

Blessed NOCC Community I watched the space station, a bright point of light, sail overhead about 8:35PM on Thursday, entering our sky from the southwest and traveling northeast. It was in view about 4-5 minutes. I recently signed up to receive text alerts from NASA which provide several hours notice of the exact time and path direction of the ISS. This is a real treat to a space geek like me. I'm also a God geek. Been one almost as long as I've been a space geek. The two are not unrelated. Today I'm reminded, though, that Scripture is sort of a "text alert" with respect to sightings of God....sent from Godself. God wants to be seen. God is always about the business of self disclosure. The Scriptures tell us where to look, how to pay attention. They point us to the natural world alot. They also point us to children, to the vulnerable. They point us to those we consider enemies/adversaries/antagonists. They even point us into our own suffering, our griefs, our losses, our regrets. God is there to be seen in it all. But it takes attentiveness on our part. We have to take the time to look, to attend, to, as the text often says, "behold."

SOUP SUPPERS OFF AND RUNNING---CELEBRATING FAVORITE HYMN TEXTS It was another wonderful evening of good food and favorite hymns shared by Linda Tyree and Suzie Sutton. Hymns can speak to us deeply in our life situations, the glorious and the difficult. No none has signed up to share a favorite hymn text yet for March 27 if you want to]take 3-5 minutes to share. Our focus is on the words, not so much the music. But if you want to sing----feel free! Future dates, APRIL 3, APRIL 10. LET ME KNOW WHICH DATE YOU PREFER!

EASTERTIDE RETREAT AT MARILLAC CENTER Registration deadline is April 1. This retreat, led by the Sisters of Charity, will gather us around the theme of "Be Still and Know I am God." The Marillac Center is a modern and very welcoming guest house adjacent to the mother house of the Sisters of Charity in Leavenworth. Friday evening April 26, we begin our weekend together at Homer's, a long established burger joint in Leavenworth. Then it's on to the retreat facility nearby. We finish up at noon April 28th. Contact Elzene Gourley for details.

FLASHING YOUR BEST NOCC SMILES is what we are asking you to do Sunday mornings as our youth take photos of you for our online photo directory. BTW, have you logged in to our website yet? This will give you access to our online directory which will be very useful ESPECIALLY IF WE HAVE OUR PHOTOS INCLUDED. Contact Sara for details

INVITE FRIENDS to the many opportunities being offered in this Lenten/Easter season to share the gift of our life together in Christ

REGIONAL DISCIPLES SUMMER CHURCH CAMP DATES are listed on the [Tall Oaks Web site](#).

DISCIPLES GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN DES MOINES---ROAD TRIP? The General Assembly of the Christian Church happens every 2 years in various cities from coast to coast. IT WILL NOT BE THIS CLOSE TO KC FOR AWHILE. So-----Rob is planning to attend a portion of the event July 22-23 and is happy to have company. Costs would include registration for the event, hotel room, food, etc. Be in touch with Rob if interested.

CHERITH BROOK WISH LIST As you can imagine, our friends at Cherith Brook are dealing with cold weather issues and needs related to feeding the homeless folks who stop in for a bite to eat and a shower. So shower supplies always needed, along with personal hygiene items. Cold weather items such as chap stick, cold meds, sleeping bags, blankets, socks are always welcome. **BELTS OF ANY SIZE AND MEN'S AND WOMEN'S UNDERGARMENTS ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED.** Items for the house/kitchen include rice, salt/pepper, sugar, creamer (Roasterie donates coffee) dish soap, and energy saving light-bulbs.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 9AM Groups for all ages

Sunday 5PM Northland BIG YOUTH GROUP

Monday 6PM Troop 900

Tuesday 945AM Men's Bible Group

Tuesday 1230PM Women's Bible Group

Tuesday 6PM Pack 90

WEDNESDAY 6PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER--Sign up in corridor

Wednesday 7PM Music Ministry

NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 31 FIFTH SUNDAY ALL CHURCH POTLUCK!

SAVE THE DATES

SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS Sunday April 7 5PM

REZOUND BELL CHOIR IN CONCERT AT NOCC PALM SUNDAY APRIL 14 3PM

HOLY THURSDAY MEDITATIVE COMMUNION April 18 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP April 19 7PM

HE IS RISEN! April 21

NOCC Eastertide Weekend Retreat at Marillac Center in Leavenworth KS April 26-28

YOU, ME AND THE ENNEAGRAM Led by Lori Hall May 11 930AM May 16 630PM May 23 630PM

Mathois said, "The nearer a person comes to God, the more she/he sees himself to be a sinner.

Isaiah the prophet saw the Lord and knew himself to be wretched and unclean" (Is. 6:5)

[The Desert Fathers: Sayings of the Early Christian Monks](#)

With you in Lent

Rob