**FCU WEEKLY E-NEWS**

Join Worship through Zoom **Sunday at 10:00am**

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| **MARCH 9**  **WORSHIP** | Usher Bill Koellner  Candlelighters  PowerPoint Bill Koellner  Organist Marianne Phelps  Choir Chancel  Greet/Coffee Hour |
| **MARCH**  **NUMBERS** | March 2 attendance – 66 March 2 giving - $3,407.00 (Incl. Auto Deposit)  **Current monthly total – $3,407.00**  **Needed each month - $12,840.58**  A giving tab is included on the church website: <https://fcuwl.org/give/>  During the Lenten season, we will be collecting donations for the One Great Hour of Sharing (Presbyterian) and Week of Compassion (Christian Church Disciples of Christ) offerings. Envelopes will be available in the pews and on the front table. |
| **WOW REMINDERS** | March 5 – **No WOW** due to Ash Wednesday  March 12 – Regular WOW  March 19 – **No WOW** due to Spring Break  March 26 – Camp Bear Creek will visit WOW |
| **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - TODAY** | Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period of reflection, repentance, and spiritual renewal leading up to Easter. It’s a time to come together, seek forgiveness, and prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus’ resurrection.  We invite you to join us for our Ash Wednesday service on **March 5th at 6:00 PM.** to receive the imposition of ashes, which symbolize our mortality and the need for God’s grace. Let us begin this Lenten journey together in faith and community. |
| **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** | The WL Ministerial Association invites us all to World Day of Prayer at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on **Friday, March 7th at 1:00pm.** This annual event is a powerful opportunity to unite in prayer with Christians from around the world, enriching our faith and offering support.  The theme for 2025 is "I Made You Wonderful" – a reminder of our shared dignity and value in God’s eyes. Everyone is welcome to come together for a meaningful time of reflection, prayer, and unity! |
| **CYG PANCAKE BREAKFAST** | CYG is hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser o **Saturday, March 8th from 7:00 – 10;30am** and FCU. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a morning of great food for an even greater cause! Proceeds will help with mission trips and other expenses. |
| **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** | The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus by Adam Hamilton  Using historical information, archaeological data, and stories of the faith, Hamilton follows in the footsteps of Jesus from His baptism to the temptations to the heart of His ministry, including the people He loved, the parables He taught, the enemies He made, and the healing He brought.  Join us in this 6 week study during Lent as we grow deeper in our faith and learn more about the life of Jesus through videos and reading material. It is a great way to learn (and have fun) in community. Classes will run through Lent: March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6 and 13 (Palm Sunday). |
| **LENTEN NOTES FROM**  **PASTOR DEB** | Lent = a 40-day season within the church that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends right before Good Friday, leading up to Easter morning. It is a time of reflection / prayer / sacrificial giving as we remember the love of God that is poured out through Jesus Christ. His sacrifice on the cross offers us the gift of eternal life. May we honor His sacrifice with our own dedicated efforts.  Two questions for reflection this Lent:     WHERE is God in my life?     HOW would I define my relationship with God?  Possible ideas for Lenten reflections are listed below.   * Attend Ash Wednesday service at FCU, March 5 at 6:00 pm * Join the Lenten 6-week Bible Study beginning Sun March 9 after worship * Pick up a Lenten devotional off the front hallway table and read individually or with friends * Make a dedicated effort to attend the 6 weeks of Lenten worship leading up to Easter on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am * Plan a dedicated time for additional prayer or Bible study * Read devotional material available online, apps, podcasts or in bookstores * Invite a friend or family member to church * Plan a coffee get together to connect with faith community * Journal, meditate or listen to faith-filled music * Ask a trusted friend or pastor to pray about a burden that is weighing heavily on your heart |
| **SUMMER CAMP INFO** | Many of our church families are thinking about/have already signed up for summer 2025 church camp! We are so fortunate to have the ability through the Endowment Fund to contribute to the faith development of our youth. In 2025, the Endowment Committee will continue to have the family out-of-pocket expense be $100 per child registered, with endowment money covering the balance that would be due for each child.  The “You and Me” camp, which is a 24-hour camp experience for an adult and child together, will be fully funded by endowment dollars. An information sheet & Endowment Request form are attached.  **Camp Bear Creek:** <https://bearcreek.camp/programs/>  **Christian Conference Center**: <https://www.newtonccc.org/scsessions>  May be an image of campsite and text that says 'झম YUpperMiawest™ Shech Midwest May 30-June 1 June 16-21 Another Way Family camp ADAM camp June 16-21 2025 Camp Schedule Junior camp 1 Jun 21-22 Grand camp 1 June 23-28 chi Rho Camp 1 June 23-28 -CYF camp 1 June 30-July 5 July 7-9- Junior camp 2 Beginner Camp July 19-20- Grand camp 2 July 21-26 Chi Rho camp 2 July 21-26 CYF caTp 2 For more information, scan the QR code July 28-Aug Adventure Camp Aug 4-9 -Junior caTp 3 Save the date!' |