

Faith Christian News



Striving together to live our faith,
share our love , and serve our Lord.

February 2016

CALENDAR

Mon. Feb. 1

7 pm. Faith Singers

Tues., Feb. 2

5:30 pm. Church Life
meeting @ Megan
Ryan's home

Wed. Feb. 3

1:30 pm. Lectionary
Study

Sunday, Feb. 7

9:30 am. Christian
Ed. classes &
Children's Choir
followed by
Children's classes

10:30 am. Worship
with Communion

Mon. Feb. 8

10 am. Monthly Bible
Study

7 pm. Faith Singers

Tues., Feb. 9

6 pm. Council

Wed., Feb. 10

1:30 pm. Lectionary
Study

**7 pm. ASH
WEDNESDAY
SERVICE @ SOUTH
SIDE CHRISTIAN**

Pastor Wade's Musings

"February Freethinking"

I normally have a very composed and targeted theme for each newsletter article that I write. However, this month, I decided to "freethink." I decided to write about whatever was on my mind in relationship to the church. Granted I did edit out content that may be inappropriate (just kidding) but in all seriousness I truly wanted to just give voice to some random thoughts that have come to my brain lately. **So here it goes!**

- I am really thankful to be serving a church that is kind to me, my family and to one another. I hear horror stories about other churches. We are definitely one of the feel good stories!
- Thinking about other churches, there are currently 68 churches in our presbytery (not sure how many we have in the association). But out of the 68 churches, only 15 of those churches have full-time pastorates. That means we are more capable of casting a longer shadow than many churches in our presbytery.
- We are doing a lot of things right. During a recent meeting, I heard about churches that were trying new and interesting ways of doing ministry together. Such as, partnering up to do some kind of mission. Or sharing in some kind of ecumenical worship. Guess what, we do that with Family Promise and our Lenten Round Robin series. Discussions had evolved out of new ways of allowing the community to use the church building/property. Yeah, we have been doing that as well with Cardboard City and the Boy Scouts utilizing our property! Pat yourselves on the back.
- I am also excited that we are working as a "Teaching Preaching" congregation. Tenna (pronounced Tina) Rhonemus will be with us the months of April, May, June and July to sharpen her worship leadership skills.

Sat., Feb. 13

9 - 5 Threadbare Ladies

Sunday, Feb. 14

9:30 am. Christian Ed. classes & Children's Choir followed by Children's classes

10:30 am. Worship

7 pm. Lenten Service

Mon. Feb. 15

10 am. Chatty Stitchers

7 pm. Faith Singers

Wed., Feb. 17

1:30 pm. Lectionary Study

Saturday, Feb. 20

9 am. Men's Breakfast @ Ikes

Sunday, Feb. 21

9:30 am. Christian Ed. classes & Children's Choir followed by Children's classes

10:30 am. Worship

BIG MEETING - OMEGA TEAMS

12:30 - 2 pm. Youth Group

7 pm. Lenten Service

Mon., Feb. 22

10 am. Mission Committee mtg.

7 pm. Faith Singers

Wed., Feb. 24

1:30 pm. Lectionary Study

I have been very impressed with the work Tenna has done thus far and I hear rave reviews from others that say she has some special gifts for worship!

- I received a lot of good feedback about our new bulletin/worship service design. Thanks for sharing your thoughts.
- Our mission committee is hard at work to inform us all about our service opportunities (and possibly some new items as well). Stay tuned!
- And I have to say you rock!!!! Jane Urish informed me we have essentially filled up all of our spots for visiting our Absentee Friends list (formerly shut-ins) on the very first Sunday we asked. Feel free to ask Jane, but I celebrated with a fist pump on hearing the good news!!!!
- Our Adult Christian Education for Lent will focus on a study of the Lord's Prayer. This should be pretty neat!
- Please be sure to carve out some time for our Lenten Round Robin series events. It is a great time to connect with other believers and you can enjoy a wide variety of worship experiences.

Go in peace and serve the Lord!!!!



2016 Community Lenten Series

Participating Congregations: Central Christian Church, Elm St. Church of the Brethren, Faith Christian Church, First Evangelical & Reformed Church, First Baptist Church, Gomer Congregational Church, Immanuel UMC, Market St. Presbyterian Church, South Side Christian Church, Westside United Methodist Church

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host church</u>	<u>Preacher</u>
Feb. 10 (Ash Wed.)	South Side	Wade Pond
Feb. 14	Central Christian	Mark Rich
Feb. 21	Gomer Congregational	Dave Balicki
Feb. 28	Market St. Presby.	Bruce Tumblin
March 6	Faith Christian	Steve Brown
March 13	First E and R	Norman Witthuhn
March 25 (Good Friday)	First Baptist	7 pm. service

All services are at 7:00 pm.

Friday, Feb. 26

6 pm. Movie Night -
"Risen" - Dessert
after @ the church

Sat., Feb. 27

9-5 Threadbare
Ladies

Sunday, Feb. 28

9:30 am. Christian
Ed. classes &
Children's Choir
followed by
Children's classes

10:30 am. Worship

7 pm. Lenten Service

Mon., Feb. 29

7 pm. Faith Singers

LENT begins with...

ASH
WEDNESDAY
SERVICE
WED., FEB. 10
7:00 PM.
AT
SOUTH SIDE
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH
3300 South Side
Dr.

BIG MEETING - OMEGA TEAM
Sunday, February 21, 2016 - following Worship

**Omega Team Committees - Building and Grounds,
Christian Education, Mission, Stewardship, Worship**

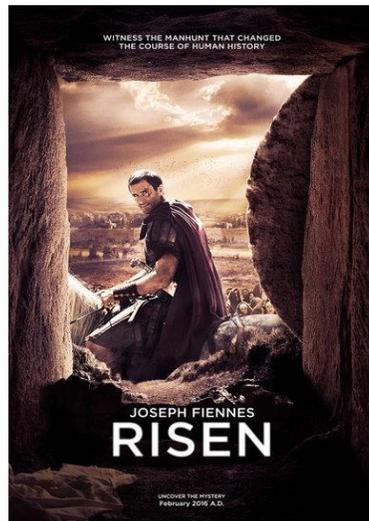
Committee meeting should begin with members of each committee checking in/with each other and praying for the members of the group and their prayer concerns.

Committee chairs should inform the pastor a week or two in advance if there are items that need to be directly addressed by the pastor.

MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, February 26
6:00 pm.

This is our February Church Life event. We will be watching the movie "Risen" at our local theater.



Follows the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius, a powerful Roman Military Tribune, and his aide Lucius, are tasked with solving the mystery of what

happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion, in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem.

Childcare will be provided at the church. The children will also watch a movie. Please sign up on the Church Life Bulletin Board if you will be attending and if you need childcare.

Following the movie we will have dessert and discussion at the church. Please join us!

**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

Saturday,

Feb. 20

9:00 am.

at

Ike's restaurant

Practicing Generosity during Lent

"Almsgiving has always been an important part of Lent. Lent begins with the powerful Isaiah 58, on the Friday and Saturday after Ash Wednesday. It is important to give ourselves the experience of fasting from being un-generous. Generosity is not simply giving our excess clothes to a place where poor people might purchase them. It's not even writing a "generous" check at the time a collection is taken up for a cause that benefits the poor. These are wonderful practices.

Thank you

received from

CH-KI-LO Food
Pantry. (check
bulletin board)

Our total donation
last year was 158
lbs. of food and
\$126.00 towards
hats & gloves for
the children.

Generosity is an attitude. It is a sense that no matter how much we have, all that we have is a gift, and given to us to be shared. It means that sharing with others in need is one of our personal priorities. That is quite different from assessing all of our needs first, and then giving away what is left over. A spirit of self-less giving means that one of our needs is to share what we have with others. Lent is a wonderful time to practice self-less giving, because it takes practice. This kind of self-sacrificing generosity is a religious experience. It places us in solidarity with the poor who share with each other, without having any excess. It also joins us with Jesus, who gave himself completely, for us. Establishing new patterns of giving will give real life and joy to

Lent." *(onlineministries.com.creighton.edu)*

Women's
Fellowship has
Rada Cutlery for
sale. Good gifts for
showers, weddings
etc. See Mary
Johnson

February Birthdays

1 Kateena Russell
2 Rachel Ryan
6 JoAnne Urish
9 Shaun Paetsch
14 Dorothy Winget
19 John Gosnell
20 Jenny Gosnell

21 George Morgan
21 Jim Cooper
24 Lianna Hicks
29 Todd Gordon

February Anniversaries

16 Howard & Mary Ann Hunt