



THE REPORTER

As we prepare to enter Lent on February 14, these words from the prophet Joel are appropriate.

*“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to Me with all your heart,
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
And rend your hearts and not your garments.”
Return to the LORD your God,
For He is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
And He relents over disaster.
(Joel 2:12-13)*

Not just in Lent, but at all times, God sends out the call to return to Him in repentance and humility. We are tempted to live our lives as if God and our faith only matter on Sunday morning. And even then, we are tempted that only the hour of worship time is truly important to God and for our faith.

Throughout the midweek services in Lent, we will focus our minds on the importance of our faith in every moment of our lives. Not one moment of time has not been redeemed by Jesus on His cross. Our Lent series is called *Guided to the Cross*. Throughout the series, we will see God’s continual invitation throughout every day of our lives to return to Him, to kneel at the cross, and to live a God-pleasing life.

Our Christian faith revolves around the cross. It is both sorrowful, because of the sacrifice Jesus makes there, and joyous, because our salvation is secured there. We come to the cross with fasting, weeping and mourning over our sin. We come to the cross because God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. We come to the cross because He relents over the disaster our sin deserves, giving us forgiveness of all our sins.

There is no more important moment of time than our Lord’s crucifixion. There is no greater moment to reflect upon and to build our lives upon. We go through Lent remembering what we will sing on Easter morning: “It was a strange and dreadful strife when life and death contended; the victory remained with life, the reign of death was ended. Holy Scripture plainly saith that death is swallowed up by death, its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!” (LSB #458.4)

We return to God with all our hearts, rending our hearts before Him so that He might show His gracious mercy and abounding steadfast love.

In Christ,

Rev. Doug Minton

Men's Bible Breakfast

We will meet Saturday, February 10. We are continuing a six-month study of Psalms of Divine Wisdom. This month, we will look at Psalm 119:1-8. Norm P is our host this month. Every man of the congregation is welcome to join in the discussion and fellowship. Please see Pastor to receive a copy of the study guide.

Focus on the Family Inserts

Each month, the Focus on the Family insert is included in the newsletter. Thank you to Gene and Marilyn Reeves for donating the inserts this month.

Radio Service Broadcasts

Our weekly services can be heard live each Sunday at 9am on WHPO 100.9, WIQI 95.9, and also on our website at www.oursaviormilford.com. You can hear the rebroadcast of our weekly services on WHPO 100.9 each Sunday at 5pm.

Danville Women's Care Clinic

The Women's Care Clinic is in need of volunteers. If you can volunteer to be an Advocate/Mentor, be part of the Child Care Team while parents are attending appointments, or Chaperone an ultrasound, please contact Stacy, the Volunteer Coordinator at DWCC.

Podcast of the Month

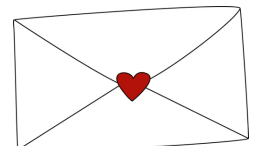
Our podcast for February is the **Concordia Publishing House** podcast. CPH is the publishing arm of the Missouri Synod. In this podcast, they highlight new books that are being published by CPH. The latest episode highlights *Unforgivable? How God's Forgiveness Transforms Our Lives* by Ted Kober and Mark Rockenbach. If you are looking for good confessional Lutheran books to read, CPH should be your first stop.

Moments of Meditation

Moments this month this month continues St. Paul's epistle to the Galatians. Listen weekday mornings at 8am on WHPO 100.9.

Remember Those Unable to be with Us on Sunday Morning

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| Dianne Estes | 423 N Dixie Hwy | Hoopeston, IL 60942 |
| Delmer Henrichs | 1257 E 1200 North Rd | Onarga, IL 60955 |
| Arlene Hines | 503 S Chicago St | Milford, IL 60953 |
| Mike Hines | 390 W Center St | Sheldon, IL 60966 |
| Sara Janssen | 325 E Orange, Rm 303 | Hoopeston, IL 60942 |
| Dorothy Knake | 106 Fritz Dr | Milford, IL 60953 |
| Rosalie Lundberg | 423 N Dixie Hwy, Rm 232 | Milford, IL 60953 |
| Pat Nielsen | 120 W Jones St | Milford, IL 60953 |
| Joanne Sloan | 2364 E 900 North Rd | Milford, IL 60953 |
| Brenda St. Peter | 817 S Hanson Dr | Watseka, IL 60970 |



Lent Services

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, February 14, 2023 with the Imposition of Ashes. Please bring your Palm Branches from last year to the church by Sunday February, 11 so we can have the ashes ready. This year our Lent Series is Guided to the Cross:

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| February 14: | Ash Wednesday – Guided to Forgiveness (Colossians 1:13-14) |
| February 21: | Guided to Hope (2 Corinthians 1:10) |
| February 28: | Guided to Love (1 Timothy 1:13-14) |
| March 6: | Guided to Peace (Colossians 1:19-20) |
| March 13: | Guided to Trust (1 Timothy 1:15) |
| March 20: | Guided to Perseverance (Ephesians 6:18) |
| March 24: | Palm Sunday – Guided to Humility (James 4:10) |
| March 28: | Maundy Thursday – Guided to Service (Romans 7:6) |
| March 29: | Good Friday – Guided to Sacrifice (Hebrews 10:12) |
| March 31: | Easter Morning – Guided to New Life (Romans 6:4) |

Other Lent Information

We will begin our Lent meals and Hymn Sing on Wednesday, February 21. Serving for meals will begin at 6pm and the Hymn Sing will begin at 6:45pm. Watch the bulletin for menus and information on freewill donations. Offerings during our Lent services will again this year be added to our Missions money.

Eastern Illinois Foodbank Foodmobile

The Foodmobile will be in Milford Thursday, February 15 from 1:30 – 2pm at Town and Country. If you plan to attend one of the following distributions, we encourage you to visit www.eifclient.com to pre-register. Please note, pre-registering is not required and does not reserve a spot in line. Those attending should bring boxes, bags, or carts to transport food.

DHS MAXIMUM MONTHLY GROSS INCOME FOR RECEIPT OF USDA COMMODITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 (JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024)

| Household Size | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Monthly Income | \$3,645 | \$4,930 | \$6,215 | \$7,500 | \$8,785 | \$10,070 | \$11,355 | \$12,640 | \$13,925 | \$15,210 |
| For households with more than 10 persons, add \$1,285 for each additional person up to 300% FPL | | | | | | | | | | |

Wrestling with Theology Schedule

Confessional Corner – February 26 – Luther's Early Life and Career (1483-1525)

Digging Deeper

- February 1 – Babylon the Prostitute (Revelation 17:1-6a)
- February 8 – Why Do You Marvel? (Revelation 17:6b-14)
- February 15 – The Great Prostitute Judged (Revelation 17:15-18)
- February 22 – Fallen Babylon (Revelation 18:1-3)
- February 29 – Come out of Her! (Revelation 18:4-8)

February 2024

| Date | 2/4 | 2/11 | 2/18 | 2/25 |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Elder | Bob Storm | Con Campbell | Neil Rieches | Justin Schroeder |
| Organist | Linda Kellerhals | Linda Kellerhals | Theta Lee | Theta Lee |
| Radio Monitors | Patrick and Dawn Teig | Dean Lingley Dave Lucht | Justin and Brenna Schroeder | Chris Schroeder Marilyn Reeves |
| Sound Board | Dean Lingley | Patty Bruens | Kendra Morts | Patrick Teig |
| Greeters | OSLC Youth Group | Josh and Sara Seyfert | Mary Kamin Paula Justice | Brian and Shannan Neukomm |
| Acolyte | Evelyn Morts | Audrey Neukomm | Ellie Schwartz | Clara Neukomm |
| SS Snack | Pre-K - 5th | Jr High/High School | Adult Bible Class | Pre-K - 5th |
| Old Testament | Isaiah 40:21-31 | 2 Kings 2:1-12 | Genesis 22:1-18 | Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 |
| Psalms | 147:1-11 | 50:1-6 | 25:1-10 | 22:23-31 |
| Epistle | 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 | 2 Corinthians 3:1-13 (14-18); 4:1-6 | James 1:12-18 | Romans 5:1-11 |
| Gospel | Mark 1:29-39 | Mark 9:2-9 | Mark 1:9-15 | Mark 8:27-38 |
| Festival | Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany | Transfiguration of Our Lord | First Sunday in Lent | Second Sunday in Lent |
| Altar Parameters | Green | White | Purple | Purple |

Head Usher: Josh Seyfert

Altar Guild: Marilyn Reeves and Chris Schroeder

 *Happy Valentine's Day* 

Happy Birthday to You!

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| Justin Kindle | February 4 |
| Maryanne Anderson | February 6 |
| Gene Reeves | February 6 |
| Patrick Teig | February 6 |
| Logan Smith | February 11 |
| Shelle Franke | February 12 |
| Chris Rieches | February 13 |
| Kiaria Wright | February 13 |
| John Lee | February 14 |
| Dawn Teig | February 15 |
| Deb Wright | February 15 |
| Brinley Gullquist | February 20 |
| Linda Buhrmester | February 23 |
| Keith Catron | February 23 |
| Ruth Harms | February 23 |
| Bonnie Hines | February 23 |
| Larry Tobeck | February 24 |
| Mary Bushong | February 26 |
| Trace Schwartz | February 28 |

Happy Anniversary!

Cory and Mary Bushong
February 11 (30 years)

Jacob and Olivia Harms
February 20 (15 years)





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Worship Service 9:00 am
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:30 am

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

FEBRUARY REPORTER

**Join Us Every Sunday Morning for Service
starting at 9:00 am**

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