



"What Is Church?" is our theme for Wednesday Lenten services this year. In collaboration with the people of Glenwood Lutheran Church (by the Toledo Museum of Art), we will explore the ways we think about the body of believers, consider the influence of our culture on church life, and maybe develop some new friendships with fellow Lutherans! Evening services will be at 7 p.m. and the services on March 4th and 11th will be at Glenwood.

"Church Is Not the Building" Ash Wed. - Feb. 18th 12 pm & 7 pm at St. Mark

Text: John 2:13–22 **Focus:** Jesus disrupts the idea that God is confined to a place. Lent begins with ashes, reminding us that what we often cling to must die so something truer can rise. We will take part in the imposition of ashes; prayer of confession for how we've confused church with property, power, or permanence. (There will be two services this day at noon and 7 pm at St. Mark.)

"Church Is the Body of Christ" Wed. Feb. 25th at 7 pm at St. Mark

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:12–27 **Focus:** Church is not a group of consumers but an interdependent body. Every part matters—and suffering is shared. We will invite congregants to name gifts and griefs; prayer for those who feel unseen or unnecessary.

"Church Is a Community of Forgiveness" Wed. Mar. 4th at 7 pm at Glenwood

Text: Matthew 18:21–35 **Focus:** The church exists because of mercy. Forgiveness is not optional - it is the air the church breathes.

"Church Is for the Sake of the World" Wed. Mar. 11th at 7 pm at Glenwood

Text: Luke 10:25–37 (Good Samaritan) **Focus:** The church does not exist for itself. Jesus continually moves faith outward, toward neighbors in need.

"Church Is Formed By the Spirit" Wed. Mar 18th at 7 pm at St. Mark

Text: Acts 2: 1 – 12 **Focus:** The church is shaped by responsiveness to God's Holy Spirit.

"Church Is a People on the Way" Wed. Mar 25th at 7 pm at St. Mark

Text: Luke 19:28–40 **Focus:** The church follows Jesus not just in celebration, but toward the cross. We will be preparing spiritually for Holy Week and distributing palms. After worship, we will teach how to make palms into crosses and discuss the symbolism.

On February 25th and March 25th, our neighborhood dinner meal will be served at 4:30 pm to allow volunteers ample time to attend worship. Guests will still be admitted to the building at 4 pm.