



Community of Christ Lutheran Church

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Stephen C. Bond



THE GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Steve Bond

Musical Prelude

“Meditation”

by Eric Dickey

WE REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM

“Confession and Forgiveness”

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One, **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God’s arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God’s house forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

ELW 774

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C And also with you.**



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **P Amen.**

Childrens Sermon

THE READINGS

The First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land

flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

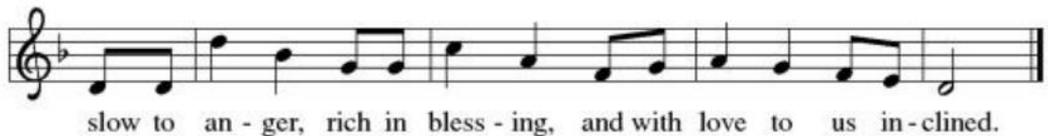
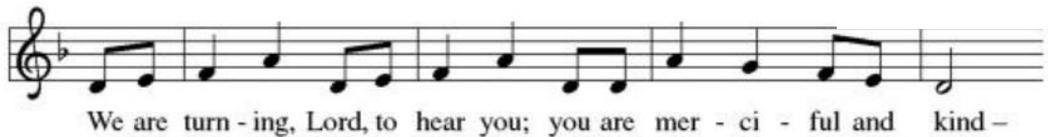
L The Word of the Lord C Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b} “The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to....C Glory to you, O Lord!

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,
¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P The Gospel of the Lord! **C** Praise to you, **O** Christ!

Sermon

"The Things Left Unchosen"

Pastor Stephen Bond

Hymn

“When We Are Tested”

ACS 922



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Nicene Creed

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him, all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen

WE DEDICATE OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

P Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

AM Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

AM Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

AM Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

AM Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

AM Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill; **Tom Jennings, Sue & Jim Enk, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Frank O’Konski, Larry Geer, Luke Holtz, Susie Donnal, Ron Hetherwick, Martina Benton, Jake Cope, Debbie Carman, Paula Gruhler, Lisa Boltz, Eric Lewis, Staci, Jim, David, Carolyn, Suzette, Cory Kaczor, Sam Kenney, Sandy McPherson, Karen Schroeder, Warren Kingsley, Jennifer Taylor, Carolyn Newman....** and all those we remember in silence. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

AM Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

THE MEAL

All Christians are welcome to commune at our Altar. You do not have to be a member of this congregation to receive Communion. Grape juice is available in the inner ring of glasses for those who desire. A “gluten-free” host option is available upon request as well.

Sharing of the Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you all! **C** **And also with you!**

Share an expression of peace with your neighbor, please.

The congregation continues to stand during Tithes and Offerings if you are able.

Our Tithes and Offerings *Bring your gifts to the Altar, or you may offer gifts in the tray located at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.*

Offering Prayer

AM God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

****The Eucharistic Prayer Continues.....**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray... **C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion Hymns

“Lamb of God”



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Hymn

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

ELW 325

Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

AM Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

Milestones & Announcements:

The Blessing

P God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

ELW 326

Dismissal

AM Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God.**

AM And next week, **C Bring a friend!**

“Making Jesus Known”

You're invited to join us for worship at one of our TWO services, either at 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. You can attend in person or tune in via Facebook Live. We can't wait to see you – and feel free to BRING A FRIEND! Interested in becoming a member? Please fill out the information in the friendship pads or call the church office at 419-877-0607. We would love to welcome you into our church family!

When God Breaks the Rules: A Thursday Afternoon Bible Study

We often picture God as the Giver of Rules and the Maker of Laws (including, obviously, the ones literally written in stone like the Ten Commandments). But what about the times in the Bible when God does a new thing, moves in a new direction, or expands the old order of the world? What about when God *breaks* the rules? This is what we are looking at in our Thursday afternoon Bible Study series. Join us for our new original ten-part study that Pastor Steve is calling *When God Breaks the Rules*. We are learning about how God overturned the customs and traditions of the day from the earliest stories in our Bible to times when Jesus broke with the inherited traditions of the Respectable Religious Teachers of his day, to the movement of the New Testament era church as the Spirit led the first Christians across lines and borders to the ends of the earth with Jesus' love. Join us this Thursday **at 1:00 p.m.** in the council room for our journey in the expansive, surprising, and often rebellious ways of God! All are welcome!

Walking the Jesus Way: Lessons from the Didache

Adult Forum this March: Walking the Jesus Way (Lessons from the Didache)

It's not just about hearing Bible verses on Sunday only to have them go in one ear and out the other, but about a way of life—a life shaped in Jesus' likeness. So, what could it look like to live the Jesus way of life today? And what wisdom can we gather from the early disciple community? That's what our Sunday Adult Forum will be exploring in our next series, running through March and into April, which we're calling, "Walking the Jesus Way." This series will make use of an ancient document that goes back to the late first century or the early second, a writing called "The Didache," which means "The Teaching [of the Apostles]." It may well be as old as some of the later books of the New Testament itself, and it gives a glimpse not only of the early church's life and witness but also offers a pattern for our own lives walking in the Jesus way. This Lent, as we focus especially on rededicating and recentering our lives on the way of Jesus, this series will be a great chance both to learn some ancient church history and to connect to present-day life application. We hope you'll join us on Sunday mornings in the fellowship hall from 9:00-9:50 a.m. for this series throughout March and leading up to Holy Week in April, as together we *walk the Jesus way!*

The Tuesday Ladies Bible Study will begin March 4th @ 8:30 am. We will be doing a Kristi McLelland study "The Gospel on the Ground"- Christ has ascended- now what? We will learn how the remaining disciples chose a new member to replace Judas and then became organized to begin spreading the Gospel without Christ present. This is a 7-week study, and you will need to order the study guide before class. Please sign up at the kiosk. If you have any questions, please call Becky King @ 419-349-7319. Bring a friend!!

Join us for our Lenten Service and Soup Suppers, Wednesdays, March 12 – April 9. We invite you to a meaningful time of reflection and fellowship. The Lenten Wednesday services, at 7:00 p.m., will offer time for prayer during this sacred season. Before the services, we will gather for a warm and inviting Soup Supper starting at 6:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect as we journey together through Lent. Please sign up at the kiosk to let us know what you can bring. We look forward to sharing this special time with you!

Social Action Ministry Invites You to “Have Mercy” and Share It Boldly This Lent Weekly in our worship life, we pray, sing, and confess our need for it: the mercy of God. From the ancient call-and-response rhythm of the Kyrie, “Lord, have mercy...” to our sung acclamation before the gospel, “Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful...” to the prayer petitions and well-known hymns of centuries past, we are grounded in the mercy of God. And as Jesus reminds us in the Sermon on the Plain, we are called to “be merciful, just as your Father in merciful” (Luke 6:36). Mercy is both our hope and our calling, and the church’s season of Lent is a fitting time to be focused again on both of those since these forty days leading to Holy Week point us toward God’s mercy poured out for us in the cross and resurrection of Jesus. With all of that in mind, the Social Action Ministry invites you to make a statement this Lent that calls to mind both our prayer to God and Jesus’ instruction to us to “have mercy.” These new stickers and lapel buttons, each featuring the simple message, “Have mercy,” will be available in the Gathering Space all throughout Lent, and we would invite your suggested donation for one of \$5.00, which can just go in the slotted box alongside the display, and all our proceeds will go to the ministry of Isaiah 117 House as they seek to show mercy to children in Northwestern Ohio who are going through foster placement (read more about their work in a separate article in this newsletter!). We hope you’ll boldly put one of these stickers or buttons on something you wear or carry around with you as a way to start a conversation, prompt a faith conversation, or to remind you both of God’s grace and our calling to be merciful people. Get yours in the Gathering Space and help support Isaiah 117 House! Next Sunday, join us in welcoming a special guest from the Isaiah 117 House, who will be sharing more information during our 8 and 10 a.m. services!

Visitation ministry *Cookie Sunday: A Sweet Opportunity to Share!*** TODAY! Sunday March 9!** Join us as we hand out bags of delicious cookies after both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. These cookies are a great way to express your appreciation to a friend, thank a co-worker for their hard work, or brighten a neighbor's day with a little treat. And don't worry; there will be plenty of cookies just for you to enjoy as well! Embrace this opportunity to spread joy and connection in our community!

Fellowship Adult Dinners for 8, March 15th. Please join us for a fun night of dinners for 8. These dinners are a great way to meet people or possibly get to know more about your fellow church members. You think you know people, then you find out the person you've been sitting next to at church every week works in the Empire State Building! Sign up at the kiosk and let us know if you would like to host. The committee will let you know which home you're going to, and the hosts will call you with the time, menu, and ask you what you would like to bring.

Join the Social Action Committee to help families with food insecurity.

Join us as we assist the Islamic Food Bank on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 10:30 am to noon as we fill weekender food bags for area school children. The Islamic Food Bank provides these bags that contain breakfast, lunch, and dinner items for school children to take home on Fridays. Children and their families from Toledo Public, Maumee, Washington Local, and Perrysburg Schools have come to rely on these food donations that the Islamic Food Bank has been providing since 2014. They now provide over 2500 bags every month during the school year! We only have space for 15 people for this activity so sign up quickly at the kiosk in the Gathering Area. Please complete one of the volunteer information forms next to the sign-up sheet and bring it with you to the event. Or complete it online beforehand at this link:

<https://islamicfoodbank.org/volunteer/> All ages are welcome. Those under 18 and don't have proof of age ID, require a parental or guardian signature on the volunteer form. Islamic Food Bank 1804 Monroe Street Toledo, Ohio 43604

Please mark your calendars! The Concert Committee welcomes you to join us on *Sunday, March 23 at 3:00 p.m.* We are hosting the Perrysburg Symphony Orchestra Chamber Ensemble. A free-will offering will be taken to support Lutheran Disaster Relief and the Community of Christ building fund. 100% of donations through the Lutheran Disaster Relief Response go to services. Zero dollars are spent on administration.

Calling all Servants and Cookie Bakers for Kairos Cookies!

Would you consider baking cookies for the upcoming Kairos Prison Ministry being held in March at the Toledo Correctional Institute as a tangible way to share God's love? **Mission:** Kairos Prison Ministry is an intensive 3.5 days "in-prison" retreat designed to bring Jesus' healing power to those learning about Him. **What is the ask:** Two dozen cookies for EACH man. The big goal is to serve God's love to 650 men!! That's 15,600 cookies! **When:** Cookies are due on March 22, 2025. **Can I serve without baking:** YES! You can donate \$25 to cover the cost of a box of 10 dozen frozen chocolate chip cookies from Gordon's and leave the baking to us! **How do I sign up:** Signup sheet at the kiosk, with 1) Your name 2) How many dozen cookies you can bake 3) Where you'll drop off the cookies 4) OR if you are donating cash/check towards the purchase of Gordon's cookies. Make checks payable to Community of Christ Church, adding Kairos Cookie Ministry in memo line.

If you are baking, please drop off the cookies on MARCH 22, 2025, at either: Heritage Church of God, 3520 Strayer Rd., Maumee, OH from 10 a.m.-noon at the front entrance. Sarah Roe, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 6105 N. Winding Way, Swanton, OH on the front porch. ****Should you need special arrangements or have questions, please contact Rose Ackerman at 419-308-6808 or Deb Guzman at 419-345-6867.**

Kairos Guidelines:** No powdered sugar or icing/frosting** Raisins/nuts are allowed as well as chocolate chips, M&M's, Reese's pieces. Using packaged cookie mix or pre-mixed cookie dough is fine as well. Please do not send burnt or blemished cookies as these are intended to represent God's perfect love. Place 2 dozen cookies in a 1-gallon Ziplock bag (no plates, boxes, etc.). Be certain cookies are fully cooled before packaging, so they don't stick together. **PLEASE PRAY!** As you prepare your cookies, pray for the men who will receive the cookies. Your prayers and generosity are greatly appreciated!



**Altar Flowers are given by Doug, Rose, and Alex Ackerman
in Honor of our son/brother, Andrew's Birthday!! ❤️❤️**



2025 Altar Flower Sponsorships

Available The 2025 Altar Flower sponsorship weekends are open for selection. Tags and envelopes are available in the hallway to the left as you enter through the front doors. For office tracking, once you've chosen your weekend, please leave the tag on the bulletin board, do not

take it home. To ensure your sponsorship is included in the bulletin, payment envelopes must be submitted by Sunday before your selected weekend. For any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with the church office. Your support is truly appreciated—thank you!

Swingmania Concert and Burger Bar Night

Get ready for a good time as Community of Christ hosts a ***Burger Bar Dinner, Charitable Auction, and a Concert and Dance*** featuring the music of ***Swingmania***, all on one big night! Mark your calendars now for the evening of **April 12!** We'll have a dinner open for church members at 5:00 p.m. featuring burgers, chips, coleslaw, and ice cream, followed by a charitable auction event at 6:00 p.m. with a wide assortment of prizes whose proceeds will benefit Genacross Lutheran Services. At 7:00 p.m. there is a concert with room for dancing, all to the musical styles of ***Swingmania!*** If that sounds like a good time to you, get your tickets today! Sunday mornings, the concert committee will have a table for both the dinner and the concert. You can participate in either or both! The wider community will be able to get tickets for the concert, however, the dinner is limited to Community of Christ folks because of space limitations. Get your tickets on Sundays or through the church office during the week. Meal tickets will be \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids 10 and under, and concert tickets are \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 for couples, and \$10.00 for kids 10 and under. The whole evening's events will also help to benefit both our Community of Christ Building Fund as well as Lutheran Disaster Relief, as with other concerts hosted by the Concert Committee. Tickets will be available throughout the month or as long as they last, so get yours early, and plan to join us for a great night on Saturday, April 12!



The Fruits of Our Mission

2025 Building Loan Fund

	Income	Expense	Diff.
Jan	\$18,112	\$17,063	\$1,049
YTD	\$18,112	\$17,063	\$1,049
2025 General Fund			
	Income	Expense	Diff.
Jan	\$37,658	\$34,475	\$3,183
YTD	\$37,658	\$34,475	\$3,183

This Week

Youth & Education Meeting
Monday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.
Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday, March 11, 8:30 a.m.
Concert Committee
Tuesday, March 11, 6:00 p.m.
Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 11, 7:00 p.m.
Soup Supper
Wednesday, March 12, 6:00 p.m.
Lenten Wednesday Service
Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.

Choir
Wednesday, March 12, 7:45 p.m.
Pastor's Bible Study
Thursday, March 13, 1:00 p.m.
Bell Choir
Thursday, March 13, 7:00 p.m.
Conversations and More
Friday, March 14, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinners for 8
Saturday, March 15



Did one of our Bible readings capture your attention today? Was there a story you could picture in your mind? Did a phrase from a hymn or a thought from the sermon start some new ideas or inspire some reflection? Did a Scripture passage spark a question for you to think about? Use this space here as an open canvas for your faithful imagination: you can draw a picture of something you pictured, write a question, take notes from the message or scriptures, or doodle

your faith into a visible form here. Then, either take it with you or leave your thoughts and images here to be shared in an ongoing collection here at Community of Christ!