

Life Together



The First Presbyterian Church
of Morrison, Illinois
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Reaching out to our neighbor with open hearts;
sharing God's blessings with others.

All Are Welcome!

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March morosely melts winter's whitened waters. Softening snow sags and sinks into soggy soup. Groggy grasses greet groans of children chastising and chiding warmer weather which wakens woeful winds and forbodes fun from frolicking friends who sorrowfully shut away sleds in sheds. Ah, March.

Here is a month that could easily be traded in, yet we're always forced to wade through it for 31 days. Our yards and all the land we see are spotted in dirt-laden snow and bogs of deep mud and puddles which the thawing earth can't drink up. Mornings greet us with sheets of ice across all walkways and yards. Travel is treacherous as the blacktopped roads are riddled with potholes and salt residue, while gravel roads are often rutted and slippery. The temperatures tease us that the warmer weather is coming, but the cold remains.

Through all this, we squint and search for spring. We begin to see it, but it comes on so slow...almost unnoticeable. The first flowering bulbs appear but the grand gardens wait for the soil to heat up. The honeysuckle and forsythia bushes might give us tiny electric leaves by month's end, the willow branches may have turned bright yellow, and the dogwood hedges should glow in brilliant red...but the world still feels naked. The days turn longer than the nights. Perhaps we are even blessed with a warm spell. Still, spring tauntingly stays away. And so, we wait, and we wait, and we wait for spring. Such a long month, March can be.

Nonetheless, March is a necessary month, despite the pain and gloom it can inflict. It brings with it the season of Lent, which is not meant to be a season of ease and joy. Lent is a painful time. It is an extended moment in the year in which we are asked to take a deep look at ourselves. No, it's not just about giving up sweets and high fructose carbonated beverages. It's a time

to really delve deep...to see where we are butting up against the world. It's a time to work on fixing our rough edges and heal the hidden pains. If we take the season of Lent seriously, then it is going to reflect the harshness of March.

Yet is it all really hash? March has its beauty. March does spring forth snow drops, crocuses and perhaps the first tulips. The first clumps of green grass can rise up from the earth in our yards, mocking turtles slowly emerging from the depths of an ancient lake. Its effect is contagious as the grasses around it begin to brighten and perhaps even grow. The forests might reveal carpets of flowering dutchmen's breeches, spring beauties, and violets.

Flocks of rare birds begin to pass through, stopping to snack and rest at a lucky feeder for a spell. Robins return pecking and proving that the worms are back to the surface. A sunny afternoon can lead to rosy cheeks on a soon-to-be tanned face. Windows can sometimes be opened to let fresh air flow through and flush out the staleness of winter.

On a rare wet warm night, spring peepers will waken in the ditches and forests, singing their old frog song that floats through the open windows into our homes, reminding us that life will continue. Later sunsets and earlier sunrises let us enjoy more of the day. And the eager gardeners may find warmed patches of garden where the frost has fully thawed, turning the soil with spading forks, then smoothing out the clumpy dirt, planting spinach and radishes, and watching just how slow they grow.

Lent doesn't have to be so hard, even when we give it our best go. Like a rug being hung out on a line to have the winter's dust and grime pounded from it, the rug becomes fresh and new, and has renewed life. We don't have to actually pound ourselves though. We don't physically have to die on the cross. We can be kind to ourselves. We just have to be honest and committed. In this hopeful journey, we will



find faith in that the opportunity to be the best person we can be and to live the best life we can possibly live and make the best impact we can possibly make on the world around us is a reward worth working toward.

Lent offers us this time to really go for it. We can seek the help we need. We don't have to try to do it all by our self. We don't have to do it alone. There are others in our life, and it is quite likely there will be new people we had not expected, who are willing to be there for us and to help us. They will appear, quite often, when we need them the most. When we try to improve who we are, we are seeking to open ourselves up to love, so that we may give and receive love to the best of our ability. And when we open ourselves to love, we are opening ourselves to God, for God is love. And when this is our objective, then we can have faith that God is with us.

In spring, the world is transformed. Those of us in the Morrison region will really feel the power of the thaw this year, having had snow-covered land since at least December 29th, and even earlier from Mount Carroll over to Cedar Rapids. With most days being cloudy, we have been forced to stare at a color palate of white and black, gray and brown. The mere sight of a

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Church News

CHURCH EVENTS

Livestream Worship

Join us each Sunday for our continued livestream worship services from our Facebook group page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresmorrison>. The services will also be posted as soon as possible after the service to our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcZIobAb6lcNXGA0cbuuVdg>.

With the continued threat of COVID-19 in the area, Session has decided to continue livestream worship services at this time. They will continue to monitor the situation and determine when to return to in-person services.

Purified Air and 2nd Vaccinations First

The Session is beginning to seriously consider how soon they feel it is safe for us to return to worship. Though most other

congregations are worshipping in our area, the Session still does not believe that our returning to worship at this time is the wisest decision. This past winter, the Session has had a rough plan that we would not reengage our in-person worship until at least September. However, they are contemplating that perhaps we will start sooner.

Two steps they want to see before we resume in-person worship are getting the air in our sanctuary purified, and also to give as many members the possibility to have their second vaccination. Though vaccinations are up to the individual, as well as to the availability to differing age groups, we can do something about the air quality of our building. Our first step is upgrade the circulation and add air purification to the sanctuary. We are in the process of contracting bids for this. We will also be looking at air purification and better ventilation for the dining room, as well as the offices.

Chromebook Services

We have a small number of Chromebooks (small laptop computers) that we load with the worship service video each Sunday. It's super easy to use...it's delivered to your door, you open the lid, push any button, and the service begins. We will deliver them to those without computer devices/internet service/smart phone. If you would like to be added to our list of Chromebook users, please contact Mike or a Deacon.

Sunday Service

Balcony Guests

Individuals and families are invited to sit in the balcony on most Sundays, by reservation. There

you can watch the livestreamed service being recorded. Masks are required for the guests. Contact Mike or the church office to schedule a Sunday to visit if interested. We will not have Balcony Guests Palm Sunday thru Easter Sunday.

Bible Study

Bible study continues at 9:30 a.m. on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of the month via Zoom videoconference. All are welcome to attend. If you would like to join, please contact Pastor Mike. **Note:** There will not be a Bible study on the 4th Tuesday of each month, due to Mike needing to be at a Presbytery Council meeting at that time/date.

M.M.C. Meeting

The Morrison Ministers' Council is scheduled to meet next on March 4, at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School Meeting

The Sunday School Committee will meet on March 8 at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom.

Finance Team Meeting

The Finance Team will meet March 11 via Zoom at 11:00 a.m. A link to the meeting will be sent to members.

Corned Beef Needed!

Help, please: Our annual FREE St. Paddy's Meal will be served this year as a drive-up meal on Thursday, March 11. Once again, we need your help in purchasing the corned beef. We are looking for a total of 100lbs! Would you please consider buying one or two corned beef briskets and donating them to the church? They go on sale at Aldi this Wednesday, 2/24, (limit 2) for \$1.99/ lb. Contact me if you do purchase them so we can

March Scripture Readings

MAR 7: John 2:13-22
Ex. 10:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Cor. 1:18-25

MAR 14: John 12:20-33
Num. 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
1 Eph. 2:1-10

MAR 21: John 12:20-33
Jer. 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Psalm 119:9-16
Heb. 5:5-10

MAR 28: Mark 11:1-11
John 12:2-16
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Isa. 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Phil. 2:5-11
Mark 4:1-15:47
Mark 15:1-39

arrange a time for you to drop them off to the church (no set office hours during COVID). Or, you can make a monetary donation to the church to help us as well.

Drive-Up Meals

The next Free Community Drive-Up Meal will be the annual St. Patrick's Day meal on March 11, from 5-6:00 p.m. or until the food runs out. Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and other traditional fare will be served. If you're interested in helping, contact Mike.



We will begin two meals a month in April, on the second (4/8) and last Thursday of the month (4/29). See the menu for the rest of the year on page 8.

Daylight Savings Time

is March 14 this year. Set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



Deacons Meeting

Deacons will meet March 15 at 10:00 a.m. by phone conference. (We will continue to use the same call-in number. Call Marian Osborn if you forgot it!)

Session Meeting

Session will meet March 15 via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. A link to the meeting will be sent to members (We will continue to use the same Zoom link.)

Lenten Resources

The season of Lent continues this month. It is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter.

Prayer Requests



Those who have served the church in the past month; student Youdelka Philippe, her family and the Mission Starfish Haiti School; Yucatan Peninsula Mission; Victory Center; Sauk Valley Food Bank; Morrison Food Pantry; Stronghold Camp & Retreat Center and Blackhawk Presbytery; and those in need of healing and support: Individuals and families fighting COVID-19 infection, Resthave Home residents and staff, medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; Bob Atherton, Dan Brandon, Rich Glazier, Orville Goodenough, Glenda Hegwood, Joyce Mathew, Kurt Mills, Ruth Mitick, Sheila Osborn, Nancy Rector, Cooke Shawver, Jean Slavin, Jean Temple, Julie Stinson, Dick Vandermyde.

The Presbyterian Mission Agency offers two Lenten resources. Via the Presbyterian Hunger Program, there is an annual Lenten calendar called *Tread Lightly for Lent*. Each day has some suggestions for learning and thought... scripture readings and questions on some days, links to other resources on some days, and other educational ideas for other days. You can find it here: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent/>

There is also a daily devotional opportunity at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/lent2021/>

PW Meeting

The PW Coordinating Team will meet via phone or Zoom. Lynn Knox will be in touch with the committee with details.

Happy 166th!

The First Presbyterian Church of Morrison IL turns 166 years old on March 28. As March 28th is Palm Sunday this year, we will celebrate a rededication of the church on March 21st, on the first day of spring!

Easter Lilies & Bulbs

Although we aren't yet worshipping in person, we'd like to adorn the sanctuary for Easter as in past years. If you'd like to order a lily or other

spring bulb plant, please complete the order form on page 4 and return it to the church by March 22. We will make arrangements to get the plant to you after the Easter livestream service.

Newsletter Deadline 3/23

Please get information to be included in the April *Life Together* newsletter to the office voicemail or e-mail (firstpresmorrison@gmail.com) by March 23.



Holy Week

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Holy Week will begin with a Palm Sunday service on March 28. A Maundy Thursday service will be held on April 1 at 7:00 p.m. A Good Friday service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on April 2. *Easter* and the *Resurrection of the Lord* will be celebrated on Sunday, April 4, at 10:15 a.m. All services will be livestreamed from the church's Facebook group page and then loaded to First Presbyterian's YouTube channel, where they can be viewed at any time.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

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cardinal or blue jay is astonishing. A clear blue sky is as delightful as a birthday cake or a Christmas stocking. And just this past week, to be able to return outside again to warmer weather is life giving, though we either must skate across icy walkways and yards or slush along the melting snow, the mud and the puddles in every low spot. We are transitioning. New life is coming. The color is returning. Spring, no matter how long it takes, will be here.

We too can transform. We too can transition as needed to be the children of God we have been created to be. Our individual and communal transformations are a process. They take exploration, time and the dedication and respect a true journey deserves. Whether we know it or not, the Triune God is with us on this journey...no matter where we are, how we feel, or how balanced we are. We just have to open up to it.

Prayer is a wonderful way to begin. We need to be sincere in our desire to connect with all that is of and from love...seen and unseen. We can open ourselves to the Holy Spirit. We can

open ourselves to the Word of God. We can seek open doors and the blank slate our Creator offers before us. We can address, find and accept the parts of us that need to be left behind. We can let our old life die on the Cross with Christ on Good Friday. We can rise to new life on Easter morning. We can find our own new spring, no matter how young or old or stubborn or downtrodden we may be.

Yet we cannot become transformed if we seek to believe we are perfect. It's not a time to say we are *just fine* and that we are done growing and maturing. Nor is Lent is a time to make oneself believe that you are good-for-nothing and that you are broken—because you are not. You're just a human going through life, just like everyone else. It's not a time to fill you with low self esteem and pessimism. Rather, it's a time to find simplicity; a time to find truth; a time to find and embrace one's own self; and it is a time to begin to move forward to grow closer to the love of God.

In our life together, we can seek to be the disciples of Christ in our world today. We can work together to be the best we can be so that we can find the way to turn on God's loving light wherever the darkness dwells, both

within our own selves, our own homes, our own communities, and throughout the world around us. It might not be something that we are able to actually accomplish by early April. Like spring, sometimes it takes a long time for it to get here. But, in the end, the only thing that may truly take a long time is a milestone transformation, because those usually require us to go through many transitions, which take a lot of time, effort and continued renewal.

Though we keep our sight on the great transformations, we need to embrace the small wins as well. We can find springtime immediately as soon as we let love into our life and let love pass through us. Every action of love that we perform, regardless of its size, is a victory. Every time we allow ourselves to receive love, a victory is won as well. In love, we are able to find the continued healing we need to endlessly walk along the journey of life that always calls us to mature, grow, and better ourselves and the world around us. Together, in Christ, we can do this, no matter what. Just say a prayer and be open to the gift to begin again.

Grace and Peace,
Mike



Easter Lilies and Spring Bulbs to the Glory of God are available for display in the sanctuary on Easter. Please place your order no later than **March 19**. Payment may be made to the church office, indicating "Easter Lily" on your check. Thank you.

Each plant costs **\$12.50** and comes in a 6-1/2" pot wrapped in foil.

PLEASE ORDER (\$12.50 each):

NOTE QUANTITY:

_____ Easter Lilies (*white*)

_____ Daffodils (*yellow*)

_____ Tulips:

Choose color(s): ___ Pink ___ Purple

___ White ___ Yellow

_____ Hyacinth:

Choose color(s): ___ Pink ___ Purple

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

In celebration of _____

Donor(s) name(s) _____

_____ I would like my plant(s) after the Easter service, April 4

_____ Please use the plant(s) in the ministry of the church

AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Drop off or mail this form to: First Presbyterian Church
100 E. Lincolnway
Morrison IL 61270
Office hours: Tues. & Thurs. 8AM-2:30PM

COMMUNITY NEWS

Congrats to FPC Members

Lisa Sage, a member of FPC, was elected to the Morrison Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors at its annual meeting in January. Church members Myra Huizenga and Angela Reamer also serve on the Board. Congratulations and thanks for your service to our community!

Odell Public Library News

The library is now offering Discovery Book Packs—themed children’s literature bundles of 5-7 books, early literacy tips and activities, and an educational toy or manipulative to encourage further learning through play. Everything is packaged in an easy-grab backpack and has a 2-week checkout period. Discovery Book Packs were made possible through a Back to Books Grant from the Illinois State Library, the Morrison Area Community Foundation, and private donors. The library is open by appointment with limited hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Call to set up an appointment: 772-7323. Curbside services are also available. Odell staff members host a Facebook Live Story Time each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. See the website for more information: <http://odellpubliclibrary.com>

Emmanuel Reformed Free Meals

Emmanuel Reformed Church, 202 E. Morris St., offers free drive through meals on select Wednesday nights. See the church’s Facebook page or call their office for the next meal date and menu: 772-3890.

Whiteside Forum Talk 3/25

The Whiteside Forum will host a discussion via Zoom on March 25, from 7:00 to 8:30pm on a social justice topic. Watch for updates in local media. ■



We enjoyed your stew and sides [from the February 11 Free Community Drive-Up Meal]. Thank you for continuing to offer the meal monthly for residents of Morrison!

—Barry L. (by voicemail)

PRAYERS FOR LENT

Loving God, giver of all light and life, you sent Jesus Christ into the world not to condemn, but to save. Help us to lift up the light of Christ so that the world might believe in him and receive the gift of eternal life; through Christ, the light of the world. (John 3:14-21)

God of thundering glory and wondrous love, you lifted up Jesus Christ from the earth to draw all people to your holy name. Like grains of wheat that fall to the dust, teach us to die—and so to bear much fruit, giving our lives for the sake of the gospel, following and serving Christ Jesus forever. (John 12:20-33)

LOCAL AND OTHER RESOURCES

Golden Meals: Call 815 626-4442 (Monday-Thursday, 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) Hot meals delivered Monday-Thursday. (With frozen/sack meals for weekends.)

United Way: Will deliver groceries and restaurant orders. Call 815 441-7456.

Morrison Food Pantry: Open Thursday mornings, 7:30-9:30 a.m., for curbside pick-up of food and dry goods.

Sauk Valley Food Bank: Offers drive-up “pantry day giveaways” on some Saturdays where food is provided to residents of the Sauk Valley area. Call 815-626-4556 for details.

Sullivan’s Foods: Tuesday and Thursdays 7-8:00 a.m. shopping is reserved for senior citizens and at-risk individuals. The Morrison location has also begun online grocery ordering for curbside pick-up or delivery. Call 772-4696 or see <https://www.sullivansfoods.net/>

Local Restaurants: Some are offering pick-up, curb-side pick-up and delivery. Call for details.

City News: Keep up on local news at our city’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/thecityofmorrison>

Morrison Hospital: The hospital’s Facebook page provides information on new check-in procedures and other updates: <https://www.facebook.com/MorrisonCommunityHospital>

Whiteside County Senior Center: The Center is not open for walk-ins or events but some services are being provided by phone. Call 815-622-9230 and see their Facebook page or website: <https://www.wc-seniorcenter.org>.

Whiteside County COVID-19 Information: The county regularly updates its website with COVID information—including the status of vaccine availability: <https://www.whitesidehealth.org/covid-19-information.html>

PC(USA): The PC(USA) COVID-19 dedicated webpage adds new information and resources regularly in many areas: <https://www.pcusa.org/covid19/>.



March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		9:30AM Bible Study on Zoom		11AM Morrison Ministers' Council Meeting	World Day of Prayer	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
3rd Sunday in Lent 10:15AM Live Stream Worship Service, Facebook group page	7PM Zoom Sunday School Committee Mtg.	9:30AM Bible Study on Zoom 9:30AM Presbytery Meeting Zoom		11AM Finance Team Meeting, Zoom 5-6PM Free Community Drive-up Meal		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
4th Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time 10:15AM Live Stream Worship Service, Facebook group page 11:15AM Sunday School Zoom	10AM Deacons Meeting by phone 6:30PM Session Meeting By Zoom	9:30AM Bible Study on Zoom				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
5th Sunday in Lent 10:15AM Live Stream Worship Service, Facebook group page	Deadline to order lilies and bulbs	Newsletter deadline				
28	29	30	31	APRIL 1	APRIL 2	APRIL 3
Palm Sunday FLC's 166th Birthday 10:15AM Live Stream Worship Service, Facebook group page		9:30AM Bible Study on Zoom		Maunder Thursday 7PM Live Stream Maunder Thursday Worship Service, Facebook group page	Good Friday 7PM Live Stream Good Friday Worship Service, Facebook group page	Great Vigil of Easter

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PPP Loan/Stewardship

The Session moved to apply for a second Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan through Community State Bank for \$26,515. If awarded, the loan funds will help the church meet payroll obligations this year. We are facing a \$88,000 deficit for 2021. While we're fortunate to have the loan opportunity, financial contributions are essential to continue our missions and ministries, as well as keep our staff employed and the building running.

Donations or Per Capita payments may be sent to the church (100 E. Lincolnway, Morrison IL 61270) or you may also make a one-time or recurring donation by PayPal. See <https://www.firstpresmorrison.org/giving> for more information.

If you have any questions regarding giving or supporting the church, please contact a Finance Team member: Lynn Knox, Angela Reamer, Scott Vandermyde or Pastor Mike. Jean Eggemeyer can answer any questions you may have about your giving history and can provide a giving statement at any time. Call 772-3510 and leave a message or e-mail firstpresmorrison@gmail.com

Properties Updates

The Elevette inspectors came in mid-February to check its operation. The conveyance passed the inspection and will be certified to operate another year. Quotes are being secured on air handling and purification. (See page 2, Purified Air...)

VBS Planning

The ecumenical Committee to plan the community Vacation Bible School is hoping to host a VBS this summer.

Volunteers are needed to help plan the event, promote it, assist at registration and help in classrooms.

If you have a talent to share, please join the effort! Contact Kellie Kohl at kohl68@yahoo.com or 772-47174 for more information. Meetings will begin this spring.

Presbytery Meetings

The 2021 upcoming Presbytery of Blackhawk meetings are April 13, June 8, September 14 and November 9. Scott Vandermyde will attend as our delegate. Any member of First Presbyterian can attend any meeting, though not have voting rights. Contact the office for more information if interested. The early meetings will be on Zoom; the later ones possibly in person, but most likely on Zoom.

Presbytery News

If you would like to receive regular emails from Blackhawk Presbytery, please email staff assistant Loreen Stravers at loreen@blackhawkpresbytery.org and ask to be added to the presbytery's email list. There are three main mailings:

1. *Blackhawk Connections*: this is a regular email that goes out with loads of information about what's going on in our Presbytery and the denomination.
2. *COVID-19 Taskforce Updates*: Our presbytery's own COVID-19 taskforce sends out an e-mail twice per month to keep congregations aware of what the congregations in our presbytery are doing, updates on current regulations, and ideas for our churches to contemplate at these times to serve Christ the best we can.
3. *Matthew 25*: Mike spearheaded this new committee for the Presby-



tery to look at how we can enable our congregations to best address the areas of building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

More information can also be found at www.blackhawkpresbytery.org and www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25.

Daycare News

Michele VanBuren, long-time director of the Morrison Day Care Center housed in our church, will be stepping down within the next few weeks to pursue other interests and spend more time with family. We wish her the best and thank her for her years of service to scores of community families. ■



**"You shall
be called
repairers
of the breach."
—Isaiah 58**

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Presbyterian Hunger Program
- Self-Development of People

FPC will accept donations that will be sent to OGHs through Easter, April 4. More information on the programs can be found online: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

Leadership and Staff

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Crew

**Elders and Deacons in their
second consecutive term*

For March...

Birthdays

Angela Reamer	3/5
Blake Huizenga	3/6
Donna Gray	3/13
Jim Palmer	3/15
Steve Wolf	3/17
Collin Wolf	3/20
Ruth Mitick	3/25
Heather Sim	3/25
Cookee Shawver	3/30

Anniversaries

Bud & Shirley Thompson	3/4
Ted & Wendy Volckmann	3/5
Joe & Lisa Sage	3/13



Sunday School Update

We will continue to hold Zoom Sunday School classes on the second Sunday of each month through May 2021. Our next class scheduled is March 14 at 11:15AM. We will be talking and learning about the true meaning of Easter and The Holy Week. We hope to have all the children attend as this is a very important lesson!

If you need help getting on Zoom or need the link please let us know. Contact Kellie Kohl at kohl68@yahoo.com or 815-772-47174.

Upcoming Free Drive-Up/Community Meals

Mar. 11: St. Patty's Day Corned Beef Dinner
Apr. 8: Pulled Pork Sandwiches
Apr. 29: Ham & Potato Casserole
May 13: Baked Pasta
May 27: Grilled Hamburgers
June 10: Sloppy Joes
June 24: Grilled Brats
July 8: Pulled Pork Sandwiches
July 29: Grilled Hamburgers
Aug. 12: Chicken Salad Sandwiches
Aug. 26: Grilled Brats
Sept. 9: Sloppy Joe Baked Potatoes
Sept. 30: Grilled Pork Chops
Oct. 14: Autumn Harvest Chili
Oct. 28: Chicken & Rice Casserole
Nov. 11: Lasagne
Dec. 9: Holiday Ham

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