

Our Response to God

Stewardship Report for Sunday, March 5:

Attendance Sunday Worship: 76

Attendance Ash Wednesday: 54

Weekly Offering Needed: \$ 2,500 Given: \$ 2,030

YTD Offerings Needed: \$ 25,000 Given: \$ 20,541

We are currently \$4,459 **under** projected revenue.

Church Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 8 am to 12:00 noon

Mr. Craig McCourt Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9 to 12 noon

Submissions to the bulletin (prayer requests, calendar changes, special events) are **due on WEDNESDAY** to the church office.

Thank you!

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*"Therefore, anyone in Christ is a New Creation,
the old has gone the new has come."* 2 Corinthians 5:17

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 2017



AS WE GATHER

Today we hear the wonderfully familiar "Gospel in a nutshell" from John 3. The first words of the passage say it well: "God so loved." God is loving even when we are less than lovable. In the season of Lent, we see God's love at work in the cross of Jesus. Here in worship, we receive God's wonderful gifts that demonstrate His amazing love. In the Old Testament when we hear about Abraham from the early history of God's people, we receive more than a history lesson. Abraham is a strong example of faith at work. Faith takes God at His word and believes His promises. Through the invocation at the beginning of our worship, we set ourselves before the God who keeps His promises. One of those promises is to hear our prayers and praises. Such a great promise that is!

Today's Scripture Readings

Genesis 12:1-9; Romans 4:1-8, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Next Week's Scripture Readings

Exodus 17:1-7, Romans 5:1-8, John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)



We would like to Welcome any
visitors or guests



If this is your first time with us and would like to know more about our ministry, please take a mug located on the table in the lobby.

If you are in need of a Bible, we welcome you to take one as our gift to you. We believe the Word of God contained in the Bible can change lives.

Christ Kids Preschool is a ministry of *New Creation*.

952-233-3516 www.christskidspreschool.com

Preschool News

Registrations are ongoing for next fall. Continue to spread the word about our preschool and pray God would send families to our school! There are a few brochures on the back table. Feel free to take a few to share.



Our children continue to work on their letters. Check out the letter work throughout the classroom!

Our dramatic play area is now a tool/workshop. The children are enjoying drawing up plans to build, sanding wood blocks, and "making" various creations. We could use a few items to help them in this building experience. If you have any small hammers, spare nails, screws, nuts and bolts, golf ties, wood pieces, pvc pipe, etc. we could use them here. I would also take a "small" wood stump for them to use. You can drop items off at my door if you are willing to part with them. Thank you!

Ms. Pat, Preschool Director

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ESL CLASSES

ESL classes will be held on Thursdays starting March 23 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with the following:

- One adult to facilitate/coordinate/manage the students providing childcare.
- One adult to facilitate/coordinate/manage the students providing tutoring/homework help.
- Volunteers (age 16 & up) to provide childcare or serve as tutors.
- People to pray for potential students to attend and be blessed and aware of God's love.

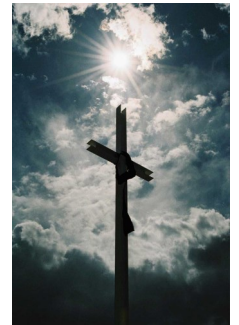
If interested, please contact Ellen Keesling at: eekfun2010@gmail.com or by phone 952-356-6124.

THE PASSION OF JESUS In Music, Word and Light

Thursday, April 6 in English
Friday, April 7 in Spanish
Saturday, April 8 in English

All dates begin at 8:00 pm
with a musical prelude at 7:45 pm

Church of Saint Mark
4th Avenue and Atwood Street, Shakopee
Free Admission



The logo for Food Distribution features a green shopping cart icon with a red apple and a green leaf, positioned above the text "Food Distribution" in a stylized font.
Food Distribution

Thursday, March 23rd

4:30 - 6:00 pm

at New Creation Lutheran Church

Need Food?

Free distribution is open to everyone.

No documentation or ID required.

ESPERANZA
is Hope
a ministry of
New Creation Lutheran Church

CHURCH

- * Board of Directors, Elders and Sunday School teachers of New Creation. May God bless them richly as they lead the congregation in this time of transition. May the body of Christ as New Creation trust completely in the resurrected Lord for their strength and future.
- * For Christ's Kids Preschool. Pray for growth and new opportunities.
- * Pray for the ministry of Esperanza and the Shakopee Hispanic Community that includes food distribution, summer program and various other activities during the year.

PHYSICAL HEALING

- * Pray for Florence Juergens who has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- * Pray for Phil Taylor, 23-year-old grand-nephew of Pastor and Vonie, who has completed chemo and radiation for colon cancer and now awaits surgery.
- * Pray for strength and healing for Dave Rortvedt, brother-in-law of Patty Ann Giese.
- * Pray for Mary Husberg, the aunt of Brian and Catherine Hendrickson, who is fighting stage 4 breast cancer.
- * Pray for continued healing for Mike Henry, son of Phyllis Powers.
- * For Jennifer Eckerts and family (former NCLC Office Manager) who has been diagnosed with cancer.

OTHER

- * Pray for the unborn children and mothers for a healthy child and delivery. Also for women who may be considering abortion.
- * Pray for our troops for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need and their families.

FLOWER CHART

A flower chart is now available in the Narthex to sign up for any date you wish to dedicate flowers. Please let the office know if you are dedicating the flowers in memory of someone or in honor of a special occasion. *Thank you!*



LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES



Services begin at 6:30 pm with a potluck supper beforehand at 5:30 pm each Wednesday. The theme for the midweek services is: **"The Art of Living by Faith."**

March 15 - *Our Redeemer Is Our Creator*

March 22 - *The Creator Becomes A Creature*

March 29 - *The Spirit of Life—Our Breath of Life*

April 5 - *The Battle Cry of Faith*

Maundy Thursday (6:30 pm)

April 13 - *The Cup of Blessing*



Good Friday (6:30 pm)

April 14 - *The Day Creation Fell Apart*



Easter (7:00 am Sunrise Worship, 8:00 am Easter Breakfast, 9:00 am Festival Worship)

April 16 - *A New Day - A New Life - A New Creation*

Free Family Movie Night - "War Room"



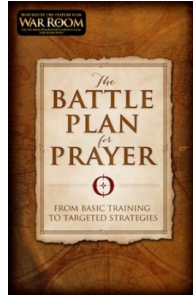
Saturday, March 25th

6:00 pm

at New Creation

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to hand out flyers in the neighborhood this week.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Monday Nights (All are welcome)
7:00 to 8:30 pm
Study on Prayer!



Inspired by the Kendrick brothers' hit film "War Room," this strategic prayer manual is your ticket to grow your prayer life! Join us in a devotional study of targeted intercession addressing every facet of your life—and revolutionize your heart, family, spiritual growth, and everyday effectiveness as a mission-minded follower of Christ.

YOUNGER COUPLES/SINGLES GET-TOGETHER
THIS Friday, March 17th
Starting at 6:30 pm
at Sarah's house
1864 Foothill Trail, Shakopee

It will be a potluck and bring your own beverage. Kids are welcome. If the weather is nice, we will also have a bonfire so bring a lawn chair. Basically it is a night for us to have an opportunity to mingle and get to know people better in our congregation and hopefully develop new friendships.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Matthew 15:27

"Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table - He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That's where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

THIS WEEK AT NEW CREATION

SUN	Mar. 12	9:00am Worship/Sunday School/Communion; 10:30am Adult Education
MON	Mar. 13	5:00pm IRS Tax Preparation; 7:00pm Board of Elders; 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
TUE	Mar. 14	8:30am Preschool; 7:00pm OA Meeting
WED	Mar. 15	8:30am Preschool; 10:00am Preschool Chapel; 5:30pm Potluck Meal; 6:30pm Lenten Worship Service
THU	Mar. 16	8:30am Preschool
FRI	Mar. 17	6:30pm Young Couples/Singles Get-Together
SAT	Mar. 18	
SUN	Mar. 19	9:00am Worship/Sunday School; 10:30am Adult Education

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: 3/12 - William Kohlhof, Ruth Rueter;
3/17 - Rebecca Loughrey



Anniversaries: No Anniversaries this week



Serving the Lord with gladness:

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Musicians:		Sarah Kluseman
Reader:	Mary Herbon	Leon Rueter
Altar Guild:	Doreen Morales	Doreen Morales
Elder:	Al Morales	Al Morales
Acolyte:	Allie Saxon	Davin Rother