# 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!



#### <u>April Birthdays</u>

- 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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#### 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

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#### **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

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

**Youth Group** 

Sundays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

(please RSVP if interested)

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









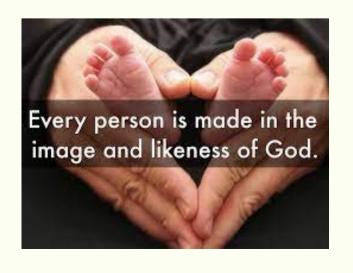
# **Sunday School** 9:15 am

# **Women's Ministries**

# **Ladies' Bible Study** Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

**Book/Video Series** "Created" by Shawna Songer Gaines

# April 11th - April 25th



#### **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.



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.