

**Saturday, March 30**

Psalm 90 *Lord, through all the generations you have been our home!* (v.1)

A couple of years ago, the Lord began to take me into a season of “the unknown.” I don’t know about you, but I absolutely *hate* not knowing. Not only do I feel out of control, but I often find myself in an internal panic when my mind is flooded with questions that seemingly have no answers.

I’ll never forget though—the day the Holy Spirit whispered in my ear “Janae, are you willing to let Me be your home?” It was like all of the sudden, the people, places, and things that He was so gently leading me away from no longer had a hold on me. For years these people had been my sense of belonging and my safe-place—for years that had been my home. But the Lord was longing to show me a new way.

Making Him my sense of home and belonging has been the sweetest decision of my life. He truly is the only thing that cannot be taken away from us. He is constant. He is steady. He is Home.

Jeremiah 13:1-11; Psalms 87, 90; Romans 6:12-23; John 8:47-59

**Birthdays:** Ralph Baker, Santiago Melians, Brynn Stoneburg, Peter Patrick, Sally Kurts, Alec Connolly, Caitlin Patrick, Layla Affhalter, Elle Bassion, Sally Turner, John Gerbino, Mike McCoy, Cindy Miller, Brandon Glick, Christian Martinez, Mason Planker, Colton Planker, Elizabeth Prevatte, Carol Block, Nancy Van Holle, Mac Stuckey, Grant Lewis

**Saturday’s Calendar:**  
7:00 a.m. AA “Hour of Power”  
8:00 a.m. Life Group Leaders Meeting  
9:30 a.m. AA Step Study for Women  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Today’s Ministry:** Bell Choir

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**Sunday, March 24**

Psalm 93 *The floods have roared like thunder; the floods have lifted their pounding waves. But mightier than the violent raging of the seas, mightier than the breakers on the shore—the LORD above is mightier than these!* (vv.3b-4 NLT)

I love what the psalmist is declaring within this passage. First, he’s allowing himself to be honest—he’s calling out the reality of the storm. In seasons past, I’ve often found myself trying to ignore the vastness of my storm. I shove it aside. I suppress whatever I’m feeling and try to push through.

However, I’m learning that it’s okay to be honest. It’s okay to acknowledge the weightiness of my problems. It’s okay to acknowledge how “big” the issue looks and feels. *But* in all things, after I’ve acknowledged the reality of the situation, the psalmist teaches us to follow through with declarations of the greatness of our God!

Yes, indeed. Our God is mightier than any storm we might face. Amen.

Jeremiah 6:9-15; Psalm 96; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Mark 5:1-20

**Birthdays:** Ralph Baker, Kaz Melians

**Sunday’s Calendar :** MISSION SUNDAY  
7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Family Worship Service  
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
10:15 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Courtyard  
10:15 a.m. Stephen Leaders Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Financial Peace  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Today’s Ministry:** Youth Group

### Monday, March 25

John 7:14-36 *Could our leaders possibly believe that he is the Messiah? But how could he be? For we know where this man comes from.* (vv.26b-27a)

Do you ever wonder how often we miss the work of God simply because of our natural explanation? Many people in Jesus’ day did not recognize him as the Son of God, simply because they knew who his mother and father were.

I have to ask myself...how often do I do this? How often do I miss the supernatural presence of God in my life because I can talk myself into a logical explanation? The truth is, God is everywhere. He is in and through all things. But I believe He is looking for people believing beyond their natural explanations and seeking His presence in the unseen. In the same way it required faith for people to believe Jesus truly was the Son of God, it also requires faith in our daily lives to find the Lord even in the mundane.

I pray we open our eyes today to see Him. He is right there waiting.

Jeremiah 7:1-15; Psalm 80; Romans 4:1-12

**Birthdays:** Alan Block, Shelly Taft, Allie Morris

#### Monday’s Calendar:

7:00 a.m. AA “Hour of Power”  
5:30 p.m. ACA Families  
5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

**Today’s Ministry:** 20’s & 30’s

### Tuesday, March 26

John 7:37-52 *On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, “Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! Anyone who believes in me may come and drink!”* (vv.37-38a)

Have you ever wondered why Jesus often would speak straight to the appetites of humanity? One day I found myself pondering this question with the Lord as He revealed something to me. I felt the Holy Spirit ask me, “Janae, what often drives your behavior? What do you find yourself looking forward to in the day?” And if I’m being brutally honest, it didn’t exactly take long for me to answer that question.

I look forward to satisfying my appetite—whether food or drink or anything that carries the lure of pleasure. And, quite frankly, I think if we’re being honest with ourselves most of us would admit this to be true.

Thankfully, Jesus knew this. He spoke to our greatest longings to be satisfied. And though often we think it’s found in something tangible, we can only find the fullness of satisfaction in him.

He truly is the well that never runs dry. He is our daily bread.

Jeremiah 7:21-34; Psalm 78:1-39; Romans 4:13-25

**Birthdays:** Joe St. Germain, Rosemary Carney

**Anniversaries:** Rachelle & Billy Jones

### Tuesday’s Calendar :

7:00 a.m. AA “Hour of Power”  
9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study  
12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
3:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Overeaters’ Anonymous

**Today’s Ministry:** Acolytes

### Wednesday, March 27

Romans 5:1-11 *We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment.* (vv.3-5a)

Endurance. Strength. Character. Confidence. Hope. Who in their right mind doesn’t want these qualities? Well, the unfortunate reality is no one easily coasts their way into strengthening. It always comes with a burn. It always comes through the tearing of muscles, the sweating, and the pain.

So often we want the outcome without the pain in between. I mean, who wouldn’t? We are an instant-gratifying and microwave kind of society that wants whatever’s easiest. And, unfortunately, we cheat ourselves out of all that God has for us.

I’m learning that trials bring us into total dependency upon God. I’m learning that in my pain, I encounter His faithfulness—which leads me to fall in love with Him all over again. And when I love God more than anything else, I become strong. I become confident—full of character—and full of hope.

So, if this is what trials bring, bring them on.

Jeremiah 8:18—9:6; Psalm 119:97-120; John 8:12-20

**Birthdays:** Sally Kurts, Alec Connolly, Elle Bassion

#### Wednesday’s Calendar:

6:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study  
7:00 a.m. AA “Hour of Power”  
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Adult Life Group  
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
4:45 p.m. Mary’s Kitchen  
5:30 p.m. AA “Daily Reflections”  
6:00 p.m. Life Groups

**Today’s Ministry:** Alpha Course

### Thursday, March 28

Psalm 42 *Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again—my Savior and my God!* (vv.5-6a)

In seasons of trial and hardship, this is a passage I’ll often find myself reading over and over. I have to admit, commanding your soul to put your hope

in God is a whole lot easier said than done. I know for me, when I’m overcome by emotion, it takes every ounce of my being to begin to choose truth over feeling. And honestly, some days I fail to. But the more I learn about healthy living, and the more I encounter the reality of God, the easier it has become.

And though I might be completely disheartened, and everything about my circumstance yells “defeat!”—my history with God screams “HE IS FAITHFUL!” No matter what my fickle feelings might say, His faithfulness is the truth and hope I will stand upon.

Jeremiah 10:11-24; Psalms 83, 43; Romans 5:12-21; John 8:21-32

**Birthdays:** Sally Turner, John Gerbino, Mike McCoy, Cindy Miller, Christian Martinez, Elizabeth Prevatte

#### Thursday’s Calendar:

7:00 a.m. AA “Hour of Power”  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
5:30 p.m. ACA Men’s Group  
4:30 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. AI-Anon “Stepping Stones”

**Today’s Ministry:** Altar Guild

### Friday, March 29

Romans 6:1-11 *For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him.* (vv.7-8)

Life—and life abundantly. It’s what Jesus came to bring. But in an inside, upside-down kingdom, life in Jesus looks a whole lot different than what most of us would imagine.

I know for me, far too often I am seeing “life” through the lens of what I can see with my physical eyes. It looks like wealth, and adventure, and community, and external beauty, etc. —all the things the world sees as valuable. The only problem is, this couldn’t be even further from the truth of abundant life in Christ. Jesus lived completely contrary to anything this world finds as valuable. But from what I’m beginning to experience, it is far more satisfying than *anything* this world could ever bring. He brings peace, joy, and selfless love that goes beyond oneself. That is something the world cannot give.

Jeremiah 11:1-8, 14-20; Psalm 88; John 8:33-47

**Birthdays:** Carol Block, Nancy Von Holle, Mac Stuckey

#### Friday’s Calendar:

7:00 a.m. AA “Hour of Power”  
9:00 a.m. A Way Out  
9:30 a.m. Life Group  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
8:00 p.m. Friday Night Young Peoples’ AA

**Today’s Ministry:** Backpack Buddies