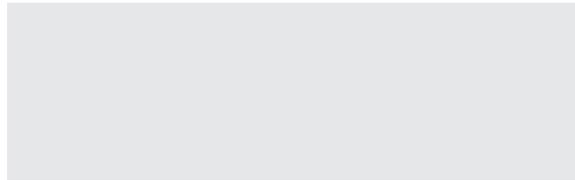




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### SERVING THIS WEEK OF March 1

**Worship Leader:** Josh Butcher  
**Elders:** Patti Jones (bread), Jan Rockwell (cup)  
**Diaconate:** Samantha Adams, Natalie Workman, Teresa Bennett  
 Betty Sherwood, Bob Sherwood, Gail Randall  
**Balcony:** Rich Cangro, Sue Cangro, Elise Cangro  
**Preparatory:** Joyce Randall, Phyllis Shields, Sam Shields  
**Greeters:** **Front** Rod Burg  
**Central East** Nita Burg  
**Balcony South** Sherri Wagner  
**Elevator** Gail Randall  
**Sanctuary Superintendent(s):** Rod & Nita Burg  
**Children's Moment:** Jan Rockwell  
**Children's Church:** Jonelle Schauble  
**Soundboard Tech:** Tim Adams  
**Coffee Fellowship Time:** Joyce Randall  
**Acolyte:** Collin Reed  
**Hospital Caller:** Patti Jones  
**Financial Escort:** Karen Chatterton  
**Sunday Morning Office Staff:** Patti Jones

Kelly Ingersoll,  
Minister

Bill Froom,  
Chancel Choir Director

Carol Harmon,  
Organist

Annetta Holt,  
Administrative Assistant

Paul Huff,  
Custodian

Mariah Chapdelaine,  
Youth/Children's Choir Director

Brandi Collins,  
Nursery Supervisor



The birthday party for these beautiful ladies was a great success. Everyone was happy to see Jean again. Mary was surprised and enjoyed every minute.

Seeing these smiling faces made it a very special day.

Thank you to all who helped make it a special memory to hold dear.

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# Kelly's Korner

My family is competitive. I learned to play cards at the age of 5. At the age of 7 I was told to learn to shuffle or no longer play cards with the family because they were tired of shuffling for me. I learned to shuffle. There would be no game without me. Whether it was checkers with my uncles during Memorial Day picnics or bridge games with my Nana, or Apples to Apples with the entire family, there was always a game to play. And win.

In our reading this week from Mark 8, Jesus will preach a great deal about losing. He will tell his disciples that he must suffer, be rejected by the religious hierarchy, and die. They do not understand. In fact, they cannot even conceive these things Jesus is saying. The teachings speak of a warrior king who will restore Israel. The messiah cannot die in the manner that Jesus is proclaiming.

Jesus continues his preaching about losing. He informs all those who will listen that losing one's life is actually winning. Does that make any sense? Losing is winning? This makes no sense in my family. This makes no sense in our country. To be fair, this teaching of Jesus makes little sense in any time or culture.

If we are to take seriously the claims we make as disciples of Christ, we will need to listen well to this hard teaching of Jesus. The only way to win, as Christians, is to be like Jesus as much as possible. And when we live in this manner, well, everyone wins. See you Sunday!

Peace,



## Sunday, March 1

Bill Butcher opens/closes church

John Carden drives the van

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

1:30 PM Shut-in Communion

Elders: John Carden

Eric Reed

Deacons: Samantha Adams

Natalie Workman

5:00 PM Youth Group

8:00 PM College Age Group

## Tuesday, March 3

7:00 PM DW Executive Board Mtg

## Wednesday, March 4

6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Lenten Study, FH

## Saturday, March 7

7:15 AM DM @ Old Dairy

## Sunday, March 8

Dave Kentner opens/closes church

Jim Schauble drive(s) the van

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

12:00 PM Congregational Meeting

5:00 PM Youth Group

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

27 Joyce & Gail Randall (a)  
Kathryn Rutledge

March

3 Susan Cangro

6 Donna Bainter  
Kathryn Weghorst

## **Sunday, March 1 Second Sunday in Lent**

**Sermon: Losing. Winning.  
Scripture: Mark 8:31-38**

Other Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

## **Sunday, March 8 Third Sunday in Lent**

Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

I Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

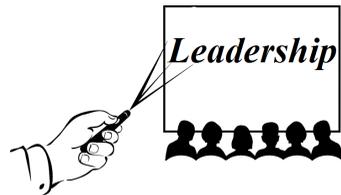


# Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting has been called for March 8, 2015, immediately following church service by Board Chair, Larry Loop.

The purpose of this meeting is to present the design of the stained glass insert for the baptismal door, present an updated financial report of the sanctuary renovation, and to present a proposal for a constitutional amendment to allow the annual meeting of the congregation to be held in December.

Please plan to attend this important meeting.



In keeping with our FCC Constitution, the members of the Personnel Committee are identified below:

- Chair: Patti Jones
- Members: Josh Butcher  
Marcia Higgins  
Shannon Reed
- Ad hoc: Larry Loop
- Minister: Kelly Ingersoll

We are currently working on two searches for the congregation: Children's Minister and Nursery Assistant. If you have questions or recommendations regarding issues of personnel, please contact one of the members of the committee.

The chairs of the departments are:

- Christian Education:
- Worship: Char Carden
- Membership: Kim Cunningham
- Property: Dave Kentner
- Evangelism: Anne Ingersoll
- Elders: Janet Shank
- Deacons: Dorothy Loop



## CHILDREN'S MINISTER

### SEARCH REOPENED

If you enjoy the bouquets in front of the podiums on Sunday morning and would like to contribute to this joy, please contact Nancy Reed or Karen Chatterton.

## MCDONOUGH COUNTY PADS IS OPEN!

Genesis Garden's McDonough County PADS Program has opened an emergency homeless shelter that operates every Friday at the Christian Community Center located at 355 W. Main Bushnell, IL.

The homeless shelter is open on Fridays from 6pm to 7am until April 25, 2015.

Sleeping arrangements will be available to families and individuals over the age of 18. Transportation can be arranged for guests and volunteers.

Anyone wishing to volunteer with, donate to, or needs more information about Genesis Garden's McDonough County PADS emergency homeless shelter can contact Marie Blome, PADS AmeriCorps VISTA, or William Wetzel, Executive Director at 309-326-3075.

The Personnel Committee has announced a search for the position of Children's Minister. The position information and application have been posted to our church website, and the Committee encourages any and all applications. Please forward the information to any individual that you feel would qualify for the position.

In addition, the congregation is reminded that we are continuing to search for a Nursery Assistant. That position is also posted on the First Christian church homepage.

## BLANKET SUNDAY

MARCH 8, 2015

### Imagine the possibilities

\$250 can provide warm blankets for five families left homeless by a tornado.

\$1,100 can provide 250 blankets to an agency serving homeless individuals and families in the U.S.

**How does our congregation's support change lives?** Contributions to CWS Blankets mean Church World Service will be ready to help families around the world recover from disasters and displacement. What's more, they will be there to help people gain the resources and develop the skills necessary to build – or rebuild – sustainable lives and communities.

11,400 CWS Blankets were sent to relief agencies and churches in New York, New Jersey, West Virginia and Pennsylvania for people impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

We have an opportunity to help provide warm blankets for those who have been affected by disasters. Please help the Disciples Women on March 8 as they work to help those in our community and around the world when faced with this type of emergency.



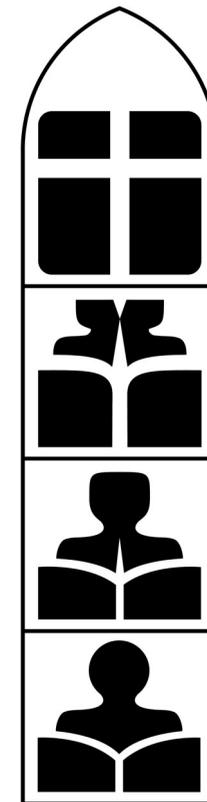
Open House

### SAVE THE DATE

The Evangelism Committee has set March 28, 1:00-3:00 p.m., for showing the community our newly remodeled Sanctuary.

Details are still being worked out, but please mark this date on your calendar and plan to serve in any way you are asked. We will need a lot of help that day—we will need hosts, guides, and servers.

The Evangelism Committee is excited to be able to plan this event, and you will be hearing more details as definite plans are made.



Learn  
&  
Grow

LENTEN  
STUDIES  
WEDNESDAYS  
IN MARCH

During March, we will have a Lenten study on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Desserts and drinks will be served. Lessons will be based on inspirational quotes intermingled with Biblical passages.

Did you ever go to the mall and see those beautiful, dramatic posters with great words of wisdom printed on them? Have you ever thought what those saying might have in common with your faith and the Bible...or even your Lenten journey?

All are invited to this intergenerational time of dessert, discussion and discernment. Please join us for *Crossings: Excelling. Seeing. Persevering. Encouraging.*