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## Upcoming Events!

**March 19: MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)** - We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9:30-11:00am at the church.

**March 19: Engage** will be Tuesday from 5:30-7. The cost is \$3/person or \$10/family. Come on out! Let the kids burn off energy, an activity for kids and have a meal made for you and your family!

**March 19: ALPHA** has begun on Tuesdays at 6:30PM. It is a conversation built around wrestling with the deep questions of life. Feel free to invite others to join us on this 11-week journey!

**March 22: Muskegon Lumberjacks Game** - Muskegon Lumberjacks take on the Sioux City Musketeers! The game starts at 7pm, so we'll meet at the arena at 6:50pm. The cost will be around \$14 and includes a hot dog, pop, and bag of chips. You can register in Welcome Center!

**March 23: Cornhole Tournament** will at 11AM in the gym. This event supports the Nazarene Community Resource Center. \$40/2 person team. 2 \$50 gift cards as a first place prize! Concessions and spectating available! Questions? Ask Sarah at 231-769-2323 or [nazcnc@gmail.com](mailto:nazcnc@gmail.com).

**March 29: Good Friday Service** will be at 6:30PM.

**March 31: Easter Sunday** - If you are interested in being baptized on Easter Sunday, please contact one of the pastoral staff.

**April 19: Kick-off for Cords of 3 Women's Discipleship** will be at 6PM in the gym. Flyers and sign up sheet located at Welcome Center. Contact Pastor Sarah with questions!

**Food Pantry Donations** are being accepted on Sundays or during office hours.

## Things You Should Know!

**Connect Cards** can be found in the seat-back pocket in front of you! Please fill it out, take it to the Welcome Center in the Foyer and grab a gift! We want guests to feel welcome and we hope to see you again!

**Prayer Requests** can be submitted via the website under the Ministries tab. These prayer requests go directly to Pastor Aaron and are confidential.

**The Bridge the Gap Fund** sign is across from the Café. If you are interested in giving above your tithes/offerings, you may do so by putting donations in the box at the back of the sanctuary or by giving online. Please email the church office for more information.

**Church Directory App** is available now! If you need help accessing it, please contact the church office and we can work on getting you set up!

## Further Reflection for 3/17

1. When is the moment in your life that you have felt like God was the furthest away?
2. Read John 19:31-42
3. What jumps out to you from the text?
4. Have you ever thought about, or do you currently practice, preparing the day before for your Sabbath? Why or why not?
5. What kind of symbolism can you come up with to describe the impact of the blood and water that is poured out of Jesus?
6. Joseph and Nicodemus risked future rejection by leaders in their community and yet they still went to bury Jesus. What does this tell us about the impact Jesus had on their lives?
7. John makes a point of pointing out that previously Nicodemus went to Jesus at night. Why do you think John adds that detail again in these verses?
8. Imagine being one of Jesus' followers in these moments, what would you be feeling? Thinking?
9. How might you be able to help someone this week as they go through difficult times filled with uncertainty?

Further Reading: Evil and the Justice of God: NT Wright; The Wood Between The World: Brian Zahnd

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## Weekly Gatherings:

**Sunday Service:** 9AM & 10:30AM  
**Kids Service:** Sundays during both Services  
**Youth Group:** Sundays from 6-7:30PM