

# Saints Alive!

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"Friends in Christ, Serving  
Together with Love"



This Sunday, February 25, you are invited to our Heritage conversation. The morning will begin with worship as usual at 10:00 am. When worship concludes at 11:00 am, we will proceed to Hart Hall for a simple lunch, and then move into smaller groupings to share our stories. Expect to listen, share and learn together! No single story can capture all of the aspects of our church, but hearing one another will lend a full and rich picture of what ALPC is all about. God is inviting us on a journey. Will you come along? It won't be the same without you!

**Palm Sunday, March 25, at 10:00 am** is the beginning of what we Christians call Holy Week. It is the Sunday before Easter, when the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is celebrated in many Christian churches by processions in which palm fronds are carried.

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## FROM THE PASTOR/ Charlie Swartz

Dear Friends,

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We have started our renewal! The name for this year long experience of seeking Jesus' voice is called "God's Journey For Us" and our theme scripture is Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." What I really like about this particular process for congregational growth is how it begins with listening to Christ.

We have all participated in congregational planning events, or congregational change efforts that have begun with the question, "What do WE want our church to do?" While a vital question, the weakness in that approach is that negates the truth that a church is guided by the voice of Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

A church is not a business whose decisions are made by the boss, nor a school system whose direction is charted by the Board of Education. Sometimes we forget that and plan according to the limits of our wisdom, neglecting the more powerful Wisdom of God, who is Jesus. Jesus is where we start when we truly desire our church to be enlivened by the exciting, joyful, infectious Spirit of God.

How are we starting with God? By first listening to Jesus' words in our Renewal Lenten Bible Study. We are allowing Jesus to talk to us through the Sermon on the Mount about old and new ways to be the faithful, powerful, servant church. In these studies, we also listen to each other as we share understandings of how Jesus speaks into our church today.

Jesus also speaks to us through our stories of this church. On our Heritage Day (Sunday February 25), we will listen to each other share our own stories of this church. We will listen for what values are important to us. We will listen for what beliefs about God our stories illustrate and what sense of mission is implied in the stories.

After Easter, we will move into the next phase of our journey. Having listened to Jesus through the scriptures on God's vision of the church and its mission, we will then turn our attention to discovering how we hear Jesus directing our church right now. Put Saturday April 28 on your calendar, it will be our congregational "Vision Retreat." This will be a time to join our hearts and minds as a congregation seeking God's will. You will provide input to create a guiding vision for our future.

We need your participation for this to be a great journey with a terrific outcome. If you cannot physically attend an event, you can attend through *Facebook Live*. Just go to our Facebook page (Facebook/avonlakepc) at the time of the event and it will be streamed live. You can even post questions and give your answers to questions. Also ask the Renewal Coordinating Team members (Bill Hamilton, Margre Lind-Mills, JoAnn Wainscott and Sybil Wendling) any questions that will help you participate.

In His abiding love, Pastor Charlie

## HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION

## Easter Flowers



Flowers are the joyful symbols of peace, beauty, hope, life and new beginnings. For Easter, elegant white Lilies herald the resurrection of Christ in the Sanctuary, while colorful Tulips and spring blooms send the message of love throughout our church. Help us celebrate the joy of Easter by contributing to the Easter Flower Fund. Complete the form from the church bulletins and place it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. Payment can be made by cash, check or through the kiosk. Be sure to note "Easter Plants" on your envelope, check, or kiosk contribution. Please also drop a note on Cindi's desk when kiosk payments are made. **Last date to order is Sunday, March 18th.**

# Journey of Renewal



Our journey of renewal has begun! Sunday, February 11, Pastor Charlie and the congregation commissioned a servant team consisting of Bill Hamilton, Margre Lind Mills, JoAnn Wainscott and Sybil Wendling, who will be planning activities and events throughout 2018, and communicating learnings along the way as we listen to God, discover his plan for us, and become what he wants ALPC to be.

So, why are we doing this? At the congregational meeting back when the snow was flying in January, attendees considered this question and thoughtfully responded. Many people felt compelled by the these reasons:

1. We see that ALPC has so much to offer and realize that we can become better at sharing it.
2. We seek a greater sense of trust and unity, pulling together toward common goal.
3. We want to not just talk about God's mission, but organize to move concretely toward realizing that vision.

With these reasons in mind, our church has forged ahead with a Lenten Bible study where we have been considering the nature and purpose of Christian community in light of Jesus' teachings in the Sermon on the Mount. What would it mean to us as ALPC in 2018 if we intentionally engaged Jesus' teachings as a guide for our life together? If you're interested in getting involved, it's not too late! See the Saints' Alive article on the study for upcoming dates and times. The Tuesday evening study being streamed on *Facebook Live* for those who can't get to ALPC (or for those who just love Facebook).

We are also looking forward to our "Tell Me a Story" heritage event on Sunday, February 25, immediately following worship in Hart Hall. We will enjoy lunch together and reflect on the personal experiences that have captured the heart of ALPC. Child care will be provided. No single story could capture all of the aspects of our church, but hearing one another will lend a full and rich picture of what ALPC has been so we can move forward toward realizing God's plan for us.

Please contact any member of the commissioned team with questions you might have about our renewal journey. And, please join us! The journey's just not the same without you!

## Library Update

If you haven't noticed, there is a display of library books on the wall in the foyer! Every week, I have been rotating in a new set of books to show you the variety of what is in our church library. Right now, several interesting biographies are on display, as well as books on discerning a church's future and developing its congregation's faith. If you want to check out a book, just put your name on the book's card (old school style) and leave it on the shelf for me to collect. One project I have been working on is digitizing our library catalog. I'm using an app from *Library Thing*. Someday, all our books, including pictures of their covers, will be searchable from our church website. I will keep you posted on my progress toward this goal! ..Beth Shoemaker



# Congregational Care Ministry

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it,  
if one member is honored,  
all rejoice together with it." I Corinthians 12:26



## ***What is the Congregational Care Ministry?***

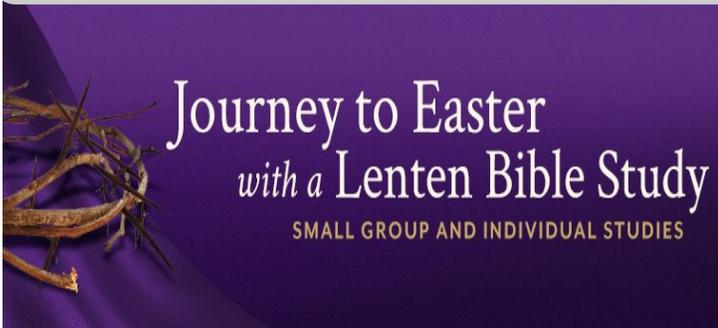
The Congregational Care Ministry was created to assist Pastor Charlie so that all members are remembered and loved not only in moments or seasons of distress, but in ordinary times, and days of celebration. It is our goal to have each member assigned a congregational care friend or as we refer to them as a CCF. A CCF is a friend who has a trusting relationship with its member. Members can call on their CCF in crisis knowing they will be responded to with care and confidentiality. The CCF is equipped to both befriend that person and to connect them with the resources of the church. Through various forms of contact, the CCF regularly offers support and friendship to their people. Our tools are: listening, empathy, encouragement, and prayer. These are powerful tools that are given to us by Jesus to bring his love to each other.

Is becoming a CCF something that you are interested in or moved by? I ask that you pray and reflect upon this request as we are still in need of members who are good listeners, who are compassionate and enjoy visiting people (sickness or just checking in) to become a CCF.

Please consider this ministry as we currently have members who are not assigned to a CCF. If you have any questions, please contact Bernadette Barnes at [bbarnes03@icloud.com](mailto:bbarnes03@icloud.com) or 440-320-4337.

On behalf of the Deacons, help us  
"to provide Christly care as we minister to one another"

# Christian Education



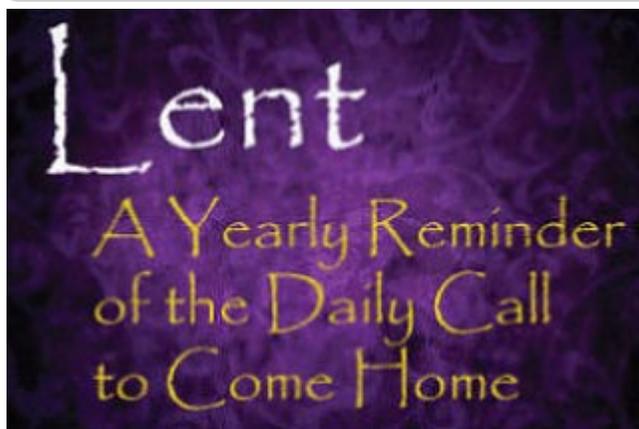
During this season of Lent, the Christian Education (CE) Committee is partnering with the Renewal Team for Bible study. Lee Lohr will be leading an adult Bible study on Sundays after worship. She will have a program for the children during the Tuesday evening Lenten study. CE will provide dessert and coffee at 6:30 pm. The studies begin at 7:00 pm. Pastor Charlie will be leading the adult study on those Tuesday evenings and on Mondays from noon to 1:00 pm.

Pastor Charlie and I have been leading chapel time with Cornerstone Preschool twice a month. We tell a story/Bible lesson, sing with the children, and pray. In January, we began to use puppets. The children have responded well so we plan to continue to use puppets. We are also working on ways to continue the lesson into the classroom by preparing various activities and allowing the children to use the puppets to remind them of the lessons. The teachers have even reminded the children of "Good Sam" (from the Good Samaritan) in the classroom when they wanted certain behavior.

As I wrote in last month's *Saints Alive!*, I attended the annual conference of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) from January 30 – February 3. This year the conference was held in Louisville, Kentucky making it an easy drive. I attended workshops on various topics, learned about new curriculum being offered by the denomination, and obtained resources. Worship was held every morning as is the norm at any denominational conference. So this was a time to be fed spiritually as well as educationally. I met people, reconnected with some, and even met a CE director who will be bringing her youth to our church this summer through Next Step Ministries. It was a wonderful experience. Thank you for the opportunity!

Lee Lohr, Director of Christian Education

# Worship & Spiritual Life



We've been in a sort of quiet period of church life, a lull after the fun hub-bub of Christmas and before we pick up the pace through Lent up to the triumph of Easter. We hope you found the celebration of the Wise Men and the remembrance of our baptisms meaningful in January. As I write this, Ash Wednesday is right around the corner, ushering us into the season of Lent. At the same time, our church family is being invited into a process of Renewal, which I hope brings us a sense of spiritual awakening as well as a sense of God's call regarding our future as a congregation. The timing of beginning this Renewal process with the start of Lent is a wonderful coincidence! I can't wait to see what else is in store for us!

Ash Wednesday will be past by the time you read this. We hope the process of burning pieces of paper we have written on into ash, symbolically giving to God the burdens we bear, will bring us release from these burdens and closer into God's ever-loving embrace. The Maundy Thursday service on March 29 will be a Communion service celebrating the Last Supper, followed by a Tenebrae service taking us into the darkness of Jesus's death. On Good Friday at noon we will meet to follow Jesus through his last moments before his death on the Cross.

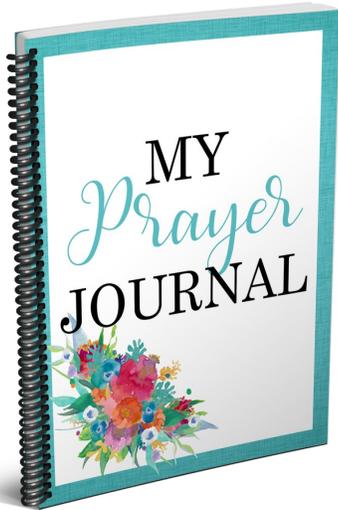
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The Sunday after Easter has often been called "Low Sunday," but at ALPC it is always JAZZ SUNDAY! The joy of Easter continues, helped along by the festive Dixieland jazz of The Elders of Jazz, who are our annual guests and musical leaders. Come ready to continue the celebration!

The Worship and Spiritual Life Committee is dedicated to helping our church worship and grow in faith in our various services and gatherings. If you would like to participate or share your thoughts, come to a meeting on the first Monday of the month or speak with any of our members: Margre Lind-Mills, Dave Brunner, Lynn Campsey Clutter, Chris Chase, Muriel Homer, Barbara Lehmkuhl, Janet Hukill, Beth Shoemaker, Marcy Uhl and Ruth Weeks.



# Healing Prayer Ministry of ALPC



We all like to see the positive results of our work. The progress we make and the finished products inspire us to continue on. In fact, if we don't experience some positive reward for our actions, we usually give up on that particular activity and move on to something new. Prayer can function in the same way. We pray; nothing happens; we move on. Many Bible studies suggest a prayer journal for that very reason – so we can see three or four months later that God actually did answer our prayer. God's timing is not the same as ours. He doesn't answer our prayers as quickly as we would like nor does He answer them in the way that we expect. Some even wonder if it isn't a little silly to attribute an answered prayer to God when we may not be able to see a direct correlation and the results aren't exactly what we were looking for.

And yet, Jesus makes it very clear that we are to go to our Father in private and with others and ASK! Jesus did it without ceasing and gave us the perfect formula. However, Jesus also made it clear that he was sent so that we could be reconciled to God and develop a relationship with Him.

Jesus came so that we could know God and trust Him and seek Him! So, perhaps it is the relationship that is the true goal and all of our prayer requests and our trust in Him to hear those requests represent the work that gets us to that goal.

Every Sunday after worship, members of the Healing Prayer Ministry meet on the left side of the sanctuary to work on those relationships; to experience the love of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and to share that love with each other. God hears every prayer and uses that prayer to deepen our relationships; to strengthen our connections; to build up His Kingdom. The goal may not be as concrete and obvious as a finished painting or a paycheck or a beautiful garden but a relationship with God is the greatest goal any of us could ever work towards for it is beyond all the glories of this world. It provides the ultimate joy now and forever. We would love for you to join us on Sunday morning as together we move forward to enjoy a deepening relationship with God!

Submitted by Arlene Strauch on behalf of the Healing Prayer Ministry

## OSL Healing Conference

### HEALING CONFERENCE

**April 13-14 at ALPC**

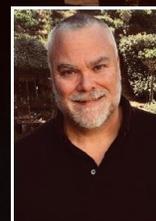
You are invited to the annual River of Love conference on Christian healing hosted by the local chapter of the International Order of St. Luke. Some of our church members are part of this ecumenical group that promotes the idea that Jesus continues to heal us of our ills and pains, whether spiritual, emotional, or physical, that it is God's will that we be whole, and that ordinary Christians can show God's love through healing ministry.

This year's speaker, Josh Acton, will share how we can experience healing and bring actual healing to others. We know God loves us, yet still act as if we are still trying to get it for ourselves. The love of God can pour into our hearts and overflow to others. You can know the reality of your identity in Christ and pray in the authority of Jesus to see results.

This ad was published in OSL's *Sharing Magazine*. You can also pick up a brochure from the table in the foyer. Or visit [www.westshoreosl.org/events](http://www.westshoreosl.org/events) for more information.

## THE HEALING LIGHT OF CHRIST

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# Mission Matters



Thank-you for your donations to 2¢ a meal. It's such a simple reminder of how blessed we are.

**Lunch Bunch** will be on March 15th. Even though it's not officially St. Patrick's Day, it would still be fun to wear green and join friends for a delicious lunch. Food is served from 11:30-1:00. ⇒ Maybe you would like the help. Prep work is done on the Wednesday before each meal. Set up begins about 9:30ish on Thursday and clean-up is in full swing by 12:00ish. Desserts are needed for each meal. Carol Madson 934-2643 organizes volunteers and Kathy Navarro [knavarro5@hotmail.com](mailto:knavarro5@hotmail.com) arranges the dessert donations.

Have you ever wondered how other churches in Lorain county and in the city of Lorain host community meals? Would you like to learn about area food pantries, summer camps and much more? Perhaps volunteer at one. **How about being a part of LCM ( Lorain Cooperative Ministries)?** Carol Madson has been involved for over five years. Carol will continue to volunteer at LCM but Kathy Hamilton will now attend meetings as an APLC representative. Huge

thanks to Carol, Mandy, Kathy and Pastor Charlie for being a part of this growing organization. Please ask Carol, Mandy Robison (LCM Secretary) or Pastor Charlie for more information.

Sunday March 25th, Palm Sunday, we will be our collecting our annual OGHS donations.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** is focused on three areas: Hunger\*Disaster\*Development.

"Through your gifts to OGHS, you can serve people in your community and around the world by helping to alleviate hunger, rebuild after a crisis or catastrophic events, and work with communities to overcome injustice and oppression." Please see the insert in your bulletin or go online to

<http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs>.

**Speaking of the PCUSA**, if you have a bit of time, it is worth seeing this website. You can read all about missions, missionaries and find devotions, prayers and stories from all over the world :

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/>

Please feel free to contact any Mission Committee member with questions or suggestions. Beth Janis 440-522-1771.

## *Avon Lake Presbyterian Church* *Mission Statement*

In awe, we Receive God's Grace and Gospel.  
In gratitude, we Respond with Worship and Servanthood.  
In love, we Represent Jesus Christ  
as we minister to transform lives  
in family, community, and the world.

# A Message from the Moderator of Deacons

A couple of days ago I was picking up a truck load of gravel from the Rock Pile in Avon. After signing my weight ticket inside, I jumped into my truck to head back to the job site only to realize I was driving on fumes alone...Ugh! So I headed south instead of north for a quick pit stop at Get-Go Gas Station on Lear Rd. I've gotten pretty efficient with my stops there, so within less than 1 minute I was parked, had the fleet card swiped, and had gas flowing into my nearly dry tank.

Standing there in my muddy "muck" boots, which matched the rest of my outfit... I leaned against my truck and mindlessly stared at the pumps nozzle, as it glugged away. I was startled by a panicked voice that came from behind me. I didn't initially make out what she said, I could only tell it was a woman's voice and it sounded frenzied. I turned my head to find a young woman, I'd guess in her early twenties, wearing what looked like second hand clothes. In a panicked voice she asked simply "Can you get me gas?" I noticed the man pumping gas on the other side of my pump heard her as well, as she was making eye contact, and speaking to us both, indiscriminately. I immediately responded with "excuse me?" even though I had heard what she had said. In hindsight I think I asked her to repeat herself, so I had a little more time to figure out what my actual response would be. The other man put his head down, ignoring her, and continued pumping his gas. She said, only to me now "I don't have enough gas to make it back to Lorain...is there any way you could put a little gas in my car so I can just make it home." She held a genuinely troubled expression as she spoke.



After taking a moment, I decided I was going to open my wallet and help her...only to find one crumpled up dollar bill and a bunch of receipts. I asked her which car was hers, followed her over to it, then swiped my credit card and began pumping her a little bit of gas. She drove a rusted ford pick-up truck...a young unshaven man sat in the passenger seat staring forward... and a boy, about 4 years old, with uncombed curls stood on the driver's seat and watched me through the window as I pumped the gas. I asked her "will \$10 be enough?" and graciously she said "Yes, thank you so much!" The following is our exchange as I pumped her gas...it began with ten seconds of silence...then...

Me: "Where are you coming from?"

Her: "Cleveland...I was visiting my father in the hospital" after a pause, she said "he's in a coma, they're keeping him alive with a ventilator."

Me: "I'm so sorry to hear that."

Her: "He hung himself..."

Me: "Oh my God; that's awful."

Her: "The doctors told me he's brain dead, and can't even tell that I'm there... but when I talk to him... his heart rate goes up...I can see it on the monitor. His heart races faster when I talk to him...he knows I'm there...doesn't he?" Her face was filled with desperation.. and it was clear to me she was longing for an answer...

Me: "He knows you're there." she paused for a moment, then continued

Her: "I'm getting married next week."

Me: "Really? Congratulations."

Her: "I don't know if I should postpone my wedding though...what do you think I should I do? Do you think I should postpone it? I don't want to have regrets about my decision."

Her face was filled with desperation and longing again...I paused for a few seconds before I spoke...

Me: "Pray on it, with your heart...open your heart and pray on it...then listen carefully with your heart...if you feel a little push one way or the other...that's what you should do...you won't have to regret it."

Her: "ok, I will."

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## Deacon's message continued

I looked up and noticed I had pumped \$15 of gas in her tank, so I hung the nozzle up, screwed her gas cap on, smiled and started walking away...she stuck her hand out to shake my hand and said, "Thank you so much!" I walked towards her, then reached my arms out around her and gave her a hug ...then just paused in that unexpected moment... and held her for several seconds...she reciprocated, holding me tightly...then we pulled away from each other and I walked away. After a few steps she yelled out "did you know you pumped over ten dollars?" I nodded "yes", then walked back to my car.

### **Thinking back on it...I wished I had filled her tank.**

Later that night, reflecting on it, I felt as though I had been given a gift...and started to understand the real poignancy of our encounter. I explained it to my wife...then again to two of my daughters. Although they all thought it was a nice gesture, each wondered if she could have been trying to take advantage of me, only trying to get some free gas. I told them that I felt confident that the words she spoke were sincere...but I guess I would never really know for sure...

As I laid in bed later that night thinking about what had happened, two realizations came to me...the first was that the significance of our encounter didn't lie within the intension of the receiver...but solely in the intention of the giver...I know it may sound strange...but her intentions really didn't matter at all.

The second realization was that unintentionally, I had removed myself from that equation without even knowing it...right at the beginning of our dialogue, right after I had pretended not to hear her...stalling her...because I didn't know how to respond to her asking me for gas...not knowing if she was trying to take advantage of me or not. As a "semi" logical adult man, of 52 years, I initially wondered the same things that my family did..."is she scamming me? does she have a twenty in her pocket that she's saving for a bottle of vodka after she gets back to Lorain?"

No, I am certainly not righteous at all, and I write this with true sincerity...that nudge to help her, absolutely did not come from me... everything I have learned in this physical world pushed me to question her and her intentions, as I initially did. I had no more of a role in what followed, than a window that was ever so slightly cracked open, allowing a strange breeze to blow in for a few short moments...then closing again, as I walked away from her. I am no different than anyone else in this place, and any act of selflessness I find to be a fight from beginning to end.

Oh, the mysteries that lie in this expansive unseen world that exists when we turn from all we have learned in this physical world and open ourselves to this higher love...blindly surrendering to it...baring ourselves to the possibility of being looked at as a fool...or being taking advantage of...pushing pride and ego aside for a few moments, willfully stepping into a place of vulnerability...trusting in something that can't be processed in our minds but only received, from a higher place, within our hearts...and most importantly, understanding that the depths of these pushes may go far, far deeper than a stranger's simple need for a couple of gallons of gas so she can make it back home.



Well, the Deacons at ALPC will be pleased to provide a lunch for our Heritage Renewal Committee on Sunday Feb. 25th, directly following the worship service. We will be serving a light lunch consisting of rolled and sliced tortillas of grilled chicken, lettuce, and cheese with a Cesar salad on the side. We'll have lemonade, water, and coffee, and cookies will be served for dessert. I know the committee is looking forward to everybody's feedback on the

direction which you feel our church should be heading...so please join us, and share your vision of our future as well as any memories of our past. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Looking forward to Easter Sunday, The Deacons will be providing hot coffee at another sunrise service at the lake's edge, on North Point dr. in Avon Lake. Last year's service was so moving, as Charlie spoke with the beautiful sun rising over the lake behind him...we hope you can help us celebrate again! Then following, we will be serving a hot Easter breakfast of pancakes, eggs, and sausage at 10 a.m., followed by a single Easter service at 11:00. Again, we look forward to serving you this Easter season and throughout this great new year!

John Weeden, Moderator of The ALPC Deacons

# Lenten Study

In order to include as many people as possible, we are offering a one hour bible study to you in a variety of ways:

- ◆ **Sundays at ~11:15 am on 2/18, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 – Led by Lee Lohr**
- ◆ **Mondays at noon on 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26 – Led by Pastor Charlie**
- ◆ **Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 – Led by Pastor Charlie**
- ◆ **Light dessert starting at 6:30 pm**
- ◆ **Lee will have activities for children from the same scripture**
- ◆ **For those not able to attend any of these dates, Tuesday evening's study will be broadcast on Facebook Live. If you would like to try this option, but are unfamiliar with Facebook, please call Cindi in the church office so we can connect you with a Facebook Partner. Paper copies of the study will be available in the narthex and in the weekly bulletin, and electronic copies of the study will be emailed to you each week.**
- ◆ **Lauren Vann will lead the youth study, either during Sunday school or at Youth group on Wednesdays.**

Also, please note that there will be no study on Monday, February 19 due to President's Day, or on Sunday 2/25 due to our Heritage event.

Our Lenten Study will cover:

**Week #1: Blessings of the Reign of God  
The beatitudes found in Matthew 5:1-12**

**Week #2: A Church Living for the World  
The community of faith in the world found in  
Matthew 5:13-16**

**Week #3: Jesus' Vision of Right Relationships  
Jesus' radical call to love found in  
Matthew 5:17-48 and Matthew 22:34-40**

**Week #4: A Model for Praying and Acting  
The Lord's Prayer found in Matthew 6:1-18**

**Week #5: Putting it All Together  
Review thoughts and insights, and envision our hopes and dreams  
for the future of ALPC**

## Renewal at ALPC

The Renewal coordinating team is looking for anyone interested in putting together some short videos for worship in May. We will provide material, but we need you to video and edit. Please contact Bill Hamilton, Margre Lind Mills, Charlie Swartz, JoAnn Wainscott or Sybil Wendling if interested in this opportunity, or have any questions about the Lenten Study or the Heritage event.



After we have rediscovered our Heritage, the essence of ALPC, learned and studied about how Jesus taught us to live as a Christian community in our Lenten study, our next Renewal Event will focus on Visioning for the future.

A vision that is unified and supported by the whole congregation.

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## **Sunday Worship**

**Worship at 10:00 am**

**Youth & Children's Sunday School at 10:00 am**

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