

# Our Daily Bread

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DESOTO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### MARCH 2019

#### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

We are ending February with a blast of wintery weather. It seems a suitable end to winter as we prepare to embrace Lent.

The 40 days of Lent are a reminder of the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert following his baptism. It is a time of reflection, a time to refocus our lives on Christ. While there are many crises calling for our attention, many business problems, family problems, and political problems, this is a time to refocus our attention. It is a time to set aside a little of each day to let all the worry and concern go for a few minutes and let God be the focus.

For the upcoming Lenten season, I encourage you to add something to each day. It could be a scheduled devotional time, or perhaps just a moment in every busy day to stop and pray. It could be daily scripture reading or perhaps memorizing one or two verses that are meaningful in your current situation. This will allow them to be at the ready any time the world starts to get you down.

It doesn't really matter what you choose to add to your schedule during lent, just find some way to acknowledge God's presence in every aspect of your life.

Janet

#### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Church Life celebrates members and friends birthdays on the first Sunday of each month.

March 1	Judith Reaves
March 2	Benny Yuhanna
March 6	Irmagene Mitchell
March 10	Ransome Kanu
March 16	Phyllis Speck
March 17	Joan Christy
March 22	Nancy Hollingsworth

#### LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

1. March 3 - Julie Ciuro

2. March 10 - Bryan Booth
3. March 17 - Pat Nash
4. March 24 - Bill Gast
5. March 31 - Julie Ciuro

#### MARCH GOSPEL READINGS

March 3 - Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)

March 10 - Luke 4:1-13

March 17 - Luke 13:31-35

March 24 - Luke 13:1-9

March 31 - Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I am acknowledging those of you who participate in the Worship Service each month. We would love to have everyone who worships here be a part of the Worship Service. Talk to Barry Krueger if you would like to volunteer for a specific task, or just sign up on the sheets across from the sanctuary kitchen.

Special thanks in February go to:

1. The liturgists –Bryan Booth Krueger, Julie Ciuro, Bill Gast, and Pat Nash
2. The greeters –Elizabeth Price, and Lori Gast
3. The acolytes – Michelle and Tiffany Kalu,
4. Those who brought snacks for after worship –Pat Nash, Julie Ciuro, Edwin Shafer.
5. Those who brought flowers –Barry Krueger and Bryan Booth Krueger (3 times)
6. Joan Christy for being the Gatekeeper
7. Lori Gast– has taken on the responsibility of filling the candles with oil.
8. Pat Nash hosts the after worship refreshment time with help from Church Life
9. Bryan Booth Krueger for helping prepare the communion, and picking up the attendance sheets after the service.
10. Elders serving communion: Pat Nash and Joan Christy
11. Julie Ciuro for making the Communion Bread.

#### THANK YOU LETTERS

We received 2 Thank You Letters from Presbyterian Mission. One was thanking us for our gifts we sent for the Angel Tree. We bought 4

families of chickens, a pair of goats, and a water filter with the \$325 we collected. The second one thanked us for our contribution of \$305 to the Christmas Joy Offering.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Our leaders, our Presbytery, our church, the Session, our troops, Lorrinda and Joe Alexander, Grace Presbytery and all the churches in the Presbytery, Sunday School, Margie Sonntag, Millie Allen, Tom Price, Bill and Nina Swaney, Bill's father Bill Gast, Sue Fitch, Joan Christy's nephew Ryan McNeil, continued prayers for Cameroon, Makia and Mireille Epie, travel mercies for all those traveling this month, Joan's sister Shirley and her family, Irmagene Mitchell, Steve Rangel, Bob Drury, Bruce Allen, Kevin Kimsy, prayers for Russia, Karla Krueger, Nancy's granddaughter is being deployed for 4 months to an unknown location, Cora Marsaw, everyone who is sick with the cold or flu, Linda Sharp, Robin and Tom Rawling, Sonia Wills, family and friends of Odie Windham, prayers for victims of senseless violence, Cathy McCreary and family, Margie Sonntag, Devynne's mother and 4 month old niece, a family member of Janet's is suffering with depression, Mary Tucker lost her grandson, Silver Poteet lost her husband of 62 years, Sharon and Clyde Lockhart, pray for peace during and after elections in Nigeria, Bill and Lori lost their dog, Duke Burgess is going to have cataract surgery.

### **CELEBRATIONS**

Barry's son was here visiting, everyone having a birthday in February, Barry's daughter had a baby girl – Cheyenne Hazel Osborn

### **BRING IN BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!**

It's easy to find BOX TOPS, you may have some in your home right now. You can find them on hundreds of different products, from cereal as well as other kinds of food, to storage products, household products and school supplies. Look for a sample of one in the Opportunity Corner. Each BOX TOP is worth \$.10, so imagine how quickly they can add up! There is a write-up about this with a heartfelt thank you from the Goodland Academy on the bulletin board.

### **STATED SESSION MEETING**

Our next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2019 at 12:30p.m. in the

Rainbow Room. If you are an elder and you cannot make it, please let Lori Gast know – (214)218-7784.

### **CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY**

Winter is here and our thoughts are with the homeless. We are collecting clothing for the needy. Especially needed are men's clothing, and socks in dark colors in all sizes. Please bring these items to the church and place them in the laundry basket located in the opportunity corner.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

January 2019:	
Income	\$5,620
Expenses	\$6,942
Year-to-Date:	
Income	\$5,620
Expenses	\$6,942

Please continue to support the church with your giving of time, treasure, and talent, and your faithful attendance in church. Also continue to pray for the church.

If you have any questions or comments, just call me at 972-223-3631. Thank You, Joan Christy, Treasurer

### **CHURCH GARAGE SALE AND CLEAN-UP DAY**

On Saturday, April 27, 2019, we will be having a Church Garage Sale combined with a Clean-Up Day. As you do your spring cleaning, set aside things that you can donate to the garage sale. Information on dates and times that items will be accepted for the garage sale will be sent to you later. Also, both events will need volunteers to help. Be sure to mark the date!

These events are being coordinated by your Buildings and Grounds and Church Life Committees.

### **IRISH BLESSINGS**

May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face.  
And rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 09:15 Choir Practice 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service w/ communion	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	<b>5</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	<b>6</b> Lori on vacation until the 13th	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Daylight Savings Time begins 09:15 Choir Practice 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	<b>11</b> 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	<b>12</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 09:15 Choir Practice 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	<b>19</b> 10:30 AM Worship Committee Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 09:15 Choir Practice 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:15 PM Session Meeting	<b>25</b> 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	<b>26</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 09:15 Choir Practice 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service w/ communion 12:30 PM Pot-Luck Lunch						