



# March 2024

Sharon Springs Methodist Church  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 World Day of Prayer at the Catholic Church	2
3 Bridal Shower for Brionna Colvin 2:00—4:00 Holy Communion	4	5	6 SSMW 1:15 p.m. Kid's Choir 3:30 -4:30 Bell Choir 5:00 P.M. Prairie Village BS 11:15	7  Adult Bible Study 10:00	8	9
10 Basket Dinner  Daylight Saving Time begins	11	12	13 Spring Break! NO Kid's Choir Bell Choir 5:00 P.M. Prairie Village BS 11:15	14  Adult Bible Study 10:00	15	16
17  Ad Min Council Mtg	18	19 Spring Begins!  Primary Election Day	20 Kid's Choir 3:30 -4:30 Bell Choir 5:00 P.M. Prairie Village BS 11:15	21  Adult Bible Study 10:00	22	23
24  Children's Choir Sings	25 Holy Week Service at Senior Citizens Center	26 Holy Week Services at Senior Citizens Center	27 Kid's Choir 3:30-5:30 Bell Choir 5:00 P.M. Holy Week Services at Senior Citizens Center	28 Maunday Thursday Service 5:00 P.M. Holy Week Services at Senior Citizens Center	29 Good Friday Service 5:00 P.M. Holy Week Services at Senior Citizens Center	30
31 				Sunday School  Worship Service	9:00 A.M.  10:00 A.M.	



**Palm Sunday—March 24**

**Maundy Thursday Service: March 28**

**Good Friday Service: March 28**

**Easter Service—March 31**

**Services at the Senior Center: March 25 — March 29**



### Christians and laughter

Of all the people on earth, Christians ought to have smiles on their faces and be ready to laugh. After all, if God has defeated death by raising Christ from the dead, we have cause for joy at all times.

After a long day at work, two ministers decided to take a walk before darkness came. As they walked, they told humorous stories and were soon laughing heartily. It felt so good, so therapeutic, that one pastor turned to the other and said, “Theodore, let’s kneel down and thank God for laughter.”

They did just that. Then they arose and went joyfully on their way.

Remember that we are abundantly blessed by God and have cause to laugh often. After all, the Savior lives and we are his friends.

## Pastor's Page

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Happy Easter! Hard to believe Easter is almost here already. How is your Lent going? Are you moving closer to God or just moving?

March is promising to be a very busy month here at church. We have daylight savings time change, primary elections, Bible studies, Palm Sunday, and Holy Week. Speaking of Bible studies, have you considered attending a small group Bible study? We would like to begin a small group study with a variety of ages meeting to study scripture. It will be led by a lay person. Please prayerfully consider this option.

Are you coming to our church services to feel God's presence and hear his word or are you coming to say you came. The way to get fired up for God is to come with the need to hear the word and take it to heart. Each week's message is not for everyone, some weeks it will reach you and other times it will speak to the person beside you.

Isa 40:30-31 ESV Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; (31) but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.



*God's Blessings:*

*Pastor Galen*

## JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY!

Before Charles Simeon attended university in Cambridge, England, he loved horses and clothes, spending a huge sum on his attire yearly. But because his college required him to attend regular Communion services, he started to explore what he believed. After reading books written by believers in Jesus, he experienced a dramatic conversion one Sunday. Awakening early on April 4, 1779, he cried out, "Jesus Christ is risen today! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!" As he grew in his faith in God, he devoted himself to Bible study, prayer and attending chapel services.

On the first Easter, life changed for the two women who arrived at Jesus' tomb. There they witnessed a violent earthquake as an angel rolled back the stone. He said to them, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said" (MATTHEW 28:5-6). Overjoyed, the women worshiped Jesus and ran back to tell their friends the good news.

Encountering the risen Christ isn't something reserved for ancient times—He promises to meet us here and now. We might experience a dramatic encounter, such as the women at the tomb or as Charles Simeon did, but we might not. In whatever way Jesus reveals Himself to us, we can trust that He loves us.

— Amy Boucher Pye

From Our Daily Bread Devotions



The Wesley Children's Choir

The children sang a Special for Church titled  
 "Your Everlasting Love".  
 Such an awesome song and you did so well.  
 Thank you!

## Stop, look and listen

Lent, the season of the church year that's associated with repentance, begins on Ash Wednesday (February 14 this year). While some people deny themselves by giving up something for Lent, others prepare for Easter through special Bible studies or devotions.

Christians observe Lent for these reasons:

- A. It causes us to STOP. Lent says, "Stop and rest awhile," as well as "Stop doing wrong."
  - B. It tells us to LOOK. Look inward for an honest self-examination. Look upward to see the cross of Christ offering healing and love. Look forward to the hope of the Resurrection.
  - C. It tells us to LISTEN. Listen to the words of Christ. Listen to the voice of God. Listen to the winds of the Spirit of God.
- Stop, look, and listen. These three words aren't only important for our safety in travel; they're also helpful for our journey through the 40 days of Lent.

## *SERVICE COMMITTEE*

*(Funeral, Wedding and Church Dinners)*

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024**

