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Experience Midweek Lenten Worship

12:15pm & 6:30pm Weekly on Wednesdays thru March 16th

Dinner served at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Area

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

February 20th

Mommy & Me: Pray-Play-Connect (9:00am Room 122 @SPL)

February 21st Support a National Youth Gathering Participant!

THRIVE Alive NYG Bowl-A-Thon (@Spare Time Lanes)

February 23rd

Red Cross Blood Drive (12:30-5:30pm @SPL)

February 24th Worship at 12:15 & 6:30pm, Dinner 5:30pm

Midweek Lenten Worship (through March 16th)

February 24th Contact Carole Keirl for Info 423-2475

Intercessory Prayer Group Info Meeting (7:30pm @SPL)

February 26th-28th Sign up also available online at spldecat.org

SPL Men's Ministry Woodcutter's Retreat (@Camp CILCA)

February 28th

THRIVE Youth Worship (6:30pm @SPL)

March 13th

Return "Change for Life" Baby Bottles for NLPC

March 18th

Church Office and Early Learning Center Closed

March 19th

Iron Sharpens Iron Conference (Springfield, IL)

March 24th-March 25th

Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm, Good Friday 1pm & 7pm

March 27th

Easter Sunday (6:30, 8:00, 10:30am) & New Member Welcome



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6:30 PM LENTEN WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 17, 2016

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Pastor Doug Bender



For we brought NOTHING into the world,
and we cannot take ANYTHING
out of the world.
1 TIMOTHY 6:7

Preparing for Worship

As we continue forward in this season of Lent, we journey together as we follow Jesus toward the cross; toward the death that ultimately brings resurrection life. Have you chosen to practice a new spiritual discipline or have you chosen to give up something that seems to be getting in the way of the life you long to live? What sins are you struggling with that you need to give up to God? Whatever your personal choice, may you persevere through your struggle throughout this season.

We come together to acknowledge our sin, to acknowledge our mortality. We come to glimpse the Christ who offers forgiveness, who offers everlasting life.

As part of last week's Lenten worship, we participated in the imposition of ashes, a symbol of purification and repentance. These were a reminder of our mortality and sin; an assurance of God's forgiveness and salvation. May that be a reminder for us to be conscious of our sin, urging us to have our hearts and minds open to how God can speak into our lives as we walk with Jesus in this season of Lent.

Let us begin our time of worship by focusing our minds and hearts on God's presence with us.

Welcome

Invocation



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Confession of Sins

Gracious Father, in this Lenten season we want You to refine us and grow us to be more fully the people You've called us to be. We want to put to death what belongs to our sinful nature. Today we acknowledge our struggle with greed and ask You to forgive us for the many times our love of possessions has taken precedence over our love of You. Forgive us and give us victory over this struggle. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Opening Praise

In Christ Alone

Sharing of the Gospel

Matthew 26:48-58

Jesus Messiah

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Our offerings, gifts, and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. During the offering time, please complete one of the worship cards found in the pew in front of you and pass it to the center aisle.

Once And For All

Message and Teaching Time

"From Death to Change: Death to Greed"
(Selected Verses)

We Surrender Our Sin

Pastor: The wages of GREED is death.

People: **But the gift of God is eternal life.**

Blessing

Closing Song

Abide with Me
LSB #878 v. 6

"From Death to Change: Death to Greed"
(Selected Verses)

GREED

- Greed...The Sin of _____.
- Greed appears in the earliest stages of life under the word "_____".

MYTH OF POSSESSION

- None of us truly _____ anything.
- As in 1 Timothy 6:7, "We brought _____ into the world, we can take _____ out."
- We cannot _____.

WARNINGS

- The line between being a good _____, a _____, a good _____ person, and a _____ person is very thin.
- We are commanded to _____. *2 Thess. 3:10*
- We are commanded to be _____. *1 Corinthians 4:2*
- But we are _____ - Luke 12:15 says, "Be on your guard against all kinds of _____."
- Proverbs 15:27 says, "A greedy person brings trouble to his _____."
- Evidence of a person who lost _____ of God. *Romans 1:28-29*
- A greedy person is an _____. *Ephesians 5:5, Colossians 3:5*
- _____ of money is the root of all kinds of evil. *1 Timothy 6:10*
- We will not inherit the _____. *1 Corinthians 6:9-10*

EXAMPLES OF GREED

- Story of Achan (*Joshua 7*):
"When I saw...I _____ them." (v.21)
 - He was _____ with his family.
- Story of Ananias & Sapphira (*Acts 5*):
"He _____ part of the money for himself..."(v.2)
- He _____.

WHY IS THIS SO ALLURING?

- My need for _____.
 - "I just feel better when..."
- My need for _____. "Money talks"
- My need for _____. "I am financially secure."

WHAT ARE WE CALLED TO DO?

- "Put to _____ whatever belongs to your earthly nature." *Colossians 3:5*
 - "Rid yourself of all such things." *Colossians 3:6*
- *Romans 6:10, 11*
 - "He died for sin, once for all."
 - "Count yourself dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ."

Notes
