


LOOKING UP

May - June 2025



"...look up, and lift
up your heads."
Lk. 21:24

Number Your Days

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As humans, we have a tendency to go to extremes. It's common for people to hold one idea, and then when they see some sort of problem with the way that they were thinking, they swing far in the opposite direction. This is true when it comes to how we view our lives. At times, perhaps especially when we are young, the amount of life before us seems unending. Sure, even from a young age we all understand that no one lives forever. But that's an idea that's often held in the abstract. So we

take risks, we live for today, we don't worry all that much about the "distant future" when the reality of life's inevitable end must be considered.

Then, for many of us, there comes a point of awakening. It can be caused by many things. One common one is the death of someone close to us. Or perhaps someone who's in the same season of life as we are, so we can see ourselves in what happened to them. And the sudden, very real, no longer distant or abstract knowledge that our days are limited can come crashing into our

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Regular Schedule

Sunday

9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship service

Holy Communion

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Meal

2nd Sunday of the month

Board Meeting

7:00 PM 1st Tuesday
of the month

Ladies Bible Studies

10:00 AM Wednesdays
6:30 PM 2nd & 4th Wed.'s

Youth Group

TBA

Friday Night Bible Study

7:00 PM Location TBA

consciousness. And with that can come fear. For a person in this condition, the realization that each day...even today...could be our last, can be frightening.

But there is a middle way. In Psalm 90, as Moses is considering the apparent brevity of life, he offers this prayer to God: "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." In these few words, Moses deals with those of us who might be at either end of the pendulum swing between carelessness and fear. This is a petition that God would bring to our minds the reality of the fact that our days are indeed numbered, and that He would use this realization to give us a "heart of wisdom." That is, a heart that seeks after the salvation which God has provided for us in Jesus. In this way, we are then able to consider how we can use our days for His purposes, and also have the sure hope of eternal life with Him. Yes, your days are numbered, but they are numbered with Christ.

Looking Ahead

May 14th

Last Ladies' Bible study,
Youth Group,
Evening Ladies' Bible Study

May 16th

Last Bible Study

May 18th

Last Sunday School

May 25th

Memorial Day Camp Out -
No Worship Service

June 26th - 29th

ALCA Conventions in
Hancock, MI

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Mt. 28:19-20

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