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#### <u>2015</u>

## "I Believe - Walking with Christ in the Adventure of Faith"

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Luke 5:4 (NIV)



Beloved Redeemed of the Lord! That is what you are! Precious in the sight of the living God. Yes, that is what you are!

HOW?

By the precious blood of Christ you were redeemed from your empty way of life.

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 1 Peter 1: 18, 19 NIV

Yet on Ash Wednesday we hear as the ashes are placed on the forehead, "*Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.*" (Those words of scripture come from Genesis 3:19b) In the words we are reminded of our mortality and our sinful nature. Reminded that we are weak and death comes. There is no escape. We are helpless. We are dust.

But there is a deliverer. There is a redeemer. There is one who conquered the enemy death. Not through great exploits of valor. No, he conquered death through his own death. Freely giving his back for the blows of a whip, and humbly walked the way of a criminal in our place, for our sin. Willingly nailed to a cross. Willingly shedding his blood for us.

Knowing such extent that the Lord stretched forth his arms, don't you want to get to know him better? Know better the one who loves you? Know better the one who redeemed you?

#### HOW?

We are preparing a Lenten devotional for you. The devotional will help you know your Lord and Savior better. Through Bible verses and questions for you to answer, you will grow in awe at the greatness of your God and the Love of God that reached down to you one who is but dust yet redeemed from the empty way of life to be with HIM in Heaven forever!

Peace, **Pastor Jeff** 

#### Prayer Moment:

#### Penitential Prayer of St. Ambrose of Milan

O Lord, who bast mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of thy Holy Spirit.
Take away from me the beart of stone, and give me a beart of flesh, a beart to love and adore Thee, a beart to delight in Thee, to follow and enjoy Thee, for Christ's sake, Amen.
St. Ambrose of Milan (AD 339-397)

#### Walking in the Word – Tuesday Night Bible Study

February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.



Come and Studying the Bible with your brothers and sisters in Christ on Tuesdays at 7 pm.

**Hezekiah, King of Judah has died.** What will happen? Prophesy has been given about Babylon coming. Will they heed the warning? Will their king walk in the way of David or walk in the ways of the wicked?

#### We conclude by 8:15 p.m.

#### Children's Sunday School

We are traveling down Route 66! Beginning at Genesis we'll work our way down the road through the 66 books of the Bible.



Moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas, great-grandma and great-

grandpas, these intentional times of discipling will nurture the FAITH of those entrusted to your care. Make a Sunday morning faith commitment for you and your family! Attend Sunday School and Worship together.

> Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

#### **Discipleship**

 Learn what Jesus taught - Study the Scriptures of Old and New Testament.



- Do what Jesus taught Live what you have learned from the Scriptures
- Spread what Jesus taught Go and make disciples of All Nations.

#### Listen Online to a Sunday Sermon Message

Sunday Sermon messages are recorded and made available for listening on our Website: www.ficlc.net The link to the message archive is found on the Pastor page.

This is a great opportunity to hear again the Word Preached and also a

great opportunity to share the Word Preached with a friend at work or anywhere you have access to the internet. The Lord can bring a blessing and draw another to Faith in Christ.



#### Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thank you for all who have designated Faith In Christ to receive their Thrivent Choice Dollars. During 2014 Thrivent Choice Dollars in the amount of \$2011.00 were received by Faith in Christ. If you have not designated all of your 2014 Thrivent Choice Dollars, you have until March 31, 2015 to designate them.

You may also designate your 2015 Dollars.

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Thank you Tuesday Night Walking in the Word Bible Study!

A huge THANK YOU for hosting Fellowship Time on January 25<sup>th</sup> following the annual meeting. From the Sloppy Joe's to the Chip dip to the deserts and all that was in between, we deeply appreciate your gift! A hearty WELL DONE!

#### Ash Wednesday Worship February 18th 7:00 PM

Holy Communion will be celebrated, along with the ancient rite of the Imposition of Ashes. These ashes, produced by burning the palm branches from our past year's Palm Sunday, are "imposed in the shape of a cross upon the forehead of each worshiper." As the imposition takes place, the sobering words *"Remember that you are ashes and to ashes you shall return*" are spoken, reminding us of our mortality and limited lifetime here on earth.

#### Easter Ensemble

You are invited to be a part of our Easter Sunday Ensemble. All ages and all instruments are welcome to join. We'll be playing at the 10:15 AM worship on Easter Sunday. Rehearsal schedule is being developed.

To help us plan and prepare the music, please let Beth Helwagen know the instrument you will be playing.

Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Psalm 150



#### Loyal Followers of Christ - (LFC)

Will meet February 6<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon, in the Bay Breeze Restaurant, weather permitting. Newcomers are always welcome. The next meeting will be at the same time, in the same place on March 6th.

#### Women of Today -

Will meet at 3:00 p.m. Monday, February 16 and again on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The location of the meetings may change so watch your e-mail and bulletins for the location.

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Come and join your Church Family

for our annual

Lenten Soup Suppers

Each Thursday

### during Lent Beginning February 26th!

Meals will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup> and every Thursday in the month of March. The schedule for each evening will be as follows:

5:30	TNT Begins
6:15	Meal
7:00	Lenten Worship Service

Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex asking for volunteers to provide soups and desserts each week.

## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

The Confirmation Class and the Teens will be

flipping and serving pancakes

on



Tuesday, February 17 5:00 - 7:00 pm!

Come enjoy some scrumptious pancakes, tasty ham, baked apples, and warm drinks!

Bring your family and friends! It's all FREE! There will be great entertainment for you to enjoy too!



Come and Join Your

Church Family

On

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

@ 5:30 P.M.

For FIC's Cards & Games Night!

There will be lots of fun for all ages!





Feb 3	Feed IHN's Guests
Feb 6	Loyal Followers of Christ Meeting @ Bay Breeze
Feb 8	Bible Bowl Competition
Feb 8	Scout Sunday - Luncheon @ FIC for all
Feb 17	Shrove Tuesday Dinner @ FIC
Feb 18	Ash Wednesday Worship
Feb 21	Scout - Blue & Gold Banquet @ FIC
Feb 26	First Lenten Soup Dinner & Worship
Mar 5	Lenten Dinner & Worship
Mar 6	Loyal Followers of Christ Meeting @ Bay Breeze
Mar 7	Cards & Games Night
Mar 10	Victorian Village Condo Mtg. @ FIC
Mar 12	Lenten Dinner & Worship
Mar 19	Lenten Dinner & Worship
Mar 21	Scout Pinewood Derby @ FIC
Mar 26	Lenten Dinner & Worship
Mar 29	White Cloth Drama @ FIC
Apr 2	Maundy-Thursday Worship
Apr 3	Good Friday Worship
Apr 5	EASTER!