



Emmanuel's Voice

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From Our Pastor:

Grace and peace to you from Almighty God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

“Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: ‘See I am laying in Zion a stone. A cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,’ and A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall” (1 Peter 2:4-8).

We believe in the Living Word which is Christ Jesus our Lord. Jesus is the foundation of our lives. Jesus loves. Jesus forgives. Jesus redeems. Jesus saves. Without Jesus there is no life. The author of 1 Peter shares with the faith community that Jesus is the cornerstone of our lives. From that cornerstone we move, live and have our being. We are living stones. We are the church built on our confession of faith in Jesus. We are a spiritual house, and the spiritual sacrifices the author speaks of involve our worship and praise and living our lives in the manner that Jesus taught. The prophet Isaiah provides a good description. The fast God chooses is to “loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free.” It is to “share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin” (Isaiah 58:6-7).

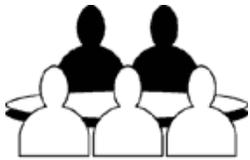
I treasure the words from 1 Peter. All too often we get the word church mixed-up. The church is not a building. The Church, is the people of God! If there was no building, I pray that we see we would still be the church. Our mission and purpose would be the same: To spread the gospel of Jesus!

All too often we worship our buildings rather than our ever living, ever loving God. Our church building becomes the focus and we lose direction, purpose and life. We spiritually die, because we forget that One Foundation!

In this Lenten season we are called to reorient ourselves to God. Let us see that we can be the church wherever we are and wherever we go. Let us be purposeful and dutiful in the vision and mission God has set before us. Let us truly be church in thanksgiving and praise to God.

My love be with you in Christ Jesus, **Pastor David**

Council Highlights



**January 18, 2009
12:43 p.m.**

The regular church council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, was cancelled because of inclement weather. A meeting was required to complete work on the budget for presentation at the Congregational Budget meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 2009.

Present: Pastor Maddox, Kokulo Kaazaku, Darin Page, Harriet Demorest, Barbara Klimkowski, and Richard Chavanak.

Absent: Pat Ochodnicki and Cindy Moilanen.

Unfinished Business - Finalization of the Budget.

- **Transferring funds to cover the 2008 deficit in General Operating:** Transfer is generally made from Capital Improvement to cover a deficit in General Operating income. The amount in Capital Improvement is not sufficient this year and is likely to be needed in 2009 for repair or replacement of the church and parsonage roofs. Instead, Council members elect to have the deficit covered from the money from the sale of the lots.

- **Elevator Repair and service contract:** Repairs are underway to fix a leak in the packing on the elevator's hydraulic system. Estimate of cost for the repair is \$450, to be paid from Capital Improvement funds. A budget line item for a service contract for the elevator will be eliminated.
- **Pastor David's Salary Package:** The final figures for the pastor's salary package were given by Kokulo, which are based on synod guidelines. Most items were part of discussion at a Support Committee budget meeting but needed a call to the synod for clarification on a couple of points. The pastor's health insurance cost was the major change from previous discussions with a late increase in cost of \$288 per year.

Church council members approved the budget for presentation to the congregation.

Adjournment and prayer 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Chavanak
Council Secretary

Birthday Sunday will be on March 22. If you have a March Birthday, please bring snacks for the Coffee/Tea Fellowship Hour on March 22.

First Sunday Fellowship Hour

In Bible study, Monday evenings, Wednesday mornings, we have been studying Exodus.

Exodus 3:7 The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

We are enjoying reading in Exodus about this dialogue between the Israelites and God, how they bring their needs to Him and how God always responds in one way or another--in fact, in the best way, though the Israelites often don't see or understand His transcendent wisdom. To tell the truth, sometimes in our discussion we also have been struggling with God's wisdom, what He tells the Israelites to do, the details of His wisdom, what details perhaps He allows.

It seems like all our Christian service--the Food Pantry, Goodfellows Gift Giving, Clothing Collection for Liberia, Prayer Circle, Stephens Ministries and also CROP Hunger Walk are modeled on hearing from other people their suffering and trying to respond in a way in which they are empowered as children of God to know that someone has really heard them, someone really wants them to come up out of oppression into a better land, a land flowing with milk and honey. Bob Barnhart, the Director in Michigan of Church World Service CROP Hunger Walks, always brings us stories of how CWS workers in 80 countries all over the world listen first of all to the suffering and the needs the local people tell them about and then use the resources we gather on our own local walks to respond to these specific needs. We are working with them and not over them, all of us taking steps together to come into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

For First Sunday Fellowship Hour, we are having samples of dishes provided by people as they remember ways that their moms, grandmas and friends have responded to their need for food during times of budget crunch. Christina Wardell's mom's pasta/hot dog casserole, Rachel Gutenberg's grandma's cornbread together with Cindy Matigian's pinto beans, Brenda Hall's college friend's pasta/tuna fish casserole and Sharon Hall's mom's rice and chicken gizzards are all dishes which will be served.

Sharon Hall



CROP WALK News

We are gearing up for the 2009 Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk, which will take place Sunday, April 26th, hosted by Emmanuel.

Tuesday, March 17, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. there will be a Recruiters Meeting for the CROP Hunger Walk. The meeting will be held at Emmanuel in the Fellowship Hall. Bob Barnhart from Church World Service will be present and will tell us about his recent trip to the Middle East--he visited Palestine/Israel, Jordan and Egypt. All are welcome to attend the meeting.

Sharon Hall

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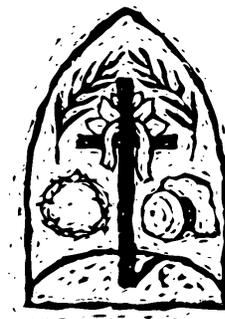


Susanne Berlinger has moved to 6635 Doyan Drive North, Waterford, MI 48327

Girl Scout Sunday



Maria Wardell, Jennifer Wardell, Morgan Jones, Lisa Jones, Brittney Jones, and Jamie Maximore will be here to represent the Girl Scouts on Sunday, March 8. They will have a cookie booth downstairs during the fellowship hour to sell cookies to raise money for the Girl Scouts. These are the delicious cookies you can purchase for \$3.50 per package on Sunday, March 8 to support the Girl Scouts: Thin Mints, Trefoils, Samoas®, Do-si-dos, Tagalongs®, Sugar-Free Chocolate Chip, Lemon Chalet Cremes and NEW! Dulce de Leche. If you cannot come on Sunday, March 8 and would still like to get Girl Scout Cookies, please call Christina Wardell by Friday, March 13.



Worship Schedule for Lent & Holy Week

A Season of Strengthening Prayer and Ministry

Wednesdays in Lent

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1
Light Supper 6:30 p.m.
Worship 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday April 9

Footwashing & Communion
7:30 p.m.

Good Friday – April 10

12 noon and 7:30 p.m.

Easter – April 12

Communion 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Breakfast 9:30 a.m.



Place Your Orders for Easter Lilies By Sunday, March 29

These beautiful plants are used to decorate the sanctuary on Easter.

If you wish to order an Easter Lily in honor or memory of loved ones, please notify the church office. The cost per plant will be announced.

Thought for the Day (e-mail to us from Pat Ochodnicki)

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it. --- The Talmud

Toini Kesti Emmanuel's Woman of the Year 2009



Toini Kesti, Emmanuel's Woman of the Year 2009 is truly one of God's most precious jewels. She loves her Lord and she serves Him as she passes that love on to others. She radiates that brightness and love to others in so many ways in her life with her family, the community and her church.

Toini credits Emmanuel's first pastor, Pastor Melvin Hagelberg for inspiring her to become so involved in serving the Lord, and as a charter member of Emmanuel she has served in numerous ways in the work of the church for over 50 years. Toini is always generous with her time and energy as has taught Sunday School, served as Assistant Minister, she was the Chief Registrar with the privilege to meet and greet the many pastors and visitors to the Suomi Synod Convention held at our church in 1993. She has been a delegate to another Synod convention. She is a greeter, usher, kitchen worker, pasty maker, and she helps out with the church mailing and has been a member of the Quilters group. Toini participates in Bible Study and as a member of the congregation appreciates the wonderful spiritual guidance of our prior pastors and that our current Pastor David Maddox is continuing to provide.

Toini is friendly, courteous, family oriented, keeps in a two-way touch with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. But, did you know that Toini is also very daring? Erick Kyro reports that at his WWII squadron reunion a friend had his WWII PT-23 two-place, open-cockpit primary training airplane there and offered free rides. Out of 20 some ladies at the reunion only 2 dared to climb in and take the ride. Toini was one of them. She climbed in, put on the helmet and goggles, secured the seat belt, was briefed on how to use the interphone with the pilot and made the flight. When they landed she was enthusiastic and told everyone what a thrill it was. The pilot's wife had a book in which the guest passengers could sign and record their comments. She said that Toini was the oldest passenger that had ridden in their plane. Toini previously has ridden in a hot air balloon and she would like to get a ride in a helicopter next.

This is a great example of how Toini has tackled life. She has wrapped herself in God's armor, grounding herself in the Word of God and has held tight to His hand with confidence and determination all through her life.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant!



Article submitted by Janet Kotajarvi

Photographs by Barb Klimkowski

Impressions of the Middle East

by Bob Barnhart

Though the social, economic, and political issues in the Middle East countries we visited (Palestine/Israel, Jordan and Egypt) are varied and extremely complex, it was clear that CWS holds to its mission of *Christians working together with partners to eradicate hunger and poverty and to promote peace and justice...* As I traveled with five other CWS Regional staff from around the US, led by Steve Weaver, Middle East Representative for CWS, I witnessed dedicated individuals from several CWS partner agencies working under challenging conditions and circumstances to assist those in poverty to have access to clean water, to improve homes and sanitation facilities, to provide educational opportunities for people of all ages from preschool classes to adult literacy classes, to improve health conditions and resources, to build income generating opportunities, to enhance agricultural projects, and to advocate for more equitable and just systems.

Assisting low income Palestinian families in the West Bank to secure safe, clean water is among the top concerns for our partner the International Christian Charities in Jerusalem (ICCJ is affiliated with the Middle East Council of Churches). Since the 1967 War, Israel has maintained tight control over most of the West Bank of the Palestinian Territories. An important part of that control has included the West Bank water aquifers and the Jordan River (none of the river water goes to Palestinians). As a result of various legal and bureaucratic requirements, Israeli settlements, and the encroachment of the Israeli separation barrier into the Palestinian West Bank, the water to which Palestinians in the West Bank have access is on average about 1/3 below the 100 liters per day minimum amount recommended by the World Health Organization. To help supplement the potable water available to Palestinians, ICCJ, funded

in part by CWS, is engaged in a project to repair or develop new water cisterns for needy families that allows them to collect valuable rain water. For example, Ibrahim al Omari is a paraplegic with seven children. His families' cistern was too small and leaked. ICCJ designed and funded the majority of the cost to enlarge and improve the cistern. The family now trusts the water source and has enough to meet their needs.

The Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) seeks to support local and international efforts to end the Israeli occupation and bring a resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with a just peace, based on international law and relevant United Nations resolutions. EAPPI was established in 2001 by the World Council of Churches (WCC) at the request of the Heads of Churches in Jerusalem and is supported in part by Church World Service. I and my fellow travelers joined some Ecumenical Accompaniers (EAs) as they observed the long and complex early morning passage of Palestinian workers from Bethlehem into Jerusalem through the separation wall. EAs in Hebron took us to a rural tent village of Palestinians whose village was twice moved in the past 25 years by the Israeli government to make room for an Israeli settlement and a declared archeological site of an ancient synagogue. We also passed through an Israeli checkpoint in Hebron to access the Ibrihimmi (Abraham) Mosque, a shared holy site with an attached synagogue. The Israelis and Palestinians we spoke with about their land indicated a desire for peace under a two-state solution. But we also know, from facts on the ground and rhetoric we have heard and read that there are more extreme leaders among the Israelis and Palestinians that want all the territory for their respective countries and are unwilling to tolerate sharing it with the other. Our partners face the challenge of bridging the differences, promoting the honoring of human rights and international law, and assisting those with the least resources (primarily Palestinian Moslems and Christians).

The invasion of Iraq by U.S. forces in 2003 and the Israeli/Palestinian conflict dating back to the late 1940's have created millions of refugees, many of

whom have settled in neighboring Jordan. There are as many guests (Jordanian government prefers not to call them refugees and anticipates they will someday leave) in Jordan as there are native Jordanians. So, much of the discussion during our time in Jordan centered on the plight of these refugees and the hundreds of thousands of people still displaced in Iraq and living under threat of additional violence. CWS has provided many kits for MECC to distribute to refugees in Jordan.

In Iraq, CWS has been working together with Oxfam of Great Britain and the Italian Consortium of Solidarity on an intensive capacity building project with six Iraqi NGOs. The goal is to equip these nascent indigenous agencies with the skills, knowledge, and ethics to effectively deliver needed services to their fellow Iraqi citizens in greatest need. CWS also has been working with the Enfants de Monde to assist Iraqi orphanages in reuniting children with their families. Most children were there because their families could not previously afford to keep them. CWS provided financial aid, food baskets, and school and hygiene kits to facilitate the work.

While in Egypt our group was graciously hosted by staff of the Bishopric of Public Ecumenical Social Services (BLESS) of the Coptic Orthodox Church. They took us to small rural communities where BLESS has a well thought-out, comprehensive integrated development program. According to the BLESS literature, the goal of the program is "Empowering people in the target communities to discover & develop their potentials in order to meet their community needs for an abundant life for all." BLESS assists each community in establishing a Development Team consisting of five groups: Health, Economic, Rural, Child, Youth, and Education. Two members of the community, referred to as Field Workers, are selected and trained to be overall leaders of the process. In our visits to participating communities, group moderators and Field Workers proudly and intelligently shared with us how they went through assessments of their problems and needs, prioritized them, developed reasonable solutions and put them into practice.

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They then demonstrated some of the adult literacy classes, preschool programs, home repair and community cleanup activities, income generating activities, etc. BLESS works with the communities with the understanding of and planning for an exit strategy to occur within a few years, which was demonstrated by communities that were now continuing the programs on their own. This allows BLESS to expand into new communities every year.

I returned home awed by the work of our partners in the Middle East. I am confident in sharing their efforts with the many volunteers and sponsors in the Michigan Region and asking for their continued work and support. And I am thankful that together we make a real difference in the lives of so many.

If you have a group that would be interested in a presentation by Bob about his experiences and observations in the Middle East, please contact him at rbarnhart@churchworldservice.org or call 888-297-2767.

A Quilt of Love

Marlene e-mailed on December 24, 2008 from Chicago. She and Justo had hurriedly drove there in terrible weather because Naomi was having a C-section. The bouncing bundle of joy was born, 9 lbs. 13 oz. Several people from our church got together and knitted, crocheted and embroidered squares that were put together for a blanket for baby, Cyrus. Here is a picture of little Cyrus' completed baby blanket. Cyrus is the first grandchild of Marlene and Justo Vinales, members of our congregation.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 1 Lent Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12:00 noon Youth Choir rehearsal 12:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Prayer Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>4 Bible Study 10 am Light Supper 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm</p>	<p>5 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz 8:30 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm</p> 
<p>8 2 Lent Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12:00 noon Handchime practice 12:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p>	<p>9 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 pm</p>	<p>10 Church Council 7 pm</p>	<p>11 Bible Study 10 am Light Supper 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm</p>	<p>12 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am</p>	<p>13 Youth Group Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>14 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm</p>
<p>15 3 Lent Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12:00 noon Youth Choir rehearsal 12:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p>	<p>16 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 pm</p>	<p>17 CROP Walk Recruiter's meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>18 Bible Study 10 am Light Supper 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm</p>	<p>19 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm</p>
<p>22 4 Lent Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12:00 noon Birthday Sunday Handchime practice 12:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p>	<p>23 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 pm</p>	<p>24 Prayer Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>25 Bible Study 10 am Light Supper 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm</p>	<p>26 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm</p>
<p>29 5 Lent Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12:00 noon Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Prayer Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>April 1 Bible Study 10 am Light Supper 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm</p>	<p>April 2 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am</p>	<p>April 3</p>	<p>April 4 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz 8:30 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm</p>

Sunday Servants • March 2009

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Day	1 Lent	2 Lent	3 Lent	4 Lent	5 Lent
Color	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple
Special		Children's Sermon		Children's Sermon	Healing Service
Liturgy	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 6	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 6	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 6	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 6	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 6
Readings	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	Jericho 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33
Presiding	Pastor David O. Maddox II				
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Darin Page	Charles Crawford	Ed Kotajarvi	Pewu Bah-deh	Christina Wardell
Director of Music	Jody Doktor				
Cantor Jody Doktor	Jody Doktor	Barb Klimkowski	Richard Chavanak	Donna Page	Joel Klimkowski
Ushers Roger Demorest	Don Thompson Erick Kyro Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest	Dean Lemponen Ed Gilbert Paul Zetye Jack Klein	Irene Karna Doris Gaston Barb Laho	Jerry Hall Bruce Ricketts Calvin Coleman Michael Wright Roger Demorest	Youth Group
Greeters Tracee Robinson	Dolores Ward	Earl and Helen Lampi	Barb Laho Jack Klein	Tracee Robinson	Margaret Vore Pat Ochodnický
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Maria Wardell Lorpu Johnson	Aryelle Edmonds Lyndsay Edmonds	Brittney Jones Morgan Jones	Jennifer Wardell Lisa Jones	Michael Wright Jamie Maximore
Altar Care Tracee Robinson	Sharon Hall, Janet Kotajarvi, Cindy Anderson, and Brianna Brewer				
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Bruce Ricketts Sharon Ricketts Roger Demorest	Bruce Ricketts Sharon Ricketts Roger Demorest	Rudy and Vicki Perttunen Roger Demorest	Rudy and Vicki Perttunen Roger Demorest	Richard Chavanak Jerry Hall and Erick Kyro
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	First Sunday Group	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	March Birthdays	Volunteers Needed
Audio Recording	Jerry Hall				
Sunday School Barb Klimkowski	Barb Klimkowski Cindy Moilanen Richard Chavanak	Barb Klimkowski Kristin Moilanen Cindy Anderson	Barb Klimkowski Ann Dixon Christina Wardell	Barb Klimkowski Donna Page Darin Page	No Sunday School
Flowers Sharon Hall					
Worship Folder and Bulletin	Christina Wardell				

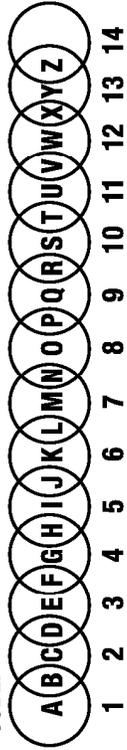
If you cannot serve on your appointed day, please arrange for a substitute and call the church office at (248) 357-1848.



How to Treat Others

How does God want us to get along with other people? Ephesians 4:32 tells us. To find out what it says, use the code to fill in the blanks.

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Answer: “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

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Address Service Requested

Adult Forum 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon

Monday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Services 7:30 p.m.



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