



The Word @ Home

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

Thoughts: In all the movies and books about desert settings, the character finds him/herself in a vast place of complete isolation. Hot, tired, thirsty, and hopeless the character may see an oasis and run to it only to find a place of false hope and disappointment. Many of us will, at some point, feel we are living in a spiritual desert; weak, exhausted and lonely. These are the time we may find ourselves most open to “temptations”. Often these temptations come in the form of running to oases of compromises for what we feel are “legitimate” needs. Be encouraged! Cling to God’s *promises*. He will walk with you and lead you into a better place. Perhaps, like Jesus, you too are being prepared to give witness to the world.

Discussion: Are you currently “walking in the desert”? Have you “walked in the desert”? What was your experience?

Have you ever encountered an oasis that turned out to be a mirage?

What would be some temptations that people could encounter during their desert journey? Is there a way we can help?

Activity: Print or draw a picture of the desert. Draw an oasis on that picture and list your most important God promises within that oasis. Remember that God’s oasis is real, not a mirage.

Remember in prayer the people in Haiti, Steve Kosinski’s mother-in-law, Ginny Whitford, Patti Aurand’s dad, Fay Harrington and David Laverdiere.

Registration forms for LENTEN LOGOS, our 5-week Wednesday Lenten program will be available at the welcome center today. The program runs from February 24th to March 24th and is \$20/child or participant. Rev. Hal will be offering a God and Country Program for Scouts at 4:30 and there will also be an adult Yoga and exercise class at 4:30 with Rachel Tincknell. Following dinner there will be recreation, music and crafts for elementary age children and the musical play practice for middle school and high school students, and an adult Lenten study by Leslie Weatherhead entitled The Will of God (\$10) led by Jane and George Berquist. Dinner is \$3 for workers/parents and adults paid on site. If you have not registered, please call the office by the Monday before if you plan to come to dinner so we have enough food for everyone. Nursery care is available.

The UMYF Mission Trippers are now selling tickets for their dinner/auction to be held on March 14th. Tickets are \$12 for adults, children under 12 are \$5, and under 3 are free. They sell out fast so you’d better hurry and get your tickets. We are still accepting donations for the auction through February 28. Contact Sheryl Van Gorder if you have something.