



THE ENVOY

...telling the news of Blue Ridge Church

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Next week's calendar events...

Sunday, March 12

Worship Times: 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes: 9:30 or 10:45

- † Amish Friendship Bread Table in entry area at south end
- † 10:30 a.m., Angel Choir, Room 112
- † 10:40-11:00 a.m., Communion in Chapel
- † 5:00-9:00 p.m., Lenten Study Series, Room 222

Monday, March 13

- † 9:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., Break Time Club, Fellowship Hall
- † 7:00 p.m., Boy Scout Court of Honor, Fellowship Hall
- † 7:00 p.m., Cub Scouts, Hobbs Hall

Tuesday, March 14

- † 6:00 p.m., Raytown Retired Teachers' Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- † 6:30 p.m., Cornerstone
- † 6:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, March 15

- † 10:00 a.m., Sisters in Spirit

"Wednesday Night Live"

- † 4:00 p.m., Basic Faith Study, Room 222
- † 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fellowship Dinner
- † 5:30 p.m., Kids-on-a-Mission, 109
- † 6:00 p.m., Confirmation Class
- † 6:30 p.m., Preschool-1st Grade Program, Room 111
- † 6:30 p.m., Basic Faith Study
- † 6:30 p.m., Alpha, Conference Room
- † 6:30 p.m., Chancel Bells
- † 7:00 p.m., Men's Ensemble
- † 7:30 p.m., Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 16

- † 10:00 a.m., Women's Bible Study & Issues Group, Room 223

Friday, March 17

- † 12:00 p.m., Golden Key Potluck Luncheon, Fellowship Hall

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Making the most....

I love seeing people meet others. There is often an openness and excitement to the interaction. I especially love people making friends within our ministry. I see it on Sunday mornings here at Blue Ridge Church. I also see it beyond Sunday morning worship times. There are many ways to meet people in our congregation beyond Sunday morning worship. Perhaps it is in a Sunday School class, or at Wednesday Night Live or during the small groups and various ministries that meet regularly. It is a great ministry to build relationships. I want to encourage all who read this to make it a weekly goal to meet at least one person you did not previously know at Blue Ridge Church. I am sure the result will be good and positive. As we build relationships with God and each other, may we make the most as we live by faith.

...Russell Smith, Associate Pastor

Youth Information:

Sunday, March 12

- † 9:30 a.m., Mid High Sunday School, meet in Sanctuary, then go to class
- † 10:30 a.m., *The Last Cup* Coffee House
- † 11:00 a.m., Senior High Sunday School
- † 12:15 p.m., Youth Council, Hobbs Hall
- † 4:00 p.m., Choir
- † 4:30 p.m., Bells
- † 5:15-7:00 p.m., Snack Supper, Worship, Youth



Pastor's Corner:

We have worked for weeks planning and promoting a "Wednesday Night Live" program here at the church. We selected March 1 as our launch date, with a variety of activities planned, age-appropriate. I often tease that if you feed Methodist they will come. The Fellowship and Nurture Committee hosted us with good food and you did not disappoint me, proving once again that food brings out the church. Wednesday was a great success for our church! We fed over 135 persons and provided programs for our children, a Confirmation Class for our youth and study opportunities for the adults. The experiment of having the Ash Wednesday Service at 3:00 and 8:00 worked well with good attendance to both services. We set the bar, so to speak, last Wednesday and I hope you felt as positive about the day as I did. Over the next 12 weeks we will repeat the offerings and extend an invitation for others to join us. The Basic Faith Study I am leading can be started at any point, so if you are available this week, come eat and join us in our study of the Bible.

Sunday marked the beginning of our observance of Lent. It is a time of the year that helps us in a reflective way prepare for the coming Easter. It is a time bound by tradition and a time open to strengthening and/or the reestablishing of our relationship to God. This year as we journey through Lent toward Easter, I will place emphasis on getting back to the basics. There are those spiritual disciplines which, when we practice, help us all in our faith development. There are those beliefs when our life is centered upon brings a real sense of fulfillment. So join us in this Season of Lent as we reconsider the Basics of Christian Living.

...Ken Lutgen, Jr.

Coming up in worship Sunday.....

Sunday's message will be *Basic Bible: "A Sense of Humor"*. In the reading of the Bible we discover the concept of Covenant. Covenant is different from contract and opens the possibility of grace. What covenant has God established with those who believe? Scripture Reading:: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- As of March 6, the following member has been reported in an area hospital: Louise Boltz at Lee's Summit Hospital.
- "I would like to say many thanks to all those who have contributed food or assistance to a condolence dinner for families in our church in the past two months. This is a very important and appreciated service. If you would like to contribute in the future, please call me at 356-6694."
... Marilyn Yorke

Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday, March 15
dinner served 5:30-6:30

MENU for this week:

pork loin, Irish potatoes, jello salad, rolls & butter, pistachio dessert
If children prefer, they can have hot dog, grilled cheese or peanut butter sandwich with chips.

Reservations are required each week -

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