanted and designed me to be.

May Christ bless you, to be a blessing to others!

Christ's Peace

Valerie

FRIENDS OF SPANG CREST MANOR

On Sunday, March 11th members of the Social Ministry Team will be accepting new members and renewing memberships for THE FRIENDS OF SPANG CREST MANOR. Membership does not require you to attend any meetings. There are no other commitments unless you choose to take an active role by volunteering to help with other fund raising projects, by volunteering to work in the Gift Shop at Spang Crest Manor or with the Activities Department.

All the proceeds from membership dues and fund raising projects are used to purchase things that are used for the residents' comfort or to provide special entertainment or programs for the residents' enjoyment.

There are several levels of membership: Active Member \$2.00, Contributing Member \$5.00, Sustaining Member \$10.00 or Patron \$25.00 or any other amount you choose to give is greatly appreciated. If paying by check please make check payable to Friends of Spang Crest Manor.

Our team will accept membership dues on Sunday, March 11th before and after both services in the fellowship hall or dues may be dropped in the church office by March 31st. Any questions contact Barbara Grumbine at 717-821-6993 or Janet Kehrl at 717-866-6726. Please consider being a member!

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

On Saturday, February 18, 42 women representing 9 churches met at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. 7 of these women are members of the Women’s group of Women of the ELCA.

The morning started with fellowship and a coffee klatch where we were served the traditional Mardi Gras King Cake. This is a braided coffee cake decorated with icing and colored sugar. We learned the colored sugar has meaning to it; the gold represents power, the green represents faith, and the purple represents justice.

During a time of learning presented by Mrs. Linda Rittle we learned that Shrove Tuesday was originally a day of repentance which has evolved to a day of reveling and indulgence before the period of fasting that was required during the season of Lent.

The English tradition of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday was a way to consume as much milk, fat, and eggs as possible before Ash Wednesday. This is much like our fastnacht Day custom.

We were asked to write an answer to the question What is Lent? These answers were shared with our group. Then Linda shared with us answers to this same question. She found these answers while doing her research.

Lent is a long dreary season—like a 40 day funeral.

Lent feels like the cod liver oil of the liturgical calendar—you know it is good for you, you didn’t like it while it was happening and you were glad it was over.

Lent is like that corner where I realize I’m not heading in the right direction. My life has been buzzing along taking its ordinary path. Suddenly it’s Lent—time to stop! Think where I am heading and decide where I really want to go. What is Lent to you?

The meeting continued with a Worship service emphasizing repentance. Ash Wednesday and all of Lent calls us to take an honest and deep look at ourselves. With our act of repentance we are not the same.

Women of the ELCA Lebanon Cluster will have an Advent Fellowship on December 1, 2012 at Salem Lutheran Church. Please plan to come and learn with us.

Submitted by Violet Schaeffer

OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

January 2012

		% of	Budget
Current Budget	Goal	\$26,258.00	106%
\$315,093.00	Rec’d	\$27,788.00	
Spang Crest	Rec’d	80.00	
Hunger	Rec’d	240.00	



SENIOR FEST

Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 19 at 12 noon, for the Senior Fest in

Fellowship Hall.

Members and friends are invited for a time of delicious food, congenial fellowship and entertainment.

The program will be Jim Biever speaking on Senior Fraud and a few musical numbers.

A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**Friedens (Peace) Lutheran Church, Myerstown, PA
Church Council Meeting, February 16, 2012**

Chairman Bruce Kauffman called the meeting to order at 6:47 PM.

Present: Jody Appleby, Frank Armstrong, Greg. Gardner (Vice President), Jeff Gumpert, Bruce Kauffman (Chairman), Elaine Lasch (Treasurer), Joanne Maurer (Secretary), Pastor Miller.
Excused: Chris Heft, Denise Noll.


Pastor Miller had an opening Prayer and Chairman Bruce Kauffman led devotional readings from Exodus 20:3 and Matthew 28:16-20.

1. Doing Ministry in Hard Times, reviewed by council.
2. Review of Annual Congregational Meeting:
An announcement will be made on Sunday February 19th to share that a special offering period for the church secretary's Health Insurance will be February 26th and March 4th. Total needed is \$2040.00.
Monthly checks will be sent to her Insurance Company. Any excess monies will go into a separate account. The special offering is over and above your tithing.
3. Minutes/Reports: Jody Appleby motioned to accept January's minutes. Frank Armstrong seconded. Motion carried.
Jeff Gumpert motioned to accept Financial reports. Greg Gardner seconded. Motion carried.
Jody Appleby motioned to accept Treasurer reports. Greg Gardner seconded. Motion carried.
We discussed Roberts Rules of order for Church governance.
Pastor's report: Gave update on his continuing Ed and learning his Leadership style.
Property report: Reviewed submitted report.
Greg Gardner motioned to approve the request to purchase a new laptop for the contemporary service with funds from the Memorial Committee. Request on renovations to the parlor has been tabled so more thought/discussion can take place. Jody Appleby seconded. Motion carried.
4. Communications:
 - A. Thank you letter from Lower Susquehanna Synod for a contribution in September 2011, to the Konde Diocese in the amount of \$500.00.
 - B. Thank You letter from Lebanon Christain Ministries for November, donation totaling 327 pounds and December 2011, donation totaling 87 pounds.
 - C. Thank You note from Luthercare for Child Care, a gift of \$444.00 in December 2011.
 - D. Thank you from Luthercare programs in December 2011 for \$1500.00.
 - E. Thank You letter from Luthercare in December 2011, for a gift of \$2,644.00 to Spang Crest.
 - F. Thank You from Luthercare for December 2011, presents purchased for families, who attended Day Care Centers. Thanking Tammy Koller for all the work into coordinating this project.
 - G..Thank you letter from Luthercare for January 2012, for gift of \$137.00 to Spang Crest.
 - H. Thank you letter from Luthercare for generous support during 2011.
 - I. Thank you letter from On Fire Youth Ministry for contributions in 2011.

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5. Council Leadership:
 Greg Gardner (Vice President) called a motion for the election of officers:
 Bruce Kauffman, President for Church Council.
 Joanne Maurer motioned to elect Bruce Kauffman as President for Council. Jeff Gumpert Seconded. Motion carried.
 Jody Appleby motioned to elect Greg Gardner (Vice President), Jeff Gumpert seconded. Motion carried.
 Jeff Gumpert motioned to elect Joanne Maurer (Secretary), Jody Appleby seconded. Motion carried.
6. Part Time Secretary: Received a draft of the Part Time Secretary, Job Description.
7. Open Form: Discussion occurred.
8. Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Joanne Maurer, Council Secretary



SIGNS OF *Rebirth*

Isaiah 35 describes the rebirth of a dry land when Jesus returns, as well as the signs of God's beautiful creation at springtime.

Directions: Solve each math problem. Then write the words in order, from smaller numbers to larger numbers, in the spaces below.

bloom 6+1= ____	blossom 2x2= ____	rejoice 4x2= ____
burst 3+3= ____	wilderness 2+1= ____	joy 5+5= ____
crocus 3+2= ____	desert 1x0= ____	parched 0+1= ____
glad 2x1= ____	shout 10-1= ____	

“The _____ and the _____ land will be _____; the _____ will rejoice and _____. Like the _____, it will _____ into _____; it will _____ greatly and _____ for _____.”

Isaiah 35:1-2, NIV

Answers: "The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy."

HONORING



OUR VETERANS

ALL MILITARY VETERANS OF FRIEDENS:

As part of our 200th Anniversary, we would like to display a montage of our veterans past and present, living or deceased.

Maximum size of picture is 3 1/2"x5 1/2" - they may be smaller. Picture may include other persons. Please identify branch of service. Please turn the pictures in to the office by **APRIL 15TH**. Put them in an envelope and identify the people on the picture and owner of picture.



MOVIE NIGHT AT FRIEDENS

Ever thought you'd be a star on film? Ever thought you'd see friends and neighbors, members of your church family up in lights? Come to Friedens Night at the

Movies, Saturday, March 24, beginning at 6 P.M.

Spend part of your Saturday night viewing old home movies of church services from the past, presented as part of our 200th anniversary celebration. Movie night will present some of the old footage.

Members of the Anniversary Committee found hundreds of feet of old home movies, both in the church vault and in member's personal collections. Some of that footage has been covered into DVD format.

Admission is free; drinks and popcorn will be provided. All ages are welcome.



Volunteer Opportunities



Since Ken is no longer with us, there will be sign up sheets in the narthex to help organize cleaning times and areas. Joanne Maurer will be in charge of this. If there is an area that you would like to help with, call Joanne at 628-1211. There will be 5 areas: the sanctuary, sacristy; and pastor's office; main office, narthex and parlor; the fellowship hall, kitchen hallway and kitchen; the rest rooms; the day care and Sunday school rooms.



Yard Work Volunteers

In spring we will also need a group to take care of the flowers and weeds in the front of the church.

Thanks for your support,
Property chair, Gene Lessig



YOU ARE THERE, MARCH 2012 EDITION:

On August 9, 1811 the Lutherans from the Myerstown area met and elected three trustees, J. Andrew Schulze, Michael Ley, and Leonard Immel to whom land was deeded for the Church and Cemetery was to be deeded in trust.

Who were these three men that a group of people would put their trust in providing the leadership in a new Congregation of the Lutheran faith?

Leonard Immel was born October 14, 1747 and died January 2, 1839. His parents were Johnnes and Barbara Immel. Leonard served in the American War of Independence. His rank was Captain 6th Company, 2nd Battalion of the Lancaster County Militia. Leonard's farm was 160 acres on S. Ramona Road. Leonard was a prosperous farmer after the Revolutionary War. His daughter Susan married J. Andrew Schulze.

Michael Ley was a second generation Pennsylvania German. His father Christopher Ley came to Pennsylvania in 1732. Michael was born October 9, 1739 and died August 15, 1824. In 1761 when Christopher died Michael purchased his father's estate in what is known today as the Tulpehocken Manor on Rt. 422 west of Myerstown. Michael was an early supporter of America's War of Independence. In 1774 a committee was appointed to collect contributions for the Bostonians. Michael Ley and four other local committeemen, sent flour and other supplies to Philadelphia where it was forwarded with other contributions to Boston. (<http://Lebanoncountyhistoricalsociety.org/research-archives/historical-annals>). Michael served in the local militia as a private 7th Co. 2nd Battalion of the Lancaster Co. Militia. After the war Michael's influence in the area continued to grow. In the 1790's two locks were built for the S&S canal, during the construction of these locks President George Washington paid a visit to his property to inspect the locks.

Johann Andreas Melchior Schulze was born in the Lutheran parsonage at Christ Church, Tulpehocken, July 19, 1775. His family descendants were great-grandfather Conrad Weiser and his grandfather Henry Melchior Muhlenbert, patriarch of Lutheran Church of America. He studied for the ministry with his uncle, Dr. Kunze in New York, 1796. He was a licensed member of the Lutheran Synod, and became an esteemed pastor of congregations in Berks County for six years. In 1802 rheumatic affliction disabled him and obliged him to relinquish the ministry. In that same year he moved to Myerstown and established a mercantile business. (Myerstown bicentennial Book 1968) In 1806 he was elected a member of the Legislature. In 1813 Governor Snyder appointed him Surveyor General of the State, and then gave him the positions of Register, Recorder, Prothonotary, Clerk of the Orphans' Court, and Clerk in the Sessions Court of Lebanon County. In October, 1821, he was chosen to represent Lebanon County in the House of Representatives. In 1822 he became State Senator and in 1823 he was elected Governor by a majority of over 25,000. In 1826 he was re-elected by the greatest majority ever cast for a Governor in the State of Pennsylvania. He received 72,000 votes while his antagonist got about 1,000. (it is said in another chronicle that his opponent did not receive one vote in Lebanon County.) (<http://Lebanoncountyhistoricalsociety.org/research-archives/historical-annals>)

The trustees were elected for indefinite terms. Michael Ley and J. Andrew Schulze served 16 years and Leonard Immel 29 years.

Worship Series for Lent 2012

The Lenten season is a time for self-examination, repentance, and confession. It is also a time to consider our relationships with God and with others. As sinful human beings, we feel the weight of broken relationships and long to have them restored to wholeness and health. As we walk together this Lenten season, we discover ways to restore our relationships through justice, faithfulness, trust, limits, love and forgiveness.

**March 4 Restoring Relationships Through TRUST Romans 4:13-25**

God promises to make Abraham and Sarah the ancestors of nations. Though Abraham and Sarah are far too old to bear children, they trust that God will accomplish what God has promised. Their trust catalyzes their transformation as they receive new names and identities. Paul says God's promise comes to all who share Abraham and Sarah's faith and trust in God. We, too, get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

March 11 Restoring Relationships Through LIMITS John 2:13-22

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in relationship with one another. In order to live in healthy relationship, God sets loving limits in the Ten Commandments. Jesus also sets loving limits in the temple as he defends the worship of God alone and rejects the ways commerce can become our gods.

March 18 Restoring Relationships Through LOVE John 3:14-21

In the wilderness, the people become impatient and begin to lose their faith and trust in God. After God sends poisonous serpents among the people, his love for them prompts him to make a promise to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. Just as those who look upon the bronze serpent were healed, so we will be restored when we behold Christ lifted up on the cross, God's ultimate gift of love.

March 25 Restoring Relationships Through FORGIVENESS John 12:20-33

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. God promises to "forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more." We see these promises fulfilled in Christ, who dies on a cross to forgive our sin so that we may have life. Because of this act of love, we are empowered to forgive ourselves and others.

HOLY WEEK 2012 The events of Holy Week look different through the lens of the cross and the empty tomb. Why would Jesus journey to Jerusalem, knowing full well what awaits him there? Why would the Son of God wash dirty feet? Why would the King of kings choose a cross for throne? The answer lies in the cross and empty tomb and what God accomplishes through them. When we look at the events of our own life through the lens of the cross and the empty tomb everything looks different.

April 1 Palm Sunday: Hope Dying Mark 15:1-47

April 5 Maundy Thursday: Descending into Greatness John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 6 Good Friday: Winning Through Losing John 19:16b-30

April 8 Easter Sunday: Hope Rising John 20:1-18

Lenten Mid-week Wednesday Evening Worship and Bible Study

This year during our midweek Lenten Worship we will be studying the book of James. James was a truly amazing man in several ways: the way he lived his life, the position he held in the first century church, who he was related to in a physical and spiritual sense, his reputation, and his authorship of one of the great books of the Bible (*despite what Martin Luther may have said of his work*), and the way he died, make James an interesting man to study.



Soup and bread will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 to 7:00 with worship and study in the worship room beginning at 7:00. Our study will include the following:

Week one: February 29	James – chapter 1
Week two: March 7	James – chapter 2
Week three: March 14	James – chapter 3
Week four: March 21	James – chapter 4
Week five: March 28	James – chapter 5



Come and be fed physically and spiritually this Lenten season!



MISSION WORK- Have you ever wanted to go on the mission trip but you can not travel? Well we have a mission right here in town. We will be helping out at the **Bahney House, every third Saturday of the morning of the month. We will post the project of the morning and a sign up sheet in the hall near the Mission board. Please consider this part of our church family being the hands and feet of Christ going over the fence in our community. Please see Jon Koller or Jan Dubois for more details.**

A Special THANK YOU

Thank you for all the Christian love and caring shared during the loss of our son-in-law Mitch Hemperly. You, our brothers and sisters showed your love and caring and were there for us in our time of need with telephone calls, cards, food, visits and prayers. It's overwhelming that our Christian brothers and sisters are so caring. Thanks be to God.

Love,
John & Shirley Smith.