

AMAZING GRACE NEWSLETTER

LENT

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**this is my**  
**body**

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This Lenten Season we are going to focus on the stories of Jesus through a series called, "This is My Body." Throughout the season of Lent we'll explore how Jesus lived in his body on earth and invites us to take care of—and embrace the goodness of—our own bodies. I believe this focus will help us know Jesus better; draw closer to him; and be motivated to go out into the world to love and serve others like him.

Each week, through sermons and a devotional, we'll highlight a different story from Jesus' life and connect it to shared human experiences—like growing up, taking naps, or drinking water. By engaging with these stories through a broad lens of embodiment, This is My Body seeks to inspire curiosity, wonder, and awe in all ages. An Adult Lenten Devotional and a Lenten Devotion for Families will be available for everyone to connect with God, and each other, throughout the season.

Our Lenten Journey will start with an Ash Wednesday worship service in our sanctuary on Wednesday, February 22 at 7PM. I hope you are able to join us for that. Then, we'll focus on a particular story each Sunday through Lent. A preview of the sermons and weekly devotional themes are listed on the next page.

I am looking forward to all of the ways God will speak to us through these sermons and the devotionals throughout the Lenten Season. I hope you are too. My prayer for all of us is that we will be open to the Holy Spirit's guidance as we journey through this season, knowing Jesus more, growing closer to him, and going out into the world to share his love with others. In the coming weeks we will share more information about the devotionals and our Holy Week and Easter plans.

I am excited to experience Lent and Easter with all of you.

Peace,  
Pastor Jim



FEBRUARY 26

Jesus Grew Up {Luke 2:41-52}

MARCH 5

Jesus Took Naps {Luke 8:22-25}

MARCH 12

Jesus Got Thirsty {John 4:1-29}

MARCH 19

Jesus Advocated For Himself {Luke 5:12-16 & 8:42b-50}

MARCH 26

Jesus Got Hungry {Matthew 21:18-22}

APRIL 2

Jesus Shed Tears {Mark 14:12-42}

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9AM (Livestream & In-Person) & 10:30AM (In-Person)

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