

## Living the Word

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THROUGH KNOWING, LOVING AND SERVING GOD!

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# The Five Wounds of Christ

Deceit

Fear

Shame

Anger

Sadness & Loss



OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST  
HEBREWS 4:15 (NIV)

“...we do not have a high priest  
who is unable to empathize  
with our weaknesses,  
but we have one who has  
been tempted in every way,  
just as we are—yet he did not sin.”

### SCHEDULE OF TOPICS

March 6—**Ash Wednesday**: “Be Reconciled to God”

March 10—**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**: “The Lamb of God”

March 17—**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**: “The Wound of Deceit and Betrayal”

March 24—**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**: “The Wound of Fear”

March 31—**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**: “The Wound of Sadness and Loss”

April 7—**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**: “The Wound of Anger”

April 14—**Palm Sunday**: “The Wound of Shame”

April 18—**Maundy Thursday**: “The Last Supper”

April 20—**Holy Saturday**: “Healing Service”

April 21—**Easter Sunday**: “The Resurrection of Christ”

# Christ in You, the Hope of Glory

When serving the UM Church in Lyndon, KS I, in conjunction with several other pastors in the area, began a Celebrate Recovery group in June of 2012. I don't know for sure how many people stopped-by to check us out in our time of existence, but I suspect the way I introduced myself during meetings caused more than a few raised eyebrows and confused looks among them. Because when I introduced myself, I'd say: "I'm Loren, a grateful believer in Jesus Christ in recovery from substance abuse."

The raised eyebrows and confused looks would come after this self-introduction, when I'd offer this insight into what I meant, by saying: "When I claim to be in recovery from substance abuse, I mean that I believe that, as the Bible teaches, I'm a creature made in God's image and likeness, and God has put a little piece of divine substance inside of me; and it's *this divine substance* that I abuse. I abuse it by not taking care of myself. By working too much; by allowing myself to get too hungry, too angry, too lonely, too tired; by failing to exercise—I abuse this bit of divine substance in myriad ways, and this is that from which I seek recovery."

That's a lot to chew-on. That statement contains over 130 words. But, I've learned to say all this another way, a simpler, more-Biblical way, by drawing on the words from the first chapter of the Letter to the Colossians where Paul describes his call to ministry by saying:

I have become [the Church's] servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles *the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.* Colossians 1:25-27 (NIV)

I don't know how many times I've read or heard these words before and not fully-understood what Paul meant, maybe hundreds of times. But the important thing is today, I do hear them; today, I do understand them! And this understanding of what's at stake, of what's potentially threatened sheds new light on the sermon series we'll soon begin: The Five Wounds of Christ.

This passage helps makes the point that the 5 wounds that Christ suffered in Jerusalem some 2000+ years ago—the wounds of betrayal and deceit, the wound of fear, the wound of sadness and loss, the wound of anger and the wound of shame, are the wounds that we experience at the hands of others, or that others experience at our hands. These are things which kill Christ in us; that kill any hope humankind have of ever knowing, or demonstrating, God's glory.

Lent is a season of discovery, so our hope as we embark on this Lenten series is that you'll discover, will uncover, how the death of Christ is playing-out in your lives. That you'll hear Paul's words anew, and realize how spot-on he is. That you'll begin to reflect on your relationships with others, and will see how Christ in you (your hope of glory) has been wounded by them; will begin to see how the Christ in others (their hope of glory) has been wounded by you.

In this season of preparation, may we be found faithful in preparing ourselves to begin to experience the fullness of God's grace. Found faithful in preparing ourselves to experience the power of God that reaches-out-and-changes-everything, faithful in preparing ourselves to experience God's victory over sin, over woundedness and death so we may experience the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the resurrection of our hope of glory. May we all on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019, sing with the personal conviction born out of personal experience of the Resurrection of Christ: "Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted head. Made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!"

- *Pastor Loren*

## Help Grow Our Endowment Fund at Match Madness 2019!

greater salina community foundation



We are excited to announce our participation in Match Madness, Salina's day-long giving event, on Thursday, March 21, 2019! On this day, your dollar – and your impact – will stretch even further when you donate to our church's endowed fund at the Greater Salina Community Foundation.

Gifts to our endowment are very important, long-term investments in the future of our church, as they will produce a steady, never-ending source of income that we can count on every year. That means your Match Madness donation will help us continue our mission in the Salina community forever! Plus, all Match Madness gifts will be matched up to 50% with a cash grant that we can use to help us grow our endowment.

Here's how you can participate and help grow our church endowment fund.

Donate Online – On March 21, go to [www.MatchMadnessGSCF.org](http://www.MatchMadnessGSCF.org) and donate anytime between 12:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m.

Donate in Person – Donations will be accepted in person from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Salina Fieldhouse, 140 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, in Salina. The live event will include a free throw contest, Match Madness basketball on TV, food trucks, snacks, and more.

Spread the Word – Spread the word to your friends and loved ones about our organization and Match Madness.

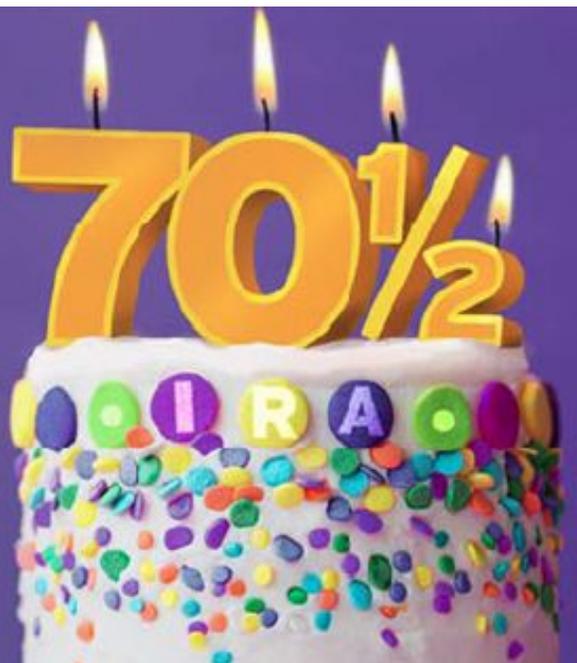
Jim Raubenstine will be our shooter for the free throw contest. He will earn \$10 for the endowment fund for every free throw he makes, up to \$100. Come cheer him on at 6:00 p.m. at the Fieldhouse.

For more information about Match Madness, visit [www.MatchMadnessGSCF.org](http://www.MatchMadnessGSCF.org) or contact Dave Mills or Byron Norris. We encourage anyone who has ever considered a gift to the Church of the Cross Endowment Fund to not miss out on this opportunity for matching funds! Thank you for your support!

### Consider Making IRA Distributions to the Church

If you are age 70 ½ or older, you may want to make distributions directly from your IRA to the church (or other qualified charitable organizations). Such distributions will count towards your required minimum distribution for the year and may save you tax dollars. Even though the distribution cannot be claimed as an itemized deduction, the distribution is excluded from your taxable income thus potentially saving you both federal and state income taxes.

How do I do this? Contact the bank or broker that holds your IRA. Ask them to write and send a check to Church of the Cross for the amount you desire to give. They can issue multiple checks to you and your charities but only amounts paid directly to the charity qualify for this special tax treatment. See your tax advisor for details and for any other specific requirements that must be met to qualify.



## COC YOUTH NEWS

### Wednesday Night Bible Study:

**March 6:** No regular Bible Study, we'll go to the Ash Wednesday Service at 6:15

**March 13:** No Bible Study - Spring Break

**March 20:** Regular Bible Study and Youth Serving the Grub Meal

**March 27:** Regular Bible Study



### Sunday Night Youth Group:

**March 3:** Games Games Games! All youth meeting at 5:00

**March 10:** No Youth Group - Spring Break

**March 17:** Movie Night - All Youth meeting at 5:00

**March 24:** Service Night- Stay tuned for more info.

**March 31:** Pop Topics!



MeTour: Hey ladies age 15-20, are you interested in a cool trip touring United Methodist Mission fields in the South Eastern United States? Chat with Robin about this cool trip sponsored by United Methodist Women!

CAMP!!!



Are you interested in going to church camp this summer? Camp Horizon has some really cool options, and Church of the Cross offers scholarships to help with the cost! Contact Robin if you would like more information!

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Despite the abundance of snow that God has given us this year, Summer *IS* Coming. We need volunteers to help maintain the church's lawns this summer. Will you and your family or your small group commit to mowing and trimming the grass one week per month, April through October? We would like to have enough volunteers that once per month, it will only take 2-3 hours per small group in keeping our property beautiful. The church has all the necessary equipment.

For more information, see Pat or Marvin or call 785-819-4454. A sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center.

## March Grateful Grub



March 6 - Soup Supper with Cinnamon Rolls

March 13 - Spring Break; NO GRUB

March 20 - Baked Potato Bar with Fixin's\*\*

March 27 - Meatloaf

### **\*\*DALE PECK SCHOLARSHIP YOUTH FUNDRAISER - March 20 Grub**

Come support the Youth on March 20 as all Grub proceeds will go toward the Dale Peck Scholarship Fund. For more information about Scholarship opportunities, see Rhonda Garcia.



Bob & Tammy Conner

Carolyn J.

Melba Clanton

Joyce Satterlee

Jennifer Rice

Nancy Callahan

Family of Mona Peterman



March is one of the months, especially in Kansas, in which God shows that He is in control. Where else can you go and in the span of a week, see

sunshine, rain, snow, hail, thunderstorms, and tornados? We serve an awesome God, and I am very thankful that he guides and directs our preschool.

We had a nice turnout at our Open House. We still have a few openings for the fall, but are starting to fill up, so if you know someone who is interested in Angel Academy, have them contact us as soon as possible.

We will be welcoming all of our preschoolers and all of their dads or male role models to come and join us for an evening of fun on Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>.

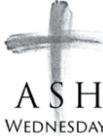


If you love to eat at IHOP, we have got an opportunity for you!! If you eat at IHOP on Thursday March 21st and tell them you are there to support Angel Academy, they will donate a percentage of your total bill to the preschool!

Our children's department continues to be small but mighty! We are planning to help with some outdoor cleanup in preparation for the all church workday as the weather warms. We would love to have some help during Sunday school and in the nursery during second service!!!



# March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8a -T.O.P.S.	2 1p -Gym Reserved
3 8:30a - Worship 9:45a -Sunday School 11a -Worship 2p -Gym Reserved 5p -Youth Group 5:15p -Bells	4 1p -Prayer Shawl 4:45p -Girl Scouts	5 8a -T.O.P.S. 6:30p -Boy Scouts 7p -Trustees	6 5:30p - Grateful Grub 6:15p -Ash Wednesday Services  	7 10a -TLC 5:30p -Daddy & Me Night Angel Academy 6p -Girl Scouts	8 No School 8a -T.O.P.S. 6p -Webster Reserved  <b>5P PRAYER VIGIL 5P</b>	9
10 8:30a - Worship 9:45a -Sunday School 11a -Worship 2p -Gym Reserved 5:15p -Bells	11 No School 1p -Prayer Shawl 4:45p -Girl Scouts 6p -Angel Board	12 No School 8a -T.O.P.S. 1:30p -UMW 4p -Outreach 6:30p -Boy Scouts	13 No School No Grub or G.R.O.W.	14 No School 10a -TLC	15 No School 8a -T.O.P.S.	16
17 8:30a - Worship 9:45a -Sunday School 11a -Worship 5p -Youth Group 5:15p -Bells	18 1p -Prayer Shawl 4:45p -Girl Scouts	19 8a -T.O.P.S. 5:30p - Security Team 6:30p -Boy Scouts	20 5:30p - Grateful Grub 6p -G.R.O.W.	21 10a -TLC 6p -Girl Scouts  IHOP Fundraiser	22 8a -T.O.P.S.	23 1p -Gym Reserved
24 8:30a - Worship 9:45a -Sunday School 11a -Worship 5p -Youth Group 5:15p -Bells	25 1p -Prayer Shawl 4:45p -Girl Scouts	26 8a -T.O.P.S. 6:30p -Boy Scouts	27 5:30p - Grateful Grub 6p -G.R.O.W.	28 10a -TLC	29 8a -T.O.P.S.	30 1p -Gym Reserved
31 8:30a - Worship 9:45a -Sunday School 11a -Worship 5p -Youth Group 5:15p -Bells						

# March 2019 Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Kirsten Lamia
3 Janice Farless  Paul Fast  Leona Nichols	4 Avereil Boyer  Marcus Swindler  Margaret Vosburg	5	6 Shelly Arnold  Layla Peppers  Judy Powell	7 Nathan Burke  Brie Perez	8 Tyler Long	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Marie Gomel	16 Shirley Yager
17 Sally Crawford	18	19 Kay Hankins	20 Marjorie McGreevy	21 David Laber  Maureen Mattison  Olivia Tomson	22 Karsyn Arnold  Phyllis Franklin	23
24 Marva Weller	25 Rachel Frazier  Chad McCary  Margaret Swindler	26	27 McKaylen Beck	28 Barbara Mallon  Leesa Peterman	29 Chris Affholder	30
31 Brittany Riffel						

	2019			2018
	Jan	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Prior YTD
<b>Income</b>				
Giving	\$ 19,152	\$ 19,152		\$ 28,153
Angel Academy Income	14,810	14,810		17,522
Other Income (Expense)	769	769		806
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>34,731</b>	<b>34,731</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,481</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Ministerial & Staff	17,937	17,937		20,462
Operating & Education	1,198	1,198	-	1,605
Buildings & Grounds	4,844	4,844		5,985
Conference Missions & Ministry	-	-		2,806
Angel Academy Expense	14,810	14,810		17,522
Unbudgeted Expenses	-	-		305
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>38,789</b>	<b>38,789</b>		<b>48,685</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures &amp; Transfers</b>	<b>\$ (4,058)</b>	<b>\$ (4,058)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (2,204)</b>
<b>Unpaid Bills</b>		<b>\$ -</b>		
<b>Cash &amp; Investments Balances:</b>				
General Fund		<b>\$13,531</b>		
Restricted/Designated Funds		<b>\$164,320</b>		
Memorial Funds		<b>\$16,186</b>		
Trustee Building Fund		<b>\$32,681</b>		
<b>Total Cash &amp; Investments</b>		<b>\$ 226,718</b>		

**Calling all high school seniors and current college students!!**



It is time to apply for the Peck Scholarship! The application form is on the welcome center or you can email or text Rhonda Garcia to have a form emailed to you. Applications should be returned to the church office by noon on April 10, 2019. Contact Rhonda for more information

rhondag3@cox.net or 785-452-3486.

The heartfelt time and love Dale and Dorothy Peck gave the Church of the Cross family over the years makes this opportunity even sweeter!



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Ash Wednesday is March 6. Please join us at 6:15p for service. Grateful Grub will be served starting at 5:30p.

### **WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

Grateful Grub—5:30PM—6:15PM

G.R.O.W.—6:15PM

Small Groups—6:15PM

Youth Bible Study—6:15PM