



SEASONAL REMINDER

It is about time to change our clocks again! The suggestion is to move all of yours forward one hour as you go to bed on March 8th. Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, March 9th and we would hate for you to miss service because you were one hour behind.



FAT TUESDAY ON SATURDAY!

Zion will be holding their annual dinner the evening of Saturday, March 1; serving from 4 to 8 pm. The menu will include their famous BBQ smoked pork sandwich along with baked beans, cole slaw, chips, a drink and dessert. The prices are \$8.50 for adults; carryouts \$9.00, with children under 10 FREE. For tickets in advance see a Zion member or call the church office at 618-532-1751.



This service, which has come to be a tradition at 1st Christian church, will be held on March 5th this year. The light supper begins at 5:00pm with worship at 6pm.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED AT ST. PETER WILL BE AT FAITH METHODIST AND 2ND BAPTIST

Reporter: Norma Borgmann

Our church hosted the January business meeting of the Church Women United-Centralia on the bitter cold morning of January 30th (after the 1/24th rescheduled date) as Demaree United Methodist Church was unable on such day. Thus, special thanks to these persons who helped me in hosting on the 30th: **Verna Steinkamp** for providing food and greeting guests, **Jeanette Storck** for food, and **Jane Brink** for helping with dishes.

The World Day of Prayer will be observed on Friday, March 7th at Faith United Methodist Church in Wamac at 1:00 p.m. with Egypt being the focus of this year's theme. Women around the world will be acknowledging this annual celebration that centers around a different country.

The spring meeting of the Church Women United-Centralia will be held on Thursday, March 27th at 2nd Baptist Church at 9:00 a.m. Let's hope it will be warmer then. All women are cordially invited to attend.

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PRAYER CORNER*

Rod Borgmann	Esther Campbell
Ileen Castellari	Robin Cimera
Bob Cohlmeier	Luke Hammond
Paul Kluthe	Kent Niermann
Nellie Schlau	Paula Sears
C. & J. Smith	Don Storck
Betty Telford	Gerald Wehrheim
Curtis White	

**In accordance with HIPPA (It's real name is Heath Insurance Portability Privacy Act.) requirements, the persons on the St. Peter prayer list have requested, or given permission, for their names to be included and published in the prayer list. Names will appear for 30 days unless the individuals or their immediate family request that they be maintained on the prayer list for another thirty days.*

Our Servicemen

David Harper	Chris Lyday
Corey Schlau	Nathan Storck
Cole Vehrs	Jared Vehrs
Anna Walls	

In Care Centers

Marjorie Nehrt

In Sympathy We Morn

We lost several members that were really active as long as their health had permitted. Please remember the family and friends they leave behind.

Sandra "Sandy" Zinschlag died January 26, 2014.

Gretta Sharp died February 4, 2014.

Jack Weible died February 9, 2014.

PLEASE HELP US UPDATE

If you know of someone who needs to be added or taken off, please contact the church secretary, **Judy Reichenbacher**, at the office 532-7124, and if no one is available, please leave a message.

**Remember your Church in your will.
A Gift that will last for generations**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Giving Totals for Jan. 26 - Feb. 16, 2014

General Offering.	\$ 5,013.00
Parsonage.	450.00
Improvement Fund.	25.00
Change for Change 2014.	60.00
Christkindlmarkt ad.	75.00
Initial Offering.	3.00
Memorials - V. Atherton.	250.00
Memorials - S. Zinschlag.	10.00
Memorials - G. Sharp.	50.00
Memorials - J. Weible.	220.00
Condolence Fund.	153.00
Building Honorarium - CWU.	50.00
TOTAL.	\$ 6,359.00

**GENERAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE
(01/01/14 THROUGH 02/16/14)**

Amount received \$ 10,646.00
(Does not include "Change for Change 2014")

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Jan. 26	39
Feb. 2	24
Feb. 9	31
Feb. 16	28

THANK YOU!
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Thank you to **Rev. Orrin Johnson** for being our guest minister on February 9.

The Special Events Team thanks the following church family members for providing food and/or

assistance at the luncheon served after Jack Weible's funeral on February 13th:

Name	Food	Worked
Nan Borgmann	X	X
Norma Borgmann	X	X
Diana Brinkmann	X	
Cathy Chontofalsky	X	X
Jane Edmonson	X	X
Connie Freels	X	X
Judy Luer	X	
Helen Niekrenz	X	X
Barb Niermann	X	
Judy Reichenbacher	X	
Charlene Smith	X	
Verna Steinkamp	X	X
Jeanette Storck	X	
Susan White	X	X
Jim White	X	X

The Stewardship Team thanks all who donated money for "Change for Change" on 2/16 as \$60.00 was given.



The season of Lent! We used to think of it as a time for solemnity, a time when only the most dirge-like songs were sung, a time when we were asked to fast or give up something we liked to eat. I remember from my childhood that I could only wear navy blue and other dark colors all through the season, and I longed for Easter when at last we could get out summer colors, light colored shoes, and flowered hats! The question that went around all the time was, "What are you giving up for Lent?" Meat, chocolate, some special treat?

A better question might be, since traditionally Lent is the time used to prepare for Easter, is "What are adding to your life during Lent, to prepare yourself for the celebration of the resurrection?". And, as you may have guessed, I have some suggestions. One is a daily discipline of Bible

reading and prayer; another is regular church attendance. A good way to prepare for Easter would be to invite some people to explore spirituality with you, including visiting our church. How about a few random acts of kindness? A note or phone call to someone who might be lonely comes to mind. And here is food for thought: try two minutes in every day of doing nothing, and as much as possible, thinking about nothing. There is even a website that gives you a sea scene, wave noises and a timer to help you. <http://www.donothingfor2minutes.com/>

What are you doing to prepare for Easter? May Lent be a peaceful time for you to get in touch with yourself and with God.

LATEST SELECTION MADE FOR THE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Reporter: Rev. Lisa Hart

The book to read for next time is South of Superior by **Ellen Airgood**. Discussion to be held April 23rd at 6:30 pm.

ERM SOCIETY NEWS

Reporter: Norma Borgmann

Five ERM members and one guest (**Melinda Graham**) braved the cold and snow on February 12th for the February ERM meeting. **Verna Steinkamp** presented a program that included naming a hymn with the word "love" in its title as played by **Melinda Jeanette Storck** was declared the winner and given a prize.

During the business meeting, the attendees discussed the consideration of the continuation of the 71 year old organization, and such decision was tabled until the April 9th meeting when hopefully more members will be present. There will not be a Mother-Daughter Banquet in May as usually sponsored by the ERM. In response to a request as sent to all the women's groups in Illinois South Conference, our ERM will donate a hand-made spring wreath for the GALA event on 3/22 to benefit DuBois Center.

REMINDERS

Reporter: Norma Borgmann

Our church will be leading the devotions on Sunday afternoons in March at Fireside House at 2:00 p.m. in their dining area. Persons willing to help are certainly welcomed. Anyone willing to lead a service on a given Sunday sure can. Just let me know in advance.

I am especially seeking someone to lead the March 23rd service (select any topic) due to my unavailability on that date. Thus, I would greatly appreciate a replacement on that date.

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The ERM Society continues to collect “Labels for Education” and Campbell’s can labels for Kindercottage in East St. Louis. Give to **Ruth Carpenter** or **Norma Borgmann**. Thanks to all persons who have contributed to such endeavor through the years as many supplies have been secured for students there from these labels.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
FEBRUARY 2014 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	<h1>March 2014</h1>			APRIL 2014 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1 Day of Discipleship 9:00 am-4 pm St. Paul, Bellville Fat Tuesday on Saturday @ Zion Serving 4-8 pm		
2 Communion Worship @ Fireside 2pm	3	4 Quilts of Love 9-2 Choir 6:30 p.m.	5 Ash Wednesday 1st Christian 5pm meal 6pm service	6	7 World Day of Prayer 1:00 @ Faith Methodist	8 	
9 Daylight Saving Time Begins Worship @ Fireside 2pm	10 Council 6:30	11	12	13	14	15	
16 Change for Change Offering Good News Deadline Worship @ Fireside 2pm	17	18 Choir 6:30 p.m. Office closed Judy working Primary Election	19	20	21	22	
23 Worship @ Fireside 2pm	24 Congregational Care Team 6:30 pm	25	26	27 CWU 9 am @ 2nd Baptist	28 DuBois Ctr. Father/Son Retreat 7 pm Friday - 4 pm Sunday	29	
30 Worship @ Fireside 2pm	31						

Unless otherwise noted:
 St. Peter Worship 10:45 a.m.

BIRTHDAYS

4 Nichol Chontofalsky
 12 Noah Huelsmann
 13 Bud Kuhn
 13 Grant Reichert
 16 Diana Brinkmann
 16 Mike Chontofalsky
 17 Jessica Feig
 19 Jason McCorkle
 21 Marjorie Nehrt

ANNIVERSARIES

18 Paul & Edie Ruez
 26 Mike & Cathy Chontofalsky



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... where God is still speaking,
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**March 1
(First Saturday)**



“Fat Tuesday on
Saturday”
4 TO 8 PM

See page 1 for more detail

Zion UCC
101 N. Broadway
Central City, IL

**March 5
(First Wednesday)**



Sponsored by the
Covenant Churches at
1St. Christian Church -
205 S. Elm - Centralia
Light supper at 5:00 pm
Worship at 6 pm

Sunday Schedule: Worship 10:45 am
Email: office@stpeterucc.com
Rev. Lisa Hart, Designated Minister
Jane Brink, Newsletter Editor