



# Faith in Action

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*"Grounded in Christ, open to make a difference - together"*

March 2014

## Lent Begins

### Ash Wednesday — March 5

On Wednesday, March 5 at 6:15 p.m. we will observe Ash Wednesday with worship including the imposition of ashes. Supper will be served each Wednesday evening during Lent from 5:15 p.m. — 6:10 p.m. The cost is a free-will offering.



### "Get to Know Your Neighbors"

Neighbors, Inc.  
cordially invites you to an

#### OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, March 16**

11:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

222 Grand Ave. W.

South St. Paul MN 55075

*Come learn about Neighbors, Inc. and ways you can get involved in the community!*

- Tours
- Q & A Session
- Come enjoy free snacks and drinks!

**RSVP to [steve@neighborsmn.org](mailto:steve@neighborsmn.org)**

651-455-5000

[www.neighborsmn.org](http://www.neighborsmn.org)

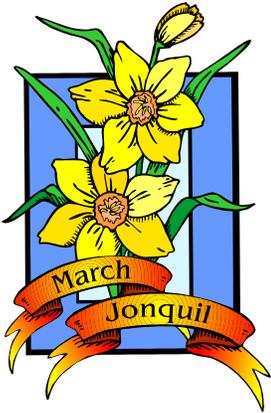


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# March Birthdays



Mar. 1 — Barbara Schroeder  
Mar. 2 — D.J. Sukhu  
Mar. 3 — Kaitlyn Cox  
Mar. 4 — Gil Kinnunen  
Mar. 8 — Victoria Stehr  
Mar. 11 — Ryan Mohr  
Mar. 13 — Bernice Killian  
Mar. 17 — Patricia Fjerstad  
Mar. 18 — Laura Kropp

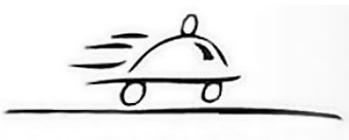
Mar. 20 — Mike Hovey  
Mar. 21 — Ruth Phipps  
Mar. 21 — Corey Worden  
Mar. 21 — Kenneth Hovey  
Mar. 24 — Jeffrey Cox  
Mar. 24 — Katie Lyn Sieberer  
Mar. 26 — Ruth Campion  
Mar. 27 — Isabelle Pippert  
Mar. 31 — Michael Pate

- *If your birthday is missing or listed incorrectly, contact the church office for additions/corrections. Happy Birthday, everyone!* •

## Thank you to and for during February...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Bernice Killian, Paul & Pat Williams, Maryanne Maurer
- **Liturgists:** John Kemp, Angela High-Pippert, and Pat Giorgini
- **Serving refreshments:** Linda Cox and Bonnie Dick
- **Communion Steward:** Karen Cohoes
- **Thank you** to Linda Cox, Jeff Cox, Carol Schuldt, Bonnie Dick, and Barbara Schroder for helping assemble the February newsletter
- Thank you to the following persons who finished their jobs at church; be sure to thank them: Bill Bonkowske – treasurer; Doug Van Siclen – member of Staff Parish Relations Committee; Barbara Schroeder – chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee; Len Young – member of Finance Committee; Mike Schwendinger – member of lay leadership committee; Taffy Storck – member of lay leadership committee; Bonnie Dick – member of lay leadership committee; Rebecca Hovey – member of Children's working group; Esther Craine – "Sunshine" coordinator (sends cards); Ruth Martin – member of worship team; Marianne Young – member of worship team

- **March is Meals on Wheels month!** A BIG **thank you** goes to our Faith Church drivers:



Gil Kinnunen, Vesta Lach, Greg Napier, Ward and Fred Mens. We really appreciate all that you do for Meals on Wheels. If you would like to deliver meals, please contact Dianne Mens at 651-455-5221.

- *Dear Faith UMC of West St. Paul,* "Your Impact-100 gift of \$1,805.67 to Imagine No Malaria supports the United Methodist Church's commitment to eliminate malaria as a major source of death and suffering in Africa by 2015. Your support serves as an example of how we are living Christ's call to heal the sick and help those in need. Imagine No Malaria includes continued bed net distributions, community education programs with medical outreach training, radio communications programs reaching remote areas with vital information, and programs that strengthen clinics and hospitals to better diagnose and treat malaria. Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to pray for our work and those we serve. The Journey Continues ..."

— *Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton Chair, UMC Global Initiative*



# Steps on the Journey

Recently several of you have commented that there seems to be more activity in the Faith building these days. I think you are right.

These days 3 other congregations meet in our building. Centro Christiana Nueva Esperanza has met on Sunday noon and early afternoon here for around 12 years. About 18 months ago, Mizpah River Ministries began meeting in our space on Saturday mornings. And beginning March 2, Church of the Holy Family, an “old order” Catholic Church will be using the sanctuary on Sunday late afternoons. Each of these congregations helps us see the fullness of God’s realm as each of us worships differently and our theology may be different, but we all worship God through Jesus the Christ.

We have also been home to the Ostomy Group that meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month for several years; they are one of the few ostomy groups that meet outside of a hospital setting in the Twin Cities area. They provide a wonderful service to the whole Twin Cities area.

We are home to the Northern Dakota County Mobile Meals program for the last couple years. Monday through Friday people pick up meals here at Faith and deliver them to homes in the northern Dakota area. This allows people to stay in their homes longer.

We are home to a chapter of Narcotics Anonymous that meets here on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. This group has been meeting here for a number of years.

This winter we are trying an experiment with Passport Stages, a senior theater company, using our Fellowship Hall for rehearsals and performances. If things work out, the group is hoping to do one or two performances a year in our space.

All this not counting the one-time parties and activities various families and groups hold here at Faith, as well as our own church activities.

Why would we want our building used so much? I think it is a matter of living out our faith as we share the resources we have with others—in this case our building. I believe that a building is to be used and offered as a resource to the community. It does not mean we will be doing less. It means we may have to re-think how we do things. How do we make people feel welcome? How do we do things in a new way? How do we share the wonderful gifts we have been given? What is God asking of us as we turn towards that community?



It is one more step on the journey.

*Peace in Christ,*

*Gail*

**Congregational Care Concerns:**

- ◆ **Henry Hovey** had back surgery and is now recovering at Good Samaritan Home in St. Croix Falls.
- ◆ **Pat Williams** had thyroid surgery and is home recovering.
- ◆ **Len Young** had rotator cuff surgery and is home recovering.

**Ongoing Concerns:** *(these will be listed for 3 months and then removed. If you wish for them to remain on the list longer, please contact the church office.)*

- ◆ **Benjamin Brummund**, son of Ron Brummund, Jr., continues to struggle with health problems.
- ◆ **Vi Rabe**, Marianne Young's mother, in hospice.

**Concerns beyond our doors:**

- ◆ Those separated from family
- ◆ Those living with degenerative conditions
- ◆ Those who are hungry
- ◆ Those who have lost jobs or their homes
- ◆ Those who struggle due to natural disasters
- ◆ Those who grieve
- ◆ Those who are uncertain about the future

*Pray during*  
**Lent**

**The Money Pot** welcomes

your change at any time to help support the offering of the month. During March, money pot donations will support Minnesota FoodShare and its March Campaign. Talk to Karen about getting a grocery bag with a special list of items most needed by Neighbors. You may also give a money donation made out to Neighbors, Inc. Your bags of groceries will be placed on the altar for the month. Karen will weigh each bag on Mondays so we will know our progress each week. Our goal for 2014 is 800 lbs. of food — all food needs to be brought in by March 30th. Thanks!



— *Karen and Marti*  
*Neighbors representatives*



**Men's Breakfast Group** will meet on the Saturdays of **3/1, 3/15, 3/29 and 4/12** at the Fireside Lounge, 1288 South Robert Street starting at 8:00am. All men are welcome to join us! For more info., please contact Bill Short at 651-552-0736 or [bill.short@ci.whitebear-township.mn.us](mailto:bill.short@ci.whitebear-township.mn.us)



**The Prayer Chain is active.** If you have a prayer concern, contact Esther Craine at 651-457-6959. Please also contact the pastor so she knows what is going out over the prayer chain. If you wish to be involved in this ministry please speak with Pastor Gail.

**Hospital Calls:** If you learn someone is hospitalized, please contact the church office or Pastor Gail. With new privacy laws, hospitals no longer call when a member is admitted. We would rather have several calls telling us of someone's hospitalization than not to know. Thank you.

*For your times of devotion this month:*

Remember to pick up the **NEWEST issues** of devotional publications The Upper Room (daily readings in regular or large print), or Alive Now. These booklets are found on the table by the parking lot door.

## Taps & Apps — An event to help fight hunger

All proceeds go to Neighbors food shelf and count toward MN FoodShare dollars.

JOIN US to take a private tour of Summit Brewing Company, sample Summit beer on tap, taste gourmet cheese and chocolate from local companies, take home great gifts from the auction



### Summit Brewing Company Thursday, April 3

6:00 p.m. — VIP Private Tour

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. — Taps & Apps Event

- Taps & Apps Event with VIP Tour - \$30/ticket
- Taps and Apps Event Only - \$20/ticket

Only 150 tickets available:  
50 VIP Tour and 100 Taps & Apps

Call Audra to reserve your tickets today:  
**651-306-2154**

*MN FoodShare's March Campaign is a time when the donations you make to your local food shelves pack an even more powerful punch than usual in the fight against hunger.*

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, April 12, 2014 — Fashion Show that South St. Paul High School students will be putting on to raise funds for Neighbors, Inc.

### Camping

With the long winter, it's hard to believe summer is actually coming! Now is the time to begin thinking about summer camp.



Brochures for the many camps sponsored by the Minnesota United Methodist Church are available on the table in the Narthex.

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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**Be the hero.  
Fight hunger.**

## MN FoodShare March Campaign

During the month of March, our Faith Church congregation is joining people of goodwill from across the state to help alleviate hunger. Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign is the largest food drive in the state, and congregations like ours are the heart of the campaign.

Last year the campaign raised more than 12 million pounds and dollars for Minnesota's food shelves.

This year Faith will be collecting both food and cash contributions throughout the month of March for our local food shelf. We have set a goal of collecting 800 pounds of food. Our food and contributions will go to the Neighbors, Inc. food shelf.

Minnesota FoodShare is a program of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, co-sponsored by:

- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas
- Minnesota Catholic Conference
- Minnesota Council of Churches
- Minnesota Rabbinical Council
- St. Paul Area Council of Churches





## [www.UMCmarket.org](http://www.UMCmarket.org)

Do you shop online? Did you know you that you could help support Faith Church each time you shop online? How, you might ask. By using the UMCmarket. The United Methodist Church has partnered with hundreds of online stores that are donating a portion of your purchase back to your home church, anywhere from a 1 to 9 percent commission on sales.

At UMCmarket you can choose to shop for merchandise and from stores in many different categories: books, movies, fashion, sports equipment or food for your pet. This includes an online travel agency with guaranteed lowest rates on flights, hotels, and car rentals. Best of all, every booking will generate a donation to our church. There are no hidden fees or increased costs.

**Here is what you do:** Visit [www.UMCmarket.org](http://www.UMCmarket.org) and create an account. During the account setup, you will be asked to designate a United Methodist Church to which the commission for the purchase will go.

To shop, you can log into UMmarket or use a free downloadable add-on for your Web browser and shop at the partner retailer. The commission will come to the church on a regular basis. A simple way to support Faith Church!

*UMCmarket has been vetted and approved by the UMC's General Council of Finance and Administration, GCFA. UMCmarket.org is safe & secure; your information is protected by its privacy policy and will not be sold to a third party.*

## COMING VERY SOON! Our **10th** annual Live/Silent Auction Saturday, April 5, 2014

### NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS!

Do you have items you would like to donate to the April 5 auction? If your answer is "yes!", you may bring your items to the church office, or to Lynn Bonkowske or Judy Turk. We hope to receive some bigger items to auction off (maybe some furniture, or 'man toys' for the garage or car). This event is always a lot of fun with our own "lively auctioneer" Gil Kinnunen. Preview is at 4:30pm, dinner at 5:00 and live auction at 6:00. If you have questions, contact Lynn or Judy. Watch for more details soon!



**Riverbend Missions** is sponsoring a dinner at Outback Steakhouse in Inver Grove Hgts. on **Saturday, March 15**. Meal tickets are \$18 each or 2 for \$35. Proceeds will support the trip to New Orleans in April. For tickets & info, contact Barbara Schroder, 651-554-9365.



### Looking for an Opportunity to Utilize Your Office Administrative Skills?

DARTS, located in W. St. Paul, is welcoming volunteers interested in supporting administrative requests. There are several options available that have flexible hours Monday through Friday.



If you're interested in this volunteer opportunity and want to polish up your skills, or share your expertise, contact Barb at [barb.tiggemann@darts1.org](mailto:barb.tiggemann@darts1.org) or 651-234-2254. Visit [www.dartsconnects.org](http://www.dartsconnects.org) to learn more about DARTS and other ways to volunteer.

## The Problem of Pain

by Mary Lou Redding

Suffering is inevitable. We don't like to hear that, but it's true. I once heard a speaker say, "In this life, misery is optional. Suffering is not, but misery is." Those words call us to face and admit the reality of suffering. And they remind us that we have some power over the way we respond when suffering comes. As much as we would like to believe that we can avoid hurt, struggle, and loss, life brings difficulties to all of us. For some, these difficulties threaten their faith. Some people say that God cannot be good and also allow the evil and suffering that are part of this world. For some, life's pain becomes so overwhelming that they write God off as unconcerned or they turn away from believing.

Human nature wants to avoid pain. We want ourselves and those we care about to be spared from it. We see an illustration of this in the Gospel of Matthew, when Jesus tells the disciples that he "must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering" (Matt. 16:21, NRSV). Peter takes Jesus aside and begins "to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord'" (Matt. 16:22). Peter doesn't want Jesus to suffer because he loves him. We are all somewhat like Peter when it comes to those we love.

When suffering comes, questions are natural: Does God want us to suffer? Does God allow the pain we endure? Does God even, as some say, send suffering to "teach us a lesson," to "bring us to our knees"? The Bible tells us in many places that the answer to those questions is no. God wants shalom — peace, well-being, redemption, and healing — for us and for the world. Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10: 10).

In Jesus' life and works we see clearly what God wants for us: that we live in close friendship with God and in healing relationships with one another. God is completely good and desires only good for us. But we live in a fallen world, with fallen and fallible people, and so pain comes to all of us. Suffering causes us to admit that we are not all-powerful, that we cannot con-

trol life and insulate ourselves and others from pain. Still, in the Bible passage referred to above, we see Jesus continuing toward Jerusalem after that encounter with Peter, healing people even as he walked a road that he knew led to suffering. Jesus showed us that some suffering can be redemptive.

So how will we deal with suffering? Hard times can make us bitter, or they can make us better. Hard times can elicit from us strength and patience and courage that we did not know we had. Many years ago, one of my nieces died after being hit by a truck while out riding her bicycle. As I watched my brother deal with the other children and with his broken-hearted wife during the days that followed, I was amazed by his patience, strength, and tenderness. Tragic circumstances brought out the best in him; he was more than I had known him to be. Suffering can harden our hearts; but it can also make our hearts more tender toward others in their times of pain and loss. The first chapter of 2 Corinthians tells us that God, the "God of all comfort," consoles us in our affliction so that we may be able to console others (vv 3-4, NIV). Suffering can shape us to be more like Christ, to be a healing presence.

We can also shape our suffering. We can transform it, even as it challenges us. Many people turn their pain into energy for redemptive purposes. A couple in my church has begun speaking to teens about the dangers of distracted driving. Their son was killed when someone talking on a cell phone crossed the center line and collided head-on with his car. The man who founded Make Today Count and helped thousands who face terminal illnesses did so after his own diagnosis of cancer. Walter Everett, a clergyman whose son was killed, befriended the young man who murdered his son and became an example of amazing forgiveness. These people shaped their suffering. Stories like theirs remind us of the power of the human spirit and of God's power to help us live through and move beyond life's wounds and losses. They remind us that when pain comes, God offers us comfort and — as our season of grieving passes — hope and healing.

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**SAINT PAUL AREA  
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**  
*Connecting Congregations for Service and Justice for 100 Years*

## Community Events:

**EVENT: Caritas Concert** on Sunday, March 9, a benefit for our Project Home family shelter, held at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave. W., St. Paul MN.

**Tickets** can be purchased in advance online or at the door; minimum donation is \$10, making this a very affordable event. Caritas Vocal Ensemble is a non-profit group of choral singers with a mission: raising money and awareness for people in need. Eighty-five% of the proceeds from the group's concerts are given to other non-profits to help fund their provision of basic human services.

**EVENT:** Second Annual **"Empty Bowls"** Event Sat., March 22, 2014, from 11am—3:00pm at White Bear Lake United Methodist Church, 1851 Birch St., White Bear Lake.

Empty Bowls is a fundraiser for the St. Paul Area Council of Churches Dept. of Indian Work Food Shelf. Enjoy a tasty bowl of soup with fresh brick oven-baked bread. Stay for a bread oven demonstration and live music. A roster of talented musicians headlined by nationally acclaimed artist, Peter Ostroushko (frequent guest on A Prairie Home Companion), will entertain guests during and following the delicious lunch prepared by a Le Cordon Bleu Chef.

**Prices:** \$25/adult; \$5/children 12 & under; \$15/student/low income.

Order tickets for either event at: [www.spacc.org](http://www.spacc.org)

### **Garage Sale COMING!**

There will be a garage sale in August! Linda will have room for storing donated items for this event at the end of the Sunday school hall — the door will be marked. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Cox at 651-778-8090.

## Easter Lilies



If you would like to purchase a lily to help beautify our sanctuary on Easter morning, the **Easter lilies need to be ordered through the church office by Sunday, March 23.** White Lily plants with 5-8 blooms will be \$8.50 each. Please indicate if you have a dedication for your flower.

## **The Call: Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly**

**A Spiritual Growth  
Retreat on Saturday,  
March 29 — \$10  
(includes lunch)  
Registration at 8:45 a.m.**



**Rev. Bescye Burnett,  
presenter**

You are invited to a women's Lenten Retreat, Saturday, March 29, at Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church, 585 Fuller Ave., St. Paul. Spend the day exploring how baptism and Holy Communion, music, and scripture help us to answer God's call. Register by March 21; e-mail Eleanor at [nonsplace@gmail.com](mailto:nonsplace@gmail.com) or call Becky at 612-724-4817.



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Women

# March 2014 Worship Schedule

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## **March 2 — Transfiguration Sunday** — *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

*Scripture Readings: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9*

Sermon Title: "*Light Shining*"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Tim Pippert

Fellowship Time host: Judy Turk

Communion Steward: Gloria Gurtin

## **March 5 – Ash Wednesday** — *Imposition of Ashes*

*Scripture Readings: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

## **March 9 — 1st Sunday in Lent**

*Scripture Readings: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11*

Sermon Title: "*When are we Tempted?*"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Bill Bonkowske

Fellowship Time hosts: Claudia and Ava Spatafore

## **March 16 — 2nd Sunday in Lent**

*Scripture Readings: Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17*

Sermon Title: "*Going in Darkness*"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Ann Beardshear

Fellowship Time host: Judy Pfenning

## **March 23 — 3rd Sunday in Lent**

*Scripture Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42*

Sermon Title: "*Why do you Talk to?*"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Bruce Opp

Fellowship Time host: Bonnie Dick

## **March 30 — 4th Sunday in Lent**

*Scripture Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41*

Sermon Title: "*Seeing Beyond Yourself*"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Bill Bonkowske

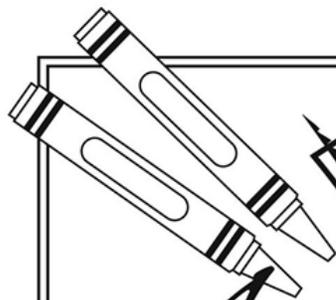
Fellowship Time host: Bonnie Dick

# March 2014 Calendar

Sat. 3/1	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Sat. 3/29	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun. 3/2	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sun. 3/30	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School		9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon. 3/3	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group	Mon. 3/31	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed. 3/5	5:15 p.m.	Supper	Wed. 4/2	5:15 p.m.	Supper
	6:15 p.m.	Worship		6:15 p.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation	Thurs. 4/3	6:30 p.m.	Balcony Team
Thurs. 3/6	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee	Sat. 4/5		Supper & Auction
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council	Sun. 4/6	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Sun. 3/9	9:30 a.m.	Worship		9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Mon. 4/7	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Mon. 3/10	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group	Wed. 4/9	5:15 p.m.	Supper
Wed. 3/12	5:15 p.m.	Supper		6:15 p.m.	Worship
	6:15 p.m.	Worship		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation		7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Sun. 3/16	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sat. 4/12	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School	Sun. 4/13	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Mon. 3/17	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Wed. 3/19	5:15 p.m.	Supper	Mon. 4/14	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	6:15 p.m.	Worship	Wed. 4/16	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation		7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Sat. 3/15	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast			
Sun. 3/23	9:30 a.m.	Worship			
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School			
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time			
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			
Mon. 3/24	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Wed. 3/26	5:15 p.m.	Supper			
	6:15 p.m.	Worship			
Thurs. 3/27	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals			



# KIDS IN SEARCH



## PUZZLE

*A new creation*  
 Just as spring brings beauty and renewal,  
 in Christ we, too, are made new.

**Directions:** Follow each flying butterfly to its correct number. Then write that word on the line with the corresponding number to read 2 Corinthians 5:17.

“Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 14 \_\_\_\_\_ 15 \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ 16 \_\_\_\_\_ 17 \_\_\_\_\_ is here!”

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV**

Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV

## Butterfly Pretzels

Celebrate being a new creation by making this fun spring snack.



### What you need:

- 45 miniature twist pretzels (to make 20 butterflies)
- Cookie sheet covered with parchment paper
- Light cocoa and multi-colored Candy Melts (available at craft stores)
- Disposable decorating bags
- M&M's, Skittles, sprinkles, cinnamon drops, etc.

### What you do:

1. Break five pretzels into pieces for antennae.
2. On cookie sheet, arrange pairs of whole pretzels as shown.
3. Melt Candy Melts in microwave, separating colors into different bags.
4. Pipe melted brown candy down the center to hold pretzels together, making a head and body. Press on two pretzel pieces for antennae.
5. Pipe other melted candy into the pretzel holes.
6. Add M&M's and other decorations into melted candy on the wings. Let cool. Enjoy!



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## Worship Schedule

Please join us this Sunday  
for worship, study and fellowship:

- Worship: 9:30 a.m.
- Youth & Children's Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
- Fellowship time: 10:30 a.m.
- Adult Sunday School: 10:50 a.m.



## Lent begins

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

## 2014 Lenten Midweek Worship

6:15 p.m. Wednesday evening worship series begins Ash Wednesday, March 5.

Each of the six Wednesdays of Lent (March 5–April 9) we will gather at 6:15 p.m. for worship together. Each week our worship series will use a familiar game to help us look at how we live our lives in light of the week of the Passion. There will be music, prayer, Scripture and a skit geared for all age groups with the theme “*The Games People Play.*”

**On Wed., March 5, we will observe Ash Wednesday with the imposition of Ashes.**

Supper will be served each Wednesday evening from 5:15 p.m. until 6:10 p.m.

The cost is a free-will offering.