

The Loop



At this time, the office and school are closed. All activities, including worship, are canceled.

[Click here to read Pastor's letter.](#)

It's said that darkness is nothing more than the absence of light. Darkness and blindness are words often used throughout Scripture to describe our sinfulness-the absence of the true Light. In our continued Lenten journey, we prepare our hearts for the dark afternoon of Good Friday at the cross. Yet even in that darkness, Jesus Christ brings the light of life. In our times of spiritual blindness and comfort in the darkness of this world, we gather again today to see His light through our vision of Spirit-given faith, that our eyes may look to Him who is the light of the world-the light no darkness can overcome.



- Ruby Trebing, Leone Schonack, Muriel Heller, Norbert Strecker, Ellen Stumer, Shirley Becker, Dottie Gravning, Sy Harjes
- Strength and healing for Kathie Ruesch
- Thanks to God for the birth of Maddox, grandson of Gene and Cindy Kelly
- Jim, good friend of Jerry McWhirter, badly burned in a fire and facing surgery to save his legs
- Comfort and strength for Greg, dealing with brain cancer
- The family of Deb Jaremba at the passing of her father
- God's guidance for us
- Guidance and mercy for/from Coronavirus
- Praises for the birth of Kaia Jo

Readings for March 21/22:

Is. 42:14-21

Eph. 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Readings for March 28/29:

Ezek. 37:1-14

Rom. 8:1-11

John 11:1-53



ECEC has extended their sale of Butterbraids until March 30! They will be delivered Monday, April 6. To order online:
<https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/503e0093-2438-4c65-895b-0599c721d8b7>

McClain to Brian and Grace McClain, son and daughter-in-law of Mike and Pam McClain

- Kathy Leising recovering from foot surgery
- Wanda Shipman

EASTER EGG HUNT



Saturday, April 4, 2020 10 AM

A box is in the narthex for donations of candy or small toys for the eggs.



Kudos to Our Confirmands

Confirmation Sunday will be on Palm Sunday, April 5 at the 8 AM service. Please come congratulate our confirmands at their reception between services. We welcome Sydney Kueber and Cameron Stewart!

Devotions for Lent

Our Liturgy for Ash Wednesday begins with these words:

"Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope."

To help us *repent, reflect and confidently dwell on God's Word* I'd like to offer you several options for family Lenten Devotion this year. For those of you who like booklets, we have a printed devotion available in the Welcome Center, "Behold The Man". For you computer savvy Christians I would like to recommend two on-line resources. The first, from Higher Things is available at <https://higherthings.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/reflections-lent-holy->



**Sign up to bring an Easter Lily!
The sign up will be at the ARK.**

*Easter
Breakfast*



Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020
Serving is from 8:30-10:30
AM
Coffee and homemade
pastries available from 7-8
AM

[week-2020-largeprint.pdf](#) .

The second, is available from The Brothers of St John the Steadfast:

<https://steadfastlutherans.org/2020/02/2020-lent-devotions-now-available-for-download-and-printing/> .

May God richly bless and strengthen our faith this Lent as we immerse ourselves in His Word in worship and home devotions.

-Pr Harmon



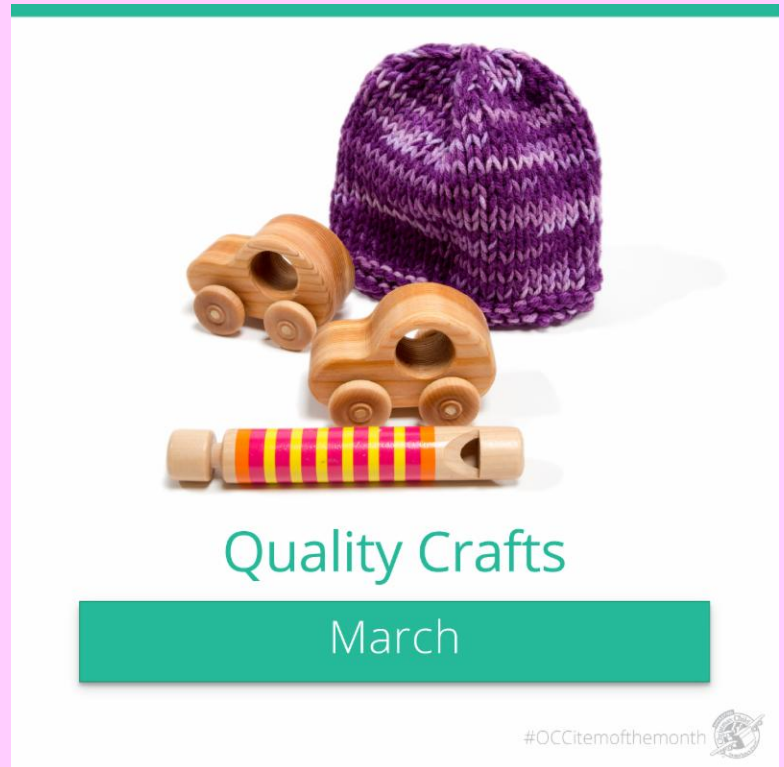
Wanderers trips on April 6 and
April 16 have been cancelled.



Game
Day

April 6 - 12 noon, no meal

No sign up needed.



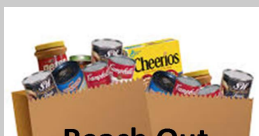
Quality Crafts

March

#OCCitemofthefmonth

Operation Christmas Child
 Donations for March are quality crafts.
 There is a donation box in the coat closet in
 the narthex.

Aurora Interfaith



Reach Out



Reach Out
To Those In Need

Needs for March are:

soap (dish and laundry)

Place all donations in the blue container in the coat closet by the Narthex. (You don't need to give every month. Please give when you can, what you can.) Thank you for all your donations.



Holy Hammers News



Your Help NEEDED.

We are helping build new townhomes in the Swansea area (43rd & Elizabeth) for our 2020 build.

The building will be from April 15 - July 25.

I was hoping to get a small group from Mt.Olive for either June 19 or July 25 (both Fridays).

Please consider & let me know so I can sign us up.

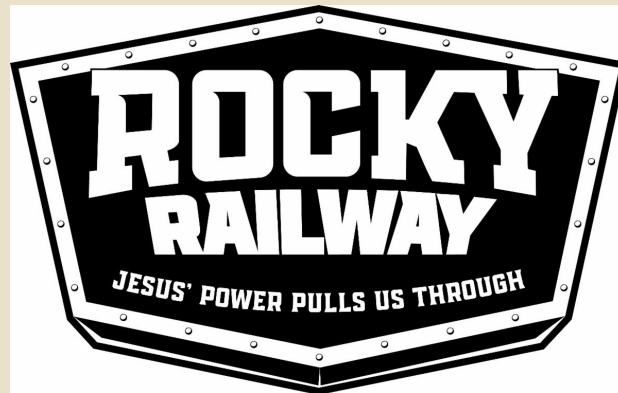
Thanks, Edie (303-693-0447)



April 1, 2020 - *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

May 6, 2020 - *Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff

June 3, 2020 - *Joyland* by Stephen King



Volunteer sign up for VBS is open! Sign up to help! VBS will be June 15-19.

[//vbspro.events/p/2ff045](https://vbspro.events/p/2ff045)

Office Hours:

M-Th: 8-4

Fri: 8-1



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