

Lots Going On In March!



Sunday, March 2nd

Rite for the Burning of the Palms

We will burn last year's Palm branches in the parking lot in preparation for Ash Wednesday. This will happen right after the service but before Sunday school.

Good Shepherd Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 5th

Noon

Imposition of Ashes and Communion



Lenten Bible Study

Join Pastor Eli on **Tuesdays March 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st, 8th, and 15th at 6:30 pm** in the Zion chapel for the Lent Series by Max Lucado: *In The Footsteps of the Savior*.

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Sunday, March 16th, St. Patrick's Day Brunch

Immediately after service

Enjoy some great food and fellowship right after the service. Please sign up on the back of your attendance card if you plan to attend.

From Our Council President, Lei Fahrner

I'm Going to do Something Weird..

Yeah, that's probably not the best way to start a newsletter article. And actually, what I'm going to do is not really weird, it's just different. But you have to admit that I did get your attention!

As some of you may know, Lent is my favorite season of the church year. Ok, so maybe that's weird. Not only do I find Lent to be a somber and reflective season, but it is also a season that is profoundly passionate. These are the final days where Jesus must get through to his disciples if God's plan is going to carry on into the future. There is a quiet urgency to Lent as the days of Jesus life on Earth come to an abrupt and inglorious end. Will the world remember to "do this in remembrance of me"?

This year during Lent I would like to use the Service of Diminishing Lights. The what??? The Service of Diminishing Lights is basically the opposite of an Advent wreath. We will set up one of the candelabra. At the end of each service a short Lenten message is read and one of the candles is extinguished until there is only one left which will be extinguished on Good Friday. We'll see how this goes. Hopefully it helps to bring out the passion of the Lenten season.

In the meantime, please join me on Sunday, March 2nd, as we burn last year's palms during the Rite for the Burning of the Palms. This will take place in the parking lot since burning things indoors is frowned upon by the insurance company. There will be a very short liturgy and then we will burn the palms which will become the ash for Ash Wednesday, celebrated at Good Shepherd at Noon on March 5th.

Also, please note Pastor Eli's Lenten study will begin on Tuesday, March 11th and continue each Tuesday through April 15th. The Lenten study will take place at Zion in their chapel at 6:30pm.

Finally, we will be having a St. Patrick's Day brunch after service on March 16th. Please sign up on the back of your attendance cards if you would like to attend. We hope everyone can come and enjoy some great food and fellowship!

I think that's it for now. There's a lot going on in March. Hope to see everyone during this busy Lenten season.

Faithfully,

Lei Fahrner





- The control board has been replaced in Boiler B. Both boilers are working again.
- The extreme heating situation in the sanctuary was caused by a dead battery in one of the sanctuary sensors.
- One of the pumps needs a contactor replaced. The part is on order. That should be the final repair needed.
- Bonsky Heating and Cooling has been hired as the new contractor for Good Shepherd
- Air Force One acknowledged and apologized for their total lack of communication
- Receipts for the month of January were relatively flat with an increase of only \$945
- Lester would like to try the Christmas Bazaar again but earlier in November instead of December.
- There will be an after service brunch on March 16th

January 2025

Starting	\$70,000.00
Receipts	\$8,543.86
Disbursements	\$7,598.23
Transfers	\$350.08
Ending	\$70,000.00

March Concern of the Month



Monetary Donations for Easter Food Gift Cards

These will be given to families in need for Easter Dinners



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Charlene Johanning.

Charlene passed away on February 25th.

May God comfort all who mourn.



Sunday, March 9th

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Pr. Eli Here Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:30	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday Service- Noon AA 7p	6 Yoga 10a	7 Quilting 10a	8
9 Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:30	10	11 Lenten Bible Study- Zion UCC Chapel 6:30p	12 Council 7p AA 7p	13 Yoga 10a	14 Crafts & Conversations 10a	15
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