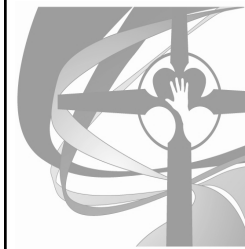


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“MARCH IN MARK”

“The Consummate Commandment”



We say it every year and since I said it this past Sunday, you can repeat it along with me – “*We move so quickly from the ‘Hosannas’ of Palm Sunday to the ‘He is risens’ of Easter that we give no thought to what lies between the two.*”

As we also said Sunday, we’re going to try to correct that this year during Lent by focusing on the events that took place during Holy Week. The logical guide will be the gospel of Mark because he seems to actually give us daily divisions of what took place in the life of Jesus between Palm Sunday and Good Friday.

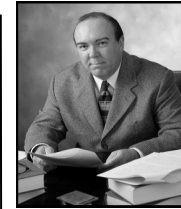
Last week, we looked at the event that we commonly refer to as “the cleansing of the temple.” Mark tells us that took place on Monday of Holy Week. Interestingly, in the gospel of John, we find that event much earlier in the ministry of Jesus.

This Sunday, we’ll look at a passage that also reads differently in Mark than it does in the other gospels. In Matthew and in Luke, we find a religious leader giving us one of the most important directives of the New Testament in response to a question that Jesus asked – in response to a question asked of *him*.

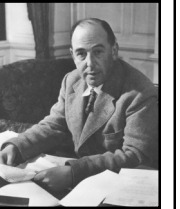
In Mark’s gospel, though, it is Jesus himself who gives us that important directive. It’s also one of the few times that we find an encounter that Jesus had with a religious leader being one of seeming cordiality and agreement.

Read Mark 12:28-34 as we continue our MARCH IN MARK with “The Consummate Commandment.”

Lenten Blessings,
Dennis



**A Visit from
C. S. Lewis**
*Compiled and Performed by
Kevin Radaker*



*Professor of English
Anderson University*

Sunday, March 19 at 1:30 p.m.
Eastminster sanctuary

Join us for an unforgettable afternoon as we step back in time to May, 1963 and receive a visit from one of the 20th century’s most prolific writers and profound Christian thinkers.

Here’s what one person has said of this program: “*Professor Radaker’s portrayal of C.S. Lewis mesmerized the audience. His voice and physical appearance were a near double for Lewis. Even those familiar with some of Lewis’s writings came away feeling as if they had met Lewis in a new and wonderful way. This is a performance no one, familiar or not with Lewis’s works, should miss!*”

Introducing C.S. Lewis This Sunday, March 12 – 9:00 AM

In preparation for our Christianity & the Arts C.S. Lewis presentation from Kevin Radaker, Bart and Marlene Huffaker will be leading a one-time, one-hour session that will help introduce you to Lewis and prepare you for the program.

The Huffakers led a Sunday School course on C.S. Lewis last year and they’ll distill it all down to one session for you. Join our three adult Sunday School classes in The Gallery on Sunday, March 12 at 9:00 AM. You might want to invite friends that you’ve invited to the following week’s program to join you.



Sunday March 12, 2017

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST **USHER**
Tony McClees Bob Lewis

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST **HEAD USHER**
Donna Cooke Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS

Norman & Becky Miller & Team
Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

ACOLYTE

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A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped clean and organize the kitchen on February 27th. We made great progress and will plan another day soon to complete the task.

Beginning Thursday, March 9 from 2-4 PM, we will begin to sort and mark rummage item in the church basement. Come and lend a hand. We are accepting clean, gently used items for our June Sale. Please no electronics, adult clothing or shoes. If you have furniture to donate, contact Marlene Huffaker to make arrangements for those. Thanks!



Sympathy is extended to Pam Stevens and family in the death of Jim, who passed away on March 2, 2017.



**Ladies' Night Out
at
Cork-N-Cleaver**

Join us on

Tuesday, March 14th at 6:15 p.m.

Please contact Sue Shelton at 812-453-3607 or call the church to make your reservation. This is a great time of food, fun and fellowship. New-comers are most welcome.



Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following individuals:

Dr. Gary Peterson, Greg Ashby, Austin Smith, Steve Robinson, Jergen Hans, Barbara, Jill (Doerter) Brunton, Dale Roth, The Stevens Family & Ginny Marvel.



Camp sign ups have now started. You can go to PYOCA.org to see the camp dates. If children in 4th - 12th grades are interested in Gemini Camp (June 11 - 16) and need sign-up forms, please contact Sabrina Holden at 812-205-9609. Other camp sign - ups are done online. Please contact the church or Sabrina so we can begin fundraising to support this opportunity for our children.

Congratulations TO Alex Kuhs & Thanks FROM Alex Kuhs

Our own Alex Kuhs has been selected to participate in a National Youth Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. in July. This is a highly-regarded program established by a company called Envision and it recognizes outstanding Middle and High School students across the country. Alex is one of very few students chosen for this experience and we congratulate him on receiving this honor.



Alex would not have been able to participate were it not for the encouragement and financial support of many of the members of his church family and one Sunday School class in particular.

The following is a letter of appreciation we have received from Alex:

Dear Class and Church Family,

Thank you for all of your support in sending me to Washington, D.C. Thank you for the financial support and for the love you show to me. I am blessed for having a church family like I do.

*Love,
Alex Kuhs*

Christian Education

Our Memory Contest Is Underway!

Our memory work contest for children and youth has begun. Memory work will be heard following Sunday School, from 10:05-10:20 a.m., in Sunday School hallways.

The purpose of this contest is to help our children and youth commit to memory portions of scripture and Bible knowledge which they will find helpful throughout their lives.

Need memory contest information? Contact the office or see a Christian Education Committee member.

Congratulations to the following young people who completed all their memory work this week:

Annie Engelbrecht
Jacelyn Kuhs
Levi Holden
Ashlyn Eddleman
Addison Fritz
Elizabeth Engelbrecht

Cole Irmscher
Adrienne Kuhs
Hunter Overfield
Evan Tipton
Owen Tipton



REMINDER:

With the changes that will be taking place in Christian Education over the next few weeks it might be a good time to remind our teachers and our other workers in the Christian Education programs of the supplies and resources that are available to them in the Supply and Resource Rooms.



Over the years we have built a wonderful library of teaching tools. These two rooms contain a wealth of teaching aids and literally hundreds of lessons for use in the classrooms for all ages. These rooms are located on the second floor of the educational wing.

If you need help locating them or finding material in them, see Vicki Rauch, Annie Engelbrecht or Cheryl Ison for help.

*You can choose
to save a life in 2017!*

*"I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."
Matthew 25:35*

How often do you have the opportunity to save a life? This year you can do so with just a little bit of self-sacrifice for two weeks.

In just 10 years we have seen the numbers change from a child dying every 8 seconds to a child dying every 90 seconds from diseases related to drinking unclean water. Most of the time, clean water is *available*, but it is not *accessible*. They need a well.

We are asking you to help provide clean water by taking part in the H2O Challenge.



Whatever you did for the least of these you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Make a donation to the H2O project during worship services or mail to the church office. Please make checks to Eastminster with H2O on the memo line.

the H2O PROJECT



This Sunday, March 12, Daylight Savings Time begins. Don't forget to set your clocks up one hour ahead!



*Give Thanks to the Lord
for he is good; his love endures forever.
Psalm 118:1*