

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 28, 2010

**Requested prayers:** Bernie Kapper, Delores Norviel, Doris Stortzum, Creed Cole, Bob Dosien, Betty Havlik, Mike Hagen, Kody Strieter, Sheryl Artmann Salinas, Robert Miller, Wayne Sparks, Phyllis Montgomery, Alana Thurmond, Burma Anderson, Jean Butler, Derald Doehring, Tamra Dugger, Gianna & Olivia Catanzaro, Laverne Barbee, Larry Price, Ava Gass, Deborah Barnes and Lisa Choundard.

Prayer for the sick is a very important ministry in the church and we want to keep our list current. When we receive a name for the prayer list we will publish it for four weeks. If you would like to keep a name on the list beyond four weeks please notify the church office.



The Altar Flowers this week are in celebration of  
Monte & Cindy Overton's thirty-third Wedding anniversary

Altar Flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one or to celebrate a special time in our lives. There are dates open on our Flower Calendar outside the church office.

**Church Attendance:** March 21<sup>st</sup> - 412 March 24<sup>th</sup> - 313

## Schedule for March 28<sup>th</sup> thru April 4<sup>th</sup>

<b>Sun. Palm Sunday</b> 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday school	12:00 pm Lent Service 5:00 pm FIRE 7:00 pm Lent Worship
<b>Mon. 8:00 am Tennis</b> 8:00 am LOL 8:15 am Confirmation F-H	7:30 pm Chancel Choir <b>Fri. Easter Break No School Good Friday</b> 12:00 pm Lent Service 7:00 pm Lent Worship
<b>Tues. 6:30 am Men's Bible Study at Pagliacci's</b> 8:15 am Confirmation F-H 8:30 am Exercise Classes 9:00 am Quilters 6:30 pm FIRE & Rebels at the Food Center	<b>Sat. 8:30 am Easter Egg Hunt</b> 8:30 am Women's Bible Study @ Common Grounds 11:00 am FIRE F-H
<b>Wed. 5:30 pm Confirmation Class</b> <b>No Evening Worship Service</b>	<b>Sun. Easter Sunday</b> <b>No Sunday School</b> 6:00 am Easter Sunrise Service w/ Communion 7:00 am FIRE Easter Breakfast 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion
<b>Thur. Maundy Thursday</b> 8:15 am Confirmation F-H 8:30 am Exercise Classes <b>No Adult Bible Class</b>	

**Building Option Question and Answer Session** - will be held TODAY, at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall and also at 6:30 pm. The Building Committee and President Larry Miller will be on hand to share with you and listen to your ideas about options for additional classrooms.

**FIRE EASTER BREAKFAST** is next Sunday morning. We start serving at 7 am. See you there!

**Summer Sunday School** we are in need of help for our Sunday School this summer. You can sign-up for one week or more. The sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship hallway.

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt** - Join us on *Saturday morning, April 3rd* for the Children's Easter Egg hunt. We'll begin at 8:30 a.m. with donuts, milk and orange juice in Fellowship Hall. At precisely 9:00 a.m. the hunt will begin. In addition, while the kids are eating and getting ready for the hunt, they can enter the Easter coloring contest. All entries will be judged while the children are gathering their eggs and the winner will be announced at the completion of the hunt.

**Easter Bonnet Contest** - This year in conjunction with the Easter Egg Hunt, the activity committee will be sponsoring an Easter Bonnet Contest. The contest is open to all ages and the bonnets can be made of any headgear decorated with an Easter theme. Bonnets can be made from a variety of materials - from basic straw and boater-style hats to home-made card creations. Decorate it as creatively as you can using anything from streamers, paints, feathers, ribbons, bows, flowers, eggs, glitter, Easter candy, flower pots, or even the kitchen sink - anything goes! It's all about being creative and having fun, so it doesn't hurt to think outside the box. Your creation(or creations you can enter more than one if you would like) should be in the Fellowship Hall no later than 9:00 am Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will be judged during the Easter Egg Hunt based on Easter theme, creativity and craftsmanship. The winner will be announced at the conclusion of the hunt. So come on get that arts and crafts kit out and make an Easter bonnet. The more entries the better.

**Update on Giving Plus Challenge 2010** as of March 17th we are 2/3's of the way to meeting the challenge. We encourage you, if you have not already made a contribution, to do it soon. We must meet the challenge by June 2010.

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**WALK TO JERUSALEM:** As of Mar. 24th, our mileage totals out to 2,856 miles. The mileage from Mattoon to Jerusalem is about 6,500 miles, so we are a little short. The walk officially ends on Palm Sunday, Mar. 28th, so if anyone has any more mileage to add, let me know or put it in the mileage log in the church office. I will give a summary of the mileage in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. I'd like to thank all who participated in the walk this year. You are a dedicated group. Joyce

**Attention Women!** What are you doing Saturday morning? A new Saturday morning women's Bible study started yesterday. Join us at Common Grounds on Saturday mornings 8:30am. We are using 4 week bible study called "Treasured" Based on Deuteronomy 14:2 ("You were bought at a great price") and Romans 5:8 ("While we were still sinners, Christ died for us"). Deb Burma, the guest speaker from our fall women's event wrote this study. Any questions? Contact Andrea Countryman at 234-4573.cs

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The Community Blood Services of Illinois will be holding a blood drive on Sunday, April 11th, from 1:00pm-4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Prospective donors are reminded to bring their donor card or any form of i.d., which includes their address. Any questions, please contact Joyce Zschau at 234-8227.

**Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** regional field office in St. Louis continues to collect shoes for "The Shoeman Project". Please tie or rubberband your shoes together and bring them to church. The Shoeman says, "I don't want your \$, I want your souls!" If you have any questions call your Thrivent Representative Elizabeth Houser at 962-0189

**Ladies Aid Rummage Sale** will be held Friday April 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am till 2:00 pm and Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am until 11:00 am. For more information contact Janice Mann at 234-6084

**Calling All Younger Women** Don't forget to make plans now to attend the one day Camp Cilca Retreat on May 1. Designed for ages 13 to 35, this is an opportunity for young women to spend a day in a beautiful setting with time for Bible studies and all sorts of activities. Friendship Guild will pay the fees for the first four to register. Contact Pat Wetzels with questions and to get reimbursed for the \$25 registration fee. Forms and information are across from the church office.

**Scott Wattles and the Blue Suede Crew** will present a gospel show on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the historic Lincoln Square Theater in Decatur, Tickets \$ 10.00 call 217-972-8606