

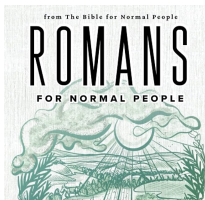
Events & Announcements



Adult Study Group: Deep Roots

Sundays, 10:30 am, Talbert Building

Join us on Sunday mornings after the 9:00 am service for a new 6-week study: Deep Roots, an in-depth look at some of the most pivotal stories in Scripture. Contact Patti Hong or the church office for a study guide!



Romans for Normal People

Sundays, 5:30 pm dinner, 6:00 pm discussion

Join us on Sunday evenings for a shared meal and Bible discussion! This fall, we'll be following Daniel Kirk's "Romans for Normal People Bible."

Childcare is provided!



Youth Halloween Hangout

Sunday, October 1st, 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Our middle and high school students are invited to a fun Halloween Hangout where we will play minute-to-win-it games, decorate haunted houses and win prizes! Contact Abby for more info!



Mom's Group

October 5th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Las Margaritas

Moms are invited to leave the kids at home and come out for evening of support, laughter, and love! Our Mom's Group meets monthly at a local restaurant. Contact Fiona Gunn for more info!



Faith Kids Music

Starting October 15th, 11:30 am - noon, Sanctuary

Join us after worship on Sundays for Faith Kids Music! Kids will learn music and songs to share with the church and prepare for Christmas! Plan on joining us!



September 24th, 2023

Creating a community where people connect with Christ and Partner with God in making things right.

Gather Our Hearts

Welcome & Introduction

Rev. Ric Shewell

*Call to Worship from Psalm 145 † Denice Cronin-Hansen/Lynda Smith

*Opening Prayer Denice Cronin-Hansen/Lynda Smith

**Resurrection Power (Walter Brueggemann) †*

*How Great Is Our God (Tomlin, Reeves, Cash) † Music Team

*He Leadeth Me (UMH #128) † Music Team

Today's Music Team: Emily Cowgill, Robert Brawn, Brian Bauman, Sara Bauman, and Dan McLachlan

* Indicates to stand in body or spirit.

† Words will be on the screen.



Form Our Desires

Prayers of the People †	Rev. Ric Shewell
The Lord's Prayer †	
<i>He Leadeth Me, refrain (UMH #128) †</i>	Music Team
Children's Time (during 2nd service)	Rev. Ric Shewell
<i>After Children's Time, children in 5th grade and younger are invited to a lesson and activity with Abby in the choir room, returning at offering.</i>	
Introduction to Offering	Rev. Ric Shewell
<i>Instrumental</i>	Music Team
* <i>Doxology (UMH #94) †</i>	Music Team
*Prayer of Thanksgiving †	Denice Cronin-Hansen/Lynda Smith

Inspire Our Minds

Prayer for Illumination	
Genesis 16:1-16 (CEB) †	Denice Cronin-Hansen/Lynda Smith
"Our Short-Term Impulses"	Rev. Ric Shewell

Move us to Love

Invitation to Communion	Rev. Ric Shewell
The Great Thanksgiving Prayer †	
Instructions for Sharing the Sacrament	
<i>Goodness of God (Johnson, Ingram) †</i>	Music Team
Announcements	Rev. Ric Shewell
*Benediction	Rev. Ric Shewell
* <i>Take to the World (Webb, Tate) †</i>	Music Team

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Message Notes

God's Long Term Rescue Project: *to save the cosmos from within the cosmos.*

Abram was called to be different from the world for the sake of the world.

God's promise was being delayed, but maybe there's a

_____!

When Abram and Sarai had cleaned up their own mess, God was not done working.

When we are content to sweep under the rug our failures and the people we've hurt, _____.

*We rarely see all the effects of our actions.
God allows us the option to do it ourselves.
God cares for the victims and marginalized.
God will always get involved in our mess.*

Action Steps:

-Pray this breath prayer: I am blessed / to be a blessing.

-Submit your plans to God. Build a prayer routine to keep an ear open to God's call.

-Who are the victims of human plans gone awry? What communities or people have suffered (through their own failures or not)? How does God call us to care for them?

Suggested reading:

About the Bible: Short Answers to Big Questions (Exploring Christian Faith) by Terence Fretheim

Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now by Walter Brueggemann