

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## New Mailing Address

NewDay has moved out of the office at 822 South Broadway. Our new mailing address is PO Box 5806, Rochester, MN 55903.

## Chili Cook-Off

It's back!! On Sunday, March 3, the competition heats up as the Chili Cook-Off returns! Bring your best chili to the potluck on Sunday, March 3, then we'll all have the opportunity to vote for our favorites by donating cash and coins. All funds raised from the Chili Cook-Off go towards our upcoming trip to visit the Addis Ketema CarePoint in Awassa, Ethiopia.

## Easter with NewDay

On Maundy Thursday, March 28, we will be gathering to worship at Salem Road Covenant Church at 6:30 pm.

On Easter Sunday, March 31, we will celebrate our Savior's resurrection here at the Cabin. We will have an Easter Potluck Brunch at 9 am, followed by Worship at 9:45 am.

Kids of all ages are invited to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 am.

## NEWDAY WEEKLY EMAIL

If you would like to receive NewDay's Weekly Email, with information about upcoming community opportunities, write your name and email here, rip it off, and leave this at the Offering Table in the back.

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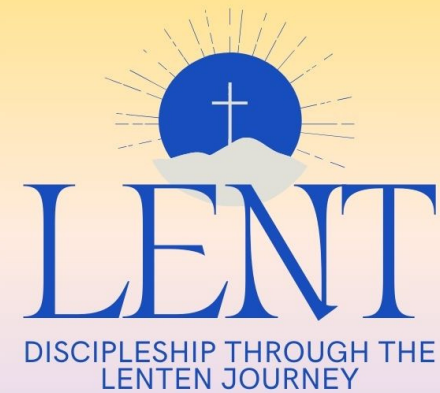
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# SUNDAY WORSHIP GATHERING

"Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Ephesians 5:1-2

NEWDAY COVENANT CHURCH



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February 25, 2024  
Pastor Kari Jacott  
Seeing The Process Through

# SCRIPTURE READING

## Acts 26

Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." So Paul motioned with his hand and began his defense: 2 "King Agrippa, I consider myself fortunate to stand before you today as I make my defense against all the accusations of the Jews, 3 and especially so because you are well acquainted with all the Jewish customs and controversies. Therefore, I beg you to listen to me patiently.

4 "The Jewish people all know the way I have lived ever since I was a child, from the beginning of my life in my own country, and also in Jerusalem. 5 They have known me for a long time and can testify, if they are willing, that I conformed to the strictest sect of our religion, living as a Pharisee. 6 And now it is because of my hope in what God has promised our ancestors that I am on trial today. 7 This is the promise our twelve tribes are hoping to see fulfilled as they earnestly serve God day and night. King Agrippa, it is because of this hope that these Jews are accusing me. 8 Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?

9 "I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. 10 And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests I put many of the Lord's people in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. 11 Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. I was so obsessed with persecuting them that I even hunted them down in foreign cities.

12 "On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. 13 About noon, King Agrippa, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. 14 We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'

15 "Then I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' " 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' the Lord replied. 16 'Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. 17 I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them 18 to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

19 "So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. 20 First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds. 21 That is why some Jews seized

me in the temple courts and tried to kill me. 22 But God has helped me to this very day; so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen— 23 that the Messiah would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would bring the message of light to his own people and to the Gentiles."

24 At this point Festus interrupted Paul's defense. "You are out of your mind, Paul!" he shouted. "Your great learning is driving you insane."

25 "I am not insane, most excellent Festus," Paul replied. "What I am saying is true and reasonable. 26 The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner. 27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do."

28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?"

29 Paul replied, "Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains." 30 The king rose, and with him the governor and Bernice and those sitting with them. 31 After they left the room, they began saying to one another, "This man is not doing anything that deserves death or imprisonment." 32 Agrippa said to Festus, "This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar."

## SERMON QUESTIONS

What most stands out to you about the story of Acts, as we have read it from beginning to end? What did you learn that was new?

What most encourages you about the early Church? What strengths do you notice the early Church having that you would like us to grow into as a present day Church?

How does the Apostle Paul's journey from BJ (Before Jesus) to LWJ (Life with Jesus) encourage you and your own journey?

As we read this morning, Paul was brought before yet another important ruler, and his message remains the same. He also will face quite a journey on ship too, as we will read in Acts 27-28. What was Paul's focus? How did he keep his focus on Jesus? What people/places/things cause us as people to drift, or lose our focus on Jesus today?

And, how will you apply/consider the Critical Journey questions to your own walk with Jesus, being patient in the process, and also being willing to keep growing?

See John 3:16-17; 1 John 1:5-10; Romans 3:21-26; Romans 5

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