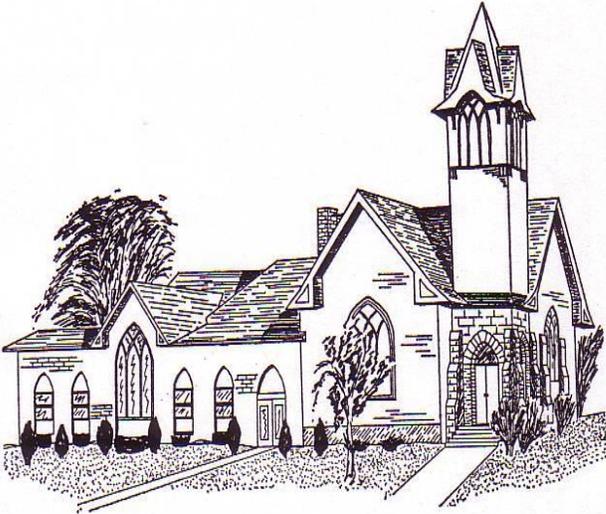


The By-Line

The Newsletter of
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March

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In Our Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:

Les Bedore, Linda & Steve Garrison,
Jerry Hawkins, Norma Smith, Betty Stettka,
Rosanna Grant, Pete Viall,
Lisa Soderquist, Sue Wenzelman,
Jean Pinnow, Art Brown,
& Donna Abbott

Please call the church office or Pastor Chrystal's cell phone at 815-450-7337 if someone has been hospitalized. Additionally, the Prayer Chain is available for your joy and concerns by contacting Margaret Klipp at 815-468-7586.

Something from the Pastor

The year is rolling along and we are already into the Lenten Season. Lent is a time of reflection and repentance, representing the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. He fasted, prayed, and faced temptation from the devil as he prepared for his public ministry. The Lenten season of today lasts for 46 days because the 6 Sundays

during this time are not days of fasting and repentance but days of celebrating the Joy and Glory of God. So this season come and worship and rejoice in God and take a break from Lent.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Chrystal

March Worship

- ❖ **March 4** – 3rd Sunday in Lent
 - Communion
- ❖ **March 11** – 4th Sunday in Lent
 - Committee Meetings & Potluck
- ❖ **March 18** – 5th Sunday in Lent
- ❖ **March 25** – Palm Sunday
- ❖ **March 29** – Maundy Thursday
 - Service at 7pm
- ❖ **March 30** – Good Friday Crosswalk 10am

Additional Church

Events in March

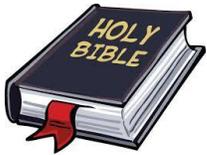
2nd Sundays – Bible Study 9-9:30am
March 15 – Council meeting, 5pm.

Lenten Week

March 29 - Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm

March 30 – Cross Walk 10am at St. Joseph's Catholic Church ending at the Nazarene Church with bread and soup.

April 1 - Easter Breakfast - 9:00am
Worship service - 10:30am



Bible Study
2nd Sunday of Month
9-9:30am



March 2	Emilie Tamblyn
March 8	Gina Blanchette
March 9	Diane Johnson
March 10	Peter Viall
March 11	Chloe Blair Sue Wenzelman
March 13	Bonnie Mark
March 16	Jim Adkins Tom Bessman



March 18 Art & Diane Johnson



Move your clocks
ahead an hour.
Sunday, March 11
@ 2am



Easter Tulips

Easter will be here before we know it and we need to get our order in for our tulip plants rather early to guarantee getting what we want.

The tulips will only be \$12 this year and will be white with purple pot covers and white bows. Tulips may be purchased 'in memory of' or 'in honor of someone'.

Order forms will again be in the Sunday bulletins on March 4. If you are unable to be in church, please email or call the church with your name, the number of tulips you want and if they are in memory or in honor of someone. Then you can mail your check to the church.

Order forms filled out in church can be left in the collection plate.

All orders must be in by Sunday, MARCH 4!

Manteno Food Pantry Collection

March 4 – Hot and Cold Breakfast Cereal

March 11 – Canned fruits & vegetables
(light syrup) (low sodium)

March 18 – Canned & dried soup packages

March 25 – Pasta and Pasta Sauces

****Please leave in the cart at back of church.**



Choir Fest

Benefits the

Manteno Food Pantry

Friday, March 2 at 7pm

Manteno Church of the Nazarene
(698 N Locust, Rt. 50)

Living Right and Loving Life

Exercise Schedule



FAB

Flexibility & Balance
Tuesdays & Thursday
9:30am

**No classes Holy Week
March 27 or 29**

Remember, everyone exercises at their own risk and all bettering your body exercise classes are free. Also, these programs are geared for the high school and older age group and that they are not just for our members . . . Invite your friends!

ENERGY, our youth group, is spearheading a collection of items for **Prince Home in Manteno**. Prince Home provides a means for homeless veterans to regain and maintain dignity by providing a path to independence and a productive life. The home has 15 male and female residents. ENERGY will be collecting items through Easter and will be using the profits from their wreath sale to purchase items also. Following is a list of suggested items needed by the home:

Coffee & Tea	AA/AAA batteries
Powdered creamer	Twin comforters
Body wash	Twin sheet sets
Deodorant	Shampoo
Manicure sets	New towels
Exercise bands	New t-shirts
Packs of notecards	Forever stamps
Solid air fresheners	Gum
Light bulbs	Candy
Gift cards	DVDs
Kitchen floor mats	

There will be a collection area in the back of the sanctuary until Easter so please consider giving as you can. Thank you!!



Plastic Cap Collection

We are collecting plastic caps for the Cavalier Cap Challenge which provides recycled benches for KCC through Green Tree Plastics.

Acceptable clean, plastic caps & lids:

Medicine bottle caps

Drink bottle & Milk jug caps

Flip-top caps

Detergent caps

Hair Spray & Spray Paint caps

Toothpaste & Ointment tube caps

Deodorant caps

Caps with recycle #s 2, 4, & 5

Cottage cheese, cool whip, yogurt, cream cheese, & butter tub lids

Mayonnaise & Peanut Butter jar lids

Coffee Can lids

Ice Cream lids less than 8 inches

Prescription bottles with labels removed

No metal, plastic bags, food containers, bottles, Soap/lotion pumps, or fast food drink lids.

Lucille's Library Corner

Friends for the Journey

By Madeleine L'Engle and Luci Shaw

Each of these authors is a well published woman in their own right, utilizing very distinct styles of writing to their credit. When the book was written in the late 1990's, L'Engle and Shaw had been close friends for over 25 years and could certainly be considered experts in the field of friendships. As you read the book, you will travel through all the facets of a friendship and how the common ground of faith and love of God is a firm foundation for a lasting friendship. As more and more of our relationships become based in the world of social media, it is crucial to remember the importance of friendships which include faith, shared experiences (good and bad!) longevity and communication. The book is based on a very interesting premise and is written with both authors offering their opinions and their own personal experiences.

Submitted by Carol Snyder



Free Concert
 Monday, March 5
7pm Kresge Hall
Larsen Fine Arts Center
Olivet Nazarene University

March Recipe



Ambrosia Salad

Light and Fruity – great for Easter brunch or dinner.

Ingredients

4 servings

- 1 can (11 ounces) mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 can (8 ounces) pineapple chunks, drained
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1 cup sweetened shredded coconut
- 1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream or vanilla greek yogurt

Directions

In a large bowl, combine the sour cream or yogurt with the marshmallows and coconut then fold in the oranges and pineapple. Cover and refrigerate for several hours. Yield: 4 servings.

Did You Know????

Easter Food Traditions

The Christian custom of Easter eggs, started among the early Christians of Mesopotamia, who stained eggs with red coloring "in memory of the blood of Christ, shed at His crucifixion".

The Christian Church officially adopted the custom, as a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus, with the *Roman Ritual*, the first edition of which was published in 1610. Among its *Easter Blessings of Food* section, it contains one for eggs, along with those for lamb, bread, and new produce.

The hard shell of the egg represents the sealed Tomb of Christ, and cracking the shell represents Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Moreover, historically Christians would abstain from eating eggs and meat during Lent, and Easter was the first chance to eat eggs after a long period of abstinence.



Altar Flowers

The altar flower sign-up poster is on the bulletin board. Just write your name next to the date and don't forget to note

who or why you are memorializing or celebrating. You can include your \$25 in an envelope placed in the offering plate with your name and what it is for. Be sure to bring the beautiful floral arrangement home to enjoy.

Sunday Worship Service

Fellowship	10:00 am
Worship	10:30 am
Children's Church beginning at 10:45 am (September thru May only)	
Nursery is available beginning at 10:15 am	

Church Council Members

Georgann Butterfield, Paul Koch
 Joe Snyder, Lois Meyer
 Georgann Butterfield, John Tamblyn
 Clerk of Council – Donna Kiedaisch



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