

# La Junta Nazarene

## News

April, 2021

### **"Let the Sun Shine"**

This year I have been anticipating Spring more than usual. It has been a long, cold, difficult winter. Maybe Joe Biden's warning of a "dark winter" actually came true. Now that Spring is finally here I am ready to go! I am ready for the sun to shine and for warmth to bake my bones just a little. Maybe it is age, maybe it is the fallout from the pandemic restrictions, maybe it is just a lack of vitamin D - whatever it is, I am ready for a little sun.

At the close of every worship service I pronounce a scriptural benediction. Words of blessing taken from either the Old Testament or the New Testament. Words written to encourage God to pour out undeserved favor upon us.

Some may see this moment as nothing more than the "period" at the end of the service, knowing that I won't pray again or add another point to my already endless sermon or pass the plates again for another offering. My desire is that this moment each week be seen as both profound and meaningful.

One of my favorite benedictions is found in Numbers 6:22-26. It says, "The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites.' Say to them, 'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.'"

To have the sun shine on me will be good, a little vitamin D to cheer me up. To have the Lord's face shine on me will be wonderful. Think about what that means for just a moment, to have his face shine on us. That means that he is giving us his full attention and that he is happy with us. Don't ask me what vitamin that will release into our systems because I don't know. But I do know that it will be infinitely better than the best Spring day.

May His face truly shine upon you!



**Pastor Mark**

## **April Birthdays**

**3 Xzavian Soto**  
**4 Tom McFatridge**  
**5 Jean Eveatt**  
**5 Megan Jacquart**  
**6 Jo Anne Brusuelas**  
**8 Dean Jones**  
**10 Keef Heatley**  
**12 Chance Oquist**  
**14 Sheila McClain**  
**16 Jaedyn Gronemeyer**  
**19 Don Davis**  
**20 Lalo Arenas**  
**21 Dave Beebe**  
**21 Pam Mills**  
**23 Don Jones**  
**24 Sarah Zane**  
**25 Cashly Jacquart**  
**27 Nickolias Frazier**

**Happy Birthday!**

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### **Good Friday Service**

**6:00 pm**

### **Easter Sunday**

#### **Sunrise Service**

**6:00 am**

#### **Breakfast**

**6:30 am**

#### **Worship Service**

**10:00 am**

## **2021-22 Church Board Elections**

If you are a church member  
and age 15 and over, you may  
cast your vote for the  
upcoming church board in  
Room 100.

### **VOTING TIMES**

**April 11th: 11:45-12:15 pm**

**April 12-15th: 10:00-2:00pm**

**In the church office**

**April 18th: 11:45-12:15 pm**

## **Tithes & Offerings**

If you are watching the  
services online and  
would like to give tithes  
or offerings, you may:

- Come by the office
- Mail it
- Go to the website  
Click on Donate

*Thank You*  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY

## **Sunday Services**

### **Sunday School**

**9:15 am**

**Ages 3 & up**

### **Worship**

**10:30 am**

### **1st Sunday Communion**

**You can also watch  
Live Stream  
on  
Facebook  
and  
YouTube**

**Kinder Church &  
Children's Church  
available  
(Ages 3 - 5th grade)**

**Nursery is available**

**Youth Service  
6:30 pm**





## Children's Ministries

**Denise Balicki**  
**Children's Director**



## Teen Ministries

**Jake Martinez**  
**Youth Director**

### **Bible Adventure Club** **with Miss Nancy**

**Sundays, April 11 - April 25**  
**5:00 - 6:30 pm**

**Kindergarten - 6th grade**  
**Room 124 @ the church**  
*(please RSVP if interested)*



### **Youth Group**

**Sundays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

**Come to the church for a time of**  
**spiritual reflection from Jake,**  
**followed by food and fellowship in**  
**the FLC (gym)**

**Jake & Lori would love to have you!**

**Sunday School**  
**9:15 am**

## **Women's Ministries**

### **Ladies' Bible Study**

**Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 pm**  
**April 11th - April 25th**

**Book/Video Series**

**"Created"**

**by Shawna Songer Gaines**



### **ADULT CLASS OPTIONS**

#### **Homebuilders**

**Teacher: Pastor Mark Callister**  
**"An Extensive Look at Holy Week"**

#### **Class of Hope**


**Teacher: Jan Schooley**  
**Ray Vander Laan's,**  
**That the World May Know, series:**  
**"A Clash of Kingdoms:**  
**Paul Proclaims Jesus as Lord."**

**Join us and discover how Paul communicated**  
**the Good News of Christ to Philippi, a Roman**  
**colony that worshipped false gods.**

#### **Temple Builders**

**Teacher: Velva Addington**  
**"Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets"**  
**By Andy Stanley**

**Every day we face decisions that determine**  
**the direction and quality of our lives. Stanley**  
**introduces you to five questions---about**  
**honesty, storytelling, tension, wisdom, and**  
**love---that can provide this simple but**  
**essential safeguard.**



# **Good Friday Service**

**April 2, 2021**

**6:00 pm**

**La Junta First  
Church of the Nazarene  
1111 w. 10th Street**

# **Easter Sunday Services**

**April 4, 2021**

**Sunrise Service - 6:00 am**

*Communion will be served.*

*Wear warm casual clothes.*

**Breakfast - 6:30 am**

**Worship Service - 10:00 am.**

*(No Sunday School )*

**Breakfast will be potluck style.**

