

MARCH MUSINGS



From Pastor Jeff

What is Lent?



Lent

*Create in me
a clean heart,
O God, and
renew a right
spirit within me.*

PSALM 51:10, ESV

This year the season of Lent began on Wednesday, February 22nd. Lent is a period of 40 days (not including Sundays) before Easter and has been celebrated by the Church since antiquity. What is Lent for? Why have Christians observed these days through the centuries? As this statement adapted from the Book of Common Prayer states, it is an ancient season of preparation, self-examination, and prayer:

The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

So Lent is a season to check the state of our discipleship. How are we doing at following Jesus? Has anything crept in between us and our Lord? That's what "giving something up for Lent"

is actually about: getting rid of anything that pulls us away from the Lord. It's a season to add in practices that draw us closer to the Lord. We have Lenten devotionals at the church that can be useful for developing a habit of quiet time with the Lord. I close with the words of the Book of Common Prayer:

You are invited, therefore, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

May God Bless us during this Lent season!



LENTEN SEASON

Lent is the forty day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter, not including Sundays, of penitence and preparation for Christ's

death and resurrection. Our gift to you is the excellent devotional, "Amazing Grace," by Michael Hoy. Pick one up from the Narthex.

2022 ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE

Copies of the 2022 Annual Report are available on the counters in the Narthex. We encourage you to pick up a copy.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

Board Meeting

Thursday, March 16th 9:30 a.m.

There will be a Women's Ministries Board Meeting on Thursday, March 16th at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary at the Church.

Women's Bloom Event

Saturday, March 18th

6:00 p.m. in Tahoe City

Join women from throughout the North Shore area for a fun swap party at the Fairway Community Center, 330 Fairway Dr. in Tahoe City. Bring a beverage and snack to share along with your gently used clothing, shoes and accessories to swap.

DEACONS MEETING

March 12th at 11:30 a.m.

The Deacons will meet following the 10:00 am worship service in Pastor's Study.

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

March 13th at 3:00 p.m.

The Missions Committee will meet in Pastor Jeff's Office at 3:00 p.m on Monday, March 13th.

DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS Sunday, March 12th



Remember to "spring" your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 11th. Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 12th. You want to make sure you get to church on time!

NO MARCH SESSION MEETING

The Session of The Village Church will not be meeting in March.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

Children's Message

We need your help with our Children's Message. Connect with our youngest by sharing a story about God's Word. Every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. worship service, a volunteer provides a special message for our children before they are excused for Sunday School. You don't need to come up with your own material, the church can provide it to you. If interested in volunteering, the sign-up sheet is on the Narthex counter.

Sunday School Teachers

We need people to teach Sunday school to our young people. Please pray about God touching your heart to help with this ministry. Debra Ornelas, will provide the lesson plans and crafts. Contact Debra if you would be available to help.



Friday, March 17th



COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

4/7/23 @ 7PM
AT CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH



HOLY WEEK - SAVE THE DATES



PALM SUNDAY 4/2 - We will have palm branches available to everyone who wants one. During the 10am service the preschool children will be singing.

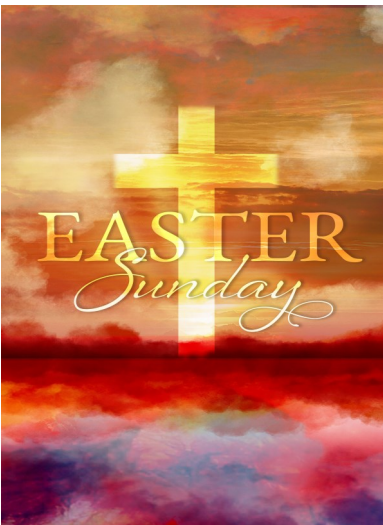
GOOD FRIDAY 4/7 - There will be a community worship service at Cornerstone at 7pm



EASTER SUNDAY 4/9 - Pastor Jeff will lead a Sunrise Service at 7:15am at Burnt Cedar Beach.

Easter morning worship service at 10:00am in our Sanctuary and live-streamed via YouTube. Fun activities for the children.

Brunch at 11:30am in the Fireside Room





Palm Sunday

APRIL 2ND 8:00 & 10AM WORSHIP SERVICES. PRESCHOOL CHILDREN SINGING DURING 10AM SERVICE

Easter Sunrise Gathering

April 9th @ 7:15AM
Burnt Cedar Beach

Led by Pastor Jeff Ogden



Easter Sunday



**10:00 AM
Worship Service**

**Including Fun
Kid Activities**

Brunch at 11:30 AM

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Invite
someone
TO
CHURCH

INVITE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND

This is the challenge for each of us as we enter into Lent and Easter season. Our worship services during the Lent/Easter season are wonderful times to invite friends to worship. People are more open to an invitation to attend church during Easter and Christmas than any other time of year. Be praying for who might ask to come with you and then ask them. This the "Invite a Friend" part of the challenge. But the "Be a Friend" part is to treat everyone who comes through the doors of our church as a friend. Welcome them and treat them as if they were that special person you invited.



HOLY WEEK EVENTS

- April 2nd: Palm Sunday - Preschool Kids Singing
- April 7th: Good Friday Community Service 7:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Church
- April 9th: Easter Sunday - Sunrise Gathering at Burnt Cedar Beach led by Pastor Jeff at 7:15 am, 10:00 am Worship Service, Brunch and Kid's Activities

ALPHA COURSE Begins April 12th

Join us for dinner and an exploration of faith. We will gather on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room starting April 12th.



SHARE
EASTER
FLOWERS
IN HONOR OR
IN MEMORY OF
A LOVED ONE



If you would like to share Easter Flowers with our church family, please complete the form below and return it to the church office. The flowers are ordered and delivered to the church and will be placed in the Sanctuary for Easter morning. Your celebration or memorial will be printed in the Easter Service bulletin.

Please make your \$12 check out to The Village Church and mark it "Easter Flowers". Drop off your check at the church office or mail the form and your check to:

The Village Church
736 McCourry Blvd.
Incline Village, NV 89451

Deadline for all orders is Sunday, April 2ND

EASTER FLOWER
ORDER FORM

Name _____

No. of Plants _____ Phone _____

In Celebration of _____

In Memory of _____

The potted flowers this year will be an assortment of spring flowers and Easter lilies.

Please check this box if you would like your plant(s) donated to a shut-in.



Ladies Swap Party

Saturday, March 18th
6 pm — 8pm

Fairway Community Center
390 Fairway Dr, Tahoe City

Bring a beverage and snack to share along with your gently used clothing, shoes and accessories to swap! Enjoy fun and fellowship with other ladies while you sip, snack, and swap.



WHY WE SING IN WORSHIP

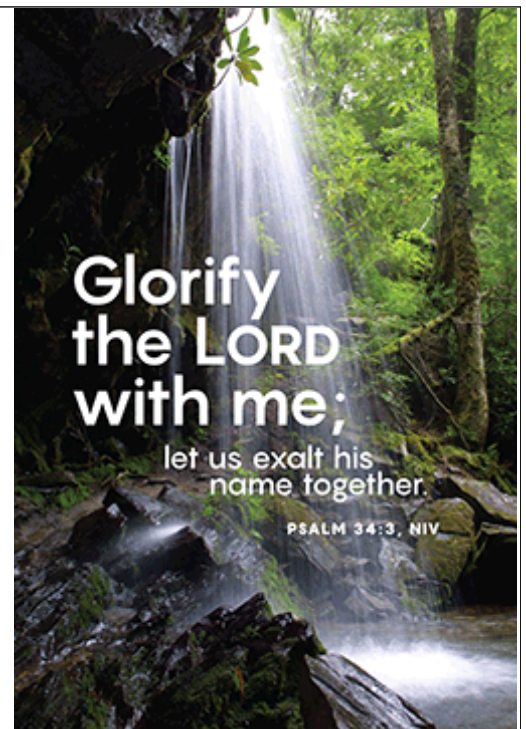
Quite often there is a tension in churches between those who like the old hymns and those who prefer the new worship music - referred to as the “worship wars.” We are blessed in this body to have two different ways to praise Him through music. The songs sung during our 8:00 a.m. service are old hymns of the faith. The 10:00 a.m. service offers us the opportunity and blessing to sing with our excellent praise band though newer songs of our faith. This has been a successful structure for our worship community.

Here at The Village Church, we take prayerful care in selecting the music shared during worship. Although singing is not worship itself, it is a way we speak to our living God. We try to be mindful that, as a praise team, we are there to lead, encourage and enable folks to praise through music. It is not a performance - it is a tangible exaltation and exclamation of God’s awesome glory and power.

When choosing new songs for the praise team to share, we are careful that the message and lyrics are Biblically sound and we try to rearrange most songs to minimize unnecessary repetition. Prayerfully working with Pastor Jeff, we try to reflect and support his sermon and scripture readings through the song selection. It’s not always a bullseye!

Singing to our God has been around since the earliest gatherings of people to worship. Singing is a vital part of how we do church together, shoulder to shoulder and soul to soul. We are blessed to be able to serve this body of believers through music, standing beside you. We hope and pray that you, in turn, are blessed through lifting your voices to our Lord and Savoir. Keep singing to Him...with all your heart, soul and being.

“I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.”
Psalms 9:2



MISSION NEWS

Anchor Point Lodge

Mountain Metro Church, established in 2014, is the heart and vision of Kirsten Vliet Cirne with the Beloved in Christ Foundation. Her goal was to help facilitate a church and retreat center which would have an impact for the kingdom of God in and around the Tahoe basin where people travel to and from around the country and across the world. The hope and prayer was that a multitude of different people from diverse backgrounds would have the opportunity to experience God's amazing beauty in Lake Tahoe. In November of 2019, the Beloved in Christ Foundation provided the funds for Mountain Metro Church to purchase the old Episcopal Church and middle school Outdoor Adventure Retreat Center, now renamed Anchor Point Lodge.

Mountain Metro's Anchor Point Lodge Core Values:

Christ-Centered + Ministry-Minded: Jesus is the reason we exist, and we will honor Him in all we do. It is our mission to help others know and experience His love so they can be transformed by him while being Christ-like stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.
Flexible + Accessible to All: To make it easy for people to interact with our camp, and always look for ways to remain affordable so that under-resourced people can be included in what we are doing.

Quality + Service-Minded: To hold a high standard of excellence in all that we do, and to serve people through the big picture and tiny details alike. To be a blessing to those we interact with and give our guests a consistent 5-star experience.

Weekly and monthly events happening at Anchor Point Lodge include 5pm Sunday Chapel services, Middle & High school outreach programs, and retreats for ministry partners.

The Village Church is supporting Anchor Point Lodge in 2023.

For more information go to www.mountainmetrochurch.com and www.aplodge.org



VILLAGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

KINDERGARTEN- 1ST GRADE
2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR



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Passionate, credentialed teachers
Christian curriculum that
is personalized &
challenging



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VILLAGE CHURCH NEWS



VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING: VBS Volunteer and Planning Meeting Tuesday, 3/21 at 6:00pm at the church in the Youth Room. We are hosting VBS this year at our church and would love your help. There are many different areas to volunteer. This is a great meeting to attend to hear the great ideas Debra has for this year's VBS and to find out the ways to help. VBS will be on August 7th-11th.

WE HAVE EXCITING NEWS! We are starting a private Christian school here at The Village Church in the Fall. The first school year will be grades K-1 and prayerfully the following school year will be K-5. We will be using Christian curriculum. We would love your prayers for this new ministry. We are looking for families that would be interested in attending. Also, if you know anyone who is interested in teaching K-1 (full time job) we would love to hear from them.

AV HELP NEEDED: We need help with either running the sound board or the computer on Sundays. Even if it is one Sunday a month, we could use your help. We will train you. Please send me an email if you are interested in volunteering.

EASTER SUNDAY REQUEST: We would like to have a Easter Sunday Brunch (for example cinnamon rolls, cut up fresh fruit, lemon bars, bacon, ham, egg dishes, potato dishes, etc.) for Easter Sunday morning after the 10am service. Please email apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org if you would like to bring something for this special occasion. There will also be a signup sheet at church.

CHURCH NAME TAGS: Please send an email apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org if you would like a church name tag, include the spelling of how you want your name to be on the name tag.

BIBLE STUDY AND SMALL GROUP INFO

Sunday Mornings, Nursery, Preschool, & K-5 Sunday School (10:00am) in-Person.

2nd & 4th Sunday Mornings, Village Sunday Youth Group (10:00am) in-person in the Youth Room & online via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98494686433?pwd=MzZnSIF3OW1heWFxbEJzdWJicFU0QT09>

Monday Evenings, Grief Share Group (5:00pm) in-Person Fireside Room.

Tuesday Nights, Incline Small Group (6:30pm):in-person at the Ferrell's House & via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/396067313?pwd=Smc1U29GVEVsYW85UkZoODFycHlDdz09>

Wednesday Mornings, Men's Bible Study (6:30am): in-person the Fireside Room and via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/284810005?pwd=QVJ6SzZzc2VDNlZwcFNobnBwTjhTUT09>

Wednesday Mornings, Prayer Group (10:00am to 11:00am): Meets at the church.

Wednesday Mornings, Visioning Design Team Meeting (11:00am to 12:30pm)
Meets in Cindy Liggett/Tim Gilbert's Office & via Zoom

Wednesday Afternoons, Great News Club (2:35pm to 4:00pm) at Incline Elementary School

Wednesday Nights, Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm in the Fireside Room

Thursdays at Noon, Prayer Time for The Church's Vision

Thursday Nights, AA meets in the Fireside Room at 7:00pm



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VILLAGE YOUTH

YOU'RE INVITED

2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month
At 10:00am

Join us at The Village Church
In the Youth Room or Via Zoom

BibleProject

Zoom Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98494686433>

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EVERYONE HAS QUESTIONS

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**STARTING APRIL 12TH
WEDNESDAYS
6PM-8PM**

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LIFE

FAITH

MEANING

Join us for dinner followed by inspiring presenters and meaningful discussions about life & faith.



Free Event
Childcare Provided



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 Preschool 851-1184
 Website: TheVillageChurchNV.org

March 2023

Scripture for the Month:
 Let the morning bring me word of
 your unfailing love, for I have put my
 trust in you. Show me the way I should go,
 for to you I entrust my life...
 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>5 <i>The Lord's Supper</i> 8:00am & 10:00am Worship in Sanctuary Pastor Jeff Ogden 9:15am Praise Team Practice 11:15am Cassette Potluck Lunch 5:00pm - Service for Healing</p>	<p>6 <i>Office Closed</i> 5:00pm Griet Share - Fireside Room</p>	<p>7 2:45pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Incline Small Group - Ferrell's</p>	<p>8 6:30am Men's Study - F/R 10:00am Prayer Group 11:00am Visioning Design Team Meeting 2:35pm Great News Club - IES 5:00pm Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary 6:00pm Adult Bible Study - F/R</p>	<p>9 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
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3/1 Susan Andre	Bill Critchfield
Jason Stanton	3/9 Jan Paulson
3/2 Tim Gilbert	Jane Duffield
3/3 Bob Beart	3/12 Guy Fortier
3/4 Caryl Bydash	Robyn Barnes
Ann Schofield	3/24 Faith Ogden
3/5 Sharon Sigler	3/27 Millie Clarke
3/6 Edie Farrell	3/30 Sara Stanton
3/7 Paul Hamer	
Ruth Jensen	
3/7 Nancy Leonard	



Did we forget your birthday?
 Call us at the church office - 775.831.0784
 to be included on our birthday list.

Village Church Leadership

Amber Anderson - Preschool Staff
 Pastor Tony Conragan - Assistant Pastor
 Chuck Dowd - Elder
 Jim Dykstra - Deacon's Food Distribution
 Don Ferrell - Treasurer, Elder
 Karen Ferrell - Women's Ministries Moderator
 Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon
 Tim Gilbert - Elder, Church Project Manager
 Jenna Hilton - Office Assistant
 Travis Holzner - Preschool Staff
 Tasia Irons - Preschool Staff
 Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director
 Yancy Lopez - Preschool Staff
 Colleen Malley - Preschool Staff
 Marilyn Merritt - Deacon

Patricia Moser Morris - Deacon
 Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor
 Debra Ornelas - Family Ministries Director
 Hal Paris - Elder
 Annie Payne - Office Manager
 Chris Peterson - Deacon
 Lonny Reed - Custodian
 Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager
 Maricarmen Rubio - Preschool Staff
 Ann Schofield - Clerk of Session, Elder
 Sharon Sigler - Deacon Moderator
 Lisa Snaveley - Deacon
 Jason Stanton - Accompanist
 Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager
 Ed Windham - Elder