



# *The Ivy Vine*

## **March**

2025

## *Our Daily (..fill in the blank)*

*Give us this day our daily bread. - Matthew 6:11 (NRSV)*

I've prayed the Lord's Prayer since childhood. When the pandemic started five years ago, the prayer took on a deeper meaning, especially the line about daily bread. When the world shut down, I learned time and again how many people—farmers and farmworkers, truck drivers and plant workers, the people who harvested the grain and those who stocked the grocery stores—made that daily bread possible.

The pandemic also reminded me of a friend's wisdom about praying the Lord's Prayer in a 12-step meeting. "When we ask for 'our daily bread,'" he said, "you hear people pray for all kinds of things—daily courage, daily strength, daily guidance." The pandemic's long months of constant pivots shrank my usual long-range planning prayers to those deep daily prayers for whatever courage or wisdom I—or the church I serve—needed to get to the next day.

Sometimes the prayer for daily bread took on other tangible forms. I prayed for daily sunrises, daily walks, or a daily check-in with a colleague or friend, anything to remind me of beauty and life. As the author Barbara Kingsolver wrote of her "worst seasons," she forced herself "to look hard, for a long time, at a single glorious thing: a flame of red geranium outside my bedroom window ... my daughter in a yellow dress ... the perfect outline of a full, dark sphere behind the crescent moon. Until I learned to be in love with life again."

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“Give us this day our daily bread,” Jesus taught. Or our daily courage. Or a daily glorious thing. Whatever our prayer, may we trust the One who taught it and who hears it.

## Prayer

Bread, hope, strength, geraniums. Thank you, God, for your daily gifts. Amen.

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Found on the Daily Devotional section of the UCC website,  
[click here for the link.](#)



# Scripture Worship

## **2 Mar 2025, Last Sunday after the Epiphany Transfiguration Sunday:**

Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2, Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]

### **Season of Lent**

## **5 Mar 2025, Ash Wednesday:**

Joel 2:1-2 and 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 51:1-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10, Matthew 6:1-6 and 16-21

## **9 Mar 2025, First Sunday in Lent:**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2 and 9-16, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

## **16 Mar 2025, Second Sunday in Lent:**

Genesis 15:1-12 and 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17—4:1, Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36

## **23 Mar 2025, Third Sunday in Lent:**

Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

## **30 Mar 2025, Fourth Sunday in Lent:**

Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3 and 11b-32

## **6 April 2025, Fifth Sunday in Lent:**

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

# PASTORAL SEARCH NEWS

Each month the Ivy Chapel Council will provide an update to the Ivy community in the monthly newsletter, The Ivy Vine, regarding the search for our new Pastor. If there are special updates those will also be announced in the weekly KYP's and posted on the website.

Please click here to go directly to the updated page – Our Pastor Search.

You can also navigate there from the front page of our website.

Start by clicking on the “ABOUT OUR CHURCH” button. A drop-down menu will appear, and you can click on the link titled “Our Pastor Search”.




## SEARCH UPDATE:

This month the committee met with different representatives from the St. Louis Association Committee to help us move forward in this journey. We discussed what we were looking for moving forward and it was agreed that we should look for a part-time Intentional Interim Pastor.

In the meantime the Pastoral Supply committee has contacted the Rev. Carol Trissell and she graciously agreed to lead worship through May as needed.

The various committees and the Ivy Chapel Council are excited to move forward on this new adventure together as we enter the next chapter in the ‘life of Ivy Chapel’.

## February Council Lifted Up:

-  John Weiland for his work preparing and presenting the Elmer awards.
-  Gail Thoele and Jan Wirtz for obtaining the pulpit supply pastors for February and March
-  Pastor Dan's Retirement Committee, especially Valerie Waterman and Kara White, as well as additional volunteers: JoAnn Moody, Kathryn Kuntzman and Chris Moody

# LENT-History and Traditions



The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word that means  
“spring” or “springtime”.

Taken literally, the word means that this is the time of the year when  
the days *lengthen*.

This season of the church year is a time of reparation, reflection,  
growth, and change.

As God’s people take the time to learn more about God and their relationship to God and to  
others, the season before Easter can be seen as the springtime of the soul—  
a time of growth in faith and a time to nurture the faith that is already theirs.

The Christian faith centers around the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.  
We need to see this event from both sides – before and after—  
because each side if the story is incomplete without the other.

The season of Lent began in the early church as a time for preparing new converts for  
Baptism of Easter. By the middle of the fourth century, a 40- day preparation period had  
been established. During that time, candidates for Baptism fasted and heard lectures from  
early church leaders. Later, the season of Lent became a time for all Christian as to prepare  
for Easter. It remains a 40-day long period, not counting Sundays. Historically the Lenten  
fasts were lessened on Sundays, thus not included in the days of Lent. All Sundays are  
considered “little Easters,” celebrating the resurrection. The season of Lent begins for many  
people on Shrove Tuesday, but it officially begins on Ash Wednesday  
and continues until Easter morning.

By the year AD 400 the early Christian church had established this period of 40 days. It  
became a time of self-discipline and harsh self-examination, and during the Middle Ages,  
the season of Lent was so strict that people dreaded its coming. Through time the harsh  
demands and expectations have been softened and relaxed.

People today look to Lent as a time of growth and change. They often include fasting or  
restriction of some of their favorite foods or drinks during the 40 days of Lent. Some people  
spend more time in prayer and meditation while others give up habits they think are  
unnecessary. Still others search to discover how they can share God’s love with others  
in the world in meaningful ways.

Purple is the color associated with the season of Lent and is used in churches that observe  
liturgical traditions. Purple is a solemn color, reminiscent of royalty and repentance.  
It reflects the serious and somber nature of this time in the life of the church.



Christian Action has chosen Shannondale Ministries as the recipient of our special offering this Lent. Shannondale is a UCC mission and retreat center, a church and community center as well as a 4,040 acre tree farm with an active university forestry education program.

Right now the community has been suffering from the extremely cold winter and have urgent needs. We are collecting laundry detergent, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper and dog food beginning March 23 and continuing through April 13. If you would rather make a monetary donation please designate it for Shannondale and place it in the offering plate. We will gladly shop for the needed items.

Thank you for helping this important UCC mission.

## A Lenten Devotional Opportunity

The "Greatest" Discussion

(A Lenten Discussion and Study offered through St. John's UCC Chesterfield)

"The Greatest Showman" is a bold and original musical that celebrates the birth of show business and the sense of wonder we feel when dreams come to life. It is inspired by the ambition and imagination of P.T. Barnum. The movie challenges the way we look at and treat one another along with our attitudes towards our social class system.

We will gather on Mondays at 10 am in the Library through lent (3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7). Each week we will discuss lyrics to a different song and its connection/comparison to scripture. Since each week is different you can sign up for one, two or all. Whatever you can make.

Come watch "The Greatest Showman" on Sunday, March 9 following worship. We will have popcorn, but please bring your own drinks or other snacks for your enjoyment during the show.

Please let us St John's if you plan to watch the movie, so they know if there is enough room in the Library or if they need to find another space. Contact info- [stjohnsucconolive@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsucconolive@gmail.com)

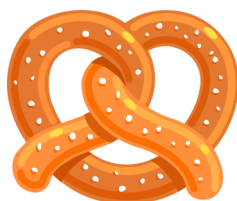
# Looking Ahead



Please join us on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm for a special Ash Wednesday worship service.



Lenten Resources will be available on the table in the Narthex starting this Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.



The Ivy Youth will be having a special Lenten fellowship after worship on Sunday March 9th.

## Ivy Chapel Care Corp

One of Ivy Chapel's many strengths is our commitment and ability to care for each other. The Ivy Chapel Care Corps was formed to support families experiencing special circumstances such as recovery from surgery, long term illness, death of a family member or birth of a baby!

During worship Care Corp members listen to prayer concerns and announcements. They communicate with each other and then reach out to offer assistance to those in need. Ivy's love is shown through conversations, cards, meals, company, or anything that might be helpful.

If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance, Please contact Kara in the office at 314-434-4991 or [ivychapeluucc@ivy-chapel.org](mailto:ivychapeluucc@ivy-chapel.org) (after office hours at 314-409-2832) or the designated monthly Care Corp leader listed in the weekly KYP or monthly Vine to initiate support.

# Trustees

In February, we were on 'SNOW WATCH' and contracted for plowing only when there was two inches or more— it was a busy month! Highway clean-up was moved to Sunday, March 2nd due to the snowy weather and the wet ground as a result.

A Spring to-do list is in the works as the weather gets warmer and everything once again begins to grow! We will continue to mow and restart our maintenance projects to keep Ivy the wonderful place we all love.

## Mary and Martha Wmns Grp



The Mary and Martha Women's Group met on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and had a brief meeting in the Multipurpose Room. Jan Wirtz brought us a devotion. We will each bring a Lenten thought or paragraph for our devotion in March. We will also make Easter folded cards to send to sick and shut-in members and friends in March.



We finalized some plans for Welcome Bags for Lydia's House and then departed for a sweet Tour at Chocolate Chocolate Chocolate. We learned about the making of chocolate candy and that this company now owns Bissinger's Chocolates. We got a sample of candy and then shopped in their store.

# LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

K R K Z Y B F M D P O F P A Y A K B  
N E P G O P M J L Y R T J E P G L R  
D S O U N Y A D R U T A S Y L O H J  
F U I N R I S L S B X X Y E U G J L  
V R N B C P T Y M A E C A E I J D G  
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M T Q O E Z E O H N J T A F O X I K  
H I Y M V B L T E J E P R D I D A H  
C O B W M G T L S T Y S R O N C Y K  
K N L M H Z Q H E A O E I P F U E B  
M L J Y D I P P T N E L O R T T S D  
Y W U X T A T Q K D F Q Z U R I T G  
Q R Z M C I L E G M Q D J E S U S M

## Words to find:

Purple  
Prayer  
Sunday  
Forty Days  
Resurrection

Lent  
Holy  
Palm  
White

Ashes  
Risen  
Priest  
Jesus

Easter  
Fasting  
Sacrifice  
Forehead  
Holy Saturday



# You are invited

Please join us for a night of fun and as we support Lydia's house and enjoy fellowship with a night of

## Bingo

Saturday **March 8th 6-8 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

- ❖ Bingo games
- ❖ prizes



- ❖ ice cream sundae bar and popcorn provided.



- ❖ BYOB

Bring your own beverage, only water will be provided.

Admission **\$5/adult** (12+ yrs) and a cash or **donation for Lydia's House**. Please RSVP number of adults/kids.



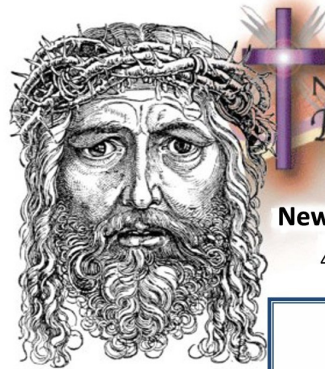
RSVP Here



15370 Olive Blvd  
Chesterfield MO  
63017



Lydia's House  
List of Needs



# 2025

## New Melle Community Passion Play

New Melle Sports and Recreation

4700 Hwy Z New Melle, MO 63365

Saturday April 5

7:00 PM

Sunday April 6

2:00 PM & 4:30 PM

Saturday April 12

7:00 PM

Sunday April 13

2:00 PM & 4:30 PM

Admission Free

Seating is on First-come  
First-seated basis

For groups or  
more information

Call 636-384-0576

Or Email

nmpassion@gmail.com

Check us out:

Facebook us at:

New Melle Community

Passion Play

# Ivy Information

## Worship with US! Connect with Ivy Chapel

EVERY SUNDAY:  
10am in person and  
streamed live on YouTube



[www.ivychapel.org](http://www.ivychapel.org) >



<-- [YouTube](#)--

[IvyChapelUnitedChurchofChrist](https://www.facebook.com/IvyChapel)

The Lord's Supper:  
first Sunday of the month

[www.facebook.com/IvyChapel](http://www.facebook.com/IvyChapel)-->



## Our Support Staff

God has called us to our positions, and we rejoice when we are able to serve God in these places of ministry. If there is some way in which our staff may be of help to you, please contact us at the numbers below.

Office Administrator-Kara White: [ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org](mailto:ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org) / 314-434-4991

Office hours: Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 9:30AM-2:30PM

Custodian- Alondra Ramirez



# Happy Birthday to ...



3 Jake Del Carmen  
 12 Linda Ledbetter  
 Wes Wieser  
 14 Kaillen Cox

15 Katie Amsler  
 22 Wade Wieser  
 23 Alex Glenn  
 Deborah Washburn

24 Sue Lindhorst  
 Bruce Wilking  
 29 Doris De Fer  
 30 Jack Molyneaux

## Serving God's People-Feb Schedules

### Liturgists

23 Feb	John Weiland
9 Mar	-----
16 Mar	Julie McAlister
23 Mar	Ann Molyneaux
30 Mar	JoAnn Moody
6 Apr	Jan Wirtz

### Greeter/Ushers

2 Mar	Dottie Foster and Gail Thoele <b>communion preparer Donna Grote</b>
5 Mar-Ash Wed-	Donna Grote and Jan Wirtz
9 Mar	Julie McAlister and Dave Mentzel
16 Mar	Don Wolff and John Weiland
23 Mar	Pat and Carl Winship
30 Mar	Kathryn Kuntzman and Jack Molyneaux
6 Apr	Kay and Earl Kreder <b>communion preparer Pat Winship</b>

## CARE CORPS



- MAR — Linda Lowry 314-703-2776
- APR — Julie Mc Allister 314-576-4946

### Assisting in Lay Ministry:

Please find your Name to see the date you are scheduled to help.  
 If you're unable to attend please switch with others serving on another date  
**AND let Gail Thoele know** 314-576-0091 or 314-591-0057 as well as the office.

**THANK YOU!**

Charities we serve: Please place items on the designated shelves in the cloak room or otherwise designated.

**CIRCLE OF CONCERN**—*Shopping and monthly needs List* is on FH bulletin board. Place on **TOP SHELF**.  
 636-861-2623 <https://www.circleofconcern.org/>



**Isaiah 58 Ministries Bag of Blessings** list on FH bulletin board. Place on **3rd-4th SHELVES**:  
 food items, egg cartons, clothing, plastic bags, glass cases. <https://i58ministries.org/>



**Every Child's Hope** <https://everychildshope.org>  
**Lydia's House** <https://www.lydiashouse.org>  
**UP—Unleashing Potential** <https://upstl.org>

**INSTITUTO EL REY:** Explore the website how YOU can help students in rural northern Honduras pursue their dreams. [www.ierschool.org](http://www.ierschool.org)



**RITENOUR CO-CARE FOOD PANTRY:** Place food and personal care items on **2nd SHELF**. [Rccfoodpantry.org](http://Rccfoodpantry.org)

**Getting new eyeglasses? Ask your eye doctor if they will take your old pair to recycle or go to this web site**  
<https://allaboutvision.com/resources/donate.htm>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>2</b> 3rd S in Lent prpl <b>10am Worship/†</b> <b>LS</b> <b>HWY CLEAN-UP</b> <b>AFTER WORSHIP</b> AA 6pm YR	<b>3</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>4</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349	<b>5</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm  <b>ASH</b> <b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Worship 1pm</b>	<b>6</b> AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	<b>7</b>  Square dancing 3:30-5:30pm 7-9pm	<b>8</b> AA 10:30am #350  Private Rental 3-11pm
<b>9</b> 4th S in Lent prpl Spring/Daylight Svg Time Begins <b>10am Worship</b> AA 6pm YR	<b>10</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm  <b>Council Mtg</b> <b>7pm</b>	<b>11</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349  Deacons-7pm Zoom	<b>12</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>13</b> AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	<b>14</b>  <b>The Ivy Vine</b> <b>Articles DUE</b>	<b>15</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>16</b> 5th S in Lent prpl <b>10am Worship</b> AA 6pm YR	<b>17</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>18</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349  <b>Mary &amp; Martha</b> <b>Wms Grp 1pm</b>	<b>19</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm  <b>Men's</b> <b>Luncheon</b> <b>11:30am</b> <b>Stackhouse</b> 13419 Olive Blvd	<b>20</b> AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>23</b> 6th S in Lent prpl <b>10am Worship</b> Private Rental 11:30-6pm AA 6pm YR	<b>24</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>25</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349	<b>26</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>27</b> AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>30</b> 7th S in Lent prpl <b>10am Worship</b> AA 6pm Y	<b>31</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	April 1 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349	April 2 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	April 3 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	April 4	April 5 AA 10:30am #350

**AHEAD IN APRIL: 13<sup>TH</sup>-PALM SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>-Council Meeting  
 15<sup>TH</sup>-Mary & Martha Women's Grp 16<sup>TH</sup>-Men's Lunch 11:30am @ Harpo's 17<sup>TH</sup> MAUNDY THURSDAY  
 17<sup>TH</sup> GOOD FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> EASTER SUNDAY**

<b>LS=THE LORD'S SUPPER</b> <b>KYP=KEEPING YOU POSTED</b> <b>M&amp;M GRP=MARY AND MARTHA WOMEN'S GROUP</b>	<b>FH = Fellowship Hall</b> <b>EMMP=Eric Moody Memorial Pavilion</b> <b>SY=SANCTUARY</b>	<b>AA=Alcoholics Anonymous</b> <b>JRWP=JUNIPER ROOT WOODLAND PRESCHOOL</b> <b>TKD= INERTIA MARTIAL ARTS</b>
Monday JRWP 8:30-3:30	Tuesday JRWP 8:30-3:30	Wednesday JRWP 8:30-3:30
Thursday JRWP 8:30-3:30	Friday JRWP 8:30-3:30	

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