



WELCOMING AND ACCEPTING ALL PEOPLE ALONG A JOURNEY OF FAITH AND SERVICE.

“Welcoming and accepting all people” – is a reminder of our Welcome Statement and genuine hospitality, in the present tense so it is always relevant. “along” – is an invitation to join together side by side. “*journey of faith*” – implies that arrival is a myth; we are always growing “service” – is a natural outcome of faith and inseparable from our commitment to discipleship.

Lent 2025

“Turning Over Tables – Rethinking Our Relationship to Power”

“Many Christians know the image of a gentle and peaceful Jesus, but few have truly encountered the Jesus who boldly challenged systems of power, flipped tables, and demanded justice for the poor, oppressed, and marginalized. In her compelling and deeply pastoral devotional, Kathy Escobar invites us to walk alongside this radical Jesus – the one who not only taught but embodied the vision of a more just and equal world.” (Brandon Robertson)



We will be using this devotional guide for our worship series for Lent, but individuals are welcome to order a copy of the book for personal use. It is readily available from your preferred bookstore, or through Westminster John Knox Press.

Ash Wednesday – March 5, 6PM	“Enter”	Matthew 7:13-14
First Sunday of Lent – March 9	“Reveal”	Mark 10:45-47; 51-52
Second Sunday of Lent – March 16	“Lament”	Luke 13:34-35
Third Sunday of Lent – March 23	“Repent”	Matthew 16:24-26
Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 30	“Disrupt”	Luke 3:10-14

Facilities Transition Task Force

The church’s Board has appointed a facilities transition task force to look at space and other building needs to better facilitate our current and future ministries. Goals include creating space at the church of SCC offices, finding appropriate space (200 sq ft) for Peace Lutheran Offices and other multi-purposes spaces as identified. Ultimately, the plan is to eventually sell the rental properties on 19th and Wall.

Ministry leadership of such groups as worship, CWF/Hospitality, church administration and faith formation will be contacted for suggestions of what is needed, what they wish for and their ideas about what future needs may be.

We also want to include ideas from others. If you have thoughts about the current and future facility needs at the church at 3100 N. St. Louis Ave, feel free to discuss or share with the following task force members:

- Mike Fitterling, chair, fittdds@gmail.com
- Darryl Coit, laservices2650@gmail.com
- Jeanie Morrison, jeaniemarie@prodigy.net
- Jim Cullumber, jcullumb@gmail.com
- Jennifer Reaves, jen@jenniferreaves.com

Our next meeting will be Sunday morning, March 16.

We will compile the information and determine a potential plan and projected cost. We will provide periodic information to the congregation as we proceed. Any final decision will require both Board and Congregational approval.

Facilities Transition Task Force

Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 9

“Spring Forward” means set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday evening.



EVENTS/OTHER

JOPLIN INTERFAITH COALITION



Interfaith Bake Sale/Luncheon Results

As of February 23, the total receipts for the Interfaith Bake Sale and Luncheon were \$11,874.73, with more still coming in! Thank you to each and every one from Sojourners who helped ensure another successful event. The Medical Loan Closet will be able to cover at least two months of expenses with this generous contribution.

Christian Women's Fellowship March 3 - 9:30AM

Hostess: Anita Frieze Service Project: National Benevolent Association



Welcome Shelly White, Office Assistant

We are delighted to welcome Shelly White as Sojourners Office Assistant! Shelly began in the office on February 24 and plans to work 9AM to 2PM Monday through Friday. As per our arrangement with her, the hours may be adjusted after 90 days to make the best use of time. She has three dogs and a litter of new kittens at home. She is a retired nurse and has extensive office experience which she hopes to put to good use in service to our Church Community. She is looking forward to this new journey!



Wednesday Night Dinner

March 12 @ 5PM

Since the February meal was canceled, tacos are back on the menu. Please contact Daniell Sanders if you'd like to help. 417-396-9519.



Crosslines Ministries

March Challenge: Laundry Detergent or Dish Soap (smaller sizes please)
Sojourners Volunteer Day: March 27
 Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Souper Bowl of Caring collection. PLC and Sojourners contributed a total of 333 lbs!

Fellowship Meal March 16th @ Noon

Based on your last name, please consider the following suggestions to the meal:
 Main Dish: M-R
 Sides and Salad: A-C & S-Z
 Dessert: D-L

Kids Faith Adventure Saturday, March 29 9AM-12:30PM "GROWING IN CHRIST"

Plans are being made for a field trip on the bus, snacks and lunch, and potting small plants to share during the field trip and bringing one home,

Parents: Please preregister and sign (new 2025) permission slips for your children online at least one week (March 21) ahead of time. This really helps with providing materials for all the participants. For questions contact Darlene Coit 417-540-2750



Green Tip

Global Recycling Day is March 18. Most of the time, plastic is a great candidate for recycling. However, there are times when it needs to be thrown away. One of the easiest ways to determine whether plastic belongs in the recycling container or trash can is by using the "Poke Test." If you can push your finger through it, then the plastic is too soft to be recycled. Flimsy plastic gets tangled in the sorting machinery, causing expensive damage and extensive delays. So even if it says it's recyclable, things like water bottle wraps, grocery bags and bubble wrap all require special handling. You can take these items to the grocery store to be recycled.

(recyclingsimplified.com)

Life Together Task Force Report

At the task force's Feb. 25 meeting, the following information was shared:

- Installation of a kitchen island with drawers should begin in about 6 weeks;
- Peace Lutheran and Sojourners Christian have made plans for separate worship experiences during Lent;
- Peace task force members learned about the SCC facilities transition task force;
- Received information on new bulletin boards and room numbering.

The next meeting will be 6 p.m. May 6.

Prayer Requests

Medical: Joan Fitterling; Chris Greninger; Kemp family; Kyle Sapp (Morrison); Joe Prater; Roger Traver; Les Davenport; Chastity Perry (White)

Other:
Beth Bethards

Ongoing:
Connie Abraham; Dave Gilmore (Ratliff); Debi Lorenz; John Asher; Carol Bach; Judy Ballard; Kittie Blankenship; Gloria Brady (Abraham); Dayton and Daislee Cohen; Timicia Curtis; Lois Demaree; Margie Fitterling; Kyle Ford (Wolfenbarger); Alyxis Hefty; Darius Hughlett (Wilson); Daryl Hughlett; Roland Hughlett; Bethany James; James Knudtson; Lamley Family; Shirley Martin; Sara Metts; Missionary families (Huff, Reaves, Wilson); Arlene Nash; Nancy Nauser (Fitterling); Bethany Newman; Jim Owen; Matthew Paulda; Josh Petty; Reese Prater; Todd Prater; Cameron Ransom; Jayne Sanders; Sue Smith; Lou Starks; Connie Sullivan; Mike Tesh; Roger Traver; Michelle Vorhees; Michael Wallace (Randall); Tova Wallace-Lee; Karen Patchin Watson; Birdie Woods; Mary Lou York, and all unspoken requests.

Global Ministries Focus:

3/2 Indonesia

3/9 Syria

3/16 Japan

3/23 Jamaica



RESPONSIBILITIES

Elders

March 2	Betsy Wheeler
March 9	Darlene Coit
March 16	Ellen Broglio
March 23	Margie Fitterling
March 30	Jim Cullumber

Diaconate

March 2	Communion Prep-Judy Akeman and Jessica Fletcher-Fierro Homebound-Tom Wheeler
March 9	Communion Prep-Les Davenport and Terry Plossl Homebound-Susan Wolfenbarger
March 16	Communion Prep-Joyce Crumbliss and Sherry Crumbliss Homebound-Tom Hamm
March 23	Communion Prep-Connie Abraham and Daryl Felkins Homebound-Don Smith
March 30	Communion Prep-Megan Bever and Robb Jones Homebound-Susan Wolfenbarger

Camera & Sound

March 2	Terry Plossl & Darryl Coit
March 9	Judy Schneider & Ray Reaves
March 16	Jennifer Reaves & Ken Moser
March 23	Sandy Meadows & Don Smith
March 30	Terry Plossl & Darryl Coit

Kid's Church Preschool thru 6th Grades

March 2	Darlene & Anita
March 9	Daniell & Margie
March 16	Children in Family Worship
March 23	Robb & Kayci
March 30	Abi & Mike

Children Worship & Wonder

March 2	Karen Kemp & Judy Schneider
March 9	Karen Fitterling & Leanna Carrol
March 16	Children in Family Worship
March 23	Laney Reaves & Taylor Reaves

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

2 Sandy Meadows
13 Willa Randall
14 Les Davenport
20 Joe Prater
22 Kathy Nicodemus

Anniversaries

16 Tom Hamm & Colleen Carroll
29 Kenton & Julia Foster



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/CW&W/Kid's Church Storm Drill after Worship 4pm-6pm Family Connection	3	4 (5:30 PLC Shrove Tues. Dinner & Worship) (5:30 WW)	5 Ash Wed 9:30 CWF 12:00pm Worship Ministry Team Mtg. 6pm Worship 6:30pm Choir	6	7	8
9 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS LENT # 1 8am Elders 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/CW&W/ Kids Church Storm Drill after Worship 4pm - 6pm Family Connection	10 Board Reports Due	11 (5:30pm WW)	12 5pm Fellowship Meal 6 pm Choir	13	14	15
16 Lent #2 8:30am Facilities Trans. TF mtg 9:30 Adult Faith Formation 10:15 Kids Bells 10:20AM Fellowship 10:45 am Worship 12pm Fellowship Potluck 4pm - 6pm Family Connection	17 St Patrick's Day	18 Global Recycling Day (9 am - 4 pm Quilters)	19 6pm Choir	20	21	22
23 Lent #3 8am Elders 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/CW&W/Kids Church 4pm - 6pm Family Connection	24	25	26 6pm Choir	27 Cross-lines 9:45am to 2:00 pm	28	29 9am to 12:30 pm Kids Faith Adven.
3. Lent #4 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kids Church 4pm - 6pm Family Connection	31	1	2	3	4	5

Severe Weather Drill March 2 and/or March 9

As per our Safety Guidelines, we will be conducting safety evacuation drills on Sunday, March 2 and/or March 9 following the morning worship service. Your cooperation in these drills is invaluable in helping our safety team to anticipate needs and improve protocols, as well as building familiarity among our members with recommended procedures. Thank you in advance. Safety Team Coordinators: Don Smith and Susan Wolfenbarger

PLEASE NOTE

Office hours for 1910 Wall

9am to 2pm



All activities at Sojourners Christian Church unless specified otherwise.

Our new website address is: www.sojournerschristianchurch.org