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# Eastminster Messenger

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“If...”

For the next three Sundays, our lectionary epistle readings are found in the same chapter. That is a rarity. Of course, it wouldn't be if we were talking about the gospel readings because that occurs on a regular basis – three or more Sundays being needed to exhaust a full chapter of one of the gospels.

With the epistles, though, that's rather rare. It seems as though we usually don't spend more than a single week on a particular chapter of Paul's writings. The reason we need three weeks for one chapter in this situation, though, is two-fold. For one thing, the chapter under consideration happens to be the longest chapter in all of Paul's writings. For another, it is so vitally important and so jam-packed with significance that its full meaning can never be fully exhausted.

That being said, we'll just spend one week on it and try to capture the heart of the message of the entire chapter in one sermon. The significance of the chapter lies in the fact that it is the earliest written account of the most basic aspect of our faith – the resurrection of Jesus. Most of what we know and believe about the resurrection finds its basis in the fifteenth chapter of Paul's first letter to the church in the city of Corinth.

Read all of I Corinthians 15 and we'll focus on some of its verses that contain the heart of what we believe about the resurrection of Jesus as Paul offers a powerful statement that begins with “If...”

Blessings,  
Dennis



Sympathy is extended to the family of Susan Parsons and Stacie Schalasky in the death of Susan's father, Stacie's grandfather.



## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held this Sunday, February 10 following 10:30 worship for the purpose of reviewing reports of our boards, committees and staff. The Annual Report is available in the church office. Be sure to pick one up and review it in preparation for the meeting.



Sunday, February 10, 2019

8:00 A.M. Service

**Liturgist**

Tony McClees

**Usher**

Allen Helmstetter

10:30 A.M. Service

**Liturgist**

Shannon Irmscher

**Head Usher**

Mel Ellsperman

**Ushers & Greeters**

Marilyn Ellsperman, Sue Shelton  
John & Carol Olgesby  
Corey Fritz, Jayne & Pat Manis

**Acolyte**

Addison Fritz

### Eastminster Staff

Mike Cantrell - Housekeeper  
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Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager  
Trey Fulkerson - Youth/Pastoral Assist.  
Alanna Keenan - Director of Music  
Marian LaChance - Housekeeper  
Rachel Luttrull - Organist  
Erin Tipton - Christian Ed Director

### Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 - 4:00 P.M.  
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# YOUTH GROUP



OFFICE HOURS EVERY WEDNESDAY  
4:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

This Sunday, February 10, we will meet for Youth Group where we will have a lesson and then a time of fellowship.

I hope to see you in The Place,  
Trey



Join small groups for a night at the Evansville Thunderbolts hockey game on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. at the Ford Center.

We are planning on meeting at EPC at 5:15 for pizza and hockey 101 led by Dennis Davenport and then taking the church bus to the game. Please call the church office to make your reservation. Tickets will be \$20.00 which will include your game ticket, pizza, and bus

## Ladies' Night Out

All ladies are invited to come to Ladies' Night Out on Tuesday, February 12, at 6 PM. This month we will be meeting at Western Ribeye so **reservations are a MUST.** Please call the church office at 812-476-3355 to say you'll be there!

## Prayers & Concerns

**Please pray for the following:** Bryan Figg, Steve Gutridge, Chris & John Matzen, Karen Guilda, Dave & Bobbi Moran, David Kishline, Barry Hill, Don, brother of Wanda Eller and Wanda's great-grandson, Gary, brother-in-law of Dave Moran, Jenny Murphy's father, Gary and her brother, Jerry Nagel, Patti Rusche, Virginia Rahn, Lillian Teirney, Tina Allen, Jane Williams, Melba Hutchinson and Charles M.

**If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie Webb at [epcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:epcprayers@gmail.com) or Dave Matzen at [davidallyn39@gmail.com](mailto:davidallyn39@gmail.com)**

## "How Can I Join Eastminster?"



As many of you know, there are three ways of joining a Presbyterian church – by profession of faith, by reaffirmation of faith or by letter of transfer.

For a number of years, we have followed the practice of either offering a Member Exploration Seminar prior to someone joining the church or doing it in reverse order – have them join and then at a later time have the opportunity to attend a Member Seminar.

We provide the opportunity to join the church on any given Sunday following worship. This makes the procedure very simple and allows for the movement of the Holy Spirit to call someone to make that decision at any given moment. We use the story of Philip and the Ethiopian as our guide as he said to Philip – "What is to prevent me...."

If someone wishes to join the church on a Sunday, it's a simple matter of telling the pastor or an elder following worship and we immediately have a session meeting for that express purpose. A quorum for receiving new members is two elders and the moderator and all that is required is a declaration of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and a commitment to be active in the life and ministry of the congregation.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining Eastminster, that's how simple it is! After the 24th of February, the procedure will change by necessity since our session moderator will not be present in worship each Sunday and so it will require a more scheduled time.



HELLO  
MY NAME IS

For those who need a name badge, please see Mel Ellsperman on Sunday or contact the church office so one can be made for you. Thank you!

# Christian Education

## Children's Worship

February 3rd—Annie Engelbrecht  
February 10th—Annie Engelbrecht  
February 17th—Annie Engelbrecht  
February 24th—Annie Engelbrecht  
March 3rd—Erin Tipton  
March 10th—to be determined  
March 17th—Suzette Fritz  
March 24th—to be determined  
March 31st—Stacie Schalasky  
April 7th—Erin Tipton  
April 14th—Stacie Schalasky  
April 21st—to be determined  
April 28th—Sabrina Holden  
May 5th—Erin Tipton  
May 12th—Stacie Schalasky  
May 19th—Sabrina Holden  
May 26th—to be determined  
Please consider volunteering!! Thanks so much!!

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself."*

Matthew 22:37-39



## CE EVENTS

**2/7/19 Everybody Always  
Book Study @9:30am**

**2/13/19 Assembly night—CE meeting  
@6:30pm**

**2/14/19 Everybody Always  
Book Study @9:30am**

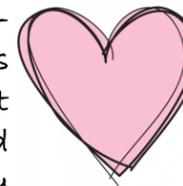
**2/21/19 Everybody Always  
Book Study @9:30am**

**2/28/19 Everybody Always  
Book Study @9:30am**

**3/10/19 Memory Contest Begins/H2O  
Project begins**

**3/13/19 Assembly night—CE meeting  
@6:30pm**

As you send out your valentines, please remember members of our church family that might need a note of cheer and reminder that they are loved by a friend or neighbor.



## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Do you consider yourself a life-long learner? If so, there are many educational opportunities available through the Presbyterian Church USA.

One such opportunity right now is a monthly webinar through the Presbyterian Foundation entitled Money Conversations in Church. These are free webinars and you can find more information at <https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/webinar-series-money-conversations-in-the-church/>

On January 29th, Rev. Sara Hayden began a podcast entitled "New Way" by 1001 Worshiping Communities. This podcast will explore a variety of topics on "how the church is coming to be in the 21st century." There are a few episodes available. It is quite new, but I am sure there will be more coming soon.

## God's Time Management

Jim and Diane VanCleave's class in room 101 on Sunday looked at how we spend our time. Do we rush through the day, do we stop to think or just go around on autopilot, do we listen for the possibility of our God-given tasks? Jim incorporated music, stories and personal examples in this interactive lesson. If you are looking for a great Sunday School class, try room 101!