

**Happening this week**

**Saturday, March 10—Daylight Savings Time Begins**  
Set your clocks **forward** one hour before going to bed.

**Sunday, March 11**

**9:00 a.m. Learning Communities—**

**Children—**

Kindergarten-third grade in Room 107/109. Fourth and fifth grades in Room 101. Both groups are studying Jesus' final week.

**Youth—**

**Middle & High School:** Meets in Room 208/209. This week's study is from Acts 10.

**Youth Confirmation Class:** 9:00 a.m. in Room 202, final week of a three week class. Email [Gabriel Jaramillo](#) for information.

**Adults—**

**Getting Started in Life: Bible Study of the Letter of James** led by Pastor Steve, Room 200. See description of class [online](#).

**Mosaic:** Room 204. Come join the gang as we dive into the book, *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* for the next couple months.

**Roundtables:** Family Room. Glenn Paauw continues an 11-week course, entitled, *The First Jesus: Understanding the Messiah in His Original Context*. A course brochure is available [online](#).

**Worship Service—**10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Wednesday, March 14**

**Awana and Youth Group:** 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, March 15**

**Grilled Cheese:** Lunch program for Rampart High School juniors and seniors, 10:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Volunteers are always needed.

**Friday, March 16–Saturday March 17**

**Youth Ski Retreat at Monarch Mountain:** Youth, see or email [Gabriel Jaramillo](#) this week if you haven't signed up yet!



**EASTER AT COVENANT**

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25**

9:00 a.m.—All hands on deck to stuff Easter eggs.

10:15 a.m.—Worship service including a *Palm Parade*.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29**

6:00 p.m.—Simple potluck supper, followed by a Communion service *Recreating the Feeling of the Last Supper*.

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30**

7:00 p.m.—Worship including the *Ritual of Nailing our Prayers to a Cross*.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31**

2:00 p.m.—Easter Egg Hunt, an outreach to our community.

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1**

9:00 a.m. Community Breakfast. Invite your friends. No classes.

10:15 p.m.—Resurrection Celebration Service. No Holy Moly.



**Restore  
Refresh  
Renew**

Spring Women's Event  
Saturday, April 21  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Registration begins March 25



**Easter Lilies**

We invite the congregation to participate in decorating the church for Easter. If you would like to give a beautiful lily plant in memory of loved ones or to honor family or friends, please order lilies in the Atrium this Sunday morning. The cost is \$14.

You may take your lily home after the worship service on Easter.

**Easter Egg Candy**

Help make our annual Easter Egg Hunt a success by donating bags of wrapped candy so we can fill hundreds of plastic eggs. Drop off candy in the Atrium this Sunday. Then, join us on Sunday, March 25 at 9:00 a.m. to help fill the eggs.



## Remembering Rachel

It is a true blessing to be a part of the Covenant Church Community. We are prayed for, cared for, and supported in all times and circumstances.

We thank you for your continued prayerful support of Grant, Marco, Aaron, and Jacob Dewey.

Just a year ago beloved Rachel passed into the Kingdom of God so unexpectedly, leaving a hole in hundreds of lives.

We ask continued prayers for the Dewey family, our church family, and all the families Rachel touched. We continue to mourn her passing from this earth. We thank the Lord that we do not have to mourn like those who have no hope.

As Jesus told Martha, when she, and he, and all who loved Lazarus were grieving, *"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."* John 11:26

The yellow tulips in the Sanctuary are in memory of Rachel.



## Covenant Family Business

Pastor Steve Nofel wants to make sure everyone is as up to date as possible on the timeline for nominating new elders and deacons, and the beginning of our pastor nominating process. If you have any questions, you are welcome to [email](mailto:steve@covpres.org), text, or call (402.202.2381) Pastor Steve.

The Standing Nominating Committee (SNC) has been activated and is beginning the search for new elders and deacons. Let the know names of people you would like them to consider. You may also nominate yourself. Our SNC is Allan Schwab, Marlene LeFever, Allison Sack, Sheri George, Rick Lien, and Pastor Steve Nofel.

Here is an overview of upcoming steps in the process:

- The SNC will nominate a new slate of deacons and elders.
- We will elect new officers at a congregational meeting.
- Pastor Steve will train all elders and deacons.
- Pastor Steve will train the SNC about the process of nominating a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).
- The SNC will submit names for a PNC to the congregation at a meeting of the congregation in early June.
- Elect the PNC at a meeting of the congregation.
- Spend June training PNC and team building.
- July 1, begin process of finding our next installed pastor with the writing of our Ministry Information Form.

## Pray Now

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**Sandy McClure:** Her niece, Pam, has bone cancer and is in pain and receiving chemotherapy.

**Duran Family:** Brooklyn is recovering from surgery. She and her parents, Colin and Kara, need continued prayers.

**Patrick Carrigan:** Pray for his friend, Giles Butler, who is terminally ill.

**Elizabeth Robinove:** Pray for her cousin, Dr. James Loyd, who has been diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia.

**Penny Stewart:** Pray for a speedy recovery from shingles.

**Cathy Gurganus:** Pray for healing as she recovers from vertebrae fusion surgery.

**Julia Arndt:** Pray for protection, strength, support, wisdom, and guidance.

**Don and Judi Shive:** Continue to pray for their grandson, Adrian, who is being treated for two forms of leukemia. He seems to be responding positively to chemotherapy.

**Pray for those who are grieving the passing of loved ones.**

**Pray for those who are caregivers for family members.**

## Praise Now!

**Praise God** that Brooklyn Duran is recovering well after surgery.

**Praise God** that Kathy's McCoy's dad, Joe Sediway, is home after a recent hospitalization.

**Praise God** that Penny Stewart is feeling better at times, but asks for continued prayers.

**Praise God** for all the various groups who use our church and all the activities happening throughout the week.

**Sermon Note:** Pastor Steve wrote a follow up blog post to his message this past Sunday. Read *The Rest of the Story* on page three. If you missed the message you may [listen online](#).

## Giving

**March 4 Giving:** \$9,211.50 **Weekly Need:** \$10,242

For your convenience, you may also [donate online](#).

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## **The Rest of the Story**

by Steve Nofel, Mar 5, 2018

Let me finish the story I began with my sermon on Sunday, March 4.

As I said, my mom passed away in September 2002. The last words we said to each other were the words of blessing: "The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God our Father, and the fellowship/communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always, and all our loved ones, near and far, now and forever. Amen and Amen."

After Mom's funeral, her pastor asked if I could officiate at her inurnment. He was swamped. He actually had two more funerals that day. I said, "Sure, I have done it a million times. I even brought my worship book."

So my brothers, their wives and children, my dad, Kim and I gathered at the mausoleum where we putting Mom's ashes in the little vault thing. I went through the service as I had done those million times before.

When I got to the final blessing, I made the mistake of looking my dad in the eye. I was struck dumb. I couldn't get any words out. I looked pleadingly at Kim. She gave me that, "go ahead honey" look. Only after what seemed like an eternity, she understood, and Kim said the words of blessing.

As the final amen was still ringing around the marble walls, Dad piped up, "Damn good thing we have two ministers in the family."

What a glorious moment. It broke the tension. Dad was being Dad. At that moment, we knew he would grieve and mourn and miss Mom, but he affirmed she was home and he would carry on. Dad also affirmed Kim as a minister – not easy for a life-long Roman Catholic.

And now you know the rest of the story.