



2025 Newsletter

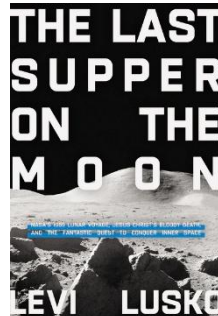
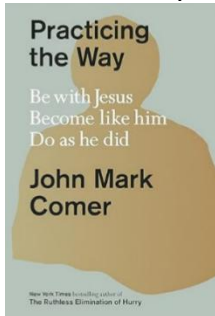
A Note from RA

Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday and then is a six-week period preparing for Holy Week. This year we will focus on Discipleship. But, thanks to the Lent Worship Design Team, we will weave in Lament AND Song, Mission serving out AND Mission reflecting in.

I have always enjoyed Lent for the chance to really practice spiritual disciplines for those 6 weeks. Who hasn't given up chocolate at least once in their lives? You are likely familiar with the idea of trying something for this time period. It is long but not too long. Check out the worship scriptures and themes (page 4) for more of what spiritual disciplines we will spend time with this season.

Holy week is always a highlight with the pageantry of waving palm, to Holy Thursday and then Easter Sunday and the Resurrection! This year, Holy Week and Passover have overlapping dates so for Holy Thursday we will have a Sedar, to experience that same celebration Jesus and the disciples gathered around for that Last Supper.

A couple of books that I've used to prepare for the season of Lent (if you want to know more). You are welcome to read them if you would like but mostly wanted to share my sources as a reference!



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Wednesday, March 5, 2025
6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

ASHES to go

A Skyline tradition for the local community. Drive through to receive ashes for Lent. All believers are welcome.

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, weeping, and sorrow. Tear open your heart, not your clothes! Return to the Lord your God, who is merciful and compassionate, very patient, full of faithful love, and ready to forgive. ~Joel 2:12-13



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3100 Skyline Drive - Pike Creek




Holy Week

<p>Palm Sunday HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025 10:00 AM SKYLINE CHURCH 3100 Skyline Dr. Wilmington, DE 19808 WE INVITE YOU TO WAVE PALMS IN PRAISE WITH US</p> 	<p>Holy Thursday Service April 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM LEARN ABOUT THE SEDER MEAL and REMEMBER HIS SACRIFICE Skyline Church 3100 Skyline Dr. Wilmington, DE 19808</p> 	<p>Easter Sunday Sunday, April 20, 2025 at 10:00 AM We invite you to celebrate Easter with us! Skyline Church 3100 Skyline Dr. Wilmington, DE 19808 <i>(Seder meal offered by special request)</i></p> 
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As always if you have an idea or want to connect, let me know! The best way to reach me is to call or text my cell: 302-333-2135.

WORSHIP SERVICES

- 4/13/2025 Palm Sunday 10:00 AM
- 4/17/2025 Holy Thursday 7:00 PM
- 4/20/2025 Easter Sunday 10:00 AM



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Other Lent Happenings

Each week during Lent we will substitute our communion bread for matzah, which is a flat, unleavened bread. This year Passover and Holy Week overlap, which is a reminder that the Last Supper as described in the gospels was a Passover Meal. The unleavened matzah bread was used by Jesus when he held it up and said, "this is my body". Specifically we will all use gluten free matzah to celebrate as one community.



Last year during Lent, we enjoyed having our Sunday School kids lead us in prayer so again we have invited them to participate this way!

Worship Visuals will help guide our worship. And I am still working on coordinating with the band as they lead us in praise and singing.

Lent Missions!

LENTEN MISSION

S.A.F.E. SAFETY AND FACILITIES ENHANCEMENT

Each year during Lent, we come together to improve and upgrade our facility. Will you join us in making this year's enhancements possible?



GOAL: \$10,000



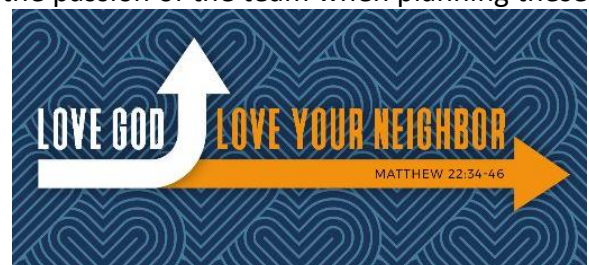
Contact Pastor Ruthann or Tom Good with questions

S.A.F.E. SAFETY AND FACILITIES ENHANCEMENT

- Handrails and adhesive safety tape for step edges for the worship platform and sound booth
- Restriping the parking lot and adding three accessible parking spots
- Four armchairs in the sanctuary for people needing extra support
- Reflectors or solar lighting for parking lot entrances
- New water fountain with a bottle-filling station
- Directional and elevator signage
- Emergency lighting in stairwells
- Closet lighting



Missions are part of the core values at Skyline! Learn more about other mission activities this Lent as well as our ongoing missions' efforts on the next page! I love how the mission team incorporated the passion of the team when planning these!





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Bookgroup!

March and April reads:

Skyline Church Bookgroup

PROJECT HAIL MARY
by ANDY WEIR

March 4, 2025
6:30 PM

Zoom & In Person

Questions?
office@skylinechurch.net

Skyline Church Bookgroup

A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE
by SONIA PURNELL

April 1, 2025
6:30 PM

Zoom & In Person

Questions?
office@skylinechurch.net

Skyline Church Bookgroup

Book Selections

May 6, 2025
6:30 PM Potluck

7:30 PM Choose Books for Jun - Nov

Zoom & In Person

Questions? office@skylinechurch.net

Missions!

ONGOING MISSIONS

<p>Deliver Dinner to Men in Transitional Housing: Saturdays February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20</p> <p>Questions? Jenn Fisher or Dave Fisher</p> <p>ANDREW'S PLACE</p>	<p>Deliver Meals @ Noon to the Elderly: Weeks of March 3-7, April 7-11, May 12-16, June 16-20, July 21-25, August 25-29, September 29 - October 3, November 3-7, December 8-12</p> <p>Questions? Liz Stoklosa</p> <p>MEALS ON WHEELS</p>	<p>Donations Accepted Anytime: Non-perishables, such as canned food, pasta sauce, noodles, mac & cheese granola/protein bars, P.J, jelly oatmeal, cereal, shelf-stable milk instant potatoes, rice.</p> <p>Questions? Norm Holt or Emily Ilyas</p> <p>VA MEDICAL CENTER</p>
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Of course, we want a Lenten mission that reaches out and loves on our neighbors! In the vision for this, we will invite our Skyline community to clean out your own closets to gather gently used items to donate to the clothing bank. But we want to expand our witness by offering the opportunity for people outside our church to also donate to the clothing bank! We will offer 2 such opportunities! Want to join the team who will be there that day welcoming our neighbors? You are invited!

Benefits The Clothing Bank of Delaware, a Friendship House ministry

CLOTHING DRIVE

Saturdays: April 5 and 12, 2025
9a.m.-Noon

*Let's do some spring cleaning!
Drop your used clothing at Skyline Church and we'll deliver it for you.*

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It gets even better!

At the Lent worship design the group realized an opportunity to love more on our community with a super creative event. The Easter Bunny will be available on the April 12 date for photos and will receive a bag with Easter eggs along with a Palm Branch and some information about Holy Week and of course an invitation to join us for Worship!



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Updates from the Missions Planning Meeting!

We will continue our current, recurring missions:
 Meals on Wheels – **Liz Stoklosa, Coordinator** (2025: M-F Week of 3/3, 4/7, 5/12, 6/16, 7/21, 8/25, 9/29, 11/3, 12/8)
 Clark House – **Jenn and Dave Fisher, Coordinators** (3rd Saturday each month)
 Veteran’s Administration food closet – **Norm Holt and Emily Ilyas, Coordinators** (monthly)

HELP BRING FOOD ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL VETERANS

VA Medical Center
 Wilmington, Delaware

-donations accepted anytime-
 collection in the Skyline Church foyer

non-perishables, such as...
 canned vegetables, fruit, tuna
 pasta sauce, noodles, mac & cheese
 granola/protein bars, PJ, jelly
 oatmeal, cereal, shelf-stable milk
 instant potatoes/rice, etc.

Upcoming, one-time missions:

Lent Mission and Spring Clothing Drive already described

5/4/25 – Rise Against Hunger

Beside inviting your family and friends, there are a few things we need to do to prepare:

Team Set Up: a team to be available the morning of the event to help prepare

Team Break Down: a team to clean up after the event



Meal Packaging Event

Sunday, May 4, 2025

10:00-11:30AM
 (check-in by 9:45AM)

Volunteers will be needed for set-up and clean-up.
 Invite your neighbors and friends!
 It's all hands on deck!

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Everyone welcome
 Free & Accessible
 Questions? office@skylinechurch.net



May: Pet Supply Item Drive

June: Pet Themed Outreach event

If you are interested to learn more about these events or to help out, email RA at office@skylinechurch.net

Upcoming Worship Themes!

Date	Scripture	Theme
3/2/2025	1 Kings 19: 11-13 and Matt. 6:6	Shoulder taps Dave Fisher
3/9/2025	John 15: 1-11	The Trellis and the vine
3/16/2025	Mark 1: 16-20	Follow Me! Discipleship Pastor Tom
3/23/2025	Matt. 12: 1-14	Sabbath, solitude, prayer
3/30/2025	Matt.20: 20-28	Fasting, scripture, community
4/6/2025	Matt. 14: 13-21	Generosity, service, witness
4/13/2025 Palm Sunday!	Luke 19: 28-40	Jesus approaches the cross
4/17/2025 Holy Thursday		The Last Supper
4/20/2025 Easter!	John 20: 1-18	Resurrection Sunday
4/27/2025	Luke 24: 13-35	A Walk to Emmaus Pastor Tom

Blood Pressure Checks

In the foyer, after the
 Sunday 10:00am Worship Service

KEEP YOUR HEART IN CHECK

See Natalie After Church
 for a Quick Blood Pressure Check!



Next Dates!

March 2
 April 6

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. You are invited to consider this experience!

See Pastor Tom (edwards-tom@usa.net) with questions

Here are the next dates:

Women's Walk #78

March 27-30, 2025

Men's Walk #78

March 6-9, 2025



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Worship Design Team Meeting

It was a great planning meeting in January: here is a reminder of some of the things we discussed:

- Our theme for Lent will be Discipleship: Practicing the Way of Jesus.
- Ash Wednesday March 5th, Ashes to Go!
- A selection of on-line devotional material will be available to hand out Ash Wednesday
- Easter Egg Hunt To Go: A new spin on this outreach event! Will coordinate with the Spring Clothing Drive. Kids can get their picture with the Easter Bunny! Still finalizing!
- Music: our band will offer some special music
- Lent Mission was discussed in January and took shape in February with project S.A.F.E and the clothing drive!
- Holy Week and Passover are the same week, so for Holy Thursday we will offer a Seder as part of that worship service

This Lent newsletter is meant to keep you informed of all that is going on this Lent!

Bible Studies!

Didn't get to join this year? We hope to offer Disciple 1 AND Disciple 2 starting next fall!

Wednesday Women's Bible Study 6PM, office & zoom (and always zoom in on bad weather Wednesdays!)

- We will begin a series on prayer using this resource: [The Prayer Course](#)
- No books to buy! No homework! Kind of like an old-fashioned adult Sunday school class!
- Starting Wednesday March 12 (no bible study on Ash Wednesday). Come get some ashes. That is your bible study!

Accountability partners for Lent

This Lent you are invited to begin a practice or new way to deepen your relationship with God. It can be a spiritual discipline, or a personal discipline where you choose to trust God to help you. An Accountability Partner would be someone you trust, who you can report how it is going: receive encouragement if you need it and share joy when you strengthen your practices! Contact Pastor Ruthann or Pastor Tom to learn more.

Fellowship Events!

Look for more details as they are available for these upcoming fellowship events:

- Stuff your face stuff some eggs
- Holy Thursday Sedar as part of worship
- April: Hospitality team recruitment
- May 9th Women's Retreat midyear gathering
- June Ice Cream Social for our Graduates!

Church Leader Board Update

The Leadership Board met for a mid-year retreat for Saturday Feb 8th. One thing we all wanted to be sure to share is that these Leader Board meetings are open to anyone! This is why we meet in the foyer!

Leadership Board Meetings *open to all*

Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM
March 12, April 9, May 14

Join us to hear what's going on and share your thoughts



In person ~ Upstairs Foyer

Contact Pastor Ruthann or Kim McWatters with questions

- **Employee Policy manual** was approved, much thanks to Kim for doing the heavy lifting for that, but we realized we are blessed with Nora, Jim and Tom who also worked hard on this!
- **Accessibility Walk Through** gave us a list for the Lent Mission.
- **Corner Sign:** will soon be installed in the next couple of weeks!
- **Elevator Repairs:** Ongoing costly repairs are needed for the elevator, which has outdated parts from a now-defunct manufacturer. It is currently out of service while we determine a long-range plan
- **Website:** will be refreshed and relaunched hopefully on Ash Wednesday!



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- **Nominations and Leadership Development:** The met and will begin to prayerfully consider matching gifts to needs!
- **Missions Planning:** providing support and coordination for ongoing missions
- **Vision Task Force:** gathered the team to pick up where it left off with ideas that bring people to Skyline and then promote their staying!

What comes next?

Lent starts late this year!

Easter is on Sunday April 20th! And then it is Spring Break week for many. We will need to begin to think about our summer!

Join us on Sunday March 2 after church for a VBS interest meeting. Jenn has a great idea of a one day VBS that may be just the thing!

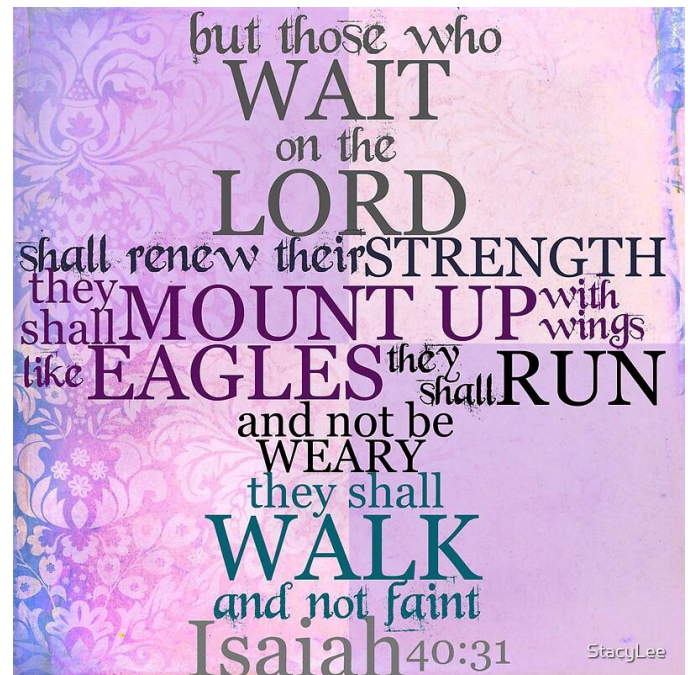
Our annual stewardship campaign will need to be scheduled sometime this spring so that we have the information we need to plan the budget for next year.

The Penninsula Delaware Annual Conference will be May 20-May 22 in Ocean City MD.

Grove worship? How do you think we should use our beautiful grove chapel this summer?

Rise Against Hunger will be in May, along with a Pet Themed mission and possibly a Pet Themed outreach early June.

Thank you everyone for all you do to share the Love of God with our neighbors! This is how we will change the world!



We appreciate your prayers and support as we continue to guide Skyline Church forward. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact any Board member: Deanna Cordova, Bill Everitt, Jim Ford, Tom Good, Mark Hufford, Nora Kohn, Debbie McCauley, Kim McWatters, Scot Stetka, or Pastor Ruthann Turner.

Classifieds! Help wanted!

The leadership development team will be meeting soon to fill some opportunities! Below are some of the areas we could use some help; if you see something you would like to do, please let me know! But, if you have been feeling like you would like to participate somewhere, we should chat!

Opening the church Sunday Mornings

Setting up communion (team)

Building care team

VBS team summer 2025

Children's Education Ministry Leader

Adult Education Ministry Leader

Sound Booth Worship Visuals

Prayer Chain Leader(s)