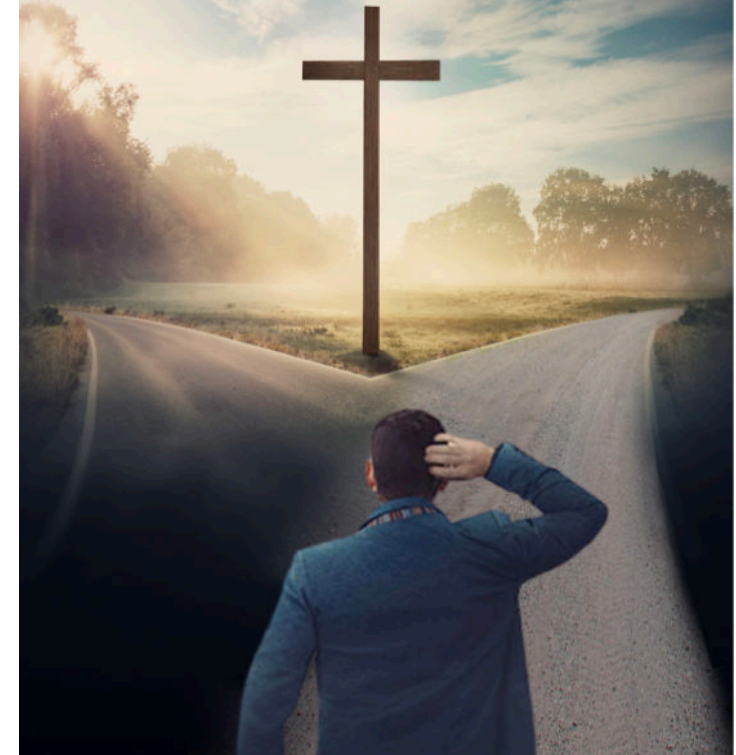


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The ULTIMATE Question



February 17 & 18, 2024
"Dismissed by Soldiers"
John 19:23-24



Todd Mathison, Lead Pastor
Susan Westland, Chaplain
Renee Bennett, Pastoral Intern

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The Ultimate Question #1: Dismissed By The Soldiers

February 17 & 18, 2024
John 19:23-24

Opener:

What's one thing that consistently captures your attention and focus, even in the midst of life's distractions?

Go Deeper:

1. How might the soldiers who crucified Jesus become desensitized to what they were doing?
2. Why did the soldiers gamble for Jesus' garment?
3. Read Psalm 22:16-19 and reflect on the parallels with John 19:23-24.
4. Read Hebrews 12:2. What motivated Jesus to "endure the cross"?

Live It:

1. In what ways might we become indifferent or desensitized to the message of the cross due to its familiarity?
2. Have you ever allowed negative experiences with Christians or the church to influence your perception of Jesus? How can you separate the actions of flawed individuals from the character of Christ?
3. What items in your life need to take a backseat to your relationship with Christ? How can you prioritize what truly matters?
4. What is God saying to you?
5. What specifically are you going to do about it this week?

We would love to hear your story!

If you have a story to share of healing, praise, gratitude, serving in a mission or ministry at Victory, please send to hello@victorylutheran.com. (200-300 word limit)

Daily Bible Readings (February 18-24)

Sun: John 19:23-24
Mon: Psalm 95
Tues: Deuteronomy 8:11-18
Wed: John 21:1-19
Thurs: Psalm 53
Fri: Hebrews 1:1-4
Sat: Deuteronomy 10:12-22

*During Lent, the readings selected are taken from The Easter Experience Lenten Devotional.

Sunday, February 18

New Member Commissioning
7-11am Morning Fellowship, FH
8am Worship & Communion, WC
9:30am Worship, WC
11am Worship, WC
3pm Talent Show, FH



Monday, February 19

9-11:30am Food Pantry
9:30am Easter Experience, FH
12:30pm GriefShare, C4
5:30am Easter Experience, FH
6:30pm Women's Bible Study, FS

Tuesday, February 20

7pm AA Men's Meeting, FS
3pm Council Meeting, FS

Wednesday, February 21 - LENTEN WORSHIP

9-11:30am Food Pantry
12:30pm AI-Anon, C4
1pm Men's Bible Study, LR
1:30pm Women's Life Group, B7
4pm Lenten Worship, WC
5pm Soup Supper, FH
4pm I-HELP, C4
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, WC
8pm AA Meeting, FS

CH = Chapel
FH = Fellowship Hall
FS = Fireside Room
LR = Luther Room
WC = Worship Center
C4 = Community Room

Thursday, February 22

10am Prayer Group, B7
11am AI-Anon Meeting, FS
1pm Dementia Caregiver Seminar, CH
4pm I-HELP, C4

Friday, February 23

Office Closed

Saturday, February 24

Stephen Ministers Commissioning
8am Men's Bible Study, FS
9am Stephen Ministry Training, B7
11am Memorial Service for Sharon Lemke, WC
4pm Worship, WC

UPCOMING

FEB 27: Book Club @ 1:30pm
MARCH 7: Prayer & Praise Service @ 10am
MARCH 9: Women's Luncheon @ 11am
MARCH 17: St. Paddy's Shindig! @ 3pm

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GOD TIME: Sowing Seeds That Bear Good Fruit
Karyn Hanson

My parents moved to Mesa in the 60's when my father, Jacob Stolee, (a retired Lutheran minister) started working in the area for Concordia College's Development Office. One Sunday after attending an overly crowded service at St. Peter's, the officiating pastor's parting words to Jake were, "You snowbirds should form a congregation of your own." As a pastor who had built a church in every parish he served, he quickly organized a capable group of retirees into a building committee, and Victory was built.

A great organ and a meaningful backdrop of art were major considerations in the planning. I find David Hetland's mosaic of Christ a lovely work of art. My mother, however, had misgivings. She said that Christ looked like an ARAB! Apparently in her mind, Christ must have been a NORWEGIAN! The artist, who was a personal friend of mine, found the story amusing.

Maybe age is a factor, but I love traditional worship. I thrill to the sound of a majestic organ and great hymns. The enthusiastic "vibe" of a packed church singing God's praises to familiar hymns with incredible organ accompaniment lifting the voices brought me back to Victory. I was a member 25 years ago until my husband's death. I found it difficult to worship alone, so I followed friends to other churches in the area. When neighbors invited me back to Victory, I felt like I had come home. With an enthusiastic and gifted man in the pulpit, an incredible organist, and a wonderful choir, I chose to rejoin Victory Lutheran and am pleased to be here.

"But those [seed] that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." ~ Mark 4:20



Groundbreaking Ceremony - May 6, 1979

GATHER TIME:
Lenten Worship on Wednesdays
February 21-March 20 @ 4pm

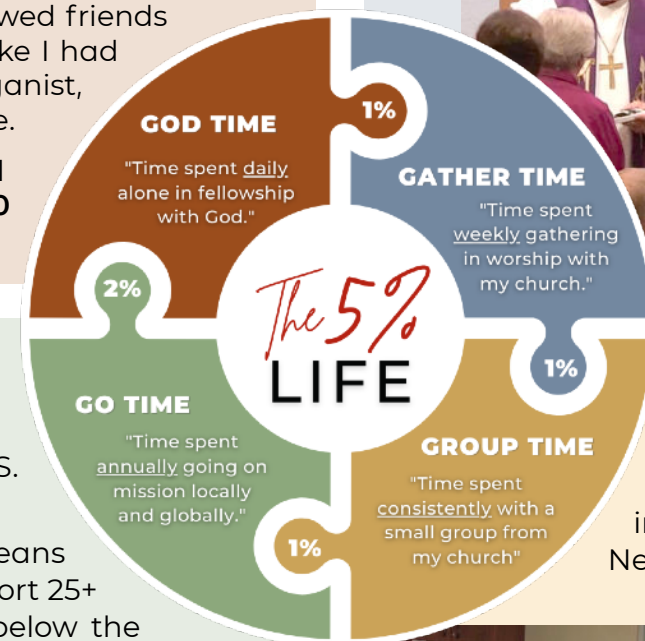


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ASH WEDNESDAY

We invite you each Wednesday evening as we explore the powerful promises of God that reveal His plan to rescue us from sin, evil and death. This is the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Soup Suppers will be served in the Fellowship Hall following service. Suggested donation \$5. Gluten-free option available. Please bring a pre-cut dessert to help support Lenten Suppers. Listed by the first initial of your last name.

February 21 A-L / February 28 M-Z



GO TIME: Women's Ministry Annual Luncheon, March 9 @ 11:00am
Featuring Corbin's Legacy

This year's annual Spring Luncheon will feature a presentation from Joan S. Leafman, PhD, EMT, Executive Director with Corbin's Legacy.

Corbin's Legacy helps children that are classified as "McKinney-Vento", which means that they are officially homeless and living well below the poverty line. They support 25+ children and families from a local Title 1 Elementary School who live at 90% below the National Poverty line. They receive a backpack of food every weekend for the entire academic year. Each Thursday, Corbin's Legacy buys, packs and delivers over 300 backpacks of food, each with seven meals, to children who are homeless. For more information about Corbin's Legacy visit corbinslegacy.org.

Tickets are available for purchase in the lobby for \$10.



Lutheran World Relief — Fair Trade Items

Did you know? Women's Ministry supports Lutheran World Relief by selling Fair Trade hand-made crafts, jewelry and coffee. This is a chance for us to generate opportunity and income for small-scale farmers in third world countries. To learn more visit lwr.org. Items will be available at the luncheon on March 9th and March 10th in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:30am worship service.

Marla Trent, Fair Trade Coordinator



GROUP TIME: Discovering Victory 101
New Member Commissioning this weekend!

Be sure to take a moment to welcome Victory's newest members wearing a red carnation! If you are interested in attending our next Discovering Victory/ New Member Class contact:

Kathy Michel at kmichel@victorylutheran.com



4:00pm

Tom & Brenda Gutekunst

8:00am

Erik & Katherine Gunderson
 Dean & Connie Miller
 Delores Mindrup
 Lynn Sloan



9:30am

Christina Condo
 Eileen Condo
 Dimas & Teresa Cuevas
 Larry & Lupe Hellem
 Monica Johnson
 Jean McCabe
 Mike McCall
 Ron & Doris Moravick

11:00am

Denny & Dona Martinsen
 Rob Watson
 Online Campus
 Karen Rolph

Not able to attend – Sandy Melville

