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Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends:

We are now in the season of Lent which will lead us to Easter. Lent is traditionally a time when we reflect on Christ and His love for us through His suffering on the Cross. We remember we are sinners who need a Savior. We repent of our sin and find life where there was only darkness and death.

Paul says, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith" (Rom. 1:16). Looking back Paul was a man who could have lived in shame. While he was quite religious, you remember that he participated in the cruel persecution of Christians and even participated in the murder of Stephen.

Religion alone may cause us to look acceptable on the outside, but it can keep us from recognizing that we are not good enough on our own. Paul was a "good" man, but did terrible things.

But something happened to Paul. He met Jesus. The Gospel message is that there is a power which can embrace even the deepest stains of shame. In the forgiveness of sins freely given through the grace of God in Christ, Paul was born again. The old Paul died at the feet of Jesus on the road to Damascus. A new Paul rose from the dead.

This was the Gospel. Paul's condemnation was taken by Jesus upon Himself. Paul could not and would not be ashamed of that. He wasn't ashamed of the Gospel because it was his life. The Gospel is not an empty idea. It is not a Sunday School lesson. It is not a concept we need to grasp. It is instead the power of God grasping us! It has the power to change our lives and turn us around. We trust that all that God was doing in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God was doing for us.

This Season of Lent and Easter should cause us to ask one question - Has the Gospel changed me? In Christ I can live again.

His,

Pastor Geoff Schultz

Adult Discipleship Opportunities

Sunday Mornings

- 9:15 am** The Gospel of John - led by David Hoovler in room S-5.
- 11:00 am** The Deeper Life - led by Marion Johr in room S-5 (*beginning March 6*).
- Transforming Prayer - A study for women led by Mary Reed in room S-4.

"DEEPER LIFE" Study - 9 week video study with Daniel Henderson, Sunday AM at 11:00 in S-5. Facilitated by Marian Johr beginning March 6...

Daniel Henderson shares the principles and practices that are vital to a transformed life. He explains the longings that resonate in our souls - longings such as wanting to know God more fully, to know ourselves better, to spend our time on things that matter - and shows how to systematically apply them to daily decisions and even long-term goals. As countless believers have already discovered, this gospel-oriented, Spirit-empowered approach will touch every part of your life and change the trajectory of your journey - Suggestion donation for the book and workbook is \$15.

Mid-Week, Mid-Morning Study - Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in S-4/5. "The Lamb of God" is a new five week study that will begin on Wednesday, March 2. As we prepare to remember Christ's sacrifice and celebrate His resurrection, this study will explore the significance of John the Baptist's proclamation when he declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." Coffee and tea provided. Got questions??? Contact Pastor Rich at pastorrich@noefc.org.

"The Fragile Stone" - Wednesday Evenings at 7 pm in S-4/5

Join us as we explore the unique relationship between Peter "the Rock" and Jesus "the Christ" and discover truths that we can apply to our own relationship with Christ. Each week includes a brief video element that takes place on location, where some of those unique experiences between Peter and Jesus occurred. The study is open to both men and women and is led by Pastor Rich.



Upcoming Dates from Children's Ministry



Pinewood Derby, Sunday, March 13 at 12:30 pm.

Please join us for an afternoon of racing fun! Come and watch as our kids race their cars. There will be a pinewood derby café where you can purchase lunch for your family. We hope you can join us for our day of racing!

Family Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 26

Join us for breakfast and a morning full of Easter egg hunting fun. There will be a story, crafts and a giant Easter egg hunt as we prepare to celebrate Easter!

Get ready for this year's underwater Vacation Bible School adventure from June 13-17.

It is called "SUBMERGED: FINDING TRUTH BELOW THE SURFACE."

As kids submerge themselves in God's Word, they will discover that Jesus saw people differently. He didn't just see what's on the outside; He saw who people were down deep. Volunteer and Child registration will begin after Easter.



Sunday mornings in Children's Ministry features Sunday School classes for
 Preschool - Grades 4 at 9:15 am and
 Preschool, KIDS Church, and Club 56 at 11 am.

For more information about Children's Ministry contact Liz Kannel at liz@noefc.org. We are always looking for people to help us share the love of Jesus with our children.

STAND summer mission trip: STAND will be going to Nashville, TN, this summer from June 18-24 on a short-term mission trip! We will be working with the Church at Woodbine on hosting a sports camp, serving the homeless in the area, and a number of other ministry opportunities. The trip is open to all incoming 9-12 graders, and registration forms, along with a \$100 non-refundable deposit, are due by March 31.

Get in touch with Pastor Zach for more info.



"Senior" Prom: STAND will be hosting a "senior" prom on Saturday, April 2 from 6-8 pm, open to those inside and outside of our congregation 55 and older. We will have some appetizers, games, performances from the students, and many other opportunities for fellowship and fun. Tickets are \$10 each and will be on sale in the lobby after Sunday worship services or by calling the church office. All proceeds will benefit this summer's mission trip to Nashville.



Guys small group: All 7-12 grade guys are invited to join us for a day at Dave & Busters on Saturday, March 12 from 12-2 pm. Drop-off and pick-up will be at the restaurant, and the cost is \$20 which includes food, drinks, and games. RSVP to Pastor Zach by Saturday, March 5.

rightnow MEDIA

Praise the Lord!!! RIGHTNOW Media - 175 families or individuals have signed up to access this wonderful resource accessing thousands of videos on a variety of topics for people of all ages. Bring this gift of discipleship to your computer, tablet, TV or phone. If you have any questions on how to use RightNow Media or want to receive an email invitation to join please contact me. I will be glad to help.

Blessings, Pastor Rich



"Like" us on Facebook and stay updated on recent happenings and upcoming events!



Check out videos from past mission trips, worship experiences and also our announcements!

Saturday Men's Breakfast

You are invited to join us for breakfast at 7:30 am on Saturday, March 5, at Denny's on Lorain Road in North Olmsted. Come for a time of fellowship, conversation and prayer. For more information, contact Pastor Rich.



Oxcart Food Pantry

Our neighborhood food pantry is in need of canned meat this month of March. Tuna, chicken, corned beef, SPAM, or sardines just to name a few! Please drop the items off in the white bin in Tim Labrado's office. For any questions, please contact Charlotte Long (440.777.4170). Thanks for your help!

Silver Friends

Pease join us for our annual Easter Brunch on Thursday, March 10th. This is our version of a true "early bird special" (since Easter isn't until March 27). As is our tradition, we'll gather together in the Family Life Center at 11:30am for a wonderful time of fellowship, food, fun and encouragement. This year we're featuring a photo shoot. Easter bonnets and other props will be provided, but if you have a special hat please wear it to the brunch and for your picture. It will be great to join together with old friends but it would be REALLY great to welcome some newcomers. Hope to see you there!
Contact Margie Metz at 440-779-0784 for reservations.

Local Senior Ministries

We serve at two area nursing home and senior centers during the year on a regular basis. If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please contact the following individuals - for the Renaissance, contact Dave Swartz (440.327.6816); for Brookdale/Westlake Village, contact Margaret Becker (440.617.6184).



College & Young Career Bible Study

Join us on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Youth Room do an overview of the Bible. If you'd like to participate or have questions, please contact Chris Thwing at 440-734-2255.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- March 20th - **Palm Sunday:** Holy Communion will be served in worship services
- March 23rd - No Wednesday evening activities
- March 24th - **Maundy Thursday Service** led by Pastor Geoff at 7 PM.
- March 25th - **Good Friday Service** led by our Friends Youth at 7 PM.
- March 27th - **Resurrection Sunday Son Rise Service** at 7 AM on the north lawn.
*Resurrection Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11 AM (Family Sunday).

*Easter Choir rehearsals have begun! Join them in the sanctuary on Sundays at 4:00 pm to prepare for the celebration of our Savior's resurrection from the grave. He is risen! He is risen, indeed!



Daylight Savings is on Sunday, March 13. Don't forget to set your clocks *ahead* one hour the night before, and get to bed just a little earlier that evening. We don't want you to miss out on our worship experiences the following morning!

Custodian Position to Open:

North Olmsted Evangelical Friends Church is looking for a motivated individual to serve as a member of its custodial staff. This part time position would require as many as 20 hours per week. Hours are flexible. A complete job description and application for employment may be obtained from the church office or at [North Olmsted Evangelical Friends Church](#) beginning Friday, March 4th.



Our mission at NOEFC is to be a body of growing disciples who know, love, follow, and lead others to Jesus.

Service Times:
Sundays 9:15 & 11:00 am
Wednesdays 7:00 pm (Youth at 6:15 pm)

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We are happy to answer any questions. Ministry staff email addresses are located below and on our website or you can call the church office at 440.779.9484

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Prayer Requests:

Please join us in praying for members and friends:



Dick Deutsch	Dale Kuch	Penny Kuch
Rick Henderson	Nicole Kuch	Cynthia Bryant
Ginger Dittrick	Tim Roche	Dianne Marks
Deb Haskins	Roger Dixon	Dotty Foschke
Dennis Wells	John Anderson	Margie Metz
Emily Rose Shaffer	Becky Clark	Wendy Getz
Emily Henceroth	Pastor Rich	Walt Sheffield

Happy Birthday to...

3/1	Lincoln Storrow	3/20	Kim McGilvray
3/2	Susan Arnett	3/21	Joan Popik
	Roxanne Churby		Sophie Albrecht
	Mackenzie Martin		Cindy Ellis
3/3	Nettie Fitzsimmons	3/24	Sherry Lehmann
3/4	Liz Kannel	3/25	Darlene Wilke
3/5	Savannah West	3/26	Tessie Bonnema
3/6	Bailey Hyde	3/26	Donald Pectak
	TJ Klima	3/27	Joan Thomas
	Susan Novak	3/27	Kim Klima
3/8	Joanne Hengst	3/27	Zorah Snavely
3/9	Della Garrison	3/29	Taylor Gevry
	Austin Haschka		Bryan Vlosich
3/11	Grace Chang		George Vlosich
	Kevin Chang		Robert Vlosich
3/12	Christina Barr	3/30	Nathaniel Kubitz
	Laura Bollinger	3/31	Amanda Shaffer
	Jack Hengst		Glenn Goodman
	Tom Krucek		Linda Henderson
3/13	Steve Arnett		
	Bruce Clark		
3/14	Marla Holmes		
3/15	Nathan Bailey		
	Lauren Lakatos		
3/16	Caroline Mabry		
	Diane Chernisky		
	Verna Kokitka		
	John Mundell		
3/17	Ryan Lakatos		
3/18	Olga Pansegrau		

Happy Anniversary to...

3/3	Roger & Debbie Freeman
3/7	Dennis & Erin Wells
3/12	Bruce & Laura Bollinger
3/18	John & Kathryn Kinkus
3/19	Tedd & Laura Schroth
3/20	Kyle & Susan Hartung
3/25	Jeremy & Kristen Leibolt

Regular Happenings at NOEFC:

Mondays

6:30 pm Well Women Fitness
7:30 pm College & Young Career Bible Study
7:30 pm Gaining Hinds' Feet Bible Study

Tuesdays

7:00 pm Moms In Prayer

Wednesdays

10:30 am Mid-week, Mid-day Bible Study
6:15 pm *STAND* Youth Group
7:00 pm Club FX Children's Program
7:00 pm Club 56 Program
7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

Thursdays

6:30 am Thursday Morning Prayer

Saturdays

10:00 am Praise Choir Rehearsal