

# Joshua





# 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 OF EASTER  
April 7, 2024

PRESERVICE

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES

**Theme of the Day:** Having celebrated Easter last weekend, we return to focusing on a different Old Testament character each weekend. This weekend we turn to Joshua, Moses' successor in leading the people of Israel to the Promised Land.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP – Joshua 1

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: When God called Joshua to lead the people of Israel into the Promised Land, He said to him:

C: **“As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you or forsake you.**

P: Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them.

C: **Be strong and courageous.**

P: Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged,

C: **for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”**

HYMN

He's Risen, He's Risen  
(stanzas 1-3)

480

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (10:45a)**

**Everett Michael Rose**

**Date of Birth:** December 26, 2023

**Parents:** Mark and Shannon Rose

**Sponsor:** Michael Sweeney

DOXOLOGY

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:6)

**C: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sins. (1 John 1:7-8)**

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

P: Almighty God, Heavenly Father,

**C: I confess that I have not always put Christ first in my life. Too often, I have tried to be lord of my own life. Too often, I have lived apart from the truth of Jesus in my life. For the sake of Jesus Christ and His death on the cross, have mercy on me. As Jesus is risen from the dead, fill me with renewed hope today, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

P: The resurrection of Jesus brings good news to us all, and because of Jesus, your Father in heaven has heard your confession. Because of Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead, God forgives you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.**

## HYMN

He's Risen, He's Risen  
(stanzas 4-5)

480

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: O Lord, our God, we acknowledge Your great goodness toward us and praise You for the mercy and grace that our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, and our hearts have known. May each day remind us of the coming of the night when no one can work. In the emptiness of this present age, keep us united by a living faith through the power of Your Holy Spirit with Him who is the resurrection and the life, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

<b>FIRST READING</b>		<b>Joshua 3:1-17</b>
<b>ANTHEM 8:00a</b>	Fight the Good Fight (stanzas 1, 4)	<b>664</b>
<b>10:45a</b>	Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho	<b>Women's Choir</b>
<b>GOSPEL READING</b>		<b>Luke 24:13-35</b>

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

<b>HYMN</b>	Be Strong in the Lord (stanzas 1-5)	<b>665</b>
<b>SERMON</b>	Walking by Faith Joshua 3:1-7	<b>Pastor Goff</b>

**NICENE CREED 8:00a**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**EIGHTH GRADE CONFIRMATION TESTIMONY 10:45a**

*Adam Ruch* whose confirmation verse is John 17:3

**PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER**

<b>THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 8:00a</b>	
<b>PREFACE/PROPER PREFACE</b>	
<b>SANCTUS/WORDS OF INSTITUTION</b>	
<b>THE PEACE OF THE LORD</b>	
<b>AGNUS DEI</b>	
<b>COMMUNION HYMNS</b>	
Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won	<b>490</b>
The Day of Resurrection	<b>478</b>
Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing	<b>475</b>
Alleluia, Alleluia Hearts to Heaven	<b>477</b>
<b>POST COMMUNION</b>	

## **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**

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds  
(stanzas 1-3)

**465**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

Dear Jesus, help me to be strong and courageous with my faith as I live in response to what You have done for me. Amen.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT

St. Michael Lutheran Church

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April 6/7



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## **TOWN HALL QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION—April 14 at 9:30a**

The Governance Task Force is listening and learning so much from our Town Hall Meetings! Thank you so much for attending, your insightful questions and encouragement. Join us at a question and answer session on Sunday, April 14 at 9:30a as we review revised bylaws and possible policy templates.

## **CONGREGATIONAL DINNER AND MEETING—Sunday, April 28 at 4:30p**

Join us in celebrating our “Identity in Christ” at our second **70th Jubilee event**. This family event will include an hour of fun, family oriented activity, a meal beginning at 5:30p, and our regularly scheduled voters’ meeting beginning at 6:00p. Childcare will be provided during the voters’ meeting for families with young children. We will acknowledge how we are uniquely gifted by God as individuals, how we collectively are the body of Christ at St. Michael, and we will celebrate our identity in Christ.

## **WHO'S WHO AT ST. MICHAEL? PHOTO BOOTH FUN!**

Did you know that you can put your picture in our database, Fellowship1Go? Your picture in the database makes it more usable for our congregation. Throughout the month of April, check out the photo booth where you and your family can get your picture put directly into the database. No need to sign up ahead of time! Stop by on a Saturday or Sunday before or after worship and we will take your picture and upload it into the database. You can also select your own picture to upload by signing into <https://stmfv.fellowshiponego.com/> and selecting your own profile.

## **GO AND SERVE—**join us Saturday, April 27 from 9:00a-12:00p

Please register at [stmfv.org/events](https://stmfv.org/events) to help:

- The Shepherd's Hand Outreach Center prepare for their 5k run and more
- Camp Lutherhaven prepare for a new season of camp
- St. Michael prepare for Confirmation Sunday on May 5 and VBS in June

## **SPRING ADULT BIBLE STUDY—continuing April 21 in the gym**

We will finish out our Spring season of the Adult Bible Class in the gym with a survey study of several Old Testament books covering some of the Old Testament characters we are highlighting in worship. Rev. Jonathan Meyer, Shepherd of the School for ESM, will be leading our study from April 21 – May 19 covering the books of Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel.

## **APRIL/MAY: NATIONAL STRESS AND MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTHS**

The Lutheran Foundation’s Mental Health Toolkit contains everything you need to promote mental wellness throughout the year. Some of the highlights include: a Bible study on resiliency, a Mental Health Inclusion Ministry Strategic Planning Tool, the audio file for the hymn “Father of Body, Mind, and Spirit.” **Click here** for this free downloadable resource. Additional resources are available in the 2022 Mental Health Toolkit which you can access by clicking here.

## **ST. MICHAEL MENTAL HEALTH SERIES—April 16 at 6:30**

The final presentation this Spring in our community mental health series is titled, “**Faith, Hope & Healing: Suicide Prevention in the Faith Community**” with Alice Jordan from the Behavioral Health and Family Studies Institute at Purdue University Fort Wayne. Alice is active in the Indiana Suicide Prevention Coalition, the Indiana State LOSS Team Network and is a QPR Master Trainer in suicide prevention. Her presentation will focus on increasing awareness, establishing healthy networks, and providing practical strategies for suicide prevention.

## **SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING—Thursday, April 18, 6:00p-8:00p**

Join us in Luther Hall for this important life-saving training presented by Alicia Levitt of The Lutheran Schools Partnership. **Question, Persuade, and Refer** training enables you to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to help. This free training is limited to 30 people. **Register before April 11 at [stmfw.org/register](http://stmfw.org/register).**

## **LOCAL YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES**

Join us for an informative and interactive panel presentation by local leaders on the topic of “Local Youth Mental Health Resources” on Tuesday, April 30 from 9:00A to 12:00p at Peace Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Come learn about the services and resources provided in the Fort Wayne area which can support youth and their families in northeast Indiana. Please register by April 25 using this **link**.



## SAVE THE DATE for VBS! Breaker Rock Beach June 17-21



At *Breaker Rock Beach VBS*, kids will be challenged as they discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love.

## JOIN THE VBS DECORATING COMMITTEE!

The fun is beginning! Join us in Luther Hall on **April 13 and 20 from 9:00a-4:00p** to make decorations for the big event in June! Questions? Contact Carrie Gould at [carrie.gould1137@yahoo.com](mailto:carrie.gould1137@yahoo.com).

## YOUTH NEWS!

### MIDDLE (4:00p-6:00p) and HIGH SCHOOL (6:00p-8:00p)

Future Youth Nights include April 7/21.

**High School Food and Fellowship at Electric Works** – Join us April 16 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.

## PARENT'S NIGHT OUT! KID SITTING OPPORTUNITY!

On April 12 from 6:00p-9:00p, drop off children 2 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and enjoy a night out! This is a free-will offering/fundraiser to support our St. Michael Youth 2024 Servant Event. Children will enjoy a night of games, snacks, and fun! To sign up or ask questions please email DCE Emma at [emma@stmfw.org](mailto:emma@stmfw.org).



## SPRING CLEANING HELP AVAILABLE!

The St. Michael Youth would like to help you with your Spring Cleaning! Contact DCE Emma at [emma@stmfw.org](mailto:emma@stmfw.org) with any of your spring cleaning needs. This event will be a fundraiser for our youth heading to North Carolina this summer and for the 2025 National Youth Gathering. We want to help serve you as you have supported our youth!



## **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.

## **J.O.Y GROUP EVENTS**

Join us **Thursday, May 9 at noon** for MOVIE DAY and lunch. Cost is \$5. Please reserve your spot by calling Penny at 580-8730 by May 1.

## **ESTATE PLANNING**—Thursday, May 2 at 11:30a and 6:30p

Do you realize that approximately 70% of Americans don't have a will or estate plan? Typical goals in estate planning include topics like: guardianship for minor children, financial provisions for spouse and children, identifying power of attorney for health care and finances, designating your charitable gifts, and more. It's never too early to make arrangements for your family's security and legacy with an estate plan. Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) provides congregational "Ask the Expert" workshops. Diana Raasch, Director of Donor Relations and Gift Planning for LCEF will be here **May 2 (11:30a and 6:30p)** to facilitate a panel presentation that includes St. Michael members: Estate Attorney Mark Witmer, Certified Financial Planner Chip Olson, St. Michael Foundation Advisor Ron Menze, and Pastor Goff. A box lunch is provided at 11:30a and refreshments at the 6:30p session, so **please register at [stmfw.org/events](http://stmfw.org/events).**

## **PRAYING FOR OUR NATION**

Prayer is powerful! Please join us on April 17 and each first and third Wednesday of the month at 1:00p to pray for our nation. Starting on August 21-November 5 we will meet weekly to pray for the election.

## **APRIL MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS**—God's Blessings!

Marge Ball, 4/5, 83; Diane Jackson, 4/6, 81; Sue Starkey-Vusich, 4/6, 86; Shirley Fahlsing, 4/8, 89; Virgil Brockmann, 4/9, 87; Dave Jackson, 4/11, 84; Melvin Kiessling, 4/12, 80; Charlotte Kiessling, 4/12, 80; and Jim Reiter, 4/19, 81.

## **HOLY COMMUNION IN THE PEW**

If you would you like to receive Holy Communion in the pew, please contact the church office so we can keep a running list for the Elders. Also, please mention your desire each Communion service to an usher or Elder.

## **CHECK OUT CAMP LUTHERHAVEN!**

Camp Lutherhaven has so many fun activities, including boating, hiking, making crafts, and so much more...available for those of all ages—from kindergarten through High School, even some for the whole family! Register online today at [www.lutherhaven.org](http://www.lutherhaven.org), or call for more information at 260-636-7101.

## **REDEMPTION HOUSE**

Redemption House is a network of transition homes for women who desire to redeem their lives from past destructive behavior by developing a faith-based lifestyle and by gaining the skills necessary to achieve and maintain success.

**St. Michael will celebrate this ministry in our worship services on May 11/12.** We will also host a pancake breakfast to benefit their mission trip! Join us from 7:00a-10:00a in the gym. A free-will offering will be gathered.

St. Michael will provide a meal and Christian community at Wayne Street and Fairfield Avenue on April 21. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, please contact Linda Chapman at 417-3052.

Join us at the **Butterfly Gala on Tuesday, April 23 from 5:00p-8:00p** at the Grand Wayne Center. We'll celebrate victories and achievements as evidence of God's favor on and provision for the Redemption House ministry. We'll also share our challenges and dreams. <https://e.givesmart.com/events/vws/>

**"IMAGINE" FINE ARTS CAMP (FAC) JUNE 24-28** at St. Michael

The Fine Arts Camp is a week-long summer day camp that provides an opportunity for youth to connect faith, creativity and community. The camp will be June 24-28 from 9:00a-3:30p with child care available before and after the camp. Participants will choose from electives including drawing, chimes, creative writing, drama, dance, sewing, fiber arts, and more! Register at <https://stmfw.org/fineartscamp>. The link also has Frequently Asked Questions, a daily schedule, cost, and more information about the electives that are offered. Hope to see you at FAC this summer!

## **MANY THANKS TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TAMMY BRUNS!**

In her position on our church staff for the last seven years, Tammy has touched nearly every aspect of the daily operation of St. Michael's ministry. We have been blessed! St. Michael sends best wishes and God's blessings to Tammy as she begins a new position with Brotherhood Mutual. Over the next several weeks, please take time to express appreciation to Tammy for her valuable service to the ministry of our church. Her last day of work at St. Michael will be April 19, yet we are thankful that Tammy, her husband Rick and daughter Alexis will remain connected to St. Michael as their church family.

## **THE SHEPHERD'S HAND COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER**

The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center located at 1231 S. Anthony Blvd. is an LCMS organization that seeks opportunities to enhance health and wellness for community members in southeast Fort Wayne. By providing healthy cooking classes, distributing diapers, and connecting people to services through quarterly health fairs, Shepherd strives to fulfill the mission of *'reaching out in the city by caring for the Shepherd's people, daring to be the Shepherd's hands, and sharing the Shepherd's love.'* **St. Michael will celebrate this ministry in our worship services on April 27/28.**

## **THE SHEPHERD'S HAND ANNUAL 5K WALK/RUN**—Saturday, May 4

Help raise funds for this vital ministry by participating in the 4th annual 5K walk/run held in the neighborhood surrounding the center. **Families** are encouraged to attend and enjoy a fun, healthy activity together! Registrations are \$25, and participants will receive a T-shirt as long as supplies last. Children 8 and under are free. If you are unable to participate in the race, you can support the ministry by sponsoring a race slot to benefit another participant or make a general donation. For more information and to sign up or donate scan the QR code!



## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE**

Maundy Thursday	249	Livestream Thursday	94
Good Friday	484	Livestream Friday	139
Easter Sunday	767	Livestream Easter	230

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Our Lord invites to His table those who have been baptized, who repent of their sin, who believe Jesus Christ is their Savior, and who believe the body and blood of Jesus is really present together with the bread and wine. Anyone who is not yet instructed in the Christian faith or who has a differing belief are asked to first speak with one of the pastors. If you need communion delivered to where you are sitting, please notify an usher or elder before the service begins. Gluten free communion wafers are available by raising your index finger as communion is distributed signaling to the elder that you wish to receive a prewrapped gluten free wafer. Grape juice is available in the purple tinted cups located in the center of the tray of individual cups. Children or adults who have not yet been confirmed or instructed in the Lord's Supper are welcomed to come forward for a blessing placing their arms over their chest.

### 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>	Gloria Fahlsing (5p); Amy Wills (8a); TBD (10:45a)
<b>Lay Readers:</b>	Mary Leininger (5p); Ross Fredrickson (8a); Randy Fillmore (10:45a)
<b>Children's Church:</b>	Kira Clendenen (10:45a)
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Adriana Briney (5p); Emilia Yoder (8a); Ethan Loggins (10:45a)
<b>Information Desk:</b>	Shirley Fahlsing (5p); Rich and Linda Kraus (8a); Jenny Hendrickson (10:45a)
<b>Elders:</b>	Nathan Nix (5p); Mark Muntzinger (8a); Michael Kuhn (10:45a)
<b>Nursery:</b>	Helene and Naomi Hendrickson
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Alan Geyer; Darlene and Paul Buuck
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Carol Olry



Our altar flowers are given this weekend by Suzanne Callahan in loving memory of her husband, David. If you would like to remember a special person or occasion with flowers, please sign up on the poster outside the church office.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS for April 8-19

### Monday, April 8

3:30p Grace Notes  
6:00p Harmony Ringers  
6:45p BSF Young Adults  
7:00p Men's Bible Study/Jones  
7:00p Resound

### Tuesday, April 9

6:00p Worship Team Meeting  
6:30p Griefshare  
7:00p Praise Team

### Wednesday, April 10

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

### Thursday, April 11

11:30a J.O.Y. Event  
6:15p Puppet Practice  
6:30p Lower Rowers Men's Study  
7:00p Jubilant Fields Rehearsal

### Friday, April 12

6:00p Parent's Night Out!

### Saturday, April 13

9:00a VBS Decorating Team  
5:00p Worship

### Sunday, April 14

8:00a Worship  
9:00a Town Hall Q and A  
9:30a Sunday School  
10:45a Worship/Holy Communion  
2:00p Visual Faith Gathering

### Monday, April 15

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

### Tuesday, April 16

1:00p PURLS  
1:00p J.O.Y. Bible Study  
6:30p Griefshare  
6:30p Mental Wellness Education  
7:00p Church Council  
7:00p Praise Team

### Wednesday, April 17

10:30a Men's Bible Study/Wickert  
1:00p Praying for our Nation  
6:30p Men's and Women's Choir  
7:00p Adult Choir

### Thursday, April 18

10:00a Book Club  
6:00p Suicide Prevention Training  
6:15p Puppet Practice  
6:30p Lower Rowers Men's Study  
7:00p Jubilant Fields Rehearsal

### Friday, April 19

8:00p Men's Basketball

## **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...**

- Thanksgiving & blessings on the marriage of Ericka, Adam and Jami Hahn's daughter, to Steven Becker on April 6
- Denise, Brianna, and David, friends of Kay Stouder
- Molly Grover's dad's upcoming surgeries
- Ashland Reiter as she struggles with friends and the challenges of high school
- Carol Korte that her tests this week have positive results

### **Those who are mourning**

- Family of Patty, Stephanie Graber's mother, who died expectantly last week
- Dawit, whose friend was murdered in Ethiopia, and whose family still lives in the area where it is too dangerous to retrieve the body

### **Those who continue to recover from surgery or other medical procedures**

- Cindy Kaszowski - hip replacement surgery
- Anita Thomas, neighbor - had knee replacement surgery
- Sheila, friend and colleague of Laura Goff - back surgery
- Audrey Meyers – breathing
- Brad Benner – continued healing from blood clot and COVID, recent rotator cuff surgery
- Alan Claus – health issues
- Arlene Lasley – continued healing, breathing and oxygen levels

### **Those who continue to struggle with cancer**

- Kate Ahlersmeyer, friend of Karen Hall
- Jan, friend of Dave and Kathy Trinklein
- Chris Huber, friend of the Briney family
- Randy LaFrentz, friend of Joel and Gretchen Weerts
- And all others we know suffering with cancer or treatments

**Continued prayers** for Mitzie Reiter; Joann Auman; Caroline Britt; Scott Grover; Levi Smith; Sarah (daughter of Jerry and Mary Nichols); Charlie (son of Trisha Englert); Amber Afarin; Michelle and her family; Derrick Minnick; Marjorie Grace and Madison Leininger; Britt and unborn child (daughter-in-law of Debbie Waldick); Wayne Scrogam; John Ribar; Margaret Jones; Mike Rohrbach; Kristen Wetzel; Judy Pieper; Don and Kathy Magner; Brian Wielosinski; and Mason Leininger

## WEEKLY READING PLAN for April 7-13, 2024

Joshua 1-6

Becoming more like Jesus – growing in His Word

We took a few weeks off (because of Holy Week) from our regular plan of reading through various sections of the Old Testament. But now, let's continue. This weekend we turn to the character Joshua. After Moses led the children of Israel to the entrance of the promised land, Joshua is chosen by God to continue the journey. For some additional background, you may want to read Numbers 13-14 where Joshua and Caleb spy out the promised land and bring a report back.

**Joshua 1** | As Israel's new leader, what are the words that were spoken to Joshua four times in this first chapter (see vv. 6, 7, 9, 18)?

**Joshua 2** | Rahab may not seem like someone God would use to carry out His plan, and yet what she did was very significant. Her faith is commended in Hebrews 11:31 and James 2:25.

**Joshua 3** | Reflect on the message this weekend that covered chapter 3.

**Joshua 4** | What was the purpose of the twelve "memorial" stones? What are "memorials" today that help us remember what God has done in our life?

**Joshua 5** | Who is the "man" referenced in v. 13? In the next verse he is referred to as "commander." The Hebrew word here can refer to a "representative of a king, an official, a leader, a military or civilian official." Whoever he was, he was there to help provide success for the battle.

**Joshua 6** | Joshua announces to the people that the Lord has given Jericho over to them. What might be the reason for having the people march around the city once a day for six days and then seven times on the seventh day? How might this be beneficial for the people? How might this be difficult for them?

### Today's Sermon Notes

"Walking by Faith"

Joshua 3:1-17

1. Walking by faith starts with \_\_\_\_\_, not leading. (3:6, 14)
2. Walking by faith includes continual \_\_\_\_\_. (3:5)
3. Walking by faith calls for demonstrations of \_\_\_\_\_. (3:8, 15, 17)
4. Walking by faith provides opportunities for \_\_\_\_\_. (4:1-9)