



Plattville United Methodist Church
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From the Pastor's Desk:

Did you ever wonder why we mark ourselves with ashes at the beginning of Lent? It is a reminder that someday our life on earth will come to an end. For some people, the idea of death is so scary that they don't want to think about it at all. But for Christians, death is the gateway to eternal life with Jesus, thanks to his saving death on the cross, and His resurrection on Easter.

At the beginning of Lent, we remember that the Holy Spirit and the promise of salvation have been given to us, and we ask ourselves, "How are we living differently because of that Gift?"

The Lenten Spirit is one of:

1. CHANGE 2. REPENTANCE 3. REORGANIZING PRIORITIES

During this Lenten Season, we are to rise above the doubts and difficulties that come into our lives! Lent is sometimes compared to a desert, a time Christians have traditionally given over to 40 days in a combination of prayer; serving the needy, and fasting in order to draw closer to god. Like the time Jesus himself spent in the wilds of Judea as he confronted Satan at the beginning on his ministry, Lent gives us an opportunity to think about the Holy Scriptures so we can better understand the gift of salvation and the meaning of our baptism.

Lent gives us the chance to receive the "living water" Jesus offered the Samaritan Woman at the well in the fourth chapter of John's Gospel. Each time we gather as family to pray with scripture, living water gushes up within us to refresh our drooping spirits. And where is water more valuable than in a desert?

In Luke 9:25, Jesus asks us a very serious question to help us think about how we are living our lives. We can spend a lot of time trying to have more and more, a bigger share of what the world has to offer---money, a beautiful place to live, fabulous vacations and more. While there is nothing wrong with having and enjoying the good things, if we "lose ourselves" in the process, that's not a good thing. What does Jesus mean when He says "lose ourselves"? Jesus has a simple message for us: it is possible to go off track to lose ourselves in the quest for the things of the world unless we stay rooted in Jesus, in the gospel, and in the church.

Lord Jesus draw us near to You each day. You gave Your Life for us on the cross. Help us to give our lives for You this Lenten season and for always.

God bless each of you, Pastor Terry

CALENDAR

March

- 3 9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service – Communion
- 6 6:00 pm Soup supper
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday service
- 10 9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
Change for Mission – Compassionate Friends
7:00 pm KC PADS
- 13 7:00 pm Movie Nite
- 17 9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
- 23 Crockpot meal assembly
- 24 9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
Crockpot meal pickup
- 31 9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service – Praise Band
Food Pantry collection



PRAYER CONCERNS

Clara McLaughlin
Layla Southcombe
Keith Millard
Gary Langeland
Tony – Jake's friend
Carol – Wes' sister

Aletha Collins
Dorothy Cooper
Tripp Ashton
Dan Thursday
Mark – Kerri's friend
Tracey Hauhe

Bonnie Gunterman
Brian Homerding
Jeff Eaton
Michael – Jones's son-in-law
Dave Patterson
Tracey's mom

Dorothy Cooper is still at St. Joseph Hospital in Joliet, rehab area.
Aletha Collins is currently at Tiller's in Oswego

BIRTHDAYS

March

1	Mary Thursday	17	Robert Hamilton
1	Tripp Ashton	19	Jolene Howell
2	Sue Mueller	20	J W Ashton
3	Megan Breen	23	Megan Friel
4	Josh Cooper	23	Dave Smith
8	Savannah Southcombe	26	Mark Hamilton
8	Cyndie Plante	26	Dan Westphal
10	Bill Ashton	27	Ed Leifheit
11	Debbie Stadel	30	Sue Hamilton
		31	Rachel Eaton



NEEDS

In March our Change for Mission collection will go to Compassionate Friends. Sherry Stewart leads the group that meets in the Aurora area. Our donation will go to support their newsletter connection with parents.

We will be serving the evening meal at **Kendall County PADS** on March 10th. If you are interested in providing the dessert, please contact Debbie Stadel.

They **Kendall County Food Pantry** is always in need of your recycled plastic bags (Jewel, Walmart, etc). The Pantry goes thru approximately 1000 bags each week. Bring your bag donations to church and they will be taken to the Pantry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday, March 6, there will be a soup supper at 6 pm followed by Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm.

Service Personnel – if you have a friend or relative in the military please provide their mailing address to Hope Tait. We would like to gather items to send in a care package.

Used paperback books are being collected and will be donated to veterans' homes. Please drop books in the designated box at church. They do not accept children's books or romance novels.

Crockpot meal pick up will be on Sunday March 24th, this will be for the orders previously placed.



We had a great turn out, about 65, for the community Valentine's Spaghetti dinner. Thank you to those who made sauce, cupcakes & served the meal. Thank you to Cooper Family Farms for donating the meat for the sauce. Thanks Nancy Horton for organizing.

In February we collected \$58 for Heifer International.

We collected \$96 for the Kendall County Food Pantry.

We profited \$427 for Midwest Mission Distribution Center at the lunch fundraiser.