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## Is our country's savior going to be a political figure?

Oh my what has happened to the world and our country? Russia has invaded her neighbor, China continues to threaten Taiwan, North Korea continues to shoot missiles into the ocean, and the very real threat of a major escalation into a full-blown world war is right around the corner. Our neighbors to the north have recently passed laws giving the Canadian Prime Minister unprecedented powers, essentially making him a modern day dictator. Canadian citizens are having their bank accounts frozen making it impossible for people to use their money. The reason for this extreme act is because they donated to help fund the trucker protest.

Religious persecution of Christians has also seen a worldwide increase in places once normally thought of as safe for Christians. Finland a country with a supposed free democracy has arrested and is currently prosecuting a Lutheran pastor named Juhana Pohjola, along with a retired political figure named Päivi Räsänen. Both have been charged with three counts of criminal behavior. Their crime was talking about their religious views regarding sex and marriage on a radio talk show. Canada also seeks to silence Polish born Canadian pastor Artur Pawlowski who had toured America sharing his perspective that governments in the West that once championed freedom were becoming much more similar to his homeland when it was under communist rule. After speaking in America, upon his arrival in Canada he was arrested and charged for not wearing a mask, and defying a court order for holding an illegal church gathering. Last year in the United Kingdom, Pastor Sherwood who is 71 years old was arrested in his church located in north London under the United Kingdom's Public Order Act for supposedly making "homophobic comments" during a public sermon. While he was later released without being charged, it makes a person wonder what is coming to America?

Unfortunately, persecution of Christians is not just happening outside of America. Recently in California, conservative pastor Pastor John MacArthur outright defied the governor's orders banning indoor worship, even though he was fined, and threatened with arrest. And just this week a Miami school was sued by a student for ignoring open harassment he has received by educators and fellow students. Not only was this 14 year old student mocked and openly scorned for bringing his Bible to school, as well as openly practicing his faith, he was falsely accused of making threats to shoot up his school which led to being suspended for 10 days. After it was discovered that the accusations were false and meant as a prank, no action was taken against those that made those accusations. With the rapid shift in cultural attitudes toward political correctness it seems that it will only get worse.

I have heard many people clamor for our politicians to rescue us. Many believe that if President Trump were still in office we would be safer, stronger, and better as a country and as a world. Others believe that President Biden has inherited such a mess from the former president that the fix will only come after a long time has elapsed. If only the right guy or gal took office and got control of things life would get better. Or would it?

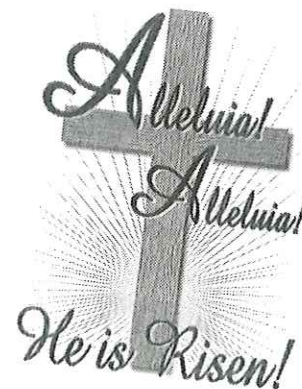
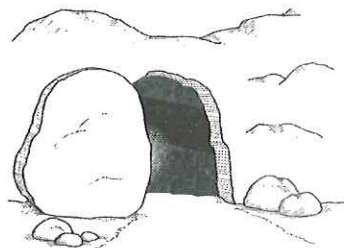
Is our solution to the world and our nation a political one? The Jews lived under the oppression of the Roman government and hated them for it. They had less freedom, high taxes, and a poorer standard of living (sounds a bit like our country now). They wanted a savior. God answered their long awaited cries, and Jesus came. After years of yearning for the Messiah, He came. Only Jesus wasn't what many of the people felt they needed. They wanted released from the political oppression caused by

the Romans, and wanted worldly prosperity as a nation. Instead, Jesus taught about our need to endure the burdens of this life, and in fact embrace them as we seek to truly be His disciples. Matthew recorded this in chapter 16 verse 24 of his gospel account, "Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (ESV) By properly applying this teaching to our lives, we learn that we should expect a certain level of persecution and even pain if we seek to truly follow after Jesus. Are we really willing to accept this?

Our savior is not former President Trump coming back to office, nor is it President Biden, or any other future president. It will not be found in the Republican takeover of the congress, or the current Democratic control of congress. The solution to what ails our country and world is not political based at all. What we see in the world and our country is the effects of unchecked sin. The only solution for sin is forgiveness found in Jesus Christ, the Messiah. We as a people need saved. We need to deny our sinful desires of greed, gluttony, pride, lust, and others and follow the example of Jesus. We need leaders committed to that same ideal. Men and women seeking to surrender their desires in order to follow after Jesus and make disciples of others.

We need to stop hoping that things will get better if the right gal or guy gets into office. Stop worrying about that. Focus on the here and now. How does God want me to surrender my will for His? How can we follow the example set by Jesus and pray as He did, "Not my will, but yours be done." If you want to make a real difference start by looking over your fence at your neighbor. Stop in at the nursing home. Talk to that socially awkward kid at lunch. Maybe it means giving up part of your dream savings in order to bless another. We don't need a political solution to our problems, we need Christians being Christians to others. Focus on changing one life at a time, and you just might find that the world and our country get a little bit better as the light of Christ shines a bit brighter through us.

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# Ash Wednesday

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## What about Ash Wednesday?

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Ash Wednesday will be on March 8 this year. Do you know the symbolism of the day?

1. From ancient times, ashes have been used as a symbol of mourning, penitence, grief and humiliation. In his pain and sorrow, Job "sat among the ashes" (Job 2:8). The Old Testament book of Numbers and the New Testament book of Hebrews indicate that ashes were also used for purification (see Numbers 19:17 and Hebrews 9:13).
2. Christians have had an old tradition of using ashes made from the palm branches used on the last Palm Sunday. Priests and ministers have often used the ashes to make the sign of the cross on a believer's forehead as part of the Ash Wednesday ceremony.
3. The ashes symbolize the Christian's intent to repent of sins, to accept purification from the Lord, and to make a public witness of one's faith in Christ as Lord and Savior.
4. Since Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, the ashes symbolize one's intention to deepen his or her spiritual life. Lent is a time for spiritual renewal and growth in dedication and service.

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## Lent is a time for repentance

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Repentance is the process by which we see ourselves, day by day, as we really are: sinful, needy, dependent people. It is the process by which we see God as He is: awesome, majestic and holy.

—Charles Colson  
in *From Against the Night:  
Living in the New Dark Ages*

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## The blessing we may be

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One day when Henri J.M. Nouwen was feeling a bit blue, a friend said to him, "I wish you could experience yourself as I experience you. Then you would not be so depressed."

That uplifting comment inspired Nouwen to later write: "While we ourselves are overwhelmed by our own weaknesses and limitations, we can still be so transparent that the Spirit of God, the divine counselor, can shine through us and bring light to others."

—Found in Nouwen's book,  
*The Living Reminder*

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## A prayer for Lent

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O Lord, open my eyes that I may see more clearly the condition of my soul. If there is darkness, mean-spiritedness, egotistic pride ... or worse within, cleanse me from all unrighteousness. Renew a right spirit within me and make me truly Christ-like in all my thoughts and actions. And when I begin to edge away from your will, please stir up my conscience until I am in harmony with you again. In Christ's name. Amen.

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## Examination of one's heart during Lent

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If God sees that heart corroded with the rust of cares, riddled into caverns...by the worms of ambition and greed, then your heart is as God sees it, for God sees things as they are. And one day you will be compelled to see, nay, to feel your heart as God sees it.

—George MacDonald (1824-1905)



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## Palm Sunday: the coming of the king

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Sometimes we may speak or shout the truth without realizing just how right we are. That happened on the first



Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on, not a prize-worthy stallion, but a young, unimpressive, donkey.

Remember the roar of the crowd? "Hosanna (Save us!), Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord." They were waving palm branches, a symbol of peace, as they hailed Jesus as their king. Was Jesus a king? Jesus didn't deny it. When the Pharisees told him to rebuke the cheering crowd, he said, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Pilate, the Roman procurator and judge, taunted the Pharisees by saying, "Here is your king." That made the chief priests furious. "We have no king but Caesar," they protested.

Pilate turned Christ over to them, but he still wanted to taunt Jesus' insistent persecutors. John 19:19 says that Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. In three languages (Hebrew, Latin and Greek) it read: The King of the Jews. That enraged Jesus' enemies even more. They asked Pilate to change the wording.

"What I have written, I have written," the stubborn ruler answered.

Was Jesus a king? The witnesses of the Resurrection surely thought so. In Acts 17:7 we find that the first Christians were accused of "saying there is another king, Jesus." The writer of the book of Revelation envisioned the day when the whole world would understand that the risen Christ was not only Lord and Savior but also, as he put it, "Lord of lords and King of kings." (Revelation 17:14)

### Counting Your Blessings

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who won't survive the week. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 20 million people around the world.

If you attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than almost three billion people in the world. If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy. If your parents are still married and alive, you are very rare, especially in the United States.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not. If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer God's healing touch. If you can read this message you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read anything at all. You are so blessed in ways you may never even know.



### How to Stay Young

Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay "them."

Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.

Enjoy the simple things.

Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.

The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.

Surround yourself with what you love, whether it is family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.

Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.

Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.



Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;  
for lo, the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth,  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.

—Song of Solomon 2:10-13



The easy roads are crowded,  
And the level roads are jammed;  
The pleasant little rivers  
With the drifting folks are crammed,  
But off yonder where it's rocky,  
Where you get a better view,  
You will find the ranks are thinning  
And the travelers are few.  
Where the going's smooth and  
pleasant  
You will always find the throng,  
For the many, more's the pity,  
Seem to like to drift along.  
But the steps that call for courage  
And the task that's hard to do,  
In the end results in glory  
For the never-wavering few.

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### Three ways God answers prayers

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1. Yes. I think your request can be arranged.
  2. No. I have something better in mind for you. Your request would only make things worse.
  3. Wait awhile. Some things take time and patience.
- Accept the promise that all things work together for good with those who love Me. Check Romans 8:28.

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### God's assurance

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Death is not something to be feared.  
It has no bitter end ...  
But rather holds for each a light  
To better see his Friend.

—Peggy Ferrell

JESUS SAID:

"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35

"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

"I AM THE GATE; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture." John 10:9

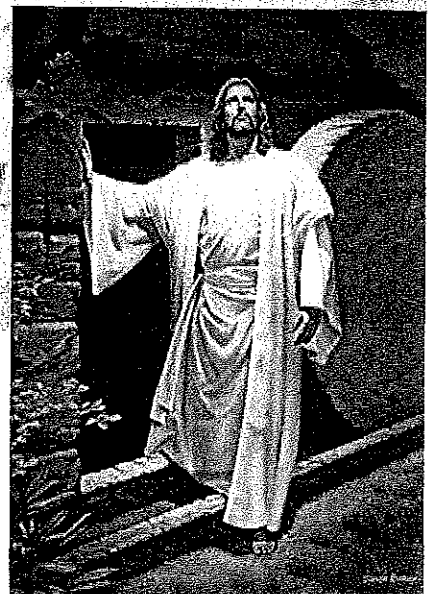
"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25-26

"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

"I AM THE VINE, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

"I AM THE ALPHA AND OMEGA, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8

*and he who believes  
will never go thirsty*



## Views on Aging

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions. "How old are you?" "I'm four and a half!" You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key. You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead. "How old are you?" "I'm going to be 16!" You could be 13, but hey, you're going to be 16! And then the greatest day of your life...you become 21! Even the words sound like a ceremony...YOU BECOME 21! YESSSS!! But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk. He TURNED; we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed? You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40! Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50...and your dreams are gone. But wait!! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would! So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE IT to 60. You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday! You get into your 80s and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30; you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there. Into the 90s, you start going backwards; "I was JUST 92." Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. "I'm 100 and a half!" ~ *Author Unknown*

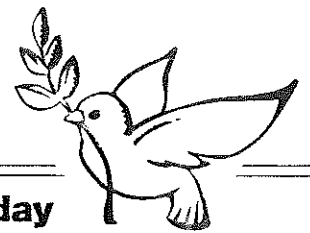
*I am the good shepherd;  
I know my sheep and my sheep know me  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father.  
And I lay down my life  
for the sheep.  
I have other sheep that  
are not of this sheep pen.  
I must bring them also.  
They too will listen to my voice,  
and there shall be one flock  
and one shepherd.  
John 10:14-16*

### The choice

For the next 12 hours I will be exposed to the day's demands. It is now that I must make a choice. Because of Calvary I'm free to choose. And so I choose.

I choose love .... No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness, I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.

—Max Lucado in  
*When God Whispers Your Name*



Today

Don't tell me what you will do  
When you have time to spare;  
Tell me what you did today  
To ease a load of care.

Don't tell me what you will give  
When your ship comes in from sea;  
Tell me what you gave today  
A festered soul to free.

- God has a work to do with us that will not be done without us.

—St. Augustine

- Christians need the sensitivity of a stethoscope, the stability of a gyroscope and the vision of a telescope.

- Praying without faith is like shooting without a bullet; it makes noise but does no execution.

—Francis Burkitt

- Sow an act, and you reap a habit. Sow a habit, and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny.

—Charles Reade (1814-1884)

- The basic secret of the Christian religion is not effort or will power, important as they are. The secret is faith.

—Norman Vincent Peale

- It is God who sues for our devotion, constantly, persistently, who goes out to meet us as soon as we long to know him.

—Abraham Joshua Heschel

- Regarding judgment day, Rabbi Sushya wrote: "God will not ask me why I was not Moses. He will ask me why I was not Sushya."

### A burst of glory!

Almost a century ago, Dr. R. W. Dale, a preacher in Birmingham, England, was in his study writing an Easter sermon. As he pondered the Easter event, suddenly the fact of the Resurrection broke in upon him as never before. Later, he wrote of what he felt:

**Christ  
Is Alive!**

"Christ is alive," I said to myself: "Alive!" and then I

paused: — "Alive!" and then I paused again:

"Alive!" Can that really be true? Living as I myself am? I got up and walked about, repeating, "Christ is living! Christ is living!" At first it seemed strange and hardly true, but at last it came upon me as a burst of sudden glory.

—James S. Stewart, in *The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ*

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## How God comes

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Each morning, when the eastern sky  
With opalescent tints grows bright,  
From out the dawn for those who hear  
There comes a whisper, "I am light!"

When spring  
arrives in  
bright array,  
Transcending  
storms and  
winter strife,  
The budding trees  
and opening  
flowers

Tell their sweet story:  
"I am life!"

Then through the glorious summer days,  
Long hours of bliss without alloy,  
The sun, the birds, all nature joins  
The great, glad chorus: "I am joy!"

And when the heart is strangely stirred  
With mystic echoes from above,  
A voice divine speaks to the soul —  
Ecstatic moment! — "I am love!"

Or if life's problems vex us sore  
And from our woes we seek release,  
God sends His dews of quietness  
And gently whispers, "I am peace!"

And should there come the darker hours,  
The shadowy vale can hold no fear;  
That reassuring voice speaks forth,  
"Courage, my children, I am here!"

—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Saratoga, California

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## LET'S TAKE INVENTORY

Is there anyone I need to forgive?  
Is there anyone who would not be pleased to see me?  
Do I find the advice and command of others trying?  
Is self-discipline difficult or a delight?  
Am I ever impatient in the routine of my duties?  
How do I treat those who are unkind and unreasonable?  
Am I doing anything that I would condemn in others?  
What am I like at home?  
Am I regarded by others as being reliable?  
Am I given to faultfinding?  
What am I like at work, in relation to my associates?  
If I once give my word, is it my bond?  
Am I faithful to Bible study and to prayer?  
Am I faithful to the services of my church?  
Do I make good use of leisure time?  
Am I going the second mile in my duties, in service and in love?  
Do I object to interruptions or meet them graciously?  
Have I been pure?  
Am I painstaking and conscientious?  
Do I love to be alone with God and do I practice this?  
How do I take unpleasant remarks about myself?  
Do I have a bridled tongue?  
Am I argumentative? Do I insist on my own way?  
Am I sympathetic? Do I hurt when others hurt?  
Am I appreciative? Do I show it to my loved ones?  
Am I quick to acknowledge my faults and ask for forgiveness?



Do I tend to remember little grudges  
against people?  
Do I waste time? My own or others?  
Am I quick to welcome new suggestions  
or corrections?  
Is my imagination under the control of  
the Holy Spirit?  
If I undertake something, do I persevere  
and see it through?  
Is there anything in my life that I would  
not be willing to give up?

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## Laziness is a sin

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Tony Campolo reminds us of the damage sloth (laziness)  
can bring to a soul:

"If one is too lazy to do what one knows has to be done,  
there will result a deadness to the heart and soul that psy-  
chotherapy cannot cure. Sloth is the demonic tendency to  
remain where we are when we ought to be moving on to  
do those things which we know will provide deliverance  
from the pain of our existence."

—Anthony Campolo from *Seven Deadly Sins*

Respect  
Life

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## The tensions of opposites

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A writer, Mitch Albom, spent hours each Tuesday with  
Morrie Schwartz, a college professor dying of Lou Gehrig's  
disease. A portion of one conversation follows:

"Have I told you about the tension of opposites?"

Morrie says.

The tension of opposites?

"Life is a series of pulls back and forth. You want to do  
one thing, but you are bound to do something else.  
Something hurts you, yet you know it shouldn't. You  
take certain things for granted, even when you know you  
should never take anything for granted.

"A tension of opposites, like a pull on a rubber band.  
And most of us live somewhere in the middle."

Sounds like a wrestling match, I say.

"A wrestling match." He laughs. "Yes, you could  
describe life that way."

So which side wins?

"Which side wins?"

He smiles at me, the crinkled eyes, the crooked teeth.

"Love wins. Love always wins."

—Mitch Albom from *Tuesdays with Morrie*



# JOKES

*Laugh and the world laughs with you;  
Weep, and you weep alone; For the sad  
old earth must borrow its mirth, But  
has trouble enough of its own.*

"How lovely you look, my dear!" gushed a wedding guest to the bride. And then she whispered, "Whatever happened to the dizzy blonde your groom used to date?"

"I dyed my hair," replied the bride.

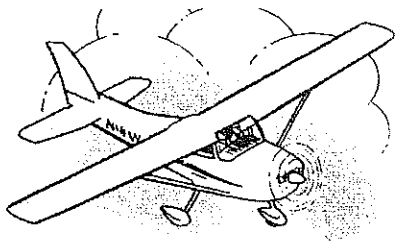
A minister, a Boy Scout and the nation's top computer executive were the only passengers on a plane. The pilot came back and said that the plane was going down but there were only three parachutes.

The pilot said, "I should have one of the chutes because I have a wife and three small children" and he jumped.

The computer executive said, "I should have one of the parachutes because I am the smartest man in the world and they will need me" and he jumped.

The minister turned to the Boy Scout and with a sad smile said, "You are young and I have lived a good life, so you take the parachute and I'll go down with the plane."

The Boy Scout said, "Relax, reverend, the smartest man in the world just picked up my knapsack and jumped out of the plane."



## MOSES AND THE RED SEA

NINE-YEAR-OLD JOEY was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School

"Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked.

"Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"



## The Ten Most Wanted Men




1. The man who tries to be the right example to every child rather than talk about it.
2. The man who has a passion to help rather than a passion to be helped.
3. The man who is willing to say, "I was wrong, I'm sorry."
4. The man who will look at temptation squarely and say "No."
5. The man who puts God's business above any other.
6. The man who throws himself totally into a project, then gives credit for its success to his helpers.
7. The man who has a ready smile and a pat on the back for others.
8. The man who brings his children to church rather than sending them.
9. The man who can see his own faults before he sees the faults of others.
10. The man who gives his money, time and talent without thought of return.



- God is perfection and whoever strives toward perfection is striving for something divine.  
—Michelangelo Buonarroti
- Lack of wealth is easily repaired, but poverty of soul is irreparable.  
—Michel De Montaigne
- Fame and fortune ought to add up to more than just fame and fortune.  
—Robert Fulghum
- To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life.  
—Baruch Spinoza
- Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you can only spend it once.  
—Miquel De Cervantes
- To be nobody but yourself, in a world which is doing its best to make you like everybody else, means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight, and never stop fighting.  
—E. E. Cummings
- Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier.  
—Mother Teresa
- There are no hopeless situations, only people who are hopeless about them.  
—Dinah Shore
- Values really do matter and real values are the foundation of everything to come.  
—Dave Ramsey
- Time is free, but it is priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it, you can never get it back.  
—Harvey Mackay
- No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.  
—Calvin Coolidge
- We cannot be at peace with others until we are at peace with ourselves.










## MARCH 2022 ZION ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry for help come to you. Do not hide your face from me when I am in distress. Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly."</i> <i>Psalm 102:1-2</i></p>		1	<p>2 <i>Ash Wednesday</i></p> <p>5 pm Confirmation 6 pm Fellowship Meal 7 pm Lenten Service</p>	3	4	<p>5 6-8 pm <i>Benefit Meal for Jim Prather at the Tioga Community Center</i></p>
<p>6 <i>Mission Sunday Offering</i> 9 am Sunday School &amp; Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service</p>	<p>7 1 pm Quilters</p>	<p>8 <b>6:30 pm</b> <b>Deacon/Deaconess Meeting</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> <b>Trustee Meeting</b> <b>8:15 pm Church Council Mtg.</b></p>	<p>9</p> <p>5 pm Confirmation 6 pm Fellowship Meal 7 pm Lenten Service</p>	<p>10 <i>Zion WMF</i> <i>Circles Meet:</i> <i>Circle 1 – 9:30 am</i> <i>Circle 2 – 2 pm</i> <i>Circle 3 – 7 pm</i></p>	11	12
<p>13 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins!</i> 9 am Sunday School &amp; Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service</p> <p>3 pm <i>"A Heart Like Water" at the Tioga Movie Theater</i> <i>Sponsored by the Norseman Museum</i></p>	<p>14 1 pm Quilters</p>	15	<p>16</p> <p>2 pm <i>Ladies WMF</i></p> <p>5 pm Confirmation 6 pm Fellowship Meal 7 pm Lenten Service</p>	<p>17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i></p> 	18	19
<p>20 9 am Sunday School &amp; Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service <i>"SPRING BEGINS!"</i></p> 	<p>21 1 pm Quilters</p>	22	<p>23</p> <p>5 pm Confirmation 6 pm Fellowship Meal 7 pm Lenten Service</p>	24	<p>25</p> 	26
<p>27 9 am Sunday School &amp; Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service</p>	<p>28 1 pm Quilters</p>	29	<p>30</p> <p>5 pm Confirmation 6 pm Fellowship Meal 7 pm Lenten Service</p>	31		<p>"Suffering with truth decay? Brush up on your Bible."</p>



## APRIL ZION 2022 ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." Matthew 28:6</i></p>					1	2 
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9 am Sunday school &amp; Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>1 pm Zion Quilters Meet</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>5 pm Confirmation <b>6 pm Fellowship Meal</b> <b>7 pm Lenten Service</b> 6:30 pm Youth Meal &amp; 7 pm Youth Group at the Community Center</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	8	9 
<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b><i>Palm Sunday</i></b></p> <p>9 am Sunday school &amp; Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service</p> 	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>1 pm Zion Quilters Meet</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>6:30 pm Deacon/Deaconess Meeting</b> <b>7:30 pm Trustee Meeting</b> <b>8:15 pm Council Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> 	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b><i>Zion Circles Meet:</i></b></p> <p><i>Circle 1-9:30 am</i> <i>Circle 2-2 pm</i> <i>Circle 3-7 pm</i></p>	15	16 <b>7 pm Good Friday Service</b>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b><i>Easter Sunday</i></b></p> <p>8:30 am Easter Breakfast 10:30 am Easter Celebration Worship Service</p> 	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>1 pm Zion Quilters Meet</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>5 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Youth Meal &amp; 7 pm Youth Group at the Community Center</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	22	23  <b>FLBC Campus Days Wknd.</b>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9 am Sunday school &amp; Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>1 pm Zion Quilters Meet</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>5 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Youth Meal &amp; 7 pm Youth Group at the Community Center</p>	28	29	30   "It's what you learn after you know it all that counts the most."

## RADIO MINISTRY

If you would like to sponsor a Sunday broadcast or contribute to the radio fund in honor, or memory of a loved one, please contact the church office, thank you! The radio broadcast is \$100 per Sunday.

Our radio broadcast can be heard on Sundays at NOON on AM Radio Station KTGO 1090. You can also WATCH our live-stream online at our website: [zionfreelutheran.com](http://zionfreelutheran.com)

### MARCH USHERS:

Wilmer Roloff  
Cody Knudson  
Terry Skalicky

### APRIL USHERS:

Ronnie Lund  
Tyler Lalim  
Ryan Nielsen  
Bruce Lovdahl

\*If your birthday or anniversary is missing from our Newsletter and you would like to be included, please call the church office\*



~CLOTHES CLOSET~



THE CLOTHES CLOSET IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!

HOURS ARE: MONDAY 2 – 7 P.M.

SATURDAY 9 – 12 P.M.

IF YOU HAVE A NEED FOR AN ITEM FROM THE CLOTHES CLOSET DURING OFF HOURS, PLEASE CALL RICK RAAN AT 641-6099. THANK YOU!



*"Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." Hosea 6:3*



### Join us for Sunday school!

9 a.m. Sunday school & Coffee Fellowship

Classes for: Ages 3 yrs. through adults.

Adult class is studying the Book of Hebrews!

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



## LENT

Lenten Fellowship meals start on Ash Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. Join us for food and fellowship! 7 p.m. Lenten Service -Theme: "Jesus Paid it All" Area AFLC Pastors will be taking turns speaking at each church. Topics are:

Pastor Erin Tormanen "I Will Keep the Passover"  
Pastor Shane McLoughlin "Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You"

Pastor Rodney Johnson "They Bound Him"  
Pastor Rich Carr "The Semblance of Legality"  
Pastor Jon Wellumson "What to Remember When You are Seized with Remorse"

Pastor Seth Moan "A Part for the Whole?"



Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 – 8 p.m.

"All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for Jim Prather at the Community Center sponsored by the Tioga Ministerial. Anyone who would like to donate directly to Jim, the Bank of Tioga has a "Jim Prather Medical Benefit Account."



Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. the movie "A Heart Like Water" filmed in the state of North Dakota, will be playing at the Tioga Movie Theater sponsored by the Tioga Norseman Museum.