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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

March 4th Presented by George Roller, Executive Director CCS
Knowing Your Faith - High School Assembly 1:30pm @LSA Gym

March 13th Additional bottles available in Fellowship Area
Return "Change for Life" Baby Bottles for NLPC

March 18th Power shut-down begins 3/17 at 6pm
Church Building and Early Learning Center Closed

March 19th
Iron Sharpens Iron Conference (Springfield, IL)
SHiNe Family Easter Event (10:00am @SPL)

March 24th
Maundy Thursday Worship (7:00pm @SPL)

March 25th Featuring Rehoboth Christian School & SPL Choirs
Good Friday Tenebrae Service (1:00pm & 7:00pm @SPL)

March 27th
Easter Sunday Worship (6:30, 8:00, 10:30am @SPL)
New Member Welcome at 10:30am Worship
Easter Breakfast (Serving begins at 7:30am)

March 30th Contact Mary Peck if interested at 217-428-4228
Hands Only Compression CPR Instruction (6:30pm @Great Rm)

March 31st
ELC Preschool Open House (6:00-7:00pm @SPL ELC)

April 2nd & 3rd
"Transformed" - Church-wide series begins in worship
Host a small group during this series - sign up now!



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FROM DEATH TO CHANGE



6:30 PM LENTEN WORSHIP

MARCH 2, 2016

Pastor Doug Bender

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Keep your life FREE from love of money,
and be CONTENT with what you have...

HEBREWS 13:5a

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. We look to our Father to draw us close to Him, through His Son Jesus. We ask for His help in surrendering to Him the areas of our lives where we are struggling, where we need change. Whatever is before you, we pray that 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 our last Lenten worship, we continued our study into the sins that may plague our lives by taking a deeper look at greed. We continue to put these sins to death on the cross - they die as Jesus died on the cross. 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

Confession of Sins

Merciful Father, You have given me much to enjoy in this life. And every good and perfect gift is from You, sent from above for my benefit. But there is a fine line between what You've given me to enjoy and what I selfishly take to



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indulge. Many times I overreach, taking too much and live as though my daily bread is not enough. I fail to be content and to trust in You. Help me, Father. And forgive me for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Opening Praise

This Is Amazing Grace

Sharing of the Gospel

Matthew 26:57-68

The Wonderful Cross

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.

Go To Dark Gethsemane (Handbell Choir)

Message and Teaching Time

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

We Surrender Our Sin

Pastor: The wages of INDULGENCE is death.

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

Blessing

Closing Song

Abide with Me
LSB #878 v. 6

Intercessory Prayer Group Info Meeting - Tonight at 7:30pm
Contact Carole Keirl for more information 423-2475

EASTER LILIES 2016
Celebrate the victory of the Resurrection of Jesus - place an Easter Lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one. They will be displayed in the sanctuary during Easter Services. Place your order in the Fellowship Area today. The cost is \$10.00 each. Questions? Contact Heidi Sack at 423-6955.

Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper
The Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) In order to examine yourself before attending the Lord's Supper, when offered, ask yourself the following questions:
1. Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
3. Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? (They are not merely symbolically present.)
4. Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?
If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper, when offered. Children and adults who cannot answer affirmatively are invited and encouraged to come forward for a blessing but should refrain from receiving the bread and wine.*
*For those who are unable, or prefer not to consume wine, cups with white grape juice are located in the center of the communion trays.

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

What does it mean to you to indulge?

- Indulge: To _____ someone to do some thing even though it may not be proper, healthy, appropriate, etc.
- Every indulgence comes at a _____.

Is indulgence really a big deal?

- Indulgence was part of the _____; it's now part of our _____. *Genesis 3:1-7*
- Indulgence caused a major _____ of the Lord's Supper. *1 Corinthians 11:17-22*
- Indulgence became a _____ that _____ the Church. *Romans 6:1-4*

"As soon as a coin in the coffer rings, the soul from purgatory springs." Johann Tetzel

- Indulgence plagues us today, guiding us into _____.

How do we resist indulgence?

- An antidote for indulgence is _____. *Philippians 4:12-13*
- Contentment is found when we _____ God. *Hebrews 13:5-6*
- Believe what we pray in the Lord's Prayer: Give us this day our _____.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Notes
