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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The season of Lent is upon us and in some ways I feel my heart is not ready. I am not sure why, but fasting and sacrifice is not really something I want to do right now. But, if I am truly honest, I have to ask myself when is fasting and sacrifice something I want to do? You see, the image of a baby in a manger is just so much more appealing than the image of a broken and battered body dying an unspeakably cruel death nailed to a wooden cross. Just as Jesus prayed in the garden, asking if this time of pain, suffering and sacrifice could be avoided, I want to say "do we really have to do Lent again?"

Of course the answer is no, God is not forcing me, or anyone, to walk through the days of Lent. We can all just forget this entire season, skip the whole cross thing and move right to Easter; and I must admit, it is tempting. But I know I will be a lesser person if I do, because the truth I believe is Jesus did die on that cross for me - *for me*. And somehow in this season I must do what it takes to see that cross and remember there is nothing cheap about the grace of God; it cost God everything and he truly ask so little of me.


To God be the Glory,  
 Larry

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
**DEADLINE**  
**Wednesday**  
**10:00 a.m.**



April Compass Deadline  
 is March 16th.  
**THANKS!**

**Noisy Mission Offering**  
 in  
 March  
 is going to



**LITTLE GRASSY CAMP**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**VBS is coming.**  
**...to a MOUNTAIN TOP**  
**near you...**  
**July 12th -16th**



- 1 1:30 pm Lay Leadership Retreat
- 2 6:00 pm Mom's Group
- 7:00 pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 3 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice
- Staff Parish Commitee
- 4 9:00 am Worship Team
- 5:45 pm Choir Practice
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting
- Al-Anon Meeting
- 5 6:00 pm Scouts Roundtable
- Disciple II Bible Study
- 7 9:00 am Handbell Choir
- 10:00 am AA Meeting
- 8 3:30 pm Confirmation Class
- 5:00 pm Youth Groups
- 9 1:00 pm Nurture and Care
- 6:00 pm Mom's Group
- 7:00 pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 10 noon Young at Heart
- 6:00 pm Board of Trustees
- 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice
- 7:00 pm Finance Team
- 11 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 5:45 pm Choir Practice
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 6:30 pm P & P Team
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting
- Al-Anon Meeting
- 12 4:30 pm Girl Scouts
- 6:00 pm Disciple II Bible Study
- 13 10:00am Feeder of the Pack
- 6:00 pm Daisys & Brownies
- 14 7:30 am UMM Breakfast
- 9:00 am Handbell Choir
- 10:00 am AA Meeting
- 15 1:30 pm New Member Orientation
- 16 MEALS ON WHEELS WEEK
- 6:00 pm Mom's Group
- 7:00 pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 17 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice
- Hospitality Team

- 18 5:45 pm Choir Practice
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00 pm Service & Missions
- AA Meeting
- Al-Anon Meeting
- 19 6:00 pm Disciple II Bible Study
- 21 9:00 am Handbell Choir
- 10:00 am AA Meeting
- 10:30 am Book Club
- 22 2:00 pm Confirmation Class
- 5:00 pm Youth Groups
- 23 6:00 pm Mom's Group
- 7:00 pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 24 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30 pm Church Council
- Praise Team Practice
- 25 9:00 am Holy Folders
- 5:45 pm Choir Practice
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting
- Al-Anon Meeting
- 26 4:30 pm Girl Scouts
- 6:00 pm Disciple II Bible Study
- 27 6:00 pm Daisys/Brownies
- 28 9:00 am Handbell Choir
- 10:00 am AA Meeting
- 29 noon Our Neighbor's Table
- 30 6:00 pm Mom's Group
- 7:00 pm AA Big Book Meeting
- 31 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice



To My Church Family:  
 My sincere thanks to everyone for your cards, thoughts and prayers. It is good to hear from all of you. I hope to return to Murphysboro before much longer.  
 Sincerely,  
 Peggy Schuster

Please remember the deadline for the APRIL Compass is Monday, March 16th

It's a  
*Baby Shower...*  
 for the  
*Church Nursery!*  
 March 1st & 8th



The congregation is invited to shower the Nursery with supplies and snacks.

Gift ideas include: Nursery water, baby wipes, coloring books, crayons, Clorox wipes, size AA & AAA batteries, 100% juice boxes (no Capri Sun), original flavor goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, hand sanitizer, antibacterial hand soap, and GIFT CARDS to Wal-Mart to purchase specific larger items.

For more information, contact Brooke at [bguthman28@gmail.com](mailto:bguthman28@gmail.com) or Jamie at [jaybegirl02@yahoo.com](mailto:jaybegirl02@yahoo.com) and see the list posted outside the nursery!

MARCH 2015						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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	31				



**Mar 1:** JYF & SYF to Rock & Worship Roadshow  
**Mar 8:** Youth Meetings 5 pm  
**Mar 22:** Youth Meetings 5 pm

\***CYF:** Christian Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)  
 Leaders: Irma Bigham & Jennifer Watson

\***JYF:** Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)  
 Leaders: Laurie Nehring & Shannon Vincent

\***SYF:** Senior Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th grade)  
 Leaders: Lacey Brown & Stephanie Finke

**Meetings are every  
 2nd & 4th Sunday 5-6:30pm  
 Bring a Friend!**



friends, fellowship, faith.

**MARCH 10th**

**12:00 noon**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Wear Something Green**

**Menu - \$5.00 charge**

Meat Loaf  
 Peas  
 Mashed Potatoes & gravy  
 Green Salad  
 Cup Cakes w/green icing  
 Rolls

**Please don't forget to  
 sign up on the attendance pad!**

**Irma Bigham will be present as  
 Suzanna Wesley, the mother of John  
 and Charles, and share about her life.**

**We will see you all on the  
 2nd Tuesday of every month  
 for a delicious meal and fun conversation.**

# Grief Support Group

**Beginning:  
 Sunday, March 1, 2015  
 3:00pm ~ 5:00pm  
 @**

**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
 700 S. University Ave.**

**Carbondale, IL**

for more information

visit [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)

or call church office tel: 618.549.1694

The above bi-weekly grief support group is available to any person living in Carbondale or the surrounding area. Whether you are a resident, professional, or university student, you are welcome to attend. There is no cost to participate in GriefShare. Having a supportive place to turn after the death of a loved one can be an important and meaningful part of grieving and healing.

The GriefShare group will be facilitated by Ron Hines (member of Our Savior Lutheran Church) as well as Joan Hart (member of First United Methodist Church). Both Ron and Joan will be encouraging facilitators for the group.

A series of videos and facilitated conversation will guide the group through the process of grieving toward healing and joy.

GriefShare will meet in the main floor lounge at Our Savior Lutheran Church for 13 sessions. Each session is designed to be self-contained so you need not begin only at the first session. All are welcome and have a standing invitation to attend at any point. If you are interested please come!

**NEW TO MUMC?  
 Are you interested in  
 Membership?  
 Have QUESTIONS??**

New Member Orientation will be held Sunday, March 15th at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. If you are interested in membership at MUMC or just have questions about the church, Methodism, or want to get to know the pastor better, this is your opportunity. Please sign up on the attendance pad or call the church office to attend.



## OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE



**LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

### SAVE THE DATE

**The Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast  
 Saturday, May 2nd in the Fellowship Hall**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND THIS INSPIRATIONAL TIME  
 OF FELLOWSHIP, PRAYER, MUSIC AND LIGHT BREAKFAST.  
 CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED DURING THE EVENT.**

Contact Rosie Wece at (618) 559-8167 or [gweece@wecefarms.com](mailto:gweece@wecefarms.com) if you need more information.  
 Event sponsored by Adult Spiritual Formation Ministry Team



### The Library Corner: Mary Called Magdalene, A Book Review by Paula Chapa

Very little is known about Mary Magdalene other than that she was a follower of Jesus. Below, Paula Chapa reviews a novel that gives us an imaginative rendering of Mary Magdalene's life.

Title: **Mary Called Magdalene**

Author: **Margaret George**

This novel was something that I really enjoyed reading. It allowed me to see Jesus as a man. This book allowed me to walk with Jesus and the Disciples through one of His followers, Mary Magdalene. How wonderful I felt as I followed Him on his journey, spreading the word of God, ministering to John the Baptist and working so closely with His new family of Disciples. I felt the emotion that Mary faced as she watched our Lord crucified. Though fiction, I believe that this book is a good read for someone that likes a story line following what we have learned from the Bible.

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Bible stories as novels, especially if grounded in historical research and Biblical scholarship, have a lot going for them. The stories draw the reader in, and open up possibilities of thinking about them in a new way. They also can provide historical information that explains things that are hard to understand in the Bible. And then they may raise questions: Well, what DID happen here? Or what DID this person think? And that leads back to the Bible itself. The church library has other novels that expand upon Biblical accounts. Here are a few:

**Paul, A Novel** by Walther Wangerin, follows the apostle Paul, whose blinding encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus led him to a life of danger and total dedication bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles. In the Bible, Paul's story begins in the Book of Acts.

In **Pearl in the Sand** by Tessa Afshar, we have a re-telling of the story of Rahab the prostitute, who saved the lives of Hebrew spies, and ultimately became part of the Biblical ancestry of Jesus—(see the genealogy in Matthew, chapter 1).

Novelist Francine Rivers brings us another take on Rahab in **Unshamed**, part of River's **Lineage of Grace** series that looks at the lives of five Biblical women.

There was much drama, heartache, and passion in the courts of King Saul and King David, and Jill Eileen Smith imagines some of these happenings through the eyes of three of King David's wives in her novels **Michal**, **Abigail**, and **Bathsheba**.

Lynn Austin's **Chronicles of the Kings** is a five volume series starting with **Gods and Kings** that tells the story of successors to King David in Jerusalem. The book is based on stories told in the Old Testament books of 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles.

Experience these fascinating stories for yourself. These and other books based on the Bible will be on display on the library table in the upstairs hall, or downstairs in the library.

## YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE SATURDAY MORNING



Saturday, March 21st at 10:15 am  
in the church library.

To discuss

**"Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker" by  
Jennifer Chiaverini**

(postponed from February due to weather)

In Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker, novelist Jennifer Chiaverini presents a stunning account of the friendship that blossomed between Mary Todd Lincoln and her seamstress, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Keckley, a former slave who gained her professional reputation in Washington, D.C. by outfitting the city's elite. Keckley made history by sewing for First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln within the White House, a trusted witness to many private moments between the President and his wife, two of the most compelling figures in American history.

April's Book is  
**"Invention of Wings"**  
by Sue Monk Kid

Inspired by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke, Kidd goes beyond the record to flesh out the rich interior lives of all of her characters, both real and invented, including Handful's cunning mother, Charlotte, who courts danger in her search for something better.

This exquisitely written novel is a triumph of storytelling that looks with unswerving eyes at a devastating wound in American history, through women

MARCH WORSHIP SERVICE SERVANTS		
TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
<b>MAR</b>	<u>Worship Leaders</u>	
1	Jennifer Watson jwatsonla1982@yahoo.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com
8	Jennifer Watson jwatsonla1982@yahoo.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com
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29	Jennifer Watson jwatsonla1982@yahoo.com	Angie Baughman angie_baughman@hotmail.com
<b>MAR</b>	<u>Welcome Hostesses</u>	
1	Laurie Nehring and Kathy Blackwell	
8	Laurie Nehring and Kathy Blackwell	
15	Vern Cline and Sandy Herring	
22	Vern Cline and Sandy Herring	
29	Carolyn Ozburn and Barb Giffin	
<b>MAR</b>	<u>Greeters</u>	
1	Rosie Wece and family	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt
8	Rosie Wece and family	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt
15	Rosie Wece and family	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt
22	Rosie Wece and family	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt
29	Rosie Wece and family	Teresa Gilbert & Candy Watt
<b>MAR</b>	<u>Acolytes</u>	
1	Drake Rogus and Ben Barringer	
8	Megan McNitt and Cadence Brown	
15	Conner Twenhafel and Ethan Finke	
22	Maggie Jenkins and Drake Rogus	
29	Tyler Doody and Ben Barringer	
<b>MAR</b>	<u>Prayer Request Readers</u>	
1	Earl Renshaw	Angie Baughman
8	Gaye Auxier	Angie Baughman
15	Lou Anne Lough	Angie Baughman
22	Stephanie Finke	Angie Baughman
29	Nancy Fager	Angie Baughman

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TRADITIONAL		PRAISE
<b>MAR</b>	<u>Liturgists</u>	
1	Nancy McNitt	Brian Vincent
8	Asia Watson	Lacey Brown
15	John Erbes	Dennis Goforth
22	Vanessa Lirely	Angie Baughman
29	Mary Jane Williams	Brian Vincent
<b>MAR</b>	<u>Children's Church Leaders</u>	
1	Tonya Walker	Shannon Vincent
8	Jennifer O'Donnell	Rick & Scarlett Pierson
15	Lacey Brown & Rene' Doody	Patty Thraikill
22	Diane Schingel	Katie Schwebel & Olivia Graff
29	Diane Schingel	Theresa Mills & Mary Ann Hinchcliff
<u>Ushers</u>		
Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton and Mark Twenhafel		Allen and Lucas Bigham
<u>Sunday Stewards</u>		
Gene Schwebel, Troy Brown, Everett Blackwell		



2	Jane Mitchell	14	Mary Ellen Brown
	Paul Bitner		Connie Boucher
3	Drake Rogus	15	Donald Rush
	Brian Bustos		Dianna Smith
6	Scarlett Pierson	16	Patrick Yates
7	Brandi Bitner	18	Fiona Fletcher
9	Gloria Likins		Caitlin Doody
	Wilma Westerfield	19	Hope Panepinto
10	Aaron Erbes		Marlene Gibbs
	Bill Slider		Corey Zimmerman
	Patty Thraikill		Bill Martin
	Sharon Medlen	24	Taylor Streeter
12	Everett Blackwell	25	Jacob Presley
	Todd Lirely	28	John Carvell
13	Brad Fager		Ray Burroughs
	Etta Mae Imhoff	31	Pete Pederson
			Ada Heller

*If your anniversary or birthday does not appear in the Compass, please contact the Church Office at 687-2317.*



1	Kellee & Steve Ticer
11	Scarlett & Ricky Pierson
18	Lou Anne & Jon Lough
31	Caroline & Pete Pederson

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Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
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**We're On The Web!**  
**[www.MurphysboroUMC.com](http://www.MurphysboroUMC.com)**



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Traditional Service: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:10 a.m.  
Praise Service: 11:15 a.m.

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Ministers.....The Congregation  
Pastor.....Larry A. Gilbert  
Coordinator of Ministries.....Earl R. Renshaw  
Discipleship Coordinator.....Teresa Gilbert  
Financial Secretary.....Christine Nolan  
Church Secretary.....Deb Severa  
Custodian.....Pat Sullivan  
Organist.....Judy Little  
Pianist.....Micah Mayes  
Choir Director.....Ricardo King  
Nursery Attendant.....Tania Cruz  
Nursery Attendant.....Bridget Lewis



***Don't forget to set all  
of your clocks one  
hour ahead!***

**MARCH 8th**