

Jamestown Jottings

March 2013



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God's Pictures

We have just started the Lent season here at Jamestown Church. Lent is the 40 days starting on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter, excluding the Sundays of Lent. The word Lent comes from the old English word for the season of spring. A time period of 40 days is found a number of times in the Bible and usually refers to a time of discipline, devotion and preparation. Think of Moses who stayed on the mountain for 40 days, Nineveh who had 40 days to repent and Jesus Himself who spent 40 days in separation, in prayer and fasting before the start of His ministry.

Lent is a time where Christians all over the world consider their sinful guilt, their mortality and the temporary nature of this world. We focus our efforts to grow closer in our relationship with Christ as we abstain from everyday things to help us become more aware of God's presence in their lives. Every year we do a Lenten series that leads us to better understand Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and the enormity of His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

This year I have chosen the Old Testament text of Leviticus 23 and the celebration of the feasts, which God has proclaimed sacred times for Israel. Through these celebrations Israel were to remember their covenant with Him and bring Him offerings during these feasts.

But why would God want the people of Israel to have all these religious festivals? What does all of this mean and how does it even relate to their relationship with God and ultimately to us living for beyond the New Testament? If you ask me, God had a number of truths He wanted us simple humans to better understand. In His infinite wisdom He decided to paint us some pictures to better get these truths.

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March Birthdays



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These festivals, these feasts of worship, sacrifice and thanksgiving are all God's pictures to help Israel and us, understand Him, His love and His grace.

I heard someone describe it like this:

Leviticus 23 shows us that God is a supreme teacher with a flair for the dramatic. God wants us to see, touch, taste and hear who He is, what He is like and how He calls us to live. That is why God gave the Israelites these feasts!

I hope you can join our study of the Old Testament feasts during the season of lent and I pray that understanding the purpose of each feast will help you grow in your relationship with Him.

-Pastor André

- 2 Nancy Bowman
Marcia Poll
- 4 Betty Sneden
- 6 Nick Henry
- 7 Trevor Johanson
Emmersyn Nienhuis
- 8 Ken Van Rhee
Keith Knuth
Matt Warners
- 11 Peg Camfferman
Tyler Mast
Tricia Baker
Lacey Blackport
Kathy Van Rhee
- 12 Ty Jones
- 17 John Pater
- 18 Parker Warners
Jordan Rodenhouse
Isaac Wolters
- 20 Sheila Mahaney
- 21 Rich Van Klompenberg
JJ Boogaard
- 24 Clint Mast
- 25 Bea Berghorst
Ryan Elenbaas
David Lamers
- 26 Irene Brouwer
Jill Elenbaas
- 27 Terry Warners
Eric Hammersmith
- 28 Jeanella Ten Have
Aleigha Vanden Berg
Anna Huyser
Rich Van Klompenberg
- 29 Craig Bykerk
Myra Stilwill
- 30 Pete Niemann
- 31 Skylar De Weerd
Makayla Hammersmith

story of the month

Miss Lydia has been meeting with Alaina for 3 years now. This week during their time together, Alaina said, "Miss Lydia, I wish that you were just a little bit younger." "Why is that?" asked Miss Lydia. "Well, because sometimes when you get a little older, people die and I never want you to die", replied Alaina. "Well, I am planning on sticking around for at least another 30 years or so" said Miss Lydia. "You promise?" asked Alaina. "Well, no one can promise that, but I do promise that I'll always be your friend" Miss Lydia replied. "Good", said Alaina.

upcoming dates

March 1
March 13

NO School
Bowling Party

We are looking for some volunteers from church that would be willing to make a snack for the kids. If you would be willing to help, please let Jami know.

March 29-April 5

Spring Break – NO School

prayer requests

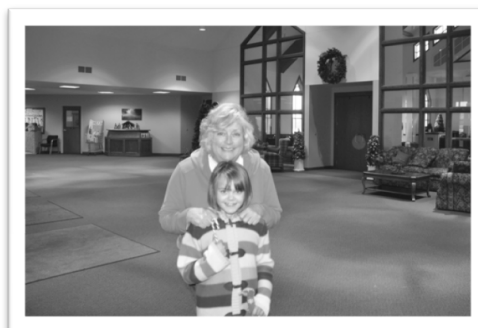
Praise God for...

- The excitement of the 23 students who look forward to seeing their mentor each week.
- The gift of prayer partners who faithfully pray over our mentor/mentee relationship.
- Our incredible substitute Mentors who are working overtime right now to fill in for mentors who are sick or on vacation.

Pray for...

- A good turnout and fun time for our bowling party this month.
- The start of the planning for the end of the year party.
- The teachers and staff of the school who continually have to meet the ongoing needs of students and their families.

khusa pic of the month



Our Mission:

KIDS HOPE USA builds caring relationships...one child, one hour, one church, one school.

JRC Youth Ministry: March 2013

Recent Happenings

JRC Basketball 2013

We just wrapped up another season of middle school boys basketball here at JRC! We had another HIGHLY successful season in which we were able to host 100% of community families to be a part of this program. As our church looks to grow in the near future, this program is a great tool to help us reach our goal. Did you know that I am able to run this basketball program for less than \$150.00 for a seven week program?!? With the help of a volunteer coach, snacks donated, having a gym in our facility, and prime location to being near the middle school- this is all possible. The feedback from students and parents was all EXTREMELY positive and they all have responded that they are looking forward to next year!



****A BIG thank you to those of you who donated after-school snacks for this program. They were very much appreciated and ALWAYS gone in a matter of minutes!**



Crossroads Saturday SERVE Project

The middle school group had a blast on February 16 as we worked together to make a difference in our community. We had 24 people in attendance and we went to Love INC in Hudsonville to help sort and count towels for their summer camp backpack program. We also learned how to use a lift and shrink-wrap items large items on pallets too! Then after that, we celebrated by going to Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park in Grand Rapids. It was awesome! If you want to see a highlight video of our day- check out the JRC facebook page.

Spring Dates to Look Forward To:

March

- 17 (Sun) – Sonseekers “Life Skills” Night- Car Skills
- 20 (Wed) – Last Crossroads of the season
- 20 (Wed) – Ada Valley Order Pick-Up at JRC 6-8pm

April

- 21 (Sun) – Youth Sunday at JRC!
- 28(Sun) – Sonseekers Spring Fling Brunch (following the morning worship service)

May

- 19 (Sun) – Mission Trip Commissioning

June

- 23-29 (Sun-Sat) – High School CHICAGO MISSION TRIP!



EASTER CELEBRATION CHOIR

You are invited to join our Easter Celebration Choir! We will be singing a song or two during our Easter service to help celebrate our Risen Savior! If you are interested in joining us we will be practicing for a few minutes on Sunday mornings following the worship service in the Sanctuary (you will still be able to attend Sunday School) starting March 10. To help us prepare please sign up at the information table. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, please see Jami.

STRONGER

This month we will be introducing a new song during church on March 10 and 17. If you want to preview this song before the service to learn it, you can check out JRC's Facebook page where a link has been posted. You can also search "Hillsong: Stronger" at youtube.com. It is a great song to learn as we approach Easter. Here are the lyrics:

There is love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me

Chorus:

You are stronger, You are stronger
Sin is broken you have saved me
It is written Christ is risen
Jesus you are Lord of all

No beginning and no end
You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross

Bridge:

So let your name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher be lifted higher



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Join us on Thursday, March 28 at 7pm for our Maundy Thursday Service. This service will include singing, communion as well as some hands on activities as we reflect together on the sacrifice of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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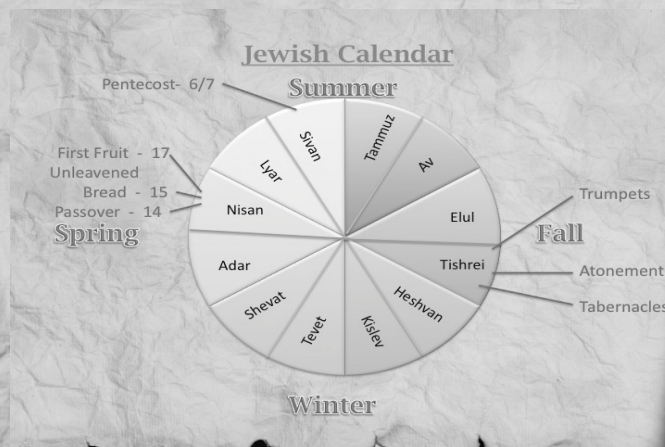
God's Picture: Lent 2013

This year we have chosen the Old Testament text of Leviticus 23 and the celebration of the feasts as a theme for our Lenten study. God has proclaimed these sacred times for Israel to celebrate and remember their covenant with Him. He invites Israel to honor Him and to bring Him offerings during these feasts.

As we scan through the chapter we find a list of seven not so familiar feasts and definitely ones we don't celebrate much any more. They are:

The Passover (v.4) – one that has a bit of a familiar ring to it
 The Feast of the Unleavened Bread (v.6)
 The First Fruits (v.9)
 Feast of Weeks (v.15)
 Feast of the Trumpets (v.23)
 Day of Atonement (v.26) and finally,
 The Feast of Tabernacles

This graphic shows how the annual feasts follow each other chronologically and when they take place.



Most scholars say that the first four feasts have already been fulfilled with the first coming of Christ and the last three Fall Festivals are yet to be fulfilled when Jesus returns. Some say this is Biblical proof that we should expect a second coming.



See the world in a whole new way...

**HOW, THEN CAN THEY CALL ON THE ONE
THEY HAVE NOT BELIEVED IN?**

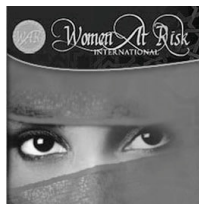
**AND HOW CAN THEY BELIEVE IN THE ONE
OF WHOM THEY HAVE NOT HEARD?**

**AND HOW CAN THEY HEAR
WITHOUT SOMEONE PREACHING TO THEM?**

AND HOW CAN THEY PREACH UNLESS THEY ARE SENT?

ROMANS 10:14, 15A

Missions Month is coming to Jamestown Reformed Church!



When? May, 2013

What? A month of world missions emphasis

How? Missions-focused sermons
Reports from Chad VandenBosch, JRC's missionary in Mozambique
Informational booths by ministries supported by JRC, locally and internationally

Our Goal:
Build a well in
Mozambique

Why? **To be the presence of Jesus
to the world**

**Adult Mission
Trip to Chicago
April 19-20
Watch for details!**

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Jamestown Reformed Church Auction

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013

SOME WAYS TO HELP WITH THIS EVENT:

- **DONATE ITEMS, SERVICES, ETC. TO THE AUCTION**
- **COME TO THE AUCTION ON SATURDAY, APRIL 13**
- **HELP WITH THE MEAL AND ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD BEFORE AND DURING THE AUCTION**
- **HELP WITH ADVERTISING THE AUCTION IN THE HUDSONVILLE AREA**

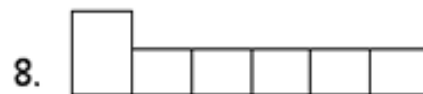
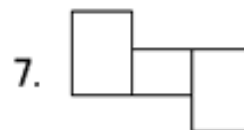
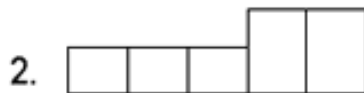
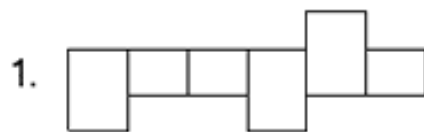
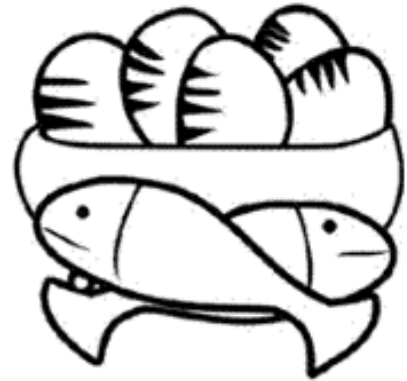
For more information or to volunteer in any of these areas, contact Pastor André, Mark Lamers, Peggy Slattery, Keith Ykema, or Jane Naber

Just For Kids

Jesus Feeds the 5000

Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. John 6:11 (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



crowd
people

loaves
small

boy
fish

basket
twelve

Community Announcements

Women's Conference featuring Kathy Troccoli at Trinity Church in Lansing on March 15-16. The conference will be held from 7-9pm on Friday, and 9-12:30pm on Saturday. Special guests also include Jennifer Rothschild and Dr. Jeanette Porter-King. For more information, please email Kathy Ferrara at kferrara@kathytroccoli.com, or call her at 615-478-0247.

David Barton will be our guest on Saturday, March 9 at 7:00pm at Fellowship Reformed Church, 6610 36th Ave., Hudsonville. Admission is free. A love offering will be taken. David's focus is that our nation was clearly founded upon God and the word of God and that separation of church and state was meant to protect the church from being taken over by the state but was never meant to shelter the state from the church. Present day interpretation of separation of church and state is a misuse of its original intent. David will walk us through the founding of our nation upon Biblical truths and introduce us to the founding fathers in a way that will open our eyes to how devoted they were to prayer, worship, Christian values and the Bible. Please come to hear him speak and you will never see our country's constitution and early writings the same again.

Blood Drive: Jamestown Christian Reformed Church at 1653 Riley St., Hudsonville is sponsoring a blood drive on Mar. 11 from 3-7 PM in their Activity Building. Please help save lives by donating! You can register online at www.miblood.org. Any questions call the church at 896-8461.

Sunday School Teachers Conference will be held on March 15 and 16 at Beaverdam Reformed Church in Zeeland. This conference is designed to encourage and equip all teachers as they minister to the youth in their church. The conference entitled "The Power of the Word" will have insights on telling God's story and making scripture come alive for kids and help them apply it to their everyday lives. The Bible is more than ancient words and we need to relay that during our Sunday School time. Speakers for the main sessions are Dr. Tim Brown and Rev. Lou Roosien. A Q & A panel discussion will be available on Saturday as well as a couple of workshops. All the information and online registration can be found at beaverdamrc.org. There is no cost to attend this conference.

Soup Supper at Jamestown CRC (1653 Riley Street, Jamestown) on March 11, 2013 from 5:00-7:00 pm in the church basement. There will be a variety of soups, chili, hot dogs, bread, tossed salad, jello and ice cream. Cost is by donation and the money raised will benefit the RealLife (post-high) group.

Women's Book Club



Our next Women's Book Club will be held on Tuesday, March 12 at Angela Rodenhouse's house. We will be reading *Look Again* by Lisa Scotline. Refreshments will start at 7:30pm and the discussion will begin at 8:00pm.

The book for April will be *The Invisible Thread* by Laura Schoff.

MARCH SCHEDULE

Children & Worship Schedule

March 3: Lisa Voet, Max Niemann
 March 10: Emily Ellens, Nick Biesbrock
 March 17: Angela Rodenhouse, Tyler Van Order
 March 24: Jen Huyser, Trevor Johanson
 March 31: Magda Batt, Leah Huyser

Little Lambs Schedule

March 3: Lisa Boogaard, Jorin Weeldreyer
 March 10: Laura Kruisenga, Heather Slattery
 March 17: Trisha Bassler, Grace Weeldreyer
 March 24: Sara Holwerda, Sam Postma
 March 31: Katie Biesbrock, Abby Boogaard

Valet Parking

March 3: Terry Van Order
 March 10: Steve Fifer
 March 17: Eric Alferink
 March 24: Scott Johanson

Greeting Schedule

March 3: Nelson and Marcia De Jonge
 March 10: Wayne and Leah Vander Lugt
 March 17: Jesse and Lisa Boogaard
 March 24: Jeff and Dee Malloch
 March 31: Greg and Lisa Voet

Nursery Schedule

March 3: Tracy Harkema, Kelly Vierzen, Dee Malloch, Kayla Fifer
 March 10: Tara Johanson, Bonnie Mast, Margi Biladeau, Anna Huyser
 March 17: Julie Biesbrock, Diane Gerrits, Becky Coffman, Nikki Mast
 March 24: Chris Butkus, Teri Hubach, Linda Lamers, Allison Slattery
 March 31: Tami Fifer, Sherri Smith, Kristi Nichols, Taylor Biesbrock

March Worship Schedule

March 3:	Pastor André The Feasts of the First Fruits
March 10:	Pastor André The Feast of Weeks
March 17:	Pastor André Feast of the Trumpets
March 24:	Pastor André Day of Atonement
March 28:	Pastor André Maundy Thursday Experience Lent
March 31:	Pastor André Easter Sunday: The Passover

Hand 2 Hand Ministries

Week Of
March 3
March 10
March 17
March 24

Packing
6th-8th grade Sunday School
Angela and Katie

Sheila & Dave Mahaney

Delivering
Sheila Mahaney

Sheila Mahaney



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Volunteers to pack the snack bags. We have a few weeks in April and May, please check out the Information Desk if you are interested.

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