



# ADVENTURE

## NEWS

Faithful Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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## March Highlights



### Tuesdays

- Men's Prayer Group 6:45 a.m.
- Financial Peace University 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesdays

- Sounds of Shepherds 6:30 p.m.
- Lenten Study & Supper 6:30 p.m. (Starting March 16)
- Adult Choir 7:15 p.m.

### Thursdays

- (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) Parents and Kids @ Home 10:00 a.m.
- Faithful Quilters Group 7:00 p.m.

### Sundays

- Worship 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

### Sunday, March 6

- Class 101 12:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 8

- Retirees' Luncheon, Olive Garden 11:30 a.m.

### Wednesday, March 9

- Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.

### Sunday, March 13

- Corned Beef & Cabbage 12:15 p.m.

### Thursday, March 17

- Book Club 10:00 a.m.

### Saturday, March 19

- Blood Drive 7:00 - 11:30 a.m.

### Thursday, March 24

- Potpourri 10:30 a.m.

### Friday, March 25

- Serve at Siena/Francis House 5:00 p.m.

### Sunday, March 27

- Safe Driving Seminar 6:00 p.m.

See enclosed calendar for more.

## Corned Beef and Cabbage



Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:15, we'll once again be able to present a Corned Beef and Cabbage Fellowship Dinner.

Member Care is gearing up for this favorite meal, providing all an opportunity to break bread with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We'll serve traditional corned beef, a delicious cabbage dish with bacon, potatoes, bread and dessert.

Note: Some families may have a member who doesn't eat corned beef. We will have a limited quantity of chicken strips available so that you may all stay and enjoy the meal.

When you sign up in the Fellowship Hall, please indicate if you would prefer the alternate entree so that we can plan accordingly.

## Safe Driving Seminar

Ron Reynolds of Safer Teen Driving will be here on Sunday evening March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. He will dedicate his time speaking to our congregation about safe driving. Ron's daughter died a few years ago in an automobile accident. You can learn more about Ron and his ministry by visiting [www.saferteendiving.org](http://www.saferteendiving.org).



# Session Highlights

The Session did not meet in February.

## New Officers

The following new officers were elected at the Annual Meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>. They will take office in June.

**Elder** (Class of 2014): Jim Carruthers, Steve Drager, Ken Thomson, and Beth Weiss.

**Deacon** (Class of 2014): Jean Evans, Lloydette Carruthers, and Patti Greene.

**Nominating Committee** (One year term): Sue Bruening, Paul DeCelie, Skip Dvorak, Dan Kusmierski, Bill Neuman, and Maria Sinley.

## Class 101 Returns

Interested in learning more about membership and ministry at Faithful Shepherd? Our next inquirer's class will be meeting on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> after the second worship service.

## Ash Wednesday

Join us in the sanctuary for worship on Ash Wednesday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. We join with millions of Christians around the world as we begin the journey of Lent. The service will include the imposition of ashes.

## ATTENDANCE

The average Sunday morning worship attendance on the first three Sundays in February was 122.

Bible Quiz Answer: A

# Crossroads News

Newly released ex-offenders are continuing to enter the Crossroads housing program. As ex-offenders have lost much due to their time in prison, they have needs for setting up an apartment. Currently, the need is for gently used: sheets, blankets, dishes, and silverware.

Crossroads may soon need 4 single beds.

For those that have items to donate, please call Tim Locatis at 816-2658, or email [locatis2@gmail.com](mailto:locatis2@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support of Crossroads ministry.

Peace,  
Becky Balestri

## "Quote of the Month"

*Faith is to the soul what life is to the body. Prayer is to faith what breath is to the body. How a person can live and not breathe is past my comprehension, and how a person can believe and not pray is past my comprehension, too.*

—J.C. Ryle



As Lent approaches, you are again invited to participate in our "Spiritual Mardi Gras." On March 8th, we'll join with other Christians from around our community to kick off a different kind of spiritual journey. At 7:00 pm, we'll gather at St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church for a joint worship service. Other churches participating include: Living Faith United Methodist Church, Celebration Covenant Church, Community Covenant, St. Columbkille (Papillion), Faith Presbyterian (LaVista), Faith Westwood United Methodist, St. Stephen the Martyr, and St. Thomas Lutheran Church.

The very next night we kick off our Lenten journey with an Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary. The service begins at 7:00 pm and includes the imposition of ashes.

During the Wednesdays of Lent, we'll gather at 6:30 pm (light supper provided) and study a book entitled, "The Next Christians: Following Jesus in a Post-Christian Culture" by Gabe Lyons. We'll use a DVD series as a guide. In the book, Lyons looks to the future and offers a compelling vision of how followers of Jesus can recover their core identity while faithfully navigating our unprecedented, post-Christian culture.

Here's the schedule:

March 8	7:00 pm	Joint ecumenical worship service at St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church (168th and Q).
March 9	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday worship in our sanctuary.
March 16	6:30 pm	"The End of Christian America"
March 23	6:30 pm	"Restoration Thinking"
March 30	6:30 pm	"Provoked to Engage"
April 6	6:30 pm	"Creators Who Are Called"
April 13	6:30 pm	"Grounded and In Community"

The grace and peace of Christ be with you all.

*Pastor Darin*

# Finance Report



Finance  
Update

January operating expenses were \$1,144 higher than operating gifts.

I am also re-reporting the 2010 totals because they were incorrect in the annual report that we distributed to the congregation on February 20th. I apologize, but the report that was handed out was run before the end of the year and therefore understated operating expenses.

Operating gifts were correctly reported. Consequently, net ordinary income for 2010 was overstated as \$17,657 when it was actually \$10,099 with all income sources.

If anyone would like a corrected income and expense report for 2010, contact me at 991-2894 or Linda at the church office (330-2683) and a corrected copy will be supplied to you.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

	January '11	2010 Totals
Operating Gifts	\$20,009	\$263,275
Operating Expenses	\$21,153	\$255,277

In 2010, operating gifts were 12% higher than total pledges.

For 2011, the budget approved by the session is 8% above total pledges.

We do anticipate actual expenses to again be below the amount budgeted for 2011 thanks to the tremendous stewardship of your church staff, committees, and committee chairs.

As of July 1st 2009, any gifts given to the church that are designated for "building fund" will be considered restricted gifts and deposited into a sub account to be applied toward principal on our bank mortgage.

Previously, these were considered operating gifts since the mortgages are paid from the operating account. This change in policy gives members an opportunity to directly reduce the principal on our mortgage.

For those who are interested in setting Electronic Fund Transfers for their regular pledges, please contact the church office (330-2683) or Bill Neuman (991-2894).

On behalf of Faithful Shepherd, Thank you for your continued prayers and generosity.

Bill Neuman  
Finance Director

# Who's Who

**Session** members for 2010 /2011: Sue Anderson, Sunny Andrews, Susan Bullock, Steve Drager, Skip Dvorak, Debbie Hart, John Lord, Bill Neuman, Kathy Papadopoulos, Frank Possinger, and Jeff Sinley.

**Board of Deacons** members for 2010/2011: Sara Andrews, Jim Carruthers, Angie Champion, Erin Drager, Jon Hart, Dan Kusmierski, Marilyn Thorpe, Dawn Walkenhorst, and Betty Wittington.

# Bible Quiz

Just before the Last Supper (John 13), Jesus took off his outer robe, poured water into a basin and began washing his disciples' feet. One disciple, however, protested having the Lord wash his feet. Jesus told the reluctant man that unless he allowed Jesus to wash his feet, he really had no share in Christ's leadership. The disciple then relented. He said Jesus could wash not only his feet but his hands and head, as well.

Choose the name of this disciple from the list below:

- A. Peter
- B. John
- C. Andrew
- D. Judas



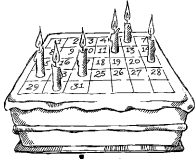
# Mark Your Calendars

April 17th is Palm Sunday and we will be gathering to share our annual Ham & Potluck Dinner. Member Care will provide the ham and scalloped potatoes and guests are asked to bring a side dish. Watch for more details in announcements beginning March 20th.

April 24th is Easter Sunday and there will be a Sunrise Service and breakfast following. Please mark your calendars and plan to stay for a sunny meal after this very special service! More details soon.

# Joys

## Birthdays



Birthdays  
This Month

We wish a happy March birthday to Ross Eggleston (3/1), Todd Walkenhorst (3/4), Matt McCown (3/7), Debbie Hart (3/9), Marian Lord (3/11), Maria Sinley (3/15), Marla Kniewel (3/20), Lloydette Carruthers (3/21), Scott Champion (3/22), Denise McCown (3/23), Bob Nagler (3/24), Logan Woods (3/25), Dylan Jones (3/26), Rich Greene (3/27), and Fred Bealer (3/31).

Ed. Note: If we have missed anyone, please let us know.

## Anniversaries



Happy March wedding anniversary wishes to Mark & Marsha Wright (3/23) and to Cory & Michelle Bremer (3/25).

## Guests

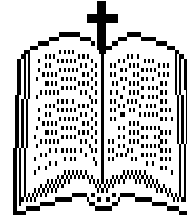


Recent guests in worship include Cheryl & Chaz Ebel; Jerry Jones II; Kevin Keaton; Ava & Grace Fagan; Mardella Cates; Anne Carroll; and Ashlee & Tiffany Hopkins.

# Directory Change

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# March Worship Schedule



## Sunday, March 6: Transfiguration Sunday

Sermon Title: *Transfiguration*

Please read Matthew 17:1-9.

## Sunday, March 13: First Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: *The Journey Begins*

Please read Matthew 4:1-11.

## Sunday, March 20: Second Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: *Searching for Life*

Please read John 3:1-17.

## Sunday, March 27: Third Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: *Hunger & Thirst*

Please read Exodus 17:1-7 and John 4:5-42.

## Sunday, April 3: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: *Everything Exposed*

Please read Ephesians 5:18-14.



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# March 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group 9:00 am Staff 10:00 am Dance Class 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm FPU	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm SOS 7:15 pm Choir	<b>3</b> 10:00 am PAK 7:00 pm Faithful Quilters	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Faithful Quilters (kitchen)
<b>6</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am SS 11:00 am Worship	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (492)	<b>8</b> 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group 10:00 am Dance Class 11:30 am Retiree's 7:00 pm FPU 7:00 pm Worship	<b>9</b> 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Agape Latte  No Quilting	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm English Country Dance 7:00 pm Bridge Group	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9 & 11 am Worship 10:00 am SS 12:15 Corned Beef & Cabbage 6 pm Narrow Gate	<b>14</b> 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (492)	<b>15</b> 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group 10:00 am Dance Class 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm FPU	<b>16</b> 6:30 Lenten Study & Supper 6:30 pm SOS 7:15 pm Choir	<b>17</b> 10:00 am PAK & Book Club 7:00 pm Faithful Quilters	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 am Blood Drive 5:00 pm PAK St Patty's Party
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<b>27</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am SS 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Narrow Gate	<b>28</b> 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Fellowship 7:30 pm Worship	<b>29</b> 7:00 pm FPU 7:00 pm Building/Grounds/Finance 7:30 pm Hospitality & Communications	<b>30</b> 6:30 pm Lenten Study & Supper 6:30 pm SOS 7:15 pm Choir	<b>31</b> 7:00 pm Faithful Quilters	2530 S 165th Avenue Omaha, NE 68130 402.330.2683 www.fspresby.org	

# Forgiveness BRACELET

Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins, and he tells us to forgive other people, too. Make and wear this craft as a reminder that you are forgiven — and should be forgiving.

## What you need:

- Clear plastic bottle (about 16 oz.)
- An adult to help
- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Permanent black marker
- Glue or clear tape
- Thin ribbon or yarn
- Small hole punch

## What you do:

1. Remove any label from the bottle. Have an adult help you cut the bottle in half, width-wise. At the middle, cut out two identical half-inch-wide strips.
2. Cut out paper the same size as the plastic strips.
3. On the paper, write "Forgive, and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37, NIV).
4. Place the paper between the two plastic strips.
5. Cut and glue the ribbon or yarn to run along the top and bottom of the verse, framing the words.
6. Punch a hole at each end, through all three layers.
7. Tie the bracelet to your wrist with ribbon or yarn.



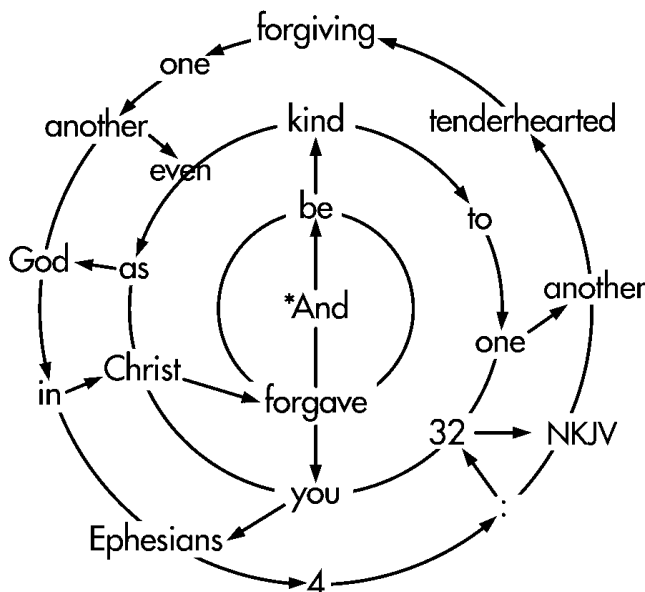
# WHY FORGIVE?



This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others — and why.

**Directions:** Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows.

Write the words in order on the blanks below.



"And \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ."  
 \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NKJV

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## An Organized Response

Some people today reject the idea of belonging to a church by saying, "I'm spiritual but not part of any organized religion."

It may be cute to respond by saying, "Well, you'd like our church. We're the most disorganized group of people you could imagine." But what a putdown to the body of Christ.

Instead, try saying this: "I really enjoy our church. We have something for everyone. I've learned so much and get a lift for living every week." Briefly point out what has been most helpful and meaningful to you. Then offer to take the person to worship with you as your guest.

*See You in Church*