

# Our Journey with Jesus

## An All-Church Lenten Focus February 17 through April 4

The Christian life is all about living with and for Jesus Christ, both in the present and for eternity. We are co-travelers with Christ on a journey – one that takes us through the suffering of the cross, to the joy of resurrection power and the promise of new life revealed through him. The six weeks (40 days) of Lent are an opportunity to focus our attention on the journey that Jesus took to the cross and beyond, and what that means for us right now.

During Lent, we invite you to explore your “Journey with Jesus” through...

- our Sunday Worship sermon series entitled *The Way of the Cross*,
- our Wednesday Worship series focused on the *Footsteps of the Final Week*,
- our Church-wide Lenten study series called *24 Hours that Changed the World*, and more.

This *Connections* brochure provides details of the many opportunities available at Gary Church during the Lenten season. Take your next “step of faith” and join us as we walk and talk together!

*As we begin the Lenten journey, we invite you to join us for the...*

### Ash Wednesday Service

*February 17 at 7:00 p.m.*

As we embark on this season of self-examination and repentance, let us take time to ponder it's meaning for our lives and begin to retrace the meaningful footsteps of Jesus' final week.

### Monday Morning Meditation and Eucharist

*Beginning February 22 and continuing through Lent, 7:00-7:30 a.m. in the Chapel*

An opportunity to begin the week with prayer, reflection, and Holy Communion

### *Worship for the Hungry Heart* Wednesday Worship

*February 17 – April 14, 6:50 p.m.*

#### **Lenten Series: *Footsteps of the Final Week***

Join us for this nine-week series as we explore the days and events of “Holy Week” through music, drama, video, testimony and proclamation of the Word. Throughout the series we will journey together – retracing the *Footsteps of the Final Week* from Palm Sunday when Jesus is greeted with shouts of “Hosanna!;” to the Last Supper, arrest and death on the cross; to Jesus' final victory over death and Easter Resurrection! We invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings as together we deepen our understanding of these meaningful events and grow in faith!

- February 17 **Ash Wednesday** - *Setting His Face Toward Jerusalem*
- February 24 **Palm Sunday** - *From Hosanna to Heretic*
- March 3 **Monday** - *Teaching and Preaching*
- March 10 **Tuesday** - *Woe!*
- March 17 **Wednesday** - *A Leper, Woman, and Traitor*
- March 24 **Maundy Thursday** - *Supper and the Garden*
- March 31 **Good Friday** - *Trial and Crucifixion*
- April 7 **Easter** - *From Despair to Hope*
- April 14 **A Week Later** - *Peter – Redeemed and Called*



## Sunday Morning Worship

*February 21 – March 28, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

### **Lenten Series:** *The Way of the Cross*

We will explore God's covenantal promises for the good of creation.

We will see the radical response God's promises inspire.

We will examine how the cross makes a difference in our lives, our world, and our relationship with God.

We will examine the struggle between good and evil and discover God's power to transform our lives.

We will visit the spiritual disciplines, finding ways that we can place ourselves in a position to be blessed.

We will reflect on reasons to be faithful during difficult circumstances and examine the challenges discipleship can present.

Through it all, we will never lose sight of Jesus' resurrection and the promises of life, love, liberation and salvation that it holds for all.

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

*10:00 a.m. in the Mary Anderson Room*

### The Gospel of Luke

This Sunday Morning Bible Study will continue to meet and journey through the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the Lenten season, we will experience Jesus' journey through Luke's gospel account, which helps us to follow the footsteps of Jesus as he journeys to the cross, resurrection and the promise of new life.

*Participants of this study are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 for the church-wide Lenten focus.*

## Sunday Morning Lenten Study

*10:00 a.m. in the Activity Center*

### 24 Hours that Changed the World

Immediately following worship at 9:00 a.m. please join us in the Activity Center where we will gather around tables as we view a short video presentation. Following the video, informal group discussion will take place at each table, guided by weekly discussion questions that will be provided. Special Blend (coffee and refreshments) will be available in the Activity Center.

*Please see next page for more information.*

## A Church-Wide Lenten Study

# *24 Hours that Changed the World*

*Walk with Jesus on his final day. Sit beside him at the Last Supper. Pray with him in Gethsemane. Follow him to the cross. Desert him. Deny him. Experience the Resurrection.*

During Lent, Gary Church will offer a seven-week study you won't want to miss. In this study, Rev. Adam Hamilton, pastor of the Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City will guide us via video through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. The study, designed to help you experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way you never have before, will be offered at two different times during the week – **Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** in the Activity Center and **Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m.** in Commons E. Whether you are a long-time Christian or simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion, you are invited to join us on this inspiring journey.

*This special Lenten Study focus includes:*

**A Devotional**, *24 Hours that Changed the World* by Rev. Adam Hamilton

This daily Lenten devotional will be available to purchase for \$10 beginning February 7.

**A Book**, *24 Hours that Changed the World* by Rev. Adam Hamilton

Individuals/participants can follow the journey – books will be available to purchase for \$14 beginning February 7.

**Video/Small Group Discussion**, *24 Hours that Changed the World* by Rev. Adam Hamilton

*There are two opportunities to participate...*

### Sunday mornings

*10:00 a.m. in the Activity Center*

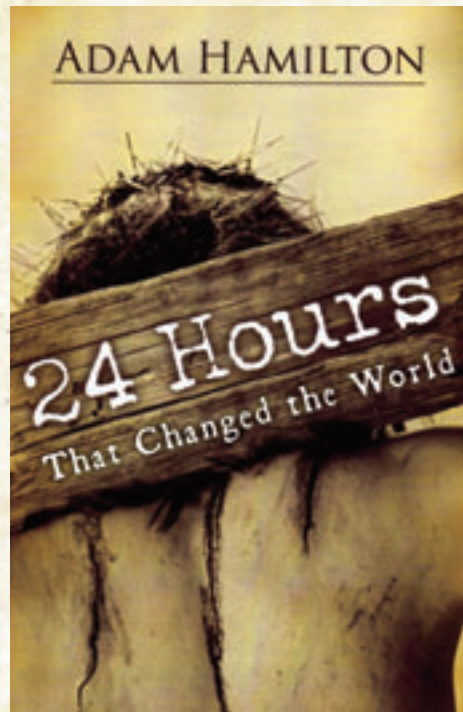
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### Wednesday evenings

*5:30 p.m. in Commons E*

Stop in the Commons at the Wednesday Buffet between 5:00-5:30 p.m. to get a dinner plate (available for \$7 per person/\$20 per family; or bring your own dinner if you wish) and join us as we view a short video presentation. Following the video, Pastor Tracy will lead the group in discussion. We'll conclude by 6:45 and invite you to join us for our special Wednesday Worship Lenten series.

*For more information about this special event and how you can participate, please contact Patsy Anderson Sorrell at 630-450-2306 or [psorrell@garychurch.org](mailto:psorrell@garychurch.org).*



## **Holy Week** A Time of Contemplation

*March 29 – April 3, 2010*

### **Morning Meditation and Eucharist**

*Monday, March 29 from 7:00-7:30 a.m. at Gary Church*

### **Service of Healing**

*Tuesday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Gary Church*

### **Wednesday Worship: *Footsteps of the Final Week***

*Wednesday, March 31 at 6:50 p.m. at Gary Church*

### **Maundy (Holy) Thursday: *The Last Supper***

*Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.*

### **Good Friday: *The Seven Last Words of the Cross***

*Friday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Gary Church*

### **A Time of Personal Prayer & Reflection**

*Saturday, April 3 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Winfield Church*

You are invited to come for a time of informal personal prayer any time between 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## **Easter Sunday** Celebration of the Resurrection

*April 4, 2010*

### **Sunrise Worship Service at 7 a.m. *Winfield United Methodist Church***

Brunch to follow. Everyone is welcome.

### **Family Worship Service at 9 a.m. *Gary United Methodist Church***

Children will be invited to come forward for Children's Time and then return to their families at the conclusion of the children's message.

*Childcare is available for infant-4 yrs old.*

### **Christian Education and Fellowship at 10 a.m. *Gary United Methodist Church***

Children, Youth and Adults

*Childcare is available for infant-4 yrs old.*

### **Family Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. *Winfield United Methodist Church***

*Childcare is available.*

### **Family Worship Service at 11 a.m. *Gary United Methodist Church***

Children will be invited to come forward for Children's Time and then return to their families at the conclusion of the children's message.

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