



# The MESSENGER

## Lent 2018

### Thy Will Be Done



Drawing from Christ's prayer in Gethsemane, "Thy will be done," this Lenten series reflects on how we can seek God's will in all aspects in our lives. We'll use the biblical characters of Abraham, Moses, David, Mary, Paul, and Lydia as reference points in our own lives. This material comes from Creative Communications for the Parish.

#### February 14 – Ash Wednesday

Genesis 15:12-15

"God's Will and God's Promise"

Abraham and his offspring will have to endure a period of oppression before receiving God's promises. Lent is traditionally a time of denial so we may come to experience God's grace more fully.

#### February 18 – First Sunday of Lent

9:00 Youth Sunday

10:15 One and All

Exodus 2:11-15

"God's Will and Our Inadequacy"

This is the story of Moses murdering an Egyptian and then fleeing Egypt. Moses, who would lead the Hebrew people out of Egyptian slavery, was a flawed and sinful person. Yet God uses us, who are sinners, to do God's will.

#### February 25 – Second Sunday of Lent

Psalms 51:1-12

"God's Will and God's Forgiveness"

This Psalm is attributed to David and is placed in the context of David's sin with Bathsheba. David pleads for God's forgiveness and "a new and right spirit" that will guide David to a better way of living.

## Ash Wednesday –



February 14 is the beginning of Lent. You are invited to a meal at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall followed by a worship service 6:30-7:15 PM also in Fellowship Hall. There will be vegetable soup (gluten free) and chili. We'll sing and pray together, the Chancel Choir will sing, and you'll have the opportunity to have ashes imposed on you.

## Pancake Breakfast –



\$5 tickets for the Block Party fundraiser at Applebee's Restaurant will be available this Sunday at the Information Center. The pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 17, 8:00-10:00 AM.

## Youth Sunday –



The youth will be leading worship at the 9:00 AM service on February 18, and the theme is "A Place at the Table."

## Upcoming Youth Special Events –



• February 25 – Altitude Trampoline Park. Meet at FCC at 4:40 PM or Altitude at 5:00 PM. For youth 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost is \$15 for 1 hour (plus \$2 for Altitude socks). A parent must sign a waiver online at Altitude Trampoline's website.

- March 11 -- Serving a meal at Safe Harbor (TBD)
- April 15 -- Swim Party
- May 20 -- Cook-Out at Maxwell Park

➤ *Bible Study* – You are welcome to come read through the short Letters of James, Peter, John, and Jude (currently James) on Wednesdays at noon in the Conference Room. Jim Warren leads the study.

➤ *Gifts for Another Table* – We're off to a great start! During February please continue to bring the following non-perishable food items for Center For Hope Food Pantry: rice, rice dinners, potato dinners, pasta & sauce, Hamburger Helper, dinner meals, cereal, and pull-top canned vegetables & fruit.

➤ *Trivia Night* – Saturday, February 17, at 6:00 PM, Centennial Christian Church's Outreach and Evangelism Teams will be hosting a Trivia Night. The cost is \$80 per table of 8 or \$10 if you join another team. All proceeds will go to local outreach projects. The church address is 1219 E. Grove, Bloomington.

➤ *Pastors' Class* – A class for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and older youth preparing for baptism on Easter will be held on Sundays at 11:30 AM for 5 weeks in the Founders' Room beginning February 18. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in the class, please see Jim Warren or Holly Irvin.



➤ *Wednesday Supper Club* – Famous Dave's Restaurant, February 21, 5:30 PM. To attend please note number attending on a Sunday attendance pad or phone FCC Office (829-9327) before 4:30 PM Monday, February 19.



➤ *GFPD Tee It Up!* – The Global Foundation For Peroxisomal Disorders (GFPD) Tee It Up! 2018 Golf Outing, with morning and afternoon sessions, will be Friday, May 18, at the Weibring Golf Club. The reception/auction will be Saturday, May 19, at ISU Alumni Center. On-line registration for sponsorships, donations, volunteer opportunities, and event participation is open now on the website at: [www.teeitup4gfpd.com](http://www.teeitup4gfpd.com).

## *Witness of the Faithful*

Attendance: 2/4: 122, 22      Offering: \$17,603.80

### *Prayer Concerns*

**OSF St. Joseph:** John Lindenbaum

**Treatment:** Sharon Warren

**Awaiting Tests:** Richard Malone

**Aftercare:** Mickey Armstrong, Bob Corbett, Kathy Dailey, Dave Eyman, Peggy O'Neal

**Hospice:** Roberta Blomgren, Harold Goyen, Marilyn Thompson, Virginia Warren

**Assisted Living:** Alma Samuels (Taylors' home)

**Nursing Homes:**

Blm. Rehab – Marilyn Thompson

Heritage, Blm. – Merle Murray, Virginia Warren

Heritage, El Paso – Sonna West

Heritage, Nrm. – Harold Goyen

Liberty, Clinton – Corena Meyer

Martin Health – Dave Dungan, Marlyn Mahannah, Lois Murray, Barbara Thatcher

Sugar Creek – Roberta Blomgren

**Military:** Chris Kavanaugh (Marines, CA);

Harley Scott (Phillis niece/Navy, VA)

**Sympathy to:** ... Debbie Stumm and family on the January 31 death of her sister-in-law, Sue Stumm, of GA  
... Gene Fowler and family on the February 1 death of her son, Jerry Fowler

... Steve (Lori) Craig and family on the February 5 death of his brother, Earl Craig

### *Happy Birthday*

Mary Lou Mercier, will be celebrating her 90th birthday March 3. If you would like to send a card, her address is 2193 County 355N, Carlock, IL 61725. An open house will be held at the Carlock Public Library (202 E. Washington St., Carlock) on Saturday, March 3, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. She requests NO GIFTS!



### *Thank You*





Posted on the Centrum bulletin board are notes received from Ministry & More (food donations) and McKale Craig (Love Box).

### *Inclement Weather*

Please listen to WJBC radio, check our Facebook page, or go to the church website for information regarding cancellations.



# FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> Baby Dedication 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM One and All Worship 10:15 AM Youth Sunday School 2:00 PM Christian Motorcycle Association 5:00 PM Youth Group	<b>29</b> 10:30 AM Bridge 5:45 PM Bridge 5:45 PM Voice Lesson	<b>30</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 8:00 PM NA 6:00 PM Block Party Meeting	<b>31</b> 10:00 AM CCIW 12:00 PM Bible Bunch 5:30 PM Hand Bells 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM One and All Rehearsal	<b>1</b> 1:00 PM Disciples Women's Ministries 3:30 PM Private Voice Lessons	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 12:30 PM Seeding
<b>4</b> Gifts for Another Table 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM One and All Worship 10:15 AM Youth Sunday School 5:00 PM Youth Group Will Not Meet	<b>5</b> 10:30 AM Bridge 5:30 PM Elders' Circle 5:45 PM Bridge 5:45 PM Voice Lesson	<b>6</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM NA	<b>7</b> 12:00 PM Bible Bunch 5:30 PM Hand Bells 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM One and All Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 3:30 PM Private Voice Lessons	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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<b>18</b> Week of Compassion Offering Youth Sunday 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM One and All Worship 10:15 AM Youth Sunday School 11:30 AM Pastors' Class Starts 5:00 PM Youth Group	<b>19</b>  10:30 AM Bridge 5:45 PM Bridge 5:45 PM Voice Lesson	<b>20</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM NA	<b>21</b>  12:00 PM Bible Bunch 5:30 PM Hand Bells 5:30 PM Supper Club @ Famous Dave's 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM One and All Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 10:00 AM CCIW 3:30 PM Private Voice Lessons	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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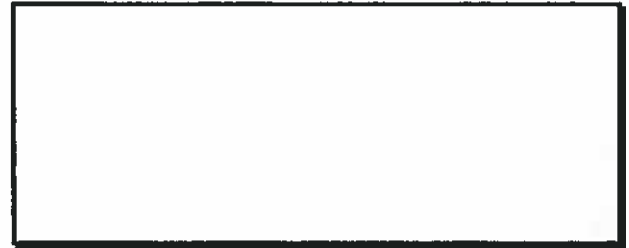
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## Serving Sunday, February 18

Mailed: February 9, 2018

**Acolytes:** Bethany Warren, Lydia Warren  
**Child Care:** Trish Logan, Stephanie Reed  
**Deacons:** 9:00 Youth 10:15 Vicki Hall, Matt Davis  
**Jr. Deacons:** Teagan Gramley, Abby Logan  
**Drivers:** Ryan Newton, Rich Crusius  
**Elders:** Brenda Phillis, David Bradbury  
**Homebound Elders:** Patti & Chip Jamerson  
**Fellowship Host:** John Dailey  
**Fill Candles:** Becky White  
**Greeters:** Youth  
**Information Center Hosts:** Ron & Nancy Gramley  
**Scripture:** Youth **Time for Children:** Youth  
**Sound Tech:** Brian Metz **Video Tech:** Todd Chapman  
**Worship & Wonder Greeter:** Jessica Davis  
**Pulpit:** 9:00 AM Youth – *A Place at the Table*  
10:15 AM Jim Warren – Exodus 2:11-15  
*God's Will and Our Inadequacy*

**Sunday Traditional Worship** ..... 9:00 AM  
**One and All Worship** ..... 10:15 AM  
**Sunday School for all ages** ..... 10:15 AM  
**Sunday Youth Group** ..... 5:00 PM

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## Serving Sunday, February 25

**Acolytes:** Evan Nichols, Alexis Nichols  
**Child Care:** Trish Logan, Michelle Kieseewetter  
**Deacons:** 9:00 Todd & Corin Chapman 10:15 John & Kathy Dailey  
**Jr. Deacons:** Austin Metz, Rebekah Warren  
**Drivers:** Darrell Arvik, Ralph Lehmann  
**Elders:** Camille & Art Taylor  
**Homebound Elders:** Brenda Phillis, David Bradbury  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Cindy Rousey, Wannie Beard  
**Fill Candles:** Becky White  
**Greeters:** Darrell & Teri Arvik, Matt & Naomi Kosier  
**Information Center Host:** Nancy Guither  
**Scripture:** Emily Campos **Time for Children:** Jim Warren or Holly Irvin  
**Sound Techs:** Brian Metz, Austin Metz **Video Tech:** Austin Metz  
**Worship & Wonder Greeter:** Chip Jamerson  
**Pulpit:** Jim Warren – Psalm 51:1-12  
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