



FEBRUARY

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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To the Church in Steamboat Springs,

"Blessed is the one who reads aloud and blessed are those who hear the words of this prophecy, and who keep the things written in it, for the time is near." (Revelation 1:3).

Ash Wednesday is February 17, 2021. This begins our exploration of the Passion Story of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. This is an extremely important story for the Gospel writers, observing that more than one-third of each Gospel is the Passion Narrative. This is the Grand Good News Story they are telling!

"Where did Jesus go after departing this earth?" and "What is Jesus doing now?" are questions that haunted the first Christians. While affirming that "Jesus has been given all authority in the heavens and on the earth" and while experiencing the persecution of the world around them, these Christians wondered "what is going on here?" The earliest believers were convinced that Jesus had launched the "last days" or the "end times." The struggle was that "it looked like evil was winning" even though it was defeated.

How do Christians live in such confusing and uncertain times? That is the focus of our Lenten Season and Series: ***"Living in the Last Days."***

This theme is based on the *Revelation of Jesus Christ*. Jesus, revealing and writing through John, deals with the various questions and circumstances of His struggling Family, otherwise known as the Church. Jesus clearly wanted to offer hope and comfort amidst their rejection and persecution. Jesus needed to inspire in them courage and conviction in holding fast to the Truth. The same is true for us today!

Here is the plan: each Wednesday in the Lenten Season, starting February 17, we will gather for a Lenten Service at 6:30pm. Each Service will highlight Jesus-revealed characteristics of the evil-influenced world and emphasize the Jesus-inspired response for living in such circumstances. I look forward to seeing you here as we read aloud, listen to and "put into practice" the Word of Jesus!

Luv' ya!
Pastor Craig

Happy February Birthdays

02/07 Michael Berdine

02/18 John Theis

02/24 Will Scheer

02/17 Bettiann Carrell

02/22 Paula Rigoni

02/25 Robert Oeltjen

Happy February Anniversaries

02/11 Mark & Mary Ellen Bollmann

02/26 Robert & Edna Oeltjen



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Thank you Concordia for the Epiphany gifts!! We appreciate each one of you and are honored and blessed to be a part of the Concordia church family!



Ash Wednesday

February 17th

The theme this year is "Living in the Last Days," a series of messages on the Revelation of Jesus Christ for our times!

Starting February 1st, join with Pastor Craig and Sheryl by reading one chapter each day, according to the following pattern:

- 1 Timothy (6 chapters)
- 2 Timothy (4 chapters)
- Titus (3 chapters)
- 1 Peter (5 chapters)
- 2 Peter (3 chapters)
- 1 John (5 chapters)
- 2 John (1 chapter)
- 3 John (1 chapter)
- Jude (1 chapter)

