

**LENT? Why and What!**

What do you think of when you hear the word – LENT? An incorrect spelling of the stuff on your clothes or what’s in the dryer? OR Maybe - What are you giving up for Lent?

**Why practice Lent?** We desperately need to observe Lent. Lent is an important season in Jesus’ story. It invites us to reflect on where we come from and where we’ll end up. It’s a serious challenge to our “me-first” and “us-first” mentality. Lent invites us to open ourselves up to the Holy Spirit. It encourages us to let the Holy Spirit search our hearts to see what’s twisted and broken in there. YES - We desperately need to observe Lent.

**What is Lent?** Lent is the period starting on Ash Wednesday, lasting around 6 weeks, and ending on Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter Sunday. Its traditional purpose is to prepare and purify the believer through prayer, fasting, self-denial, repentance, and giving to others (source). Do you have to observe Lent as a Christian? Of course not. Can it benefit you and your family? Yes, it can.

**How Can I Participate?** Start by joining us for our Ash Wednesday Service - **details below**. You can also join us in observing Lent during these 40 days by joining us in the Bible readings, fasting from something important to you – we’re really encouraging Social Media OR other Media Forms, and using the extra time you now have from less media to invest in face to face interaction with your neighbors. You might also check out the New Sunday Morning Bible Study on Spiritual Disciplines. If you need help or have questions please ask! And please join us each Sunday for an important time of encouragement.

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**Ash Wednesday Service**

**Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30pm.** We are inviting everyone to this solemn time of reflection and preparation in the Youth Room. It will be a meaningful start to our preparation for Lent and Easter this year!. We have intentionally planned for families with kids grades 1st and up to join us in this service. Childcare will be available for infants to Kindergarten. There will be no meal or classes this evening.

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**New Sunday School Class**

"The Celebration of Discipline" by Richard Foster. Through the study of this Christian book classic we will consider the twelve disciplines of the Christian life. To get the most out of the class you will want to read the book; however; class sessions will be designed in such a way that you will not "feel lost" without the book. The class will be led by Louanne Gressman-Dunn and will meet in Room 19. Traditional and e-books are available online through Christian Book Distributors

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**Parkside Partners**

We are in need of volunteers to staff Parkside Elementary's Walking Club which runs from April 8 through May 3. You would be responsible for one day each week over the lunchtime recess. Walking Club encourages students to be active during recess, so that they can concentrate and learn better during the school day. If you are interested in serving our Parkside kids in this way, contact Caryn Fish for more details.

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**Faith Promise Missions Sunday**

**March 3rd.** Join us as we celebrate the great work God is doing around our community and the world through our generous Faith Mission Promise Missions giving. Discover how you can get involved in God's mission to point people to life with Jesus. We will have several Missions Groups we support on hand that day.

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**LifePoint T-Shirts**

New LifePoint T-shirts are available at the Welcome Center for \$5 each. We have adult and youth sizes.

**SpringHill Day Camp**

We are excited to announce that LifePoint Church will once again host SpringHill Day Camp this Summer.

**Dates:** July 1st-5th (No Camp on July 4th)

**Cost:** \$20 - That's an incredible price. It's been \$189.

Our goal is to get as many unchurched kids to camp as possible.

Registration is open now. Go to lifepointgoshen.org and click on SpringHill link to register your children.

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**Women's Bible Study**

Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. A new ladies study called "Me, Myself and Lies" by Jennifer Rothschild. We all talk to ourselves all the time. We evaluate everything we do, compare ourselves to others, and even call ourselves names. We disparage who we are instead of telling ourselves the truth about who God says we are. This study deals with our destructive, unrealistic, self talk. In this study Jennifer explores the power of self talk. As she takes us through the things we commonly say to ourselves, she teaches us to practice Godly and biblical self talk.

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**REALM MOBILE APP**

Realm is available now for **iOS** and **Android**, search for **Connect - Our Church Community** in your app store. Then log in with your email address and password that you use for Realm.

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**LIFEPOINT FACEBOOK GROUP**

We have started a Facebook group for LifePoint Church members. You can share your prayer requests, praises, stories,pictures and videos with other LifePoint members. This is a secure group where **only** LifePoint members are able to see content posted or shared on the group page. Search Lifepoint Church Goshen Group on Facebook to request to join.

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**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

All men are welcome the first Saturday of every month at Angel's House of Pancakes (510 W. Lincoln Ave., Goshen) at 7 am. Questions, call Steve Klinge 349-7778.

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**February Attendance/Financials**

	SS	Worship
2/3	94	238
2/10	82	188
2/17	71	187
2/24	63	217

For further information contact the church office at 574-533-1191

MTD Income	\$43,564.31	YTD Income	\$72,200.99	YTD Income	\$72,200.99
MTD Expenses	<u>33,441.10</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>61,996.74</u>	YTD Budget	<u>69,776.96</u>
Difference	10,123.21		10,204.25		2,424.03

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