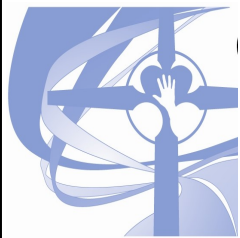


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# Eastminster Messenger

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## From the Pulpit

### The Heart of the Gospel

**OT: Gen 12:1-4a**  
**NT: John 3:1-17**  
One of the most quoted verses of the Bible is John 3:16. Many have memorized it and recognize it as the “crib note” of the gospel. In a few short words we have what the whole Bible is about- a loving creator God who sent Jesus so that all who believe could be a part of God’s kingdom. From the very beginning God worked to bring about this great event. Everything that came before led up to it, and everything after is built on it. How does your faith in Jesus Christ effect the way you live, and how does this shape the message we have for the world?

Blessings,  
Scott

## Mission Study News



The Mission Study Committee is excited to invite you to complete a survey that will help leaders gauge the trends and energy in our church. The information gained from this will help the leaders of Eastminster as they make decisions about the future of our church.

On March 1st, you should have received an email with a unique link to this survey. We are asking you to go online by clicking on the link provided and tell us about your experiences in and priorities of our church. Please do not discuss the survey or your answers with others as this may influence their answers.

If you do not have email and need a paper copy, please come to the office and we will provide it and a self-addressed stamped return envelope. Paper surveys may also be placed in a special box at the Welcome Center in the narthex.

ALL answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please candidly share your perceptions and opinions. Our church's future is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

If you have any questions, please contact someone on the Mission Study Committee:  
Dan Irmscher - 904-894-4926  
[danirmscher@hotmail.com](mailto:danirmscher@hotmail.com)  
Stacie Schalasky - 812-202-0498  
[stacieerin21@gmail.com](mailto:stacieerin21@gmail.com)

If your email address has changed, please send the updated version to either Dan or Stacie.

Many thanks!  
Mission Study Committee

## Sunday, March 8, 2020

### 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

#### LITURGIST

Dan Engelbrecht

#### USHER

Chuck Eller

### 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

#### HEAD USHER

Mel Ellsperman

#### LITURGIST

Dan Engelbrecht

#### GREETERS

Pat & Jayne Manis  
Marilyn Ellsperman, Corey Fritz

#### USHERS

Carol & John Oglesby & Team

#### ACOLYTE

Elizabeth Lee

## Eastminster Staff

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Rachel Luttrull - Organist  
Scott Solether - Pastor

## Church Office Hours

M - F: 8:30 –4:00 P.M.

## Church Communication Lines

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Set your clocks ahead or you  
will be late for church this  
Sunday - March 8



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

This Sunday, March 8, 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



## Children's Worship Leader Schedule

March 8 - Barb Kuykendall  
March 15 - Annie Engelbrecht  
March 22 - Gordon Wiley  
March 29 - TBA

Many dates are still open, please prayerfully consider how you might help!

The sign up sheet is located on welcome table in the narthex.



## Newsletter Notes

If you have an article you would like in the newsletter, please remember to have it turned into the Office by 9:00 a.m. on the Monday prior to your event. For example, if you would like your article to be included in the Newsletter for Tuesday, March 10, your article would need to be turned into the office either before or no later than Monday, March 9, before 9 a.m.



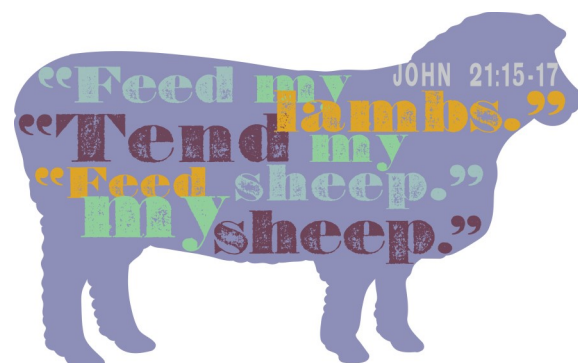
Remember we always NEED your articles!! Articles of encouragement, what your Sunday School class is doing, what your group is doing or has done are always things that are important to share with the congregation.

## Prayer Concerns

### Please pray for the following:

Beth Bailey; Tracey Manis; Scott & Tammy Solether; Barbara; Amelia; Barb Ferguson; Pam Attebury; Dave & Bobbie Moran; Christine & John Matzen; Mary Lou Matzen; Dave Moran's brother-in-law: Gary; Jenny Murphy's father: Jerry Nagle; Pattii Rusche; Virginia Rahn; Lillian Tierney; Jenny Murphy's brother: John, Maria Keller, Leslie Webb, Kylie, Dorris Ann, Jane Ball, Walt Lowe; Ruth Kuhn; Al Grabhorn.

If you have a prayer request or wish to be removed from the list, please contact Leslie Webb at [epcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:epcprayers@gmail.com) or Dave Matzen at [davidallyn39@gmail.com](mailto:davidallyn39@gmail.com) or call the church office.



## Men's Breakfast



All men are invited to attend the Men's Breakfast this Saturday at 8 A.M. in Fellowship Hall.

## Communion Sunday



Join us in Holy Communion this Sunday, March 8.

### Communion Elders

- Patsy Sproatt
- Patti Garcia
- Marilyn Ellsperman
- Shannon Irmischer
- Ron Sproatt
- Alex Kuhs
- Corey Fritz
- Annie Engelbrecht

## Bible Memory Work

Our children and youth began their Bible Memory Work this past Sunday!

If you need a Memory book, they are available in the office.

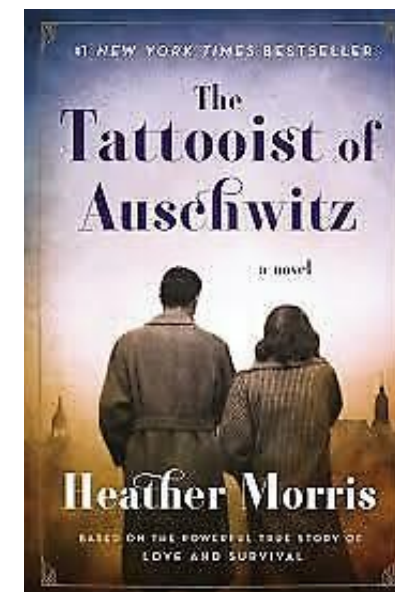
Being familiar with scripture is a valuable gift we can give our children and youth. Let's work together to help them build a firm foundation of faith for their lives!



## EPC Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, March 24, at noon at the Western Ribeye.

We will discuss The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris.



## Aurora Cupcake Ministry

Providing cupcakes on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

March - Marlene Huffacker  
April - Marilyn Ellsperman  
May - Marcia Nauert  
June - Carol Oglesby  
July - The VanCleave's  
August - Ron Sproatt  
September - Sue Shelton  
October - Karen Blume  
November - Sherie Hambidge  
December - TBA

