



## Come and Worship This Lenten Season

Wednesday, March 3	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 10	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 17	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 24	7:00 p.m.
Palm Sunday, March 28	9:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday, April 1 (communion)	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday, April 2	7:00 p.m.
**Easter Sunday, April 4	9:30 a.m.



\*\*There will be no Sunday school on this Sunday, instead we will have a light fellowship breakfast following the service.

## Jesus said, "Follow Me"



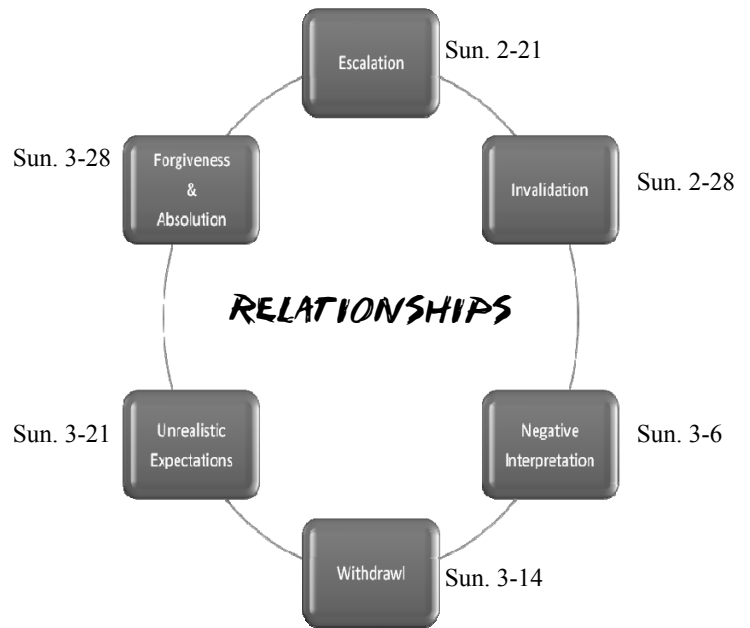
This year we will explore the "follow me" sayings of Jesus from Matthew's Gospel. Instead of a traditional sermon, we will have a teaching service with a time of instruction. Join us for a dynamic time of worship and instruction as we follow Jesus to the Cross and the Empty Tomb.

### Wednesdays during Lent:

### Sundays during Lent:

Christianity is about relationships: Our relationship with God and our relationships with others. Follow Christ along his Lenten way and discover how he reclaims us and all our relationships. Themes that will be covered on Sunday morning include:

- The Destructive Pattern of Escalation
- The Destructive Pattern of Invalidation
- The Destructive Pattern of Negative Interpretation
- The Destructive Pattern of Withdrawal
- The Secret of Not Having Unrealistic Expectations
- The Secret of Forgiveness and Absolution



### Important Upcoming Dates:

- *Wednesdays in March—Beth Moore's Breaking Free Study—9:30am—contact Dawn Simonsen—dawn@simonsenweb.com*
- *Sunday, March 21st—Group Lunch @ Russo's New York Pizzeria following Sunday School*
- *Sunday, March 21st—C-4 Meets—Easter Fun! 2-3:30p*
- *Saturday, March 27th—Fun in the Son— 10a-1p*

# The Key To Successful Living

I was watching TV a while back and saw someone talking about the “Key to Success”. I was intrigued so decided to watch for a bit. The person told how they had gone from rags to riches. This man’s life was not what he wanted it to be so he decided to do something about it. He found a key to successful living. The key worked for him and he promised it could work for me too. He wanted to share his success with everyone so they too could share in a successful life. The only catch—he needed to be paid for it.

I thought if he was so concerned about my life why wait until I paid him for his secret. Why not share it for free—if he really was concerned about my life. Of course I didn’t believe for a second he was concerned about me. He was concerned about himself and making a profit off of other people who are discontented with life. Just another scam.

How unlike Jesus Christ! Jesus was truly concerned about our lives and so He became one of us. Jesus was truly concerned so He took our pain, our suffering, our sorrow and our sin upon Himself. He died and rose again so that we might have life abundantly. The cost was great—it cost God everything. But the benefits of God’s great love and sacrifice are offered to us for free.



As we journey through this Season of Lent, I hope we will all see and remember that the key to life is not a key at all. It is a person. A person named Jesus. He comes so that our lives will be changed. He comes to us so that we might be set free from the forces that keep us enslaved and that we might have a new life through a personal relationship with the Lord of Life, Jesus Christ.

If it has been a while since you’ve met with Jesus in His House, take Him up on His invitation to renew your relationship with Him this week. Meet Him in His Word, and Sacraments. Meet Him and His Body, the Church, as we journey toward the Cross and the Empty Tomb. Jesus has a new and wonderful life to give you and He offers it freely because He loves you.

I look forward to seeing you on Sundays and Wednesdays as we receive the new life that only God can give us.

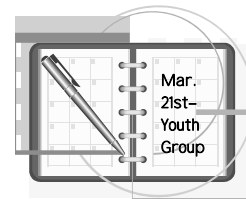
*Parter Ten, Senior Parter*

**C-4**

The elementary kids had a **BLAST** at their very first gathering! I would even venture to say that you heard about the **lively** noodle hockey game of boys vs. girls. And, yes, the boys came out victorious!! I think the girls will definitely be ready for a come back in **MARCH**!! In all the **FUN**, they learned how to serve God with all their special gifts and won some Olympic medals, too! Ask your C-4’er what their special gifts are— it was great to hear all about them! C-4 will meet again on **March 21<sup>st</sup>** from 2-3:30pm. **EASTER** is our theme this month. Get ready for **ANOTHER** round of fun games, a cool craft project, and of course, learning more about Jesus as our Savior.

Kids, don’t forget to invite your friends!

If you would like to help with C-4, please contact Sondra Reyes at [sreyes@entouch.net](mailto:sreyes@entouch.net). C-4, Caring Children Choosing Christ...exploding into God’s Word, is our elementary age youth group for grades 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>.



## Dodge Confirmation!



Yes, we did say you need to dodge confirmation. Whoo Hoo!! A free Sunday afternoon!!! No, not quite. On March 28<sup>th</sup> confirmation is Pizza FEST. Remember what a blast you had at our ice cream social? Well, get ready for a night of pizza, dodge ball, and fellowship. The pizza will be hot, the games will be cool, and the competition will be fierce. So, remember to arrive promptly at 6pm and **BRING A FRIEND.**

# News From The Leadership Council

The Leadership Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on February 21, 2010 at the Missouri City campus. They want to give special recognition to Kevin Kersten and Epiphany's youth and volunteers for their great job and success in running Epiphany's (the primary fundraiser for Epiphany's youth trips) on February 6. The LC would also like to recognize Nicole Sebok and Michelle Huber, as well as all the volunteers who made Midnight Madness on February 13 such a success – over 120 kids attended, including many non-members.

## Members of the Leadership Council:

- Mike Choyke, President
- John Utter, Vice-President
- Joe Barath
- Carig Carothers
- Wayne Huber
- Becky Keasler
- Mel Medack
- Leigh Ann Moore
- Wayne Oberhoff
- Robin Quinton
- E.J. Simonsen

Pastor Jon presented the Senior Pastor's report. One of his topics was his attendance at the LCMS conference in Dallas. He reminded us of the upcoming national convention, which will be held in Houston from July 10-17, 2010. The convention is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

Executive Officer, Larry Woelfel gave his "year-end" report for 2009 highlighting Epiphany's growth in both members and overall giving over the last five years. Interim Treasurer, Allan Koerth reported on the current state of the church's finances, which are in strong shape as of January 31.

The bulk of the meeting was taken up with a discussion of vision and goals for Epiphany in an attempt to update the current "Vision 2010." Pastor Jon led the Leadership Council in a growth session focused on identifying "shadow missions"— those missions that

seem important to us as individuals or as a church but actually lead us away from the true mission that God has set for us. The LC then reviewed the revised vision it had approved at a previous meeting and Mel Medack led the council in a discussion of how we might give some substance to the new vision. The Leadership Council will continue this discussion over the coming months.

The next Leadership Council meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 21, 2010 at the Pearland campus.

## Do You Need Financial Peace?

### WHAT IS FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY?

# FPU

**First Class is  
April 8th  
6:30pm  
Epiphany-MC**

Registration information  
available soon.

*Financial Peace University (FPU) is Dave Ramsey's life-changing program that teaches you to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. More than 1 million families have attended FPU with amazing results. On average, they pay off \$5,300 in debt and save \$2,700 in just 90 days. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever! The goal of Financial Peace University is not just information we're looking for transformation. Class members meet with their class each week to watch a video lesson and participate in discussion groups. Dave's style is simple and easy to understand. He will change the way you think about money. Do you need some financial peace in your life? Make plans to attend!*



## Laser Tag!

**Attention:  
5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders**

Are you ready for a game of laser tag at 3 am? On March 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be traveling to the Incredible Pizza Co. in Conroe for Friday Night Fusion. We will meet at EMC at 8pm and come back on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am. Be ready for some food, fun, and lots of games. This is an awesome event to invite a friend or two. Cost is

\$25 for youth only  
\$20 for each friend.

# FUN IN THE SON

Epiphany Missouri City is having their first major outreach festival, Fun in the Son, on Saturday, March 27th! A planning committee has been meeting diligently in order to make this event a success. Now, we need your help!! We will have **FOOD**, **g a m e s**, **BOUNCE HOUSES**, **CAKE WALK**, **crafts**, **BINGO**, **EGG HUNT**, dunking booth, **DOOR PRIZES**, and much, much more. Can you help in any of these areas:?

- Donate 2 liter bottles
- Man a booth or inside game/activity
  - Set up or Clean up
  - Serve food
  - Welcome people
  - Donate/Bake a cake
- Supervise kids in the inflatables

**START TELLING YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS & KEEP THE EVENT IN YOUR PRAYERS!!**

There isn't a very big list but believe me, we are in need of a LOT of help. Please contact Dawn Simonsen (dawn@simonsenweb.com) if you are willing

# Sat. March 27 from 10a-1p

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**Daylight Savings Time begins March 14th!**

*Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour!!*

## Church Bulletin Misprints

- >The Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- >Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
- >The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
- >Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
- >Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.