



THE CHRISTIAN ECHO



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**Family and friends joined members of Glen Echo at the Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Pancake Supper on February 25th. A delicious time was had by all.
*(Photos by Kathy)***



MINISTER'S MOMENT



Christian writer and Iowan Joyce Rupp recently wrote an article in her free online newsletter that resonated with me, and I would like to share part of the article with you:

“I have no doubt that I am capable of sin, of ‘missing the mark’ as some theologians define it, but I grow weary of being told that I am ‘a sinner.’ All I have to do is review my day to see how and where I fail to be my *best and truest*, to know that I could be more than I now am...Even so, as I grow older I approach Lent as a time of doing something positive to reveal more of the *best and truest* of myself, instead of lamenting my wrongdoings.

“Tell a person repeatedly that she is not good and that message eventually takes over her reality. She will deny, forget, or submerge her inherent value and become consumed with her ‘badness.’ I would like to go forth from a worship service inspired by the message that there’s so much good residing in me that it longs to spill over into what I do. What a marvelous gift it would be, if instead of being told to ‘remember our sins,’ we were invited to pause and remember our basic holiness: ‘Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Holy Spirit dwells in you?’ (1 Cor. 3:16)”

Joyce’s words mirror my own spiritual understanding. Awareness of my sinful nature can be helpful if it helps me to recognize the beam that protrudes from my eye while I try to pluck out the splinter in someone else’s. But too much focus on my sin keeps me from focusing on the goodness of God. When I concentrate on my “badness,” I fail to be aware of the beauty of the Creator, the expansive love of the Son, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Lent gives me a reason and an opportunity to spend more time in God’s presence and “to taste and see that the Lord is good. (Psalm 34:8)”

I hope that you have a spiritually rewarding and invigorating Lent.

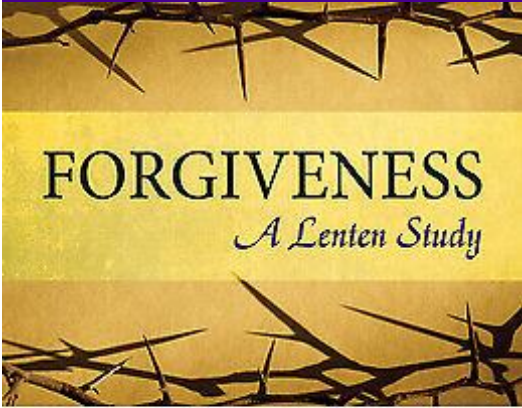
Blessed to be on this journey with you,

Pastor Dawn

MARCH PREACHING SCHEDULE

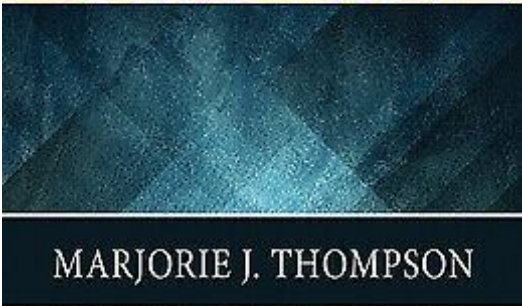
<u>DATE</u>	<u>FIRST LESSON</u>	<u>SECOND LESSON</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>
MARCH 1	Psalm 32	Luke 15:11-32	“Kinship Appeal”
MARCH 8	Psalm 51:1-12	Psalm 139:1-18	“Prelude to Forgiveness”
MARCH 15	Matthew 5:43-48	Matthew 7:1-6	“Engaging the Inner Struggle”
MARCH 22	Psalm 23	Luke 23:32-43	“Getting a New Mind”
MARCH 29	Psalm 130	Matthew 18:23-35	“Embracing Freedom”

LEANING INTO LENT



Once again, we will prepare our hearts, minds, and spirits for the resurrection of Christ at Easter. Sermons during this 40 day period are based upon the book, *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study*, written by The Rev. Marjorie J. Thompson. She has taught at McCormick, Auburn, and Wesley Theological Seminaries, and at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

Each week during Lent, a different Prayer Station will appear in the sanctuary. All are welcome to add their prayers to the various stations through Good Friday.



MARJORIE J. THOMPSON

SPRING FORWARD MARCH 8th!

MEYER HALL MARCH 27th!



Please set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Sat., March 7th, so that you don't get to church just in time for the benediction on March 8th.

The Outreach Team and friends will carpool from Glen Echo to Meyer Hall on Fri., March 27th, at 6 PM. At least six people are needed for this ministry. Please speak with Joan if you can come.



THANK YOU!

Glen Echo Christian Church - Glen Echo Youth's 2020 Collection

raised:

\$471.30

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



February 2, 2020

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all of the cards and letters that were sent upon the passing of our brother-in-law and uncle. It was a hard time for our biological family, and knowing that we had the support of our spiritual family was comforting. We appreciate you so much, more than words can express.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dawn, David and Josh Ingram

Save the Dates:
 Les Youth Group will host a Fundraiser Spaghetti Lunch after church at Glen Echo on Sunday, April 26. They will host another Fundraiser Spaghetti Lunch after church at Highland Park Christian Church on Sun., May 3. Congregations are encouraged to attend both events. The youth are raising funds for a trip to the Omaha Zoo.



Members and mentors of Les Youth Group prepare for the Puppet Prophets' presentation at Highland Park Christian Church on Sunday morning, March 29, and at Glen Echo on Palm Sunday morning, March 5.

LES YOUTH GROUP

MARCH SCHEDULE	MARCH 1	MARCH 8	MARCH 15	MARCH 22	MARCH 29
SUPPER	Highland Park CC	Patty	Highland Park CC	Outreach Committee	Highland Park CC
DIRECTIONS	Julie	Julie	Julie	Julie	Pastor Heather
ACTIVITY	Puppets	Puppets	Puppets	Puppets	Make Easter Cards
PRAYER	Julie	Toni	Brian	Dawn	Heather

SENSE OF VALUE

1/31/20 Balance	\$4,801.60
2/2020 Receipts	9,379.18
2/2020 Expenses	(10,465.82)
2/29/20 Balance	\$3,714.96
Budget Allocated YTD	21,395.67
Budget Actual YTD	20,822.35

We are off to a good start for 2020. Thanks, everyone.

Terri, Stewardship Chair

COOL-AID CAMPAIGN



PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy
Steve
John
Marlene
Hazel
Michelle
DeeAnn
Eileen
Mindy
Sandy
Marge
Marilyn
George
Candy
Danielle
Rammie
Deb
Donna
Nelda
Mary
Holly
Linda
Galdino
Monica
Krista
Maurice

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 2	69
February 9	68
February 16	58
February 23	77

March can bring along some extra snow
With cold north winds that still blow
But April brings warming breezes with temps
quickly rising
So needing some cooled air is not surprising
On Easter as we sit together in our rows
Let's be sure that cooled air still flows
-- Joel

Christian Conference Center



Summer Camp 2020

Grand Camp

(Kids age 4 to Grade 2 who attend with one or more grandparents)

Session 1: June 12-13

Session 2: July 10-11

Family Camp

(Kids ages 0-18 who attend with one or more adult family members)

Session 1: June 26-28

Session 2: August 14-16

Beginner Camp

(Grade 2)

Session 1: June 29-July 1

Junior Camp

(Grades 3-5)

Session 1: June 7-12

Session 2: June 21-26

Session 3: July 5-10

Session 4: August 2-7

Middle School

(Grades 6-8)

Rustic Chi Rho 1: June 7-12

Rustic Chi Rho 2: June 14-19

Rustic Chi Rho 3: June 21-26

Rustic Chi Rho 4: July 5-10

Cabin Chi Rho: August 2-7

Art, Drama, and Music Camp: July 19-24

Adventure Camp: July 26-31

High School

(Grades 9-12)

CYF 1: June 14-19

CYF 2: July 12-17

Art, Drama, and Music Camp: July 19-24

Adventure Camp: July 26-31

Standing Rock Travel Camp: June 6-13

Senior Adult Retreat

(Ages 55+)

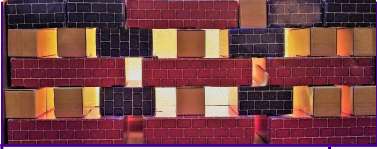
Session 1: June 29 - July 1

Registration Opens February 1!



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MARCH 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Choir 10:15 Worship 11:30 Coffee 3:00 Edencrest 5:00 Youth Group Patty Bellus	2	3	4 7:15 Choir Practice	5 2:00 Prayer	6	7
8 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Choir 10:15 Worship 11:30 Coffee 11:30 Elders Meeting 5:00 Youth Group	9	10 7:00 Committee/ Board Meetings	11 7:15 Choir Practice	12 2:00 Prayer	13	14
15 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Choir 10:15 Worship 11:30 Coffee 5:00 Youth Group	16	17	18 7:15 Choir Practice	19 2:00 Prayer	20	21
22 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Choir 10:15 Worship 11:30 Coffee 5:00 Youth Group	23	24	25 7:15 Choir Practice	26 2:00 Prayer	27 10:00 Deacon Callers 6:00 Meyer Hall	28
29 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Choir 10:15 Worship (Puppet Prophets @ HPCC) 11:30 Coffee 5:00 Youth Group	30	31				

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SERVING SCHEDULE

March 1

Worship Leader: Julie
Elder: Charles
Diaconate: Julie, Janet
Juanita, Mary Ann

March 15

Worship Leader: Barb
Elder: Rosemarie
Diaconate: Linda, Ashley
Jim, Kathy

March 29

Worship Leader: Volunteer Needed
Elder: Debbie
Diaconate: Mary, Carol
Pam, Judy

March 8

Worship Leader: Kathleen
Elder: Carol
Diaconate: Juanita, Mary Ann
Julie, Janet

March 22

Worship Leader: Aaron
Elder: Nancy
Diaconate: Jim, Kathy
Linda, Ashley

Visiting Elder: Nancy

***Elders, Deacons, the Choir, and the Worship Leader
are asked to gather in the lounge at 10:10 AM.**