



## Notes from the Pastor

Dear Friends and Family,

Have had a couple of questions on how the day Easter falls on is determined each year. Well here it is: Easter is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after (never on) the Paschal Full Moon. The Paschal Full Moon is the 1<sup>st</sup> full moon after the spring (vernal) equinox on or after March 21<sup>st</sup>. Easter will always fall between March 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup>. As you can see with Easter being the 27<sup>th</sup> this year we are just about as early as it can be. We have many events happening in the life of the church before we get to Easter. We are still in the season of Lent and will be in Lent until the Saturday before Passion/Palm Sunday. Holy week then begins on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Holy Week is filled with scripture readings which I will attach. Holy Thursday is the first service day of the week. We will be able to attend this service at Epworth Memorial in South Bend at 6:30 PM. Next is Good Friday service which will be held at Southlawn at 6:30 PM. Holy Saturday or Easter Vigil, the Paschal or Christ Candle will be put up and lit each Sunday throughout the season of Easter. Easter will be on March 27<sup>th</sup> and will consist of a Sunrise Service at 7:00 am, followed with breakfast and then the Easter Service at 9:30 am. This is the celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ rising from death to be with his Father in Heaven. We will then stay in the Easter season until the day of Pentecost on April 15<sup>th</sup>. I urge each of us to read the following scriptures on the day shown for the upcoming Holy week:

Monday (March 21<sup>st</sup>) - Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 36:5-11, Hebrews 9:11-15 and John 12:1-11

Tuesday (March 22<sup>nd</sup>) - Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 71:1-14, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, and John 12:20-36

Wednesday (March 23<sup>rd</sup>) - Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 70, Hebrews 12:1-3 and John 13:21-32

Thursday (March 24<sup>th</sup>) - Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 116:1-4 12-19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, and John 13:1-17 31b-35

Friday (March 25<sup>th</sup>) - Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16-25, and John 18:1 – 19:42

Saturday (March 26<sup>th</sup>) - Job 14:1-14, Psalm 31:1-4 15-16, 1 Peter 4:1-8, Matthew 27:57-66

May each of us feast on the Word of God during this season of Lent, Holy week and Easter.

Grace is a freely given gift, just let it live within us with joy and love.

Blessings,  
Pastor Darrel Weaver  
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### Easter Lilies

Wow! We just finished ordering poinsettias and now it is time for Easter Lilies. The signup sheet is on the parlor bulletin board and will be up until March 7<sup>th</sup>. The price will be listed on the signup sheet. The procedure is the same; just sign your name and the name of your honoree. Please give your money to David or Kathy.

Thank you from the Worship Committee

### Let's Update the Directory!

Have you found that your Beacon is being sent to your neighbor, or that your birthday is not in the right month? If so please give me a call, drop me an email or leave me a note (preferably printed) in the office and I will get things squared away for you as quickly as I can.

Thanks for your time!

### Daylight Savings Time Begins

Don't forget to "Spring Forward" before heading to bed on March 12<sup>th</sup> to be ready for Church on time on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

# Sunday Scripture Readings for March

## March 6<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32 (UMH 766)  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

## March 13<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126 (UMH 847)  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8

## March 20<sup>th</sup>, Passion/Palm Sunday

### *Liturgy of the Palms*

Luke 19:28-40  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)

### *Liturgy of the Passion*

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

*See Pastor's Letter for Holy Week Scriptures*

## March 27<sup>th</sup>, Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12



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## Ladies Fellowship

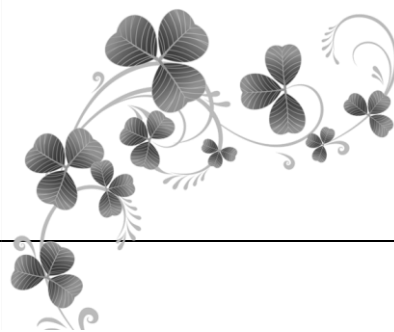
Happy March Ladies – hopefully you all stayed safe during the interesting February weather. Let's hope that the little ground hog was right and spring is soon to come and stay! Don't forget there will be no Ladies Fellowship this month – see you all in April.

## Men's Lunch Group

Winter is nearly over (we're all praying) and spring is somewhere around the corner. Also, we will lose one hour on the 13<sup>th</sup> – "Daylight Savings". So let's meet for another hour for lunch and talk about what we'll do with another hour of daylight we will gain. We will meet at Leo's on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM, meeting at the church 11:10 AM to carpool down. Please let Roger Riddle know if you would like to join in with us. Hope to see you there!

## Legend of the Shamrock

Long ago, when Ireland was the land of Druids, there was a great Bishop, Patrick by name, who came to teach the word of God throughout the country. One day, however, a group of his followers came to him and admitted that it was difficult for them to believe in the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. St. Patrick reflected a moment and then, stooping down, he plucked a leaf from the shamrock and held it before them, bidding them to behold the living example of the "Three-in-One." St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The simple beauty of this explanation convinced these skeptics, and from that day the shamrock has been revered throughout Ireland.



## Chancel Flowers

The 2016 flower calendar is up in the usual place by the nursery. Please prayerfully consider giving flowers for the altar to honor a loved one or a special occasion.

Thank you,  
The Worship Committee

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## Southlawn Shut-ins

Nancy Wolf

Woodland Terrace:  
Treva Frick  
Nonie Hertel

Marge Kinner

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# March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 7 PM Choir	<b>2</b> 6 PM Crochet	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Communion One Great Hour of Sharing (offering)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7 PM Choir	<b>9</b> 6 PM Crochet	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Daylight Saving Time begins (Spring Forward)	<b>14</b>  *Beacon Articles Due*	<b>15</b> 7 PM Choir	<b>16</b> 6 PM Crochet	<b>17</b> 11:30 AM Men's Lunch Group @ Leo's	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Communion Noisy Bucket  <b>Passion/Palm Sunday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7 PM Choir	<b>23</b> 6 PM Crochet	<b>24</b> 6:30 PM Service @ Epworth UMC  <b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30 PM Service  <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 7 AM Sunrise 8 AM Breakfast 9:30 AM Easter Service  <b>Easter Day</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6 PM Crochet	<b>31</b>		

## Birthdays

- 1 Bud Eby
- 2 Danny Hamilton
- 3 Clinton Chamberlin
- 7 Shannon Kling
- 10 Connie Schulz
- 11 Nonie Hertel
- 11 Taylor Axelberg
- 11 Lileah Apple
- 13 Eugene Dudeck
- 14 Colleen O'Rourke
- 17 Patty McConnell
- 22 Kayleigh Urbin
- 27 Ed Davis

## Anniversaries

- 20 Shannon & Joyce Kling
- 23 Dennis & Betty Foust

## Nursery

- 6 Deanie Kopec
- 13 Dorothy Axelberg
- 20 Madison Kopec
- 27 Nicole Sickmiller

## Acolytes

Sickmiller Family

## Greeters

Tom & Maria Chamberlin

## Liturgist

Kathy Andert