

THE mini EPISTLE



MARCH 2025 Monthly Highlights

March 2 - Epiphany 8 | Transfiguration

8:30 & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

12 Noon Chili / Chowder Cookoff

12:45 PM Bible Study

March 4 - 6:30 PM Bible Study

March 5 - ASH WEDNESDAY 12 Noon Brief Service of Ashes & Communion

10:00 AM Bible Study

March 9 - Lent 1

8:30 & 10:45 AM Praise Service — 9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

March 12 - 5:30 PM Soup Supper — 6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Service

March 14 - 10:00 PM Cookies for College Packaging

March 15 - MEGA-EPISTLE DEADLINE

March 16 - Lent 2

8:30 & 10:45 AM Holy Communion — 9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

12N Bible Study & Luncheon

March 18 - 6:30 PM Bible Study

March 19 - 10:00 AM Bible Study

5:30 PM Soup Supper — 6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Service

March 22 - 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast

March 23 - Lent 3

8:30 & 10:45 AM Praise Service — 9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

March 26 - 11:00 AM Preschool Family Worship

5:30 PM Soup Supper — 6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Service

March 30 - Lent 4

8:30 & 10:45 AM Holy Communion

9:45 AM 5th Sunday Brunch — 10:30 AM Praise Time

12N Bible Study & Luncheon

How about entering our
Chili & Chowder Cook-off!

Sunday, March 2, 2025

12:00 Noon

Please sign up in the Gathering Place.

Bring a friend!!!

See Patty Stein with questions.

BENEVOLENCE NEWS

When you shop, please keep in mind our grocery cart for ELM. Families in need benefit from our contributions of canned or packaged foods. Suggested donations for our food pantry: rice, cereal bars, pasta, crackers, pasta sauce, instant soups, canned chicken or tuna, macaroni and cheese dinners, instant oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly, granola bars, breakfast cereal, canned fruit.



Ash Wednesday Service now at 12 o'clock noon!

Please join us for a brief service of ashes and communion.

Wednesday, March 5th, 2025

There will not be an evening service this year.

An Easy Plan for Scripture Memory in 2025

In Lent of last year, we began a Scripture memory plan, and it's time to start again! If you have never practiced memorizing Scripture, below is an easy way to get started. The goal to memorizing anything is review, review, review. These passages will compliment what we'll be reading in church throughout this coming year. For more information about memorizing Scripture, see Andrew M. Davis' booklet *How to Memorize Scripture for Life*.

Week of 3/2/25: Psalm 126:1

Week of 3/9/25: Psalm 126:2

Week of 3/16/25: Psalm 126:3

Week of 3/23/25: Psalm 126:4

Week of 3/30/25: Psalm 126:5

March 2025 Chronological Bible Reading Plan

If you are reading through the Bible chronologically, March's passages are listed, below. If you are just beginning this plan, it is recommended that you begin with the readings for the day (instead of starting from the beginning). Then when you have some extra time you can go back and read what you missed. Copies of the plan are available in the Gathering Place.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2: Num 20-21 | <input type="checkbox"/> 10: Deu 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 18: Deu 26-27 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25: Josh 9-11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3: Num 22-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 11: Deu 5-7 | <input type="checkbox"/> 19: Deu 28-29 | <input type="checkbox"/> 26: Josh 12-14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4: Num 25-26 | <input type="checkbox"/> 12: Deu 8-10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 20: Deu 30-31 | <input type="checkbox"/> 27: Josh 15-17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5: Num 27-29 | <input type="checkbox"/> 13: Deu 11-13 | <input type="checkbox"/> 21: Deu 32-34; | <input type="checkbox"/> 28: Josh 18-21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6: Num 30-31 | <input type="checkbox"/> 14: Deu 14-16 | Ps. 91 | <input type="checkbox"/> 29: Josh 22-23 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7: Num 32-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 15: Deu 17-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> 22: Josh 1-3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 30: Josh 24; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8: Num 35-36; | <input type="checkbox"/> 16: Deu 20-22 | <input type="checkbox"/> 23: Josh 4-6 | Jdg 1 |
| Deu 1 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 31: Jdg 2-4 |

COOKIES TO COLLEGE



The cookies are going to college again...right in time for mid-terms!
Please bring your home-baked cookies to the church kitchen before
Friday, March 14th.

If you wish to help, join us in the kitchen at **10:00 am.**

We are collecting names of students & soldiers. If you know of someone, please let us know (children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, Godchildren, etc.).

Save the Date 2025!

Mark your calendars and save these important dates:

**Sunday, April 6—Easter Egg Hunt
Workshop (during Sunday School)**

**Sunday, April 13—
Palm/Passion Sunday**

**Thursday, April 17—
Maundy Thursday**

**Friday, April 18—
Good Friday Services**

**Saturday, April 19—
Easter Egg Hunt, 10AM**

**Sunday, April 20—
Easter Sunday & Breakfast**

Friday, May 9—Preschool Graduation, 7PM in
Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 11—Mother's Day

Sunday, May 18—Shoebox Sunday (during
Sunday School)

Wednesday, May 21—VBS Kickoff, 6pm

Thursday, May 29—Ascension Day

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 - *Randi Perrett*

3 - *Jim Steiner*

5 - *Karen Steiner*

Karlyn Hottenstein

7 - *Hunter Pillar*

9 - *Marilyn B. Harding*

10 - *Darlene Treisner*

13 - *Mary Fernandez*

14 - *Bella Zyskowski*

17 - *Earl Zeiner*

24 - *Rodney Brown*

25 - *Ashley Hercik*

24 - *Caroline Hoy*

26 - *Marie Eshbach*

27 - *Bettie Tkacik*

28 - *Joe Reeser / Anthony Sciarra*

ANNIVERSARIES

Keaton & Lori Westwood - March 12

Leah & Eric Quan - March 15

Anthony & Michele Sciarra - March 28

Happy Heavenly Birthday

Chris Chmela - March 2

Patricia Davis - March 17

Council Actions from February's Meeting:

A motion was made by Patty Stein and seconded by Dennis Gilbert to allow groups in good standing that have rented our facilities previously or groups that we know rent our facilities as long as there is a coordinator present and a janitor willing to do the clean up from the event. Motion carried.

Pastor presented a "25 in 25 Challenge" for congregational growth that he will outline for everyone at our congregational meeting.

A Constitution Committee is forming to revamp the Holy Cross Constitution to conform with the NALC. If you are interested in joining the committee see Pastor, Lyn Stryker or Patty Stein.

Council's next meeting will be Wednesday, March 19th at 7:30PM, after the Lenten service.

MARCH 2025 SERVANTS OF THE LORD

		3/2	3/9	3/16	3/23	3/30
Communion Server	8:30 10:45	Patty Stein Lyn Stryker		Patty Stein Lyn Stryker		Patty Stein Lyn Stryker
Greeter	8:30 10:45	Diane Hahn Irene Graham	Sally Stein Irene Graham	Pat Gilbert Irene Graham	Diane Hahn Irene Graham	Sally Stein Irene Graham
Lector	8:30 10:45	Pat Gilbert Lyn Stryker	Jim Femister Karen Brown	Ruthann Kistler Lyn Stryker	Alyce Stein Kathy Ballek	Penny Miller Lyn Stryker
Liturgist	8:30 10:45	Patty Stein Lyn Stryker	Seth Miller Karen Brown	Patty Stein Lyn Stryker	Pat Gilbert Lyn Stryker	Patty Stein Lyn Stryker
Live Stream	8:30	Jan Stryker	Jonah Kincaid	Jan Stryker	Jonah Kincaid	Jan Stryker
Prayer Care		Sharon Branigan	Ruthann Kistler	Pat Gilbert	Darlene Treisner	Jan Stryker
Song Leader	8:30 10:45	Emma Fliszar <i>Volunteer needed</i>	Pastor David Pastor David	Nancy Cook Nancy Cook	Emma Fliszar <i>Volunteer needed</i>	Nancy Cook Nancy Cook
Sound	8:30 10:45	Josh Miller Ken Yoxheimer	Josh Miller Ken Yoxheimer	Josh Miller Ken Yoxheimer	Josh Miller Ken Yoxheimer	Josh Miller Ken Yoxheimer
Usher	8:30 10:45	Jan Stryker Irene Graham		Jan Stryker Irene Graham		Jan Stryker Irene Graham

Altar Guild: Alyce & Patty Stein
Counters: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker
Prayer of the Church: Mike Zyskowski

Children's Church: Ruthann Kistler
Phone Tree: Jim Femister
Communion Visitors: Sharon Branigan, Pr David

3/5/25 Ash Wednesday Service Servants of the Lord:

SOUND: Jim Femister
LIVESTREAM: Volunteer needed
COMMUNION SERVERS: Karen Brown & Ruthann Kistler

LITURGIST : Karen Brown
GREETER & LECTOR: Pat Gilbert
USHER: Irene Graham
ASHER: Pastor David

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MARCH 2025

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
February 23 Epi. 7	24	25	26	27	28	March 1
8:30AM Praise Service 9:45AM Sunday School 10:45AM Praise Service 11:45AM Congregational Meeting & Potluck 12:30PM P&GI (Sanct.)	7PM Dart Baseball @ College Hill	9AM Preschool	9AM Preschool 11AM Preschool Family Worship 6PM Christian Ed / Outreach 7PM P&GI (Rm 10, 14) 7:30PM AA (TR)	9AM Preschool 10AM-2PM Material Girls (ASSR) 12N AA (TR)	10AM Bulletins 5:30PM P&GI (Sanct)	7:30PM AA (TR)
2 EPIPHANY 8	3	4	5 ASH WEDNESDAY	6	7	8
8:30AM Communion 9:45AM Sunday School 10:45AM Communion 12N Chili/Chowder Cookoff (FH) 12:30PM P&GI (Sanct.) 12:45PM Bible Study (ASSR)	7PM City/Suburban All-Star Match @ Dryland UCC	9AM Preschool 6:30PM Bible Study (ASSR) 7PM Property	9AM Preschool 10AM Bible Study (ASSR) 12N Ash Wednesday Communion Service 7PM P&GI (Rm 10, 14) 7:30PM AA (TR)	9AM Preschool 12N AA (TR)	10AM Bulletins 5:30PM P&GI (Sanct)	9AM--3PM Material Girls (ASSR) 7:30PM AA (TR)
9 LENT 1	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:30AM Praise Service 9:45AM Sunday School 10:45AM Praise Service 12:30PM P&GI (Sanct.) 2-3:30PM Princess Tea Party (FH)	10AM Social Ministry (ASSR) 7PM Dart Baseball v. East Hills (FH)	9AM Preschool 6:30PM Colonial Quilters (FH)	9AM Preschool 11AM Benevolence 5:30PM Soup & Salad 6:30PM Lenten Service 7PM P&GI (Rm 10, 14) 7:30PM AA (TR)	9AM Preschool 12N AA (TR) 6PM Finance/Stewardship (Ofc)	10AM Bulletins 10AM Cookies to College 5:30PM P&GI (Sanct)	Mega-Epistle Deadline 7:30PM AA (TR)
16 LENT 2	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:30AM Communion 9:45AM Sunday School 10:45AM Communion 12N Bible Study & Luncheon (ASSR) 12:30PM P&GI (Sanct.)	St. Patrick's Day  7PM Dart Baseball @ Bethany UCC	9AM Preschool 6:30PM Bible Study (ASSR)	9AM Preschool 10AM Bible Study (ASSR) 5:30PM Lenten Supper 6:30PM Lenten Service 7PM P&GI (Rm 10, 14) 7:30PM AA (TR) 7:30PM Church Council	9AM Preschool 12N AA (TR)	10AM Bulletins 5:30PM P&GI (Sanct)	8:30AM-11AM Men's Breakfast (ASSR) 1PM Staff Meeting 7:30PM AA (TR)
23 LENT 3	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30 LENT 4	31	April 1	2	3	4	5
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