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**March 5, 2023**

9:30 Worship

"Journey from Slavery to Freedom"  
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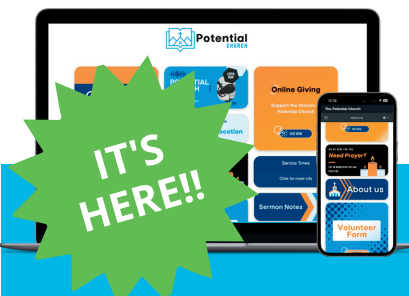
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Welcome!**



# Warren United Methodist Church

Second Sunday in Lent

## Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

L: Lord God, we come today knowing we would be lost without your direction

**P: We would be wanderers in wildernesses of our own making.**

L: We praise you for dealing so graciously with your people in the past,

**P: When you guided them to freedom and a promised new life.**

L: We are heirs of that promise fulfilled in Jesus,

**P: Through him, you have established a permanent direction for our lives**

L: Holy God, may this time of worship

**P: Be a joyful response of praise and thanksgiving**

L: For all that you have done, for all that you are doing,

**P: And for all that you will continue to do for us and all people**

L: In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

**P: Amen.**

**\*Hymn #110** A Mighty Fortress is Our God

## Children's Time

### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**Hymn # 389** Freely, Freely

### Giving of Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology #95

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**God of the wilderness, we give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves. May we live with generous hearts and with open hands. Amen.**

**Old Testament: Genesis 22:1-18**

**Gospel: Matthew 26: 36-46**

**Sermon** "Journey from Slavery to Freedom" Pastor Matt

### Holy Communion

**\*Hymn #357** Just As I Am

### \*Benediction

**\*Postlude #664** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Birthdays:** Ben Chumbler (Mar 6), Gavin Kaiser (Mar 6), Karen Graves (Mar 9)

**Anniversaries:**

## UPCOMING MINISTRY

**Easter is in 5 Sundays!  
Maundy Thursday  
Good Friday  
Easter Egg Hunt (Sat)**

**Last Weeks Attendance: 26  
Last Weeks Offering: \$682.00  
Avg. Offering Needed: \$ 900.00**



## PASTOR'S CORNER

A young man had just been to an Ash Wednesday service when he arrived at the grocery store on the way home. A young girl pulled away from her mother and ran up to stand in front of him and inform him: "You've got dirt on your face."

I know weather prevented us from celebrating Ash Wednesday this year, but I wonder how often similar stories happen.

We live in a post-Christian society for the first time in our nation's history. The number of people who don't know Jesus is growing...rapidly. With that include those, like this little girl, who don't recognize the ashes and other who would have no idea what "Lent" was.

For those of us who remain in the church, it is imperative for us not only to be present...but to be advocates for Christ by making seasons like Lent a priority in our lives, not just another thing we do.



Cereal, crackers, peas, pancake mix, cake mix, laundry soap, liquid hand soap, shampoo

## Church Calendar

**Today (3/5):** Worship (9:30), Fellowship Hour Afterwards

**Tuesday (3/7):** PM NO OFFICE HOURS

**Thursday (3/9):** PM in Office 9:30-5, Soup and Bible Study 6pm St Paul's

**Sunday (3/12):** Worship (9:30)

# EASTER LILY SALE



Help Decorate the Sanctuary for Easter by Purchasing an Easter Lily in Honor or Memory of Someone

## \$20

**Orders Due March 30th**



## Soup Supper and Bible Study

THURSDAYS (2/23-3/30)  
6:00PM  
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

## SAVE THE DATE

### June 10th 6k for Water



Darla Cobb and family, Wayne Wubbena, Denis Toay, Brynn Fry,, Brandon Hartzell, Chuck Sidor, Lynn Workinger, Roger Broshous; Candy Blair Schellinger; our people in the nursing homes, all those who are suffering with certain sicknesses; service men, women, and their families; police, firefighters, and EMTs, doctors, and nurses.

Please leave a message with Susan Stone at (815) 297-2028 with additions or changes to the prayer list.