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Upcoming Events!

March 4: Parenting in a Tech World Life Group - Pastor Holly and Pastor Matt are hosting a life group for parents surrounding the topic of parenting in an ever-evolving tech world. On Mondays from 6-7:30PM. There will be snacks, video curriculum, and small group time to debrief. Please sign-up in the welcome center or by talking to Holly or Matt.

March 5: 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 6: Women's Bible Study has begun meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6PM in the classroom off the gym. This will be an 8 week study.

March 6: MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) - We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9:30-11:00am at the church.

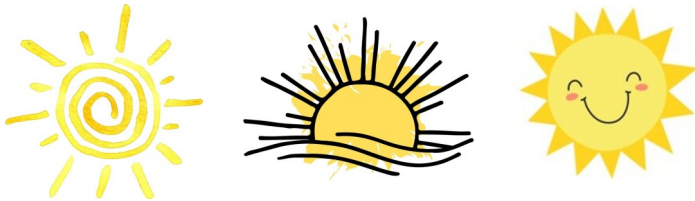
March 19: Engage will be Wednesday from 5:30-7. The cost is \$3/person or \$10/family. Come on out! Let the kids burn off energy, an activity for kids and have a meal made for you and your family!

March 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 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.

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 3/3

1. When is a moment you look back and know you should have done something, but did not do it?
2. Read John 19:1-16a
3. What jumps out to you from the text?
4. Imagine for a moment that you are Jesus and you are wrongly accused and you are being flogged. What would be running through your mind? Can you imagine being him and offering up forgiveness to those who were beating him?
5. Pilate brings Jesus out and shows off the beating he received. He is hoping for the sympathy of the crowd. The crowd is now more like a mob and they cannot use reason. Has there been a moment in which you acted in an unreasonable way because of the people you were around?
6. How might we understand Jesus' line about Pilate only having power that comes from God, especially in light of how governments throughout history have acted in inhumane ways? Why is it important to recognize God allowing governments to exist is different than God dictating what governments do?
7. Pilate knew the right thing to do was to set Jesus free, but he did not do it. What is the area of your life that is hardest for you to do the right thing?
8. This week, ask God to reveal to you if there is an area of "cognitive dissonance" (an area where you may compromise the right thing because you don't like the implications of it) in your life.

Further Reading: Resident Aliens: Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon

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Weekly Gatherings:

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