



# 2024 MARCH NEWSLETTER

## ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH

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**Pastor Rosemary Captain**

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST,

One of our Lenten observances is Maundy Thursday. Maundy is the English form of the Latin word meaning commandment. Jesus' new commandment to "love one another even as I have loved you" is the focus of Maundy Thursday. This love is demonstrated in Jesus' example of servanthood and the gift of Jesus' self in Holy Communion. Many churches follow the Maundy Thursday service of the table with the Order of Tenebrae. Tenebrae is the Latin term of shadows. It is a service of lessons accompanied by the gradual extinguishing of lights. The readings commemorate the last days before Christ's burial.



It's been many years since we gathered in the Fellowship Hall for these commemorations, so we will do it this year. **Thursday, March 28, starting at 5:30 pm we will gather in the Fellowship Hall (L room) for a light supper of soup and finger foods. We will commemorate the Last Supper and Tenebrae together.** Starting early, we hope to end our gathering before night fall, for all of those who aren't fond of driving at night. **We will need a "head" count in order to have enough food. Please RSVP by Palm Sunday. Put a note in the offering plate or email or call me. [revrosemarycaptain@gmail.com](mailto:revrosemarycaptain@gmail.com)**

I hope the evening will be a memorable way to end our Lenten time together. May your Lenten journey be filled with wisdom, love, and a change of heart in order to do what I can to bring compassion to our world. Pastor Rosemary Captain.

### LENTEN OBSERVATION

How are you observing Lent? Fish on Friday? Giving up something for Lent?

I am a fan of Pope Francis. His advice for this Lent is to:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaining and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with Joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words, and be silent and listen.

One more thing -- join us for Lent at St. John! And don't miss Holy Week! Details elsewhere in the newsletter.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Palm Sunday March 24 at 10 am

Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm

Easter Sunday service of Word and Sacrament March 31 at 10 am



### FREE PROM DRESS EVENT

**Free** Prom Dress Event Saturday, March 2, 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Over 200 long and short dresses, shoes and purses all for free.

There will be Goodwill donation basket if you so desire. **TELL**

**EVERYONE YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY!**

**ALL GOWNS HAVE BEEN DRY CLEANED AND ARE BEAUTIFUL!**

See you there! Carol Bulva



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

3/1 Dee Schott

3/3 Hayden Myers

3/8 Nancy Eisenhauer

3/8 Donna Isselhard

3/8 Tiffany Baldwin

3/9 Jan Miller

3/9 Barb Whitaker

3/12 Carol Bulva

3/20 Mary Lou Baum



### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

3/11 Pat Bregen & Larry Cates # 19

3/14 Mary Lou & Urban Baum #60

3/16 Amy & Cody Brink #22

3/17 Tiffany Baldwin & Lew Thomasino #23

3/20 Jan & Tom Miller #53

## **USHERS:**

March 3	Tom and Jan Miller
March 10	Lew Thomasino, Ginny Ganschinietz
March 17	Judy Schmitt, Chuck Kistler
March 24	Nancy Eisenhauer, Eileen Gammon
March 28	Nancy Eisenhauer
March 31	Tom and Jan Miller



**PRAYER LIST:** Becky Ballard, Urban and Mary Lou Baum, Ronald Bopp, Jackie Canterbury, Carson Edwards, Amy Iverson, Josh Mueller, Marilyn Paul, Syd Safriet, David Seneczyn, Amy Smith, Yvonne Weber, Joan Williams, Rosemary Williams.

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF BOB SCHWARTZ



## **CHOIR**

Choir will sing on Easter, as usual. What will not be usual is our accompanists! Come and see what we have in store as we celebrate Christ's resurrection! We will also have some special music on March 10. Of course, worship every Sunday is special. Don't miss out! Nancy

## **EVENING CIRCLE**

Welcome to the busy month of March. Following is a list of March activities the Evening Circle will be participating in along with congregation members.



- March 2 Prom Dress Give-Away 8 – 12 noon
  - March 10 The Baum's 60th Anniversary Celebration
  - March 17 Evening Circle meeting after church in the L-Room
  - March 24 Palm Sunday
  - March 31 Easter Sunday
- Join us for any or all of these activities.

St. Patrick Day Wisdom: Never iron a 4-leaf clover, because you don't want to press your luck. At Easter, we remember Jesus' sacrifice and give thanks for what he brought to our world.

Eileen Gammon Co-Chair

P.S. The Evening Circle is planning a Rummage Sale for Sat. April 27th, 2024, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm  
If you have any items to donate, please **PRE-PRICE** and have them at church at least a week before the 27th. **NO CLOTHES PLEASE.**

## REMEMEBER THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO WORSHIP WITH US

Jeanette Brown  
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Fairview Heights IL 62208

Rosemary Williams  
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Belleville IL 62220

Ivy Schneider  
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Becky Ballard  
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Belleville IL 62223

Yvonne Weber  
200 St Clair Dr  
Fairview Heights IL 62208



**DON'T FORGET THE TIME CHANGE ON SUNDAY MARCH 10, WE RETURN TO DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME.**

You don't want to be late for church.



### LILY SALE

You will be able to order Lilies March 17 & March 24 at a cost of \$10 each.  
You may also give a Memorial for a loved one for the Garden of Memories.



### A GRACIOUS THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Church, we sincerely thank David Schmisser for his generous donation to the Church. With his help, we can continue to work towards and secure the future of the Church.

Thank you from Fairview Heights Food Pantry!

Thank you so much for thinking of the needy in our area by providing donations and food to our pantry. The Food Pantry board is overwhelmed with the generosity of your congregation. It was very clear that your congregation is devoted to helping the less fortunate. We can never adequately thank you for all that you for all you do for us. You are making the lives of many of our clients a little less desperate. Please accept our thanks and gratitude to each and every person in your congregation.

Sincerely, Jo Ann Nadler – Fairview Heights Area Food Pantry Board

# March

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Prom Dress Event final setup	2 Prom Dress Event 8 to 12 noon
3 Service of Word & Sacrament 10 am	4	5	6	7 Bible Study at 6:30 pm via Zoom AA Meeting	8	9
10 Fellowship time after worship celebrating the Baum's 60 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary <b>Spring forward time change</b>	11	12	13 Church Council Meeting at 7 pm via Zoom	14 Bible Study at 6:30 pm via Zoom AA Meeting Quilters 10-2	15	16
17 Service of Word 10 am Evening Circle after worship	18	19	20	21 Bible Study at 6:30 pm via Zoom AA Meeting	22	23
24 Palm Sunday Service of Word 10 am RSVP due for Maundy Thursday light supper	25	26	27	28 Maundy Thursday supper & soup 5:30pm	29	30
31 Easter Sunday service of Word 10 am Choir rehearsal 9 am Choir sings at service						