



## Are You Planning for the Worst?

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**Key Events This Month:**

**3/5—Ash Wednesday Worship**

**3/6—Education Team Meeting**

**3/9—Irish/Italian Themed Potluck**

**3/11—GLOW Meeting**

**3/16—Council Meeting**

**3/22—Bowling Outing**

**3/23—Outreach Event Planning**

**3/25—Women’s Bible Study**

*“Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must... suffer many things...and that he must be killed...”*

**Matthew 16:21**

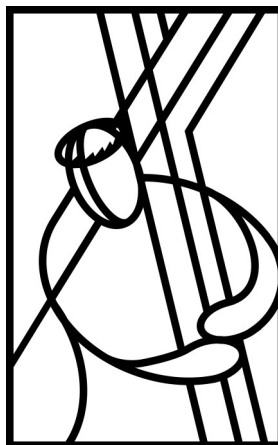
“Plan for the worst.” If you’re anything like me, when you’re making preparations, whether it be for a family vacation, a dinner party, even just a night out on the town, you place a good deal of importance on being ready for anything. What if my luggage doesn’t make it on my connecting flight and won’t get to my destination until one of the last days of vacation? No worries! I’ve got a couple extra sets of clothes in my carry-on. A sudden onset of the sniffles and sneezes attacks me at the movie theater? Becky’s got me covered with tissues, maybe even a peppermint to clear my sinuses. On an extended hike and the battery on my GPS unit dies? I’ve got it covered; I print off the maps and use my

compass instead.

You never want your plans to go awry. You want everything to go over smoothly, without any hiccups, but you also see the wisdom in being prepared for the worst.

Our preparations during the season of Lent are a little different, wouldn’t you agree? During the 40 days of Lent, we’re getting ready for a different momentous event. We’re preparing to walk with Jesus to the cross. Are you planning for the worst?

Over the next few weeks, we are going on a dangerous journey. We go to Jerusalem to see our Lord be arrested, stand trial for false charges. We see him suffering, being mocked, beaten, and ultimately, being crucified as a common crimi-



nal. The way is not easy. Are you prepared for it?

Jesus was. From the beginning of his earthly ministry, he knew where it would all end. He warned his disciples time and time again what his future held. They might not have been ready for Jesus to

leave them so he could suffer and die on the cross, but Jesus was. The cross lay before Jesus’ eyes, and throughout his life, he never took his eyes off of it, not even once. He planned for the worst because he knew it was for our best. The dangers Jesus willingly endured were for us, to save us from our sins. His plan is for us to be in heaven, and so he had to take the worst in our place. He did it all in love!

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### Cleaning Schedule

At the recommendation of the Maintenance Team and the Council, a cleaning schedule is being put together. Since the Christianson’s have stepped down from cleaning the church as regular volunteers, we’ve

had a handful of families who have helped clean. We’d like to see more families get involved in taking part in helping keep God’s house clean.

Ian Coleman is currently putting a schedule for cleaning that will include all the families

of our congregation. Each group will be asked to clean 3-4 times a year. Ian will have more details in the coming weeks. We pray you’ll use these opportunities to use your gifts and to serve the Lord and his church here!

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What are your plans for this Lenten season? My hope is that you are planning for the worst, or at least what should seem like the worst. We gladly follow Jesus to his cross, but his death isn't the end. Life is. Jesus gives his life so we can have forgiveness. Jesus gives his life so we can have life eternal. The worst, it's already over. The best for us is yet to come. That's God's plan. Revel in his love this Lenten season!

In Christ,

Pastor Jason Strong

## *Light of the World Mission Statement*

*As a family of believers united in faith, we serve Jesus, the true Light of the World, as we **GATHER** around God's Word and the Sacraments and **GROW** together in our faith and our relationship with Jesus, so we can **GO** and share the good news of Jesus in our community and the world and **GLOW** with the love of Christ in our lives.*

## *Family Fun Night: Bowling Edition*

This month, we are planning on having a bowling outing in place of our regular game night. We have a reservation at Arctic Bowl on Saturday, March 22 at 3pm. The cost is \$5/game for adults and \$4/game for children and \$3 for shoe rentals. If you'd like to go, we'd ask that you sign up on the sheet in the back of church so Pastor can make some final reservations. We hope you can join us for this fun outing this month!

## *God's Lights Of the World*

We have a date for our CRAFT night! Friday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the parsonage. Bring anything you would like to work on, or come ready to learn how to knit or crochet. If you would like, you could also bring an appetizer to share.

Thank you to Fane Austin for hosting this past months Bible Study. Our next study will be March 25 at 6:00, location to be determined. We will be on

Chapter three.

Our next meeting will be March 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the church basement.

A few other items coming up: Lenten meals, Easter brunch, Easter for Kids, summer activities for women, and our 2014 Retreat. There will be many opportunities to use your God-given abilities in the months ahead. Please let us know how we can better serve you.

Sincerely, Becky Strong

## *On the Lighter Side...*

*This is a new feature for our newsletter where amusing items will be posted from mis-statements in actual church bulletins, children's comments on church and religion, insurance claim forms where car drivers attempted to summarize the cause of an accident, and other items designed to provide a laugh or two.*

"A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked. "Why, God tells me." "Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"

## *Come, Follow Me*

For Lent this year, which begins in March, our theme for our Sunday services will be: *Come, Follow Me*. Throughout Lent, we'll heed Jesus' invitation and walk with him to the cross.

Our theme is based around our synod's newest outreach video, *Come, Follow Me*. You'll have a chance to view that video in March.

You also have the opportunity to purchase copies of this video for yourself and to hand out to friends, family, worship guests, and anyone else you can think of. As we did with *Road to Emmaus*, we'll have a **Come, Follow Me to Jesus** drive, where we'll hope to raise \$200 so we can purchase 100 dvds. Please keep an eye out for more info!

## *Code Word: He Is Risen!*

### **Easter 4 Kids 2014**

*The secret's out. The grave is empty. Jesus is alive! He has risen!*

This year's Easter for Kids outreach event will have the theme: Code Word: He Is Risen! The focus of our event will be sharing the good news of Jesus' resurrection with the

children of our congregation and our community. Details for the event are still being worked out, but we'd love to have you get on board with supplying materials, handing out invitations, volunteering for the event, and keeping our congregation and this awesome event in your prayers! Please look for more information to come!

# MARCH 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:00, 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 9:15—Sunday School for all ages	3 4:30—Catechism	4 4:30—Choir	5 5:30—Lenten Meal 6:30—Ash Wednesday Worship	6 6:00—Education Team Meeting	7 6:00—Craft Night	1 8
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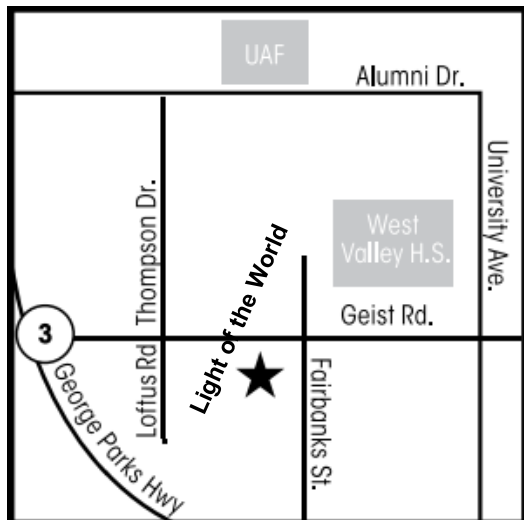
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“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”

-Matthew 4:19



**It's time to go fishing!!!**