

Devoted Hearts Women's Conference: 8th annual area wide women's event at Autumn Ridge Church, April 25-26. Friday 7-9 PM and Saturday 8:30 – 3 PM. Cost: \$48 before March 31st. Register online at www.devotedheartsrochester.com.

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Emmanuel Men are meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at Charlie's (1408 2nd. St. SW) for breakfast & a first look at the lectionary readings for the week. Bring a friend, sit at the feet of Jesus & practice being evangelical. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 11. Our Bible Readings for Lent II are: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; and John 3:1-17.

Women's Book & DVD Bible Study: "Simplify Your Life", a Women's Study based on the Book of Proverbs is being enjoyed by 12 women. Margaret Quam is hosting this study in her home (304– 15th Ave. S.W.). The final session is on March 10.

Spring Training for Christians: Rev. Neal Snider has written a book on the essentials of the Christian faith. This is a helpful resource for sharing one's faith and growing in one's discipleship. 30 copies have been given to Pastor Steffenson. If you would like to read this book during Lent, contact Pastor Steffenson for your free copy.

Lenten Plans

Saturdays in Lent—6 pm: Lectionary texts with a liturgy of Word & Sacrament; using portions of LBW & WOV.

Wednesdays of Lent at 6 pm—Drama Series: "How to be a Disciple". Evening Prayer with Disciple Sketches by guest pastors.

Eve of Palm/Passion—Saturday, April 12 at 6 pm: Palm fronds will be distributed. Please save them for future ashes.
Maundy Thursday—April 17 at 6 pm: Foot Washing (John 13) and the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday—April 18 at 12:00 Noon: Bidding Prayer & Passion Reading (John 18-19). 7 pm Oasis Tenebrae Worship.

Holy Saturday—April 19, Easter Eve at 6 pm: Celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord with an Easter Vigil—Light, Scripture, Baptism, & the Lord's Supper. **THE FIFTY DAYS BEGINS!**
GOAL: To read the entire New Testament as a congregation!

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7—The Upward Fall

2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Romans 5:12-19—In Adam...In Christ

5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned-- 13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. 14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. 15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. 16 And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. 17 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. 18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading—Matthew 4:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 4th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6 and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" 11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, March 8, 2014
Eve of Lent I—6 pm

***"Praising, Proclaiming and Practicing
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily life!"***

MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Signposts guide our way—Disciples seek to pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read & study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and give generously. This year, on Wednesday nights during the 40 Days of Lent, our worship will be **Lenten Dramas**: *"How to be a Disciple"*. On Wednesday, March 12 our Drama is entitled, "On Seeking Jesus"—Andrew and Philip. Rev. Fred Morck will be offering a Character Sketch on Philip. We will be using an edited version of Holden Evening Prayer each Wednesday Night, authored by Pastor David Steffenson with permission of GIA.

New Women's Bible Study **"The Wise and the Foolish"**

Pastor Dave and Julie will be leading a nine session Bible Study on the Discipleship Parables of Jesus, beginning on Monday, April 21. We will meet at Oasis Church, twice a month, on Mondays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Bring a friend. Study will conclude in August.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour on Sunday, March 9 at 2 a.m.—*SPRING AHEAD*



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, March 8 at 6 pm
Lent I Worship
- Mon, March 10 at
1 pm—Women's Study
5 & 7 pm—Thrivent
Workshops at Gloria
Dei Lutheran
- Tues, March 11
8 am—Men's Bible
Study Breakfast
10 am—Council Mtg.
- Wed, March 12 at 6
pm—Evening Prayer
and Lenten Dramas
(Rev. Fred Morck)
- Fri, Mar. 14 (12-2pm)
Faithfulness Gathering
- Mar. 29: Emmanuel
Lutheran, Grafton, IA.
Choir: Musical offering