

## get connected:

### Education Scholarships:

It's scholarship time! You may not be aware, but Cherry Hills has awarded scholarships for the past several years. To apply for the Rev. Gary & Janie Nelsen Scholarship, you must be entering your junior or senior year of college. To apply for the Christian Service Scholarship, you must be working towards full-time Christian service. This is open to college juniors or seniors, graduate students, or individuals attending specific service training programs. Application forms (due April 1, 2021)--which include more information--are available at the Connections Center or you can email Jen@cherryhillsfamily.org for digital copies.

### Student Ministries:

Our middle school students are meeting in-person on Wednesday nights from 6-8pm. Our high school students are meeting in-person on Sunday nights from 6-8pm. Text "hsm" or "msm" to 833.344.0176 to stay up to date on what's happening in student ministry. You'll receive 1-2 texts during a week. *Standard message and data rates apply. Opt out anytime.*

for more information on what's happening please visit our website: [www.cherryhillsfamily.org](http://www.cherryhillsfamily.org)

## a word from: Chuck

This past Wednesday kicked off a season in the Church worldwide called Lent. Lent found its beginning just a few years after Jesus' death and resurrection, when His followers began to fast & pray in remembrance of His passion. It was at the council of Nicea in 325 A.D., that a diverse group of church leaders formalized a forty-six day journey (40 days of fasting + 6 sabbath days) leading up to Easter. For over 1700 years now, Christians from every denomination have participated in this together.

Lent allows us the opportunity to immerse ourselves in the reality of the kingdom of God for a longer season of time. Perhaps we need more than a Good Friday service two days in advance to ready our hearts and minds to celebrate the resurrection. We are often "so full on the junk food of our culture that we cannot metabolize the feast on our Easter plates." And so the invitation is to release some of that "cultural junk food" and take hold of the abundant life Jesus offers.

This Lenten season, the gallery wall in our lobby will feature seven pieces of art, each one representing one of Jesus' last words. The pieces are a collaborative project done by two artists in our church, Jerissa Gibbons and Mara Martin. Each week, a new piece will go up, and the project will culminate in our annual Good Friday Tenebrae services on Friday April 2 followed by our Easter services on Sunday April 4.

Would you consider joining us as we practice Lent together? Is there any "cultural junk food" the Lord might have you give up in this season and instead fill that time in drawing near to Him? We invite you into the fullness of this season and we hope the gallery wall will be a resource that brings further appreciation for all that Jesus has done and the rich life He calls us to in His Kingdom.

1 Damiani, The Good of Giving Up



## prayer focus:

- week of February 21 -

**Church To Pray For**  
St. John's Lutheran

**Mission Organization To Pray For**  
First Step Women's Center

**ch kids**

Infant - Preschool  
Check-in @ Main Level  
Education Center

K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Check-in @ Lower Level

Registrations are required for ch kids. You can register each week starting on Mondays: [cherryhillsfamily.org/chkidsregister](http://cherryhillsfamily.org/chkidsregister)

**ch students**

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**ch life together**

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