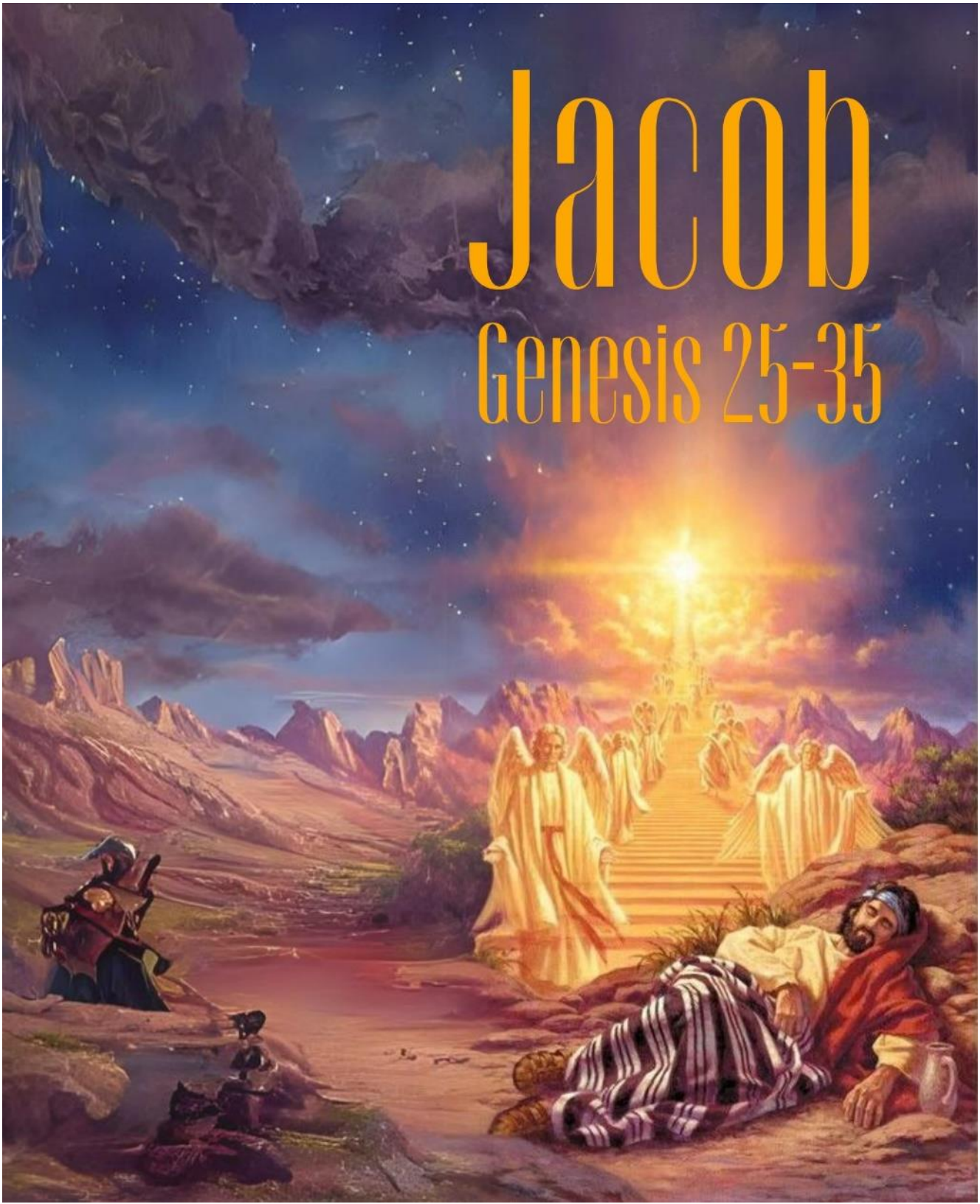


# Jacob

## Genesis 25-35





# St. Michael

## Lutheran Church

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

## WELCOME!

- ❖ **INFORMATION CENTER:** Are you interested in Bible classes, Sunday School, youth activities or our J.O.Y. Group senior adult ministry? Stop by the Information Desk in the lobby—we want to meet and help you.
- ❖ **GUEST and HANDICAP PARKING:** For your convenience, parking is located across from the main church entrance and the west entrance door (4).
- ❖ **AUTOMATIC DOORS:** Two sets of automatic doors are available. One is located on the west entrance door (4) and the other is located on the main doors (2).
- ❖ **LISTENING DEVICES** for those who have difficulty hearing the service are available at the sound booth at the back of the sanctuary.
- ❖ **TODAY'S SERMON IS AVAILABLE ONLINE**, along with prior sermons and Bible studies, at [stmfw.org/sermons](http://stmfw.org/sermons).
- ❖ **ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE** at [stmfw.org/giving](http://stmfw.org/giving).
- ❖ **WE VALUE YOUR ATTENDANCE:** Please complete a connect card or visit [stmfw.org/iamhere](http://stmfw.org/iamhere).

### St. Michael loves new parents and small children!

- ❖ **WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP**, but if you need it, a nursery for children under age 5 is located in Room 24B. Please ask an usher for directions.
- ❖ **THE CRY ROOM** is our lobby. Please pull up a chair so that you may watch and listen to our worship service.
- ❖ **BUDDY BAGS** are available for small children in the lobby. You may pick one up prior to service and return on your way out. Enjoy!
- ❖ **CHANGING TABLES** are located in the family and women's restrooms adjacent to the lobby.
- ❖ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** is for children 5 and under during the sermon at the 10:45a worship.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**February 25, 2024**  
THE YEAR OF JUBILEE: SET FREE TO TELL THE STORY

**PRESERVICE**

**WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**Theme of the Day:** Often in Scripture we read the reference to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. As we highlight a number of Old Testament people this year, we turn to Jacob this weekend.

**JUBILEE FANFARE**

**composed by Owen Kaiser**

**INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

- P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**  
P: "May the Lord answer you when you are in distress;  
C: **may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.**" (Psalm 20:1)  
P: "The Lord Almighty is with us;  
C: **The God of Jacob is our fortress.**" (Psalm 46:11)  
P: "Sing for joy to God our strength;  
C: **shout aloud to the God of Jacob!**" (Psalm 81:1)  
P: "Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
C: **whose hope is in the Lord their God.**" (Psalm 146:5)

**HYMN**

O God Our Help in Ages Past  
(stanzas 1-3)

**733**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: **Most merciful God, I confess to You that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and action, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

*(silence for personal confession and self-reflection)*

P: Almighty God, in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore, I announce to you the forgiveness of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**HYMN** O God Our Help in Ages Past **733**  
(stanzas 4-6)

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Almighty Lord, You make us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable in Your sight. May You ever guide us and may Your Holy Spirit ever be with us to direct us in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word that we may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

<b>FIRST READING</b>		<b>Genesis 25:19-27; 32:22-30</b>
<b>ANTHEM 8:00a</b> <b>10:45a</b>	Grace Greater Than Our Sin Near to the Cross of Jesus	<b>Strings Ensemble</b> <b>Men's Choir</b>
<b>GOSPEL READING</b>		<b>Matthew 4:12-17</b>

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN** Amazing Grace **744**  
(stanzas 1-5)

**SERMON** "More to the Story" **Pastor Davis**  
Genesis 25:19-27; 32:22-30

**APOSTLES' CREED 8:00a**

**NICENE CREED 10:45a**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY 10:45a**

There is Power in The Blood

**Men's Choir**

**EIGHTH GRADE CONFIRMATION TESTIMONY 8:00a**

*Emilia Yoder* whose confirmation verse is Hebrews 12:28

**PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 10:45a**

**PREFACE/PROPER PREFACE**

**SANCTUS** (sung to the tune of *Dearest Jesus We Are Here*)

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION/THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**AGNUS DEI** (sung to the tune of *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth **438**

Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness **563**

There is a Redeemer

Oh That I Had a Thousand Voices **811**

**POST COMMUNION** (Nunc Dimittis)

**BENEDICTION**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you, and give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

**HYMN**

Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer  
(stanzas 1-3)

**918**

**SILENT PRAYER**

Jesus, thank you that there is more to the story. Amen.

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**Thank you** to Owen Kaiser, a St. Michael member and our 2023 Summer Intern, for composing *Fanfare Prelude on the Year of Jubilee*. Thanks also to Denise Beights and Karen Manges for making the piece come to life! Owen will be writing seven Jubilee Fanfare's, one for each of our seven celebrations, as well as a larger choral piece which we will premiere on Reformation Day. St. Michael is so blessed to have such talented musicians who are willing to share their gifts with us!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT

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February 24/25



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## ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

- **A Hebrew Perspective for Understanding the Bible** This study examines Hebrew culture, tradition and language exploring Scripture and further understanding its meaning. Location – Gym.
- **Thrive: Living Resilient and Renewed** Using the Thrive workbook, this class is designed for helping anyone have strength, recovery and resilience from any mental health difficulty or disorder. Location – Library
- **Money and Marriage God’s Way** This is a video based Bible study where you will explore what God’s Word says about earning, spending, giving, debt reduction, and investing. Location – Conference Room
- **Creative Faith** with Jen Clendenen and Anna Davis Location – Room 13

## CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS (5 WEEKS) – BEGINNING MARCH 3

This class is designed for those who are new to the Christian faith, new to the Lutheran church, or anyone who would like to renew some basic and foundational topics we confess and practice in the Christian faith. Location – Luther Hall

## GRIEFSHARE (13 weeks) – BEGINNING MARCH 5

You will learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. Join us Tuesday evenings, March 5-May 28 from 6:30p-8:30p in Luther Hall. Contact Robert and Rebecca Boyd with questions at (863) 409-4520 or bb4bboyd@gmail.com.

## PLAN TO JOIN US AT A TOWN HALL MEETING!

We want all members of St. Michael to have opportunities to come and learn more about the proposed changes, ask questions, and connect with one another at “town hall” style meetings. We look forward to seeing you there!

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|---------------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| • February 29 | 6:30p in Luther Hall  | March 12 | 6:30p online via Zoom |
| • March 3     | 12:00p in Luther Hall | March 16 | 6:15p in Luther Hall  |

## COME JOIN THE FIRST EVER ST. MICHAEL "GOSPEL" CHOIR!

This group of singers will help lead worship for the 11:00a Easter Contemporary Blended service. Our repertoire includes *Christ is Risen* (Matt Maher) *My Redeemer Lives* (Reuben Morgan), *Resurrection Power*, *God so Loved* (We the Kingdom) and *Praise* (Elevation Worship) as well as more traditional hymns like *Blessed Assurance* and *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*. **We will meet three times to rehearse:** this Sunday, February 25 from 1:30p-3:00p; Sunday, March 10 from 3:00p-4:30p and Sunday, March 24 from 1:30p-3:00p. We would love to have you join us! Contact our Worship Director, Stephanie at [stephanie@stmfw.org](mailto:stephanie@stmfw.org) if you have any questions.

## JUBILEE HISTORY DISPLAY

Check out the lobby display celebrating the inception of St. Michael with pictures, personal accounts, and items from the church's archives!

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Saturday, February 10 **124**    Sunday, February 11 **376**    Livestream **119**

## FOUNDATION AWARD PROPOSAL REQUESTS ARE OPEN!

Submit an application for a SMLC Foundation Award! Be creative in your thinking! Perhaps you seek funding for specific Youth Group activities, a Connect Group ministry, or a Men's Ministry project. Applications are due 5:00p on April 6. Submit an explanation letter to the St. Michael Foundation in care of Ron Menze, Foundation Advisor ([menzeron@gmail.com](mailto:menzeron@gmail.com)) (341-5289) or into the Foundation mail slot at church.

**ACADEMY DINNER**—March 9 at 6:30p / register at [stmfw.org/events](http://stmfw.org/events)

**Menu:** Bronze chicken, garlic smashed potatoes, oven roasted vegetables, garden salad and dinner roll

**Cost:** \$15/adult    \$10/children 12 and under

## FEBRUARY MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Sonja Sodano, 2/1, 83; Carol Korte, 2/2, 83; Mike Bristol, 2/3, 80; Margaret Jones, 2/13, 82; Peggy Macke, 2/18, 87; Jim Biddle, 2/28, 85.

**LUTHERAN LAYMANS LEAGUE ANNUAL CONVENTION**—March 16, 9:00a-2:30p  
Join us at St. Michael to hear our guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, speaker of the Lutheran Hour®. The cost is \$20 including lunch. Registration deadline is March 5. Register to attend here: <https://stmfw.org/register>. Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler will be our guest preacher throughout the weekend and teach Bible class on Sunday! Everyone is invited to learn and energize your spirit with ways to help others know Christ!

**EASTER JUBILEE CELEBRATION**—plan now to join us Palm Sunday, March 24 Kids young and old are invited to join us in the gym! Adult Bible Study will meet in Luther Hall.

**SAVE THE DATE for VBS!**—Breaker Rock Beach June 17-21  
"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2 Get ready to learn about God's rock solid truth in a world of shifting sands. More information about registration and volunteering to follow!

### **PURCHASE AN EASTER PIE AND SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL YOUTH!**

Purchase a strawberry, key lime, or peanut butter pie, as well as a Chocolate Torte for \$25 each. Proceeds from the sale will support the youth traveling to North Carolina this summer and the 2025 National Youth Gathering. Pies will be available to pick up on Saturday, March 30, from 12:00p-12:30p and Easter Sunday from 8:00a-11:00a in the gym. Please place your order by March 15. Thank you!

### **UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS!**

MIDDLE (4:00p-6:00p) HIGH SCHOOL (6:00p-8:00p) We continue our new series of Identity: Beliefs and Practices! Over the next several weeks we will take a deep dive into how our identity is shaped by what we believe and what we practice. Future Youth Nights include March 3, March 17, April 7 and April 21.

**High School Food and Fellowship at Electric Works** – Join us March 19 from 6:00p-8:00p for amazing food, games, and a Lenten devotion.

"**Confirmation Connect**" is a time for 8th grade students and parents to meet with DCE Emma, play games, have snacks, and get to know one another. "Connect" is every Tuesday from 3:00p - 5:30p at Union Street Market at Electric Works.

**ASK THE EXPERT WORKSHOP**—Thursday, May 2 at 11:30a and 6:30p  
Everyone is invited to ask questions about financial planning, estate planning, updating your will, guardianship issues and more. Save the date! Our panel includes Estate Attorney Mark Witmer, Certified Financial Planner Chip Olson, Foundation Advisor Ron Menze, and Pastor Dennis Goff. Look for more details and registration coming soon!

### **WE NEED PUPPETEERS!**

Have you ever wanted to become involved with something fun and creative? Are you available to practice on Thursday's from 6:30p-8:00p? Are you available to perform for VBS from 8:30a-9:30a, June 17-25? The puppets and VBS need YOU!!! No experience needed, we will train you. We are in need of 4-8 people. Text or call Amy Crow at 459-9320.



## SAVE THE DATE FOR EAGLES RISE 2024!

Please join us for Eagles Rise, Emmanuel-St. Michael's annual fellowship and fundraising event, on **Friday, March 8** at Goeglein's Homestead. The evening will provide an opportunity for parents, supporters of ESM, former students, teachers and administrators to gather, share fellowship and raise money for our school. **Register:** <https://www.esmeagles.com/giving/eagles-rise>

## LENTEN WORSHIP—now through March 20

Please join us on Wednesdays at 11:00a or 7:00p as we explore the topic of darkness including denial, disconnection, doubt, despair and deception. The light of Easter is all the brighter when you come out of the darkness.

Maundy Thursday	March 28	11:00a and 7:00p
Good Friday	March 29	11:00a and 7:00p
No worship	March 30	
Easter Sunday	March 31	7:00a, 9:00a (livestreamed), and 11:00a

## HOLY COMMUNION IN THE PEW

Would you like to receive Holy Communion in the pew? Please contact the church office, as we try to keep a running list for the Elders. Also, please mention your desire each Communion service to an usher or Elder.

## SERVING AT ST. MICHAEL this weekend

Are you able to join a worship service team? Contact Tina Hoover at 432-2033 or [tina@stmfw.org](mailto:tina@stmfw.org).

<b>Greeters:</b>	John and Sue Baker (5p); Rich and Mary Busch; Ross Fredrickson (8a); Randy and Jan Fillmore; Linda Chapman (10:45a)
<b>Lay Readers:</b>	Gretchen Weerts (5p); Ross Fredrickson (8a); Elaine Lester (10:45a)
<b>Children's Church:</b>	Helene and Naomi Hendrickson (10:45a)
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Owen Bostwick (5p); Austin Wagner (8a); Adelaide Davis (10:45a)
<b>Information Desk:</b>	Terry Hammond (5p); Rick Bruns (8a); Jan Fillmore (10:45a)
<b>Elders:</b>	John Baker (5p); Mark Muntzinger (8a); Steve Manges (10:45a)
<b>Nursery:</b>	Macy and Vaughn Hendrickson
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Cassie Swartz; Elizabeth and Shannon Ruch
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Sue Baker

## PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**We are privileged to pray for each other.** Please notify the staff on your connect card or by email if you would like your prayer needs kept private. Otherwise, we will print them in this publication on a weekly basis. Please pray for...

- EEvie (2-year-old) and her family friends of Sue Vusich, diagnosed with cancer and facing treatment.
- The family of Roger Fenker, friend of Ron and Kendra Nieman, who died on Tuesday.
- Lynnette Brink as she struggles with an illness.
- George Lutz (3-month-old) who will have heart surgery. Pray for his family and the doctors and nurses who will care for him.
- Daniel Davis who had surgery on his teeth on Wednesday.
- Jim Fuhrman who had surgery on his wrist on Tuesday.
- Sarah, daughter of Jerry and Mary Nichols, who lost her job.
- Dan, friend of Jerry and Mary Nichols, struggling with health and living in a senior community.
- Michelle and her family that God continues to guide their lives and provides safety, comfort and peace.
- Gretchen Weerts mother as she prepares to move into assisted living.
- Randy and Silvia Grote praying for full recovery from surgery.
- Those who continue to recover from surgery or other medical procedures
  - Vonda Treace – recovering from a TIA
  - DeeDee Beights – ankle surgery
  - Julie Boze - concussion
  - Shirley Fahlsing – infections
  - Alan Claus – health issues
  - Arlene Lasley – breathing and oxygen levels
  - Rita Russell – knee replacement
  - Simone, niece of Amy Stir – rods to straighten spine
  - Noah Lee – cracked collarbone
  - Pat Armstrong – knee replacement
- Those who continue to struggle with cancer
  - Misty Hernandez – surgery
  - Brian Seiy
  - And all others we know suffering with cancer or treatments
- Continued prayers for Derrick Minnick, Marjorie Grace and Madison Leininger, Britt and unborn child (daughter-in-law of Debbie Waldick), Wayne Scrogam, Mary Bear, Erin Drummond (daughter of Adam and Jami Jo Hahn), John Ribar, Margaret Jones, Tony Chavez, Mike Rohrbach, Kristen Wetzel, Judy Pieper, Don and Kathy Wagner, Brian Wielosinski and Mason Leininger

## Old Testament Reading Plan | Jacob

### Genesis 25:19-34, 27, 29:1-30, 29:31-30:24, 35

This week's chapters give you a glimpse at the life of Jacob. To get the full narrative, read Genesis 25-35. Jacob's story is a continuation of God coming to unlikely people to show them mercy and work through them to change the story. As you read through these sections of Jacob's narrative, how do you see God speaking into Jacob's life and what can we learn from that in our own lives?

#### Genesis 25:19-34 | Jacob and Esau

From his birth, Jacob had a struggle with family relationships. What strains in relationships are in this narrative? How does God speak into Jacob? How does that relate to your own life?

#### Genesis 27 | The Blessing

Yet again, Jacob is lying and deceitful as he attains a blessing that is not his. What strains in relationships are in this narrative? How does that relate to your own life?

#### Genesis 29 | Marriage

Jacob works for Laban in order to marry... it does not go as planned at first. What strains in relationships are in this narrative? How does God speak into Jacob? How does that relate to your own life?

#### Genesis 30 | Jacob's Family

As you read through Jacob's family history... notice that it is not perfect. What strains in relationships are in this narrative? How does God speak into Jacob? How does that relate to your own life?

#### Genesis 35 | Jacob to Israel (Officially)

How does God speak into Jacob? How does that relate to your own life?

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK February 26-March 3**

### **Monday, February 26**

8:30a Mom's Bible Study  
3:45p Grace Notes  
6:00p Harmony Ringers  
6:45p BSF Young Adults  
7:00p Resound Rehearsal

### **Tuesday, February 27**

7:00p Smith Small Group Bible Study  
7:00p Praise Teams Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, February 28**

9:15a Coffee Break Bible Study  
10:30p Men's Bible Study/Wickert  
11:00a Lenten Worship  
6:30p Men/Women's Choir  
7:00p Lenten Worship  
8:15p Adult Choir

### **Thursday, February 29**

6:00p Orchestra Rehearsal  
6:30p Lower Rowers Men's Bible Study  
7:00p Jubilant Fields Rehearsal

### **Friday, March 1**

10:00a Altar Guild Meeting  
8:00p Men's Basketball

### **Saturday, March 2**

5:00p Worship with Holy Communion

### **Sunday, March 3**

8:00a Worship with Holy Communion  
9:30a Sunday School/Adult Bible Study  
10:45a Worship  
4:00p Middle School Youth  
6:00p High School Youth

# **Sermon Outline**

Jacob: More to The Story

Genesis 32:28

## **More to The S\_\_\_\_\_:**

Jacob:

Genesis 27 - Birthright

Genesis 29 - Marriage

Genesis 34 - Family Issues

Family Tree

## **St. Michael:**

Jubilee (Video)

More To The Story

## **Us | Now What?**

Matthew 4:17 - More to your story

Acts 1:8 – Be my witness