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PERIODICAL
CHALICE
TIDINGS

SERVING THIS WEEK OF March 15

Worship Leader:	Pat Ward	
Elders:	Myrna Osborn (bread), John Carden (cup)	
Diaconate:	Dorothy Loop, Larry Loop, Peggy West	
	Liz Burton, Rick Webster, Kim Cunningham	
Balcony:	Margaret Taylor, Kenneth Rutledge, Kathryn Rutledge	
Preparatory:	Marcia Higgins, Debbie Smith, Sharon Butcher	
Greeters:	**Front**	John Trone
	Central East	Leslie Trone
	Balcony South	Collin Reed
	Elevator	Jeanna Montgomery
Sanctuary Superintendent(s):	Jim& Jonelle Schauble	
Children's Moment:	Rev. Ingersoll	
Children's Church:	Jack McKinnon	
Soundboard Tech:	Grant Reed	
Coffee Fellowship Time:	Jonelle Schauble	
Acolyte:	Collin Reed	
Hospital Caller:	Janet Shank	
Financial Escort:	Karen Chatterton	
Sunday Morning Office Staff:	Janet Shank	

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Crossings is our Lenten theme this year. Each sermon during the series will be a one-word action verb. Crossing over from one place to a new place takes action. So does one's Lenten journey.

Along with our sermon series, we will have a Lenten study each Wednesday in March at 7:00 p.m. Desserts and drinks will be provided. Join us for discernment, discussion and dessert as we consider: Crossings—Excelling. Seeing. Persevering. Encouraging.

Kelly's Korner

We subscribe into God's unlimited plan when we kneel in humility, live in grace and reach-out in love. Ikechukwu Izuakor

*Why grace? Because some days, it's the only thing we have in common. Because it's the one thing I'm certain is real. Because it's the reason I'm here. Because it's the oxygen of religious life, or so says a musician friend of mine, who tells me, "Without it, religion will surely suffocate you." Because so many of us are gasping for air and grasping for God, but fleeing from a kind of religious experience that has little to do with anything sacred or gracious***.** Cathleen Falsani**, Sin Boldly: A Field Guide for Grace**

Humility raises us not by human arrogance but by divine grace.
Augustine of Hippo, City of God

When our embarrassment level is exceeded by our desperation level, we are a good candidate for God's grace. Peter Lord

We are all sinners who have been saved by Grace. We have not been saved from sinning, but we have been redeemed despite it. R. Alan Woods

In worship we will study Paul's words to the church at Ephesus. He writes***…For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the results of works…***

What do you think about God's grace? When have you felt God's grace? Is the nature of God defined by such gifts as unconditional love and grace? See you Sunday!

Peace (and grace),

Sunday, March 15
Eric Reed opens/closes church
Eric Reed drive(s) the van

9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM	Worship
2:00 PM	Grand Prairie
4:00 PM	Everly House
Elders:	Mary Stipanowich
Deacons:	Elizabeth Burton
	Roselyn Chown

Monday, March 16

6:00 PM	Trustees
7:00 PM	Church Board

Tuesday, March 17

4:00 PM	Pastor's Class

Wednesday, March 18

6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Lenten Study, FH

Sunday, March 22
Rod Burg opens/closes church
Rod Burg drives the van

9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM	Worship

Birthdays & Anniversaries

15 Lois Longwell
16 Bob Donnell
18 Elizabeth Bailey
Jim & Jonelle Schauble **(a)**

Sunday, March 15
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sermon: Gracing
Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

Other Lectionary Readings:
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
John 3:14-21

Sunday, March 22
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Lectionary Readings:

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

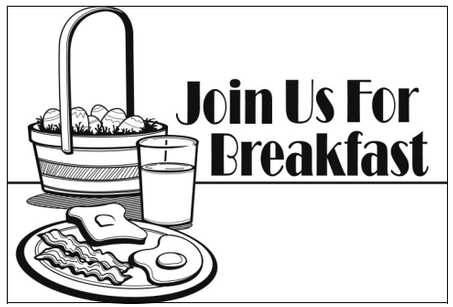
We will participate in a Maundy Thursday service, April 2, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The service will be held here at First Christian. We will share communion as we remember the meal Jesus had with his disciples before the events of the next day.

On Good Friday evening, April 3, at 7:30 p.m., we will hold a Tenebrae service.

The word "tenebrae" is Latin for shadows. The purpose of a Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story.

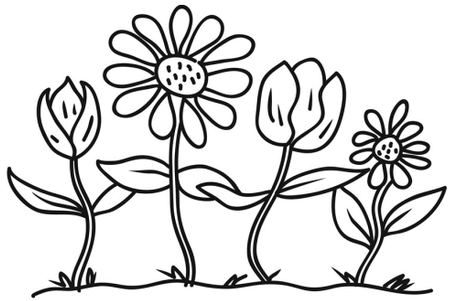
Our purpose will be to recreate the betrayal, abandonment and agony of the events of Good Friday. We will leave the sanctuary in near darkness with the Easter story unfinished.



Membership will host an Easter breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on April 5 in Fellowship Hall. Pancakes, grilled rolls, biscuits, drinks and table service will be provided.

Please bring one of the following: breakfast casserole, sausage gravy, coffee cake or fruit.

Sign-up for your donation on the bulletin board across from the parlor kitchen.



You will be able to purchase a spring garden plant (e.g., tulips, hyacinths, jonquils or daffodils in mixed colors) depending on availability to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. The price will be the same as last year: $12.50.

If you would like to purchase one in memory or honor of someone, please note that with your check.

You may include the cost of the flowers with your regular offering between now and March 29.

SILENT BID AUCTION

The Property Committee will hold a silent bid auction for items the church no longer needs. The auction will start on Sunday, March 8, at 8:00 a.m. and will end on Sunday, March 15, at 2:00 p.m. Items are available to look at in Room 104. Forms will be available for bids and can be placed in the container in Room 104.

The van will leave the parking lot on Sunday, March 15 at 2:00 p.m. for the intergenerational mission trip to Indianapolis, March 15-18. Participants are: Samantha Adams, Elise Cangro, Tad Goldner, Kristen Mahannah, Jeanna Montgomery, Natalie Workman. Adult sponsors: Sue Adams and Rev. Ingersoll.

Thanks to Rev. Brooks Barrick of Olive Branch Christian Church in Indianapolis for arranging lodging and work experiences. The group will be staying at Geist Christian Church. Work will be at food banks and pantries.

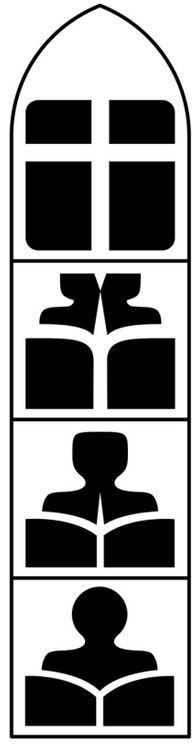
Please pray for safe travel and great faith experiences.

Open House

The Evangelism Committee has set March 28, 1:00-3:00 p.m., for showing the community our newly remodeled Sanctuary.

We will need a lot of help that day—we will needs hosts, guides, and servers.

The Evangelism Committee is excited to be able to plan this event.



LENTEN STUDIES WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH

Learn & Grow

Our Lenten study will continue this Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Desserts and drinks will be served. Lessons will be based on inspirational quotes intermingled with Biblical passages.

Did you ever go to the mall and see those beautiful, dramatic posters with great words of wisdom printed on them? Have you ever thought what those saying might have in common with your faith and the Bible…or even your Lenten journey?

All are invited to this intergenerational time of dessert, discussion and discernment. Please join us for *Crossings: Excelling. Seeing. Persevering. Encouraging.*