

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

- **CMU Vespers - Sun., Feb. 21, 7 pm in the Laudamus Auditorium.**
- **World Day of Prayer - March 4 at 3:00 pm.** Join North End churches for worship and refreshments at **St. John Cantius Church, 846 Burrows Ave.**
- **SBC Leadership Conference, *Living Non-Violently in a Violent World*, with Dr. Preston Sprinkle, March 18-19.** Early bird registration ends **March 4**. See poster on bulletin board for more information.
- In September 2015, leaders of Canadian faith communities issued a statement "*On Promoting Climate Justice and Ending Poverty in Canada*" (cpj.ca/ccc-statement), a call for federal government action to end poverty and fight climate change. Now **Citizens for Public Justice** is coordinating a **national petition** from people of faith who are echoing this call for climate justice. Add your voice to the call online at cpj.ca/climate-call.

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Lent 1 Sunday, February 14, 2016

Living Ink: Letting Go of the Pen

Focus Statement: *When we acknowledge God as the author of life, "letting go of the pen" becomes possible. There are necessary moments in our stories when we come to the end of ourselves and realize the need to give up our pen. This is when we have opportunities to recognize the Word planted in us and to rely on the Author to be our provider/daily bread, by allowing God's hand to write our lives.*

Gathering

Welcome: Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Singing STJ 44 The love of God

HWB 366 God of grace and God of glory

Poem – "It is Time to Go"

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading Luke 4:1-13; Romans 10:8-13

Congregational Singing HWB 483 O God who gives us life and breath

HWB 581 Take Thou my hand O Father

Message Heather

Congregational Response

Sharing and Prayer

Offering

Announcements

Congregational Singing HWB 545 Be thou my vision.

Benediction

Worship Leader: Ron

Song Leader: Deb

Accompanist: Emily

2016 Lent and Easter Services: "Living Ink"

Lent 2 Feb. 21 *Finding Light in Dark Text* Luke 13:31-35 (Potluck Lunch)

Lent 3 Feb. 28 *Leaping Off the Page* Luke 13:1-9

Lent 4 Mar. 6 *Turning Over a New Leaf* Luke 15:11-32

Communion and Footwashing at 6:30 pm

Lent 5 Mar. 13 *An Unexpected Twist* John 12:1-8

Palm Sunday Mar. 20 *The Plot Thickens* Luke 22-23

Maundy Thursday Mar. 24 at 6:00 pm Agape Meal

Good Friday Mar. 25 at 10:00 am

Easter Mar 27 Breakfast at 9:30 am; Worship at 11:00 am

The End of the Beginning John 20:1-18

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Food Bank** - Next meets on Feb. 20 and Mar. 5



Coffee for Feb. 21 – Marilyn

Upcoming Coffee for Feb. 28 – Randy and Charlotte

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sunnie is away this weekend.
- Each Sunday during Lent you are invited to respond to the theme questions on the insert. Share your responses during the service, take them home to ponder or include in your prayer time.
- Beginning **Sunday, Feb. 28**, Brad and Murray will lead adult Sunday School in a study of Richard Rohr's book *Falling Upwards*. Please read the introduction to prepare for our first session.



Birthdays This Week Rudy Niebuhr on Feb. 20

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Garry and Cathy for renewed strength in overcoming the flu.
- Peter and Leona as they transition to their new life in Ontario.
- Esther and Herb this week with medical appointments.

Call to Worship: Isaiah 58:6–9 (NIV)

Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?
Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe him,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?
Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness will go before you,
and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.
Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here I am.

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

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