

## Third Presbyterian Church

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## Worship in April

**Sunday April 3rd 10:15 am**

*"All Things Are New In Christ"*

The Lord's Supper

Isaiah 43:16-21

John 12:1-8

**Palm Sunday**

**April 10 10:15 am**

*"Coming In Glory to Rule Our Hearts"*

Confirmation and Reception

After Worship in Fellowship Hall

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Luke 19:28-40

**Holy (Maundy) Thursday**

**April 14 7:00 pm**

*"Who Are We Crucifying, Now?"*

Reading of the Passion Narrative

John 18:1-19:42

**Easter Sunday**

**April 17**

**9:00 am Youth-Led Service**

**9:30 am Breakfast**

**10:15 Resurrection Service**

Chancel Choir Singing

Acts 19, Luke 24:1-12

**April 24 10:15 am**

*"Faithful Doubt Not Doubting Faith"*

Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

## Graduation and Scholarship Info

### Attention Graduates

Are you graduating from high school, college or grad school this year? Notify Jeannette Sheehan at 815-979-0045 or Jeanne Fauerbach at 815-742-7890 with your info so the Education Committee may recognize you on Promotion Sunday, May 15, and include you in the Third Pres. Times newsletter!

**CLASS OF  
2022**

### Third Presbyterian scholarship applications

for the 2022-2023 school year are available in the church fellowship room. The **deadline** for applications is **Sunday, June 5th.**



### 2022 Night Crusader Upcoming Events

Saturday April 16th-Axe Throwing and Lunch

Saturday April 30th - Night Crusaders will be volunteering at the soup kitchen with the church

Saturday May 21st- Volcano Falls

Saturday June 4th- Craft and Vendor Fair 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Friday June 17th- Sunday June 19th- WI. Dells camping and water park weekend. They will be back early so they can spend the Father's Day with their fathers!



## Register Now For Summer Camp!

For information on camps, go to <http://strongholdcenter.org/Programs/Summer-Camps> to see details. The church provides a 50% scholarship for all of our campers. If you register by May 15, there will be a \$15 discount. Turn in your completed application to the office with a check made payable to *Stronghold Camp*.

2022 Dates	Camp Name	Grade Comp.	Camp Cost	50% Sch	\$15 Early Regist.
June 17-19	Grand Camp:				
	<i>Grandparents</i>		\$ 150	\$ 75.00	\$ 60.00
	<i>children ages 5-12</i>		\$ 75	\$ 37.50	\$ 22.50
Jun 19-24	Jr. Adventure I	3 - 5	\$ 465	\$ 232.50	\$ 217.50
	Culinary Camp	3 - 6	\$ 465	\$ 232.50	\$ 217.50
	Medieval MAD	6 - 8	\$ 475	\$ 237.50	\$ 222.50
	Jr. High Adventure	6 - 8	\$ 475	\$ 237.50	\$ 222.50
June 26 -	Jr. Adventure II	3 - 5	\$ 465	\$ 232.50	\$ 217.50
July 1	Hydro Camp	3 - 6	\$ 465	\$ 232.50	\$ 217.50
	Camp Create	6 - 8	\$ 475	\$ 237.50	\$ 222.50
	Climb High	7 - 11	\$ 475	\$ 237.50	\$ 222.50
July 6-9	Mini Camp	2 - 4	\$ 225	\$ 112.50	\$ 97.50
July 6-15	Jr. High 10 Day Adventure	6 - 8	\$ 600	\$ 300.00	\$ 285.00
July 6-15	Sr. High 10 Day Adventure	9 - 12	\$ 600	\$ 300.00	\$ 285.00
July 10 - 15	Jr. Artists	3 - 6	\$ 465	\$ 232.50	\$ 217.50
	Camper vs. Wild	6 - 8	\$ 475	\$ 237.50	\$ 222.50
July 17 - 22	Night Owl	6 - 8	\$ 475	\$ 237.50	\$ 222.50
	Sr. High Night Owl	9 - 12	\$ 475	\$ 237.50	\$ 222.50
July 18 - 22	Day Adventure	K - 3	\$ 125	\$ 62.50	\$ 47.50
Jul 29-31	Family Camp	See on-line registration			

## Holy Week at Third

### Palm Sunday—April 10th

- 9:00 am Resurrection Party  
Easter Egg Scramble
- 10:15 am Entrance to Jerusalem  
Confirmation of  
Sydney Addison Facer and  
Noah Richard William Ekstrom



### Wednesday Reflection—April 13 (see next page)



### Holy Thursday—April 14th

- 7:00 pm Worship with  
The Passion Narrative  
Hymns of the Cross
- 8:00 am Prayer through  
the Night

### Holy Saturday—April 16th

- 5:30-7:00 pm Relighting Sacred Fire  
Gathering at the Church  
Prayer & Refreshments



### Easter Sunday-April 17th

- 9:00 am "Sunrise" Service  
9:30 am Breakfast  
10:15 am Resurrection Worship  
11:15 am Fellowship

## Being Faithful and Thoughtful

### Lenten Reflection:

The Belhar Confession  
Wednesday April 6th and 13th

6:00 pm Shared Dish Supper  
6:45 pm Study and Conversation



### Happy Happenings

Welcome to our first edition of "Happy Happenings." Look here each month to find out what things are making your fellow members happy! We would love to share what is making you happy. Please submit your happenings to Kay's email found at the end of this page.

**Dee Archer** recently visited her son and family in California. While there, she enjoyed their new puppy and celebrating her grandson Caleb's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday with a full-day trip to SeaWorld San Diego. We hear it went swimmingly!

**Alan and Nancy Justman** are excited that the Rock Valley College men's and women's bowling teams won the NJCAA National Bowling Championships in Lansing Michigan. Their granddaughter, Olivia Watton, bowls for the RVC Golden Eagles. Way to go Eagles!

**Carrie Crosby's daughter Nadia's** volleyball team won their tournament championship. Hip, Hip, Hooray!

**Nicole Facer** was inducted into the National Honors Society the Week.

**The Confirmation Class** visited St. Constantine and Helen Orthodox Church last month to experience a different "flavor" of worship.

**Pastor Steve** was thrilled to spend a week in the Pacific Northwest, where he grew up, with his son, Isaac.

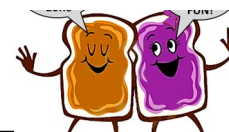
Send you "Happy Happenings" to Kay at  
[RLYBRDI@gmail.com](mailto:RLYBRDI@gmail.com)

## Community & Congregational News



**Fill the shopping cart with  
Peanut butter and jelly**

The goal is 20,000 jars  
before school lets  
out



## Coming Events

**2022 Vacation  
Bible School  
"Spark Studios"**



**Habitat for  
Humanity  
Work Days**



**7th-12 Grade-July 5-8  
PreK-6th Grade-July 11-15  
Register with the office**

**Sat. June 18th  
Sat. August 13th  
Sign up at Church  
14+ yrs. and up**

**Youth Activities  
Offering  
will be collected  
In May**

Your support makes Strong-  
hold Camp Scholarships to  
the Third Presbyterian family  
possible! Thank You!

**Great America  
Clean-Up  
Keep Northern  
Illinois Beautiful**

**April 30th  
Tidy your part  
Of the world!**

## April Birthdays



April 2 Nicholas Birch  
 April 4 Julie Leber  
 April 7 Olivia Watton  
 April 9 Gerald Wubben  
 April 10 Mary Raum, Rebecca Truitt  
 April 11 Danielle Lee  
 April 12 Samantha Mosny, Karen Lang  
 April 13 Thomas Truitt  
 April 14 Irvin Koning  
 April 15 Kay Carrigitto, Ethan Volk  
 April 17 Nancy Justman, Marissa May,  
                   Pat Murray, Raj Patel  
 April 19 Sydney Facer, Joseph Leber  
 April 20 Lori Olson  
 April 22 Joyce Bakken, Heather Ekstrom  
 April 24 Chad Insko  
 April 25 Andrew Taylor  
 April 26 Bryan Olson, Brik Volk,  
                   Leticia Adjekum, Elizabeth Roseberg  
 April 27 Dawn May  
 April 29 Dave Guzzardo  
 April 30 Angie Insko

### April Anniversary

04/04 Jack & Dorothy Van Meter 68 years

## O The Wonderful Cross

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Although we do not generally identify with losers, the One who lost His life on the Cross accomplished what no human could ever have done: made atonement for our fallenness and our rebellious nature. In other words, our sin. His act of ultimate self-giving paid a price, served as an example, and satisfied a Divine inclination to reclaim the high ground from the forces of evil. While the empty tomb of Easter morning stirs our hearts and hope, our redemption was won-cosmically, indescribably-on a post fitted into a socket on a hill designed to provoke terror: Golgotha, the hill of execution.

While this is counter-intuitive to a culture that celebrates winners, it is another expression of what theologian Donald Kraybill called “the upside down kingdom”: the first shall be last and the last shall be first; those who lose their lives for the sake of the kingdom shall win new life.

Simone Weil, the mid-20th century French political activist and philosopher, found her agnosticism overcome by a mystical experience of Christ, while visiting the chapel of St. Francis of Assisi in Italy. Her conversion from Judaism and agnosticism spoke to many:

*What I call heaven, as you know, is the Cross. If it cannot be given to me to deserve one day to share the Cross of Christ, at least may I share that of the good thief. Of all the beings other than Christ of whom the Gospel tells us, the good thief is by far the one I most envy. To have been at the side of Christ and in the same state during the crucifixion seems to me a far more enviable privilege than to be at the right hand of his glory. (from Waiting for God)*

In these last days of Lent take time to consider anew all that God accomplished for us, in the Cross of Christ.

*Pastor Steve*

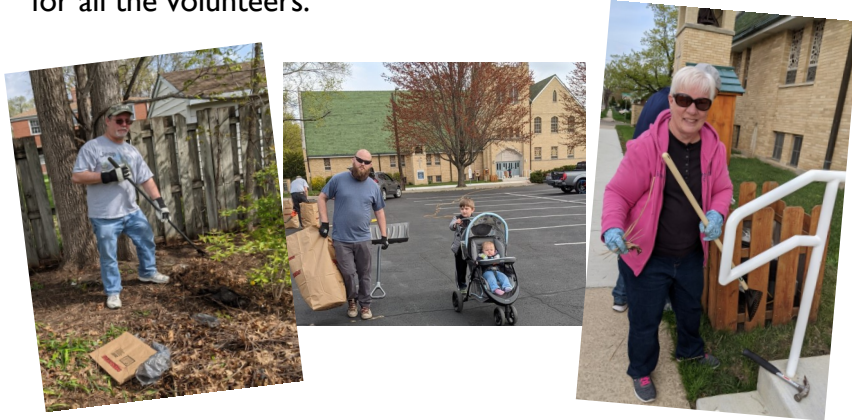


## Looking Good!

### Church Grounds Clean-Up Day Sunday, May 01, 2022

#### Immediately following worship

Don't miss this opportunity to get outside and safely work with friends while getting the church spruced up for Spring. There is something for everyone to do, from trimming bushes to raking and weeding the church flower beds and prepping the Community Garden. You'll leave satisfied at the difference you have made! A light lunch will be served for all the volunteers.



## Thank You

We want to thank everyone who gave us love and support in the loss of our son, Brian. This so appreciated and we are blessed to have such a caring church family. Thank you Pastor Steve for being there for us.

Love,  
Earl and Alyce Lutzow

## Radio

### Celebrating 17 years on the Air, 24 Hours a Day!

That's right! Every year at Easter time means another anniversary for WTPB 99.3 FM Radio.

We first went on the air in early April 2005. Happy Birthday, WTPB!

Each year during Holy Week we feature many religious specials. Listen for these programs the week of April 10 (Palm Sunday) through April 17 (Easter Sunday). One of these specials is called "The Greatest Miracle" and is by the Tabernacle Choir. It will air several times, including Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9:00 AM; and on Easter Sunday at 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

The Mike Williamson and Friends show for that week will air at 7:30 PM on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; and at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

During April you can listen for Don Ferguson's one hour shows (Music from Hollywood and Broadway, Monday and Friday at 10:00 am, and Wednesday and Sunday at 4:00 PM). His shows will feature the story and music of four great Musicals, played in rotation: Fiddler On The Roof; On A Clear Day You Can See Forever; Mary Poppins. And The King and I.

Best wishes, Thanks for listening!  
Murray Hanson  
Station Manager

Happy Easter!