JOURNEY TO THE CROSS



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Upcoming Events!

<u>New Youth Pastor Alert!!</u> He's HERE!!! In the front row somewhere... The tall guy! Let's welcome Matthew and his wife Emily after service with cake in the gym!

<u>Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Aaron</u> has started and will continue on Sunday Mornings from 9:15am-10am. Hang out, have a chat, have coffee & a donut.

Good Friday service will be April 15 at 6:30pm.

Easter Sunday service will be April 17 with two services at 9am & 10:30am.

COVID Testing - The NCRC still has COVID PCR tests. Contact Sarah at 231-769-2323 to schedule Monday - Thursday.

COME TO THE TABLE - Conversations on Discipleship

will be May 7 at Lansing South Naz. If you are interested in attending, reach out to the church office to register or get more info.

Did a little mechanical work today...

I put my rear end in a recliner.

Things You Should Know!

<u>Connect Cards</u> 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!

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

Text to Give is available. Please text GIVE to 231-386-0644 and then follow the instructions given! You can also give online by visiting

connectionpointmi.com and click the DONATE tab for a secure transaction. Thanks for supporting our ministries here at Connection Point.

The Bridge the Gap Fund sign is across from the Café. If you are interested in giving above your tithes/offerings there is a giving kiosk at the FOR store. Please email the church office for more information.

New 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!

Weekly Gatherings:

Sunday Service: 10:30am

Kids Service: Sundays during 10:30am Service **Youth Group**: Sundays from 6-8pm

Further Reflection for 3/6

Reflection:

- 1. What is one of the greatest moments of your life?
- 2. What is one of the worst moments of your life?

Study:

- 1. Read Luke 4:1-13
 - a. What is one thing from this text that jumps out to you
 - b. Why do you think it is important to note that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit
 - c. Jesus went into the wilderness, what is a time you have been in the "wilderness" in your own life?
 - d. Jesus fasted. What spiritual disciplines have you practiced? How did it go? Is fasting a regular part of your life?
 - e. Jesus faced three temptations and each time he responded with Scripture as a way out of the temptation. Why were the temptations legitimately tempting for Jesus? Do you know enough Scripture for it to be helpful in overcoming temptation?
 - f. Which of the three temptations Jesus faced would be hardest for you? (1. Consuming stuff, 2. Power and politics, 3. Extravagance, Entertainment, Pride)

Application:

- 1. What are the areas in which you face your greatest temptations?
- 2. How might you go about preparing yourself for the moments in which you face temptation?

Prayer:

Father, help me to turn to you in my temptation. May I recognize that your Spirit can help me overcome all temptations. In Jesus' name I Pray. Amen.

Spiritual Practice:

• Seek opportunities to grow in knowledge of the Scriptures and in time in prayer.

Further Learning Opportunity:

• Wholeness in Christ: William Greathouse

• Sabbath as Resistance: Walter Brueggemann

Sermon Notes