# THE MOUNT WEEKLY

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#### **IN WORSHIP TODAY**

I wonder how Jesus felt when his own people mocked him and rejected him. I wonder what he felt as people nailed him to the cross and rejected him. We ponder these things because we just don't know how Jesus felt. But we do know how we feel when people mock and reject us. We do know how we feel when we are spurned and turned away by people. We also know this. Jesus was unafraid to step to the cross and endure its pain because he knew two things: 1) He knew that he was the Son of God. This had been affirmed to him (at least) twice before. 2) He knew that his rejection meant our acceptance by God. Our rejection by people will still hurt, yet we know that we are not and will not be rejected by our Father in heaven. (cf also Isaiah 53)

## SCARS

This Lenten season, we're taking a look at the scars we all have from our sin and from the sin of others. Ultimately, it's not about our scars, but rather the scars of Christ which he took for us on the cross.

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

## **NEXT STEPS**

If you're new with us today or would like a refresher study of the Bible's teachings, you're invited to take this next step. Learn more about God's ways through Christian Essentials. Ask Pastor Bourman for more information or sign-up here: https://bit.ly/CE\_Interest

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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Tuesday, March 5** 6:15 pm - Rally the Family Mtg

Wednesday, March 6 4:30 pm - Midweek Worship 5:15 pm - Soup Supper 6 pm - Midweek Worship

Saturday, March 9 10 - 12 pm - Food Pantry

**Sunday, March 10** 9:30 am – Worship (communion) 11 am - Meet and Greet with Pastor Chris

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Sunday, March 17** Call Meeting, then "Rally the Family" open forum after church.

**Saturday, March 23** 9 am - Indoor/Outdoor Spring Cleaning



## FISHING FOR SOULS

There are a lot of ways that people can receive invitations to church. Facebook/Instagram ads. Mailers. Banners. Blogs. Lots of ways. However, studies continue to show that what people respond to the most is... drum roll ... personal invitation. That means you are the best person to do the job!

- During the month of March, we're going to hang up a net.
- We've ordered business card-sized invitations to Easter.
- Every time you invite someone to church, hang up a fish!!
- Let's see how many people we can invite to Easter!

We can't control if they will come or not. But we can control if we invite them at all. Let's do what we can to fill up our sanctuary this Easter!

"Come follow me and I will teach you how to fish for people." Jesus.

## **MINISTRY UPDATES**

#### **Office Administrator**

We are looking to hire a new office administrator. The purpose of this role is to maintain and facilitate the orderly operation, management, and organization of Mount Lebanon Lutheran Church. This is an incredibly important role. The person filling this role ensures the ministry runs smoothly and orderly. This person is also instrumental in getting people involved in our ministry. If you would like to learn more about this position, please contact Pastor Nate.

#### JA Biztown/ Finance Park

Our middle school scholars regularly participate in experiences that prepare them for real life. On March 27, we will have one such experience. We need many volunteers to make this happen. Please talk to Brandi Bowling if you would like to help.

#### **LWMS Mission Offering**

Mount Lebanon rallies together twice a year to support missions through the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS). If you would still like to give for this cause, you may also place an offering in the offering plate and label it for LWMS until March 17.

#### **Call Meeting**

Last Sunday, we postponed a call meeting so that we could pursue additional candidates. We would like to have that call meeting on March 17 before the open forum begins.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For *David DeLay*, the nephew of Karen Runge, who is in prison.

For *Elsie Krane,* who broke her ankle and is recovering in the hospital.

For *Kim Platek,* a friend of Julie Wellinger who has been battling MS.

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• List (at least) five opportunities that Mount Lebanon Ministries currently has.

• List as many 3-year targets as you can (aiming at 2027). These can be either aspirational (dreams) or specific and measurable.