



# The Ivy Vine

## 2019 March



### Pastor's Reflection



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## “essence”

This could pass for the name of a newly released Givenchy women’s perfume or men’s cologne. It’s not. But the name does have the type of flashy, one-word appeal so often given to naming fragrances, cars, and other products!

Indeed, the celebrated French distiller Le Courvoisier does have a high-end liqueur called “L’Essence de Courvoisier Cognac.” Plus, just a few years back, parent company Coty actually did introduce a men’s fragrance named “David Beckham—The Essence.” Well, what do you know?!

“Essence”... it is defined as “the intrinsic nature or indispensable quality of something, especially something abstract, that determines its character.” The root of the word “essence” is the Latin verb “esse,” meaning “to be, or to exist.”

Thousands of other seminarians and I once enrolled in the “World Philosophy” course which the Rev. Dr. Allen Miller taught for decades at Eden Theological Seminary. Dr. Miller was renowned for his charts! He distributed paper copies of multiple charts as teaching aides each and every class session. One core truth which his students learned from Dr. Miller is that virtually every philosopher down through time has configured their system around the “esse” of human nature. From André Malraux (La Condition humaine) to Paul Tillich (The New

Being, and The Courage to Be) and beyond; philosophical writers have centered their work around the concept of “being.”

The “essence” of Lent is the “essence” of Christian faith. The “essence” of Christian faith is a journey. Lent is a particular, spiritual journey which is a season for growing closer to God as Resurrection Day draws closer.

Lyrics from one time-honored hymn faithfully sum this up:

“Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee.  
E’en thought it be a cross  
That raiseth me;  
Still all my song shall be,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee.”

Beloved, soon the Church’s Lenten Season will be underway. Together, may all God’s children open ourselves to receiving God’s astonishing grace as we enter into an ever-deeper relationship with our

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Loving Creator God.

Currently heading the list of Christian “Coming Attractions” is: **Lent (A 40-day journey to the Day of days!)** The “essence” of Christ is what it’s all about. This train is bound for glory! And this spiritual train, “The 2019 Special,” is about to leave the station. All aboard! The forty days of Lent will be the next stage of our life-long journey with Christ. Once Ash Wednesday opens this new church season, let’s go. Time is of the “essence!” These Lenten days, including the worship rituals of Holy Week, will offer humankind a lengthy season for growing closer to God. As we aspire to “take Christ’s yoke upon us, and learn of Christ,” we will “find rest for our souls.” (Matthew 11:29)

Each time that we come into close contact with the “essence” of Christ, we are drawing nearer to God. This sacred journey is the “essence” of Christian faith.

Coming soon to a sanctuary near you,  
Pastor Dan



### Month of March Mission Moments

We are blessed that the following guests will be coming to our church to offer Mission Moments during worship this month!

Sunday, March 10 - Cyndi Miller, Circle of Concern Executive Director

Sunday, March 24 - Beth Damsgaard-Rodriguez, Interfaith Quest CEO

Sunday, March 31 - One Great Hour of Sharing “More Than We Can Imagine”

## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

### ASH WEDNESDAY MARKS BEGINNING OF LENT

#### March 6<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday

6am to 5:30pm Prayer Vigil

6pm Soup and Bread Supper

7:30pm **Worship w/The Lord’s Supper**

**Ushers:** Sally Dodge, Marsha Ramey

**Liturgist:** John Weiland

**Communion Team 5-Intinction:** Jennifer Noonan, Tom Wehling, Kay Kreder, Earl Kreder



### SPECIAL LENTEN OFFERINGS

**Baby Blue Pantry:** March 10, 17, 24

**Interfaith Quest:** March 31; April 7, 14

### DAILY DEVOTIONS

Booklets available on the Narthex Table

### EASTER LILIES

Ordering starts March 10th\*



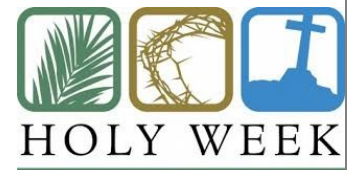
### MARY AND MARTHA WOMEN’S GROUP

Join us on March 19th, 1pm, Lenten Study and Devotion with Pastor Dan

**PALM SUNDAY,  
APRIL 14TH**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
WORSHIP, APRIL 18  
AT 7:30PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19 AT 7:30PM**



**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP  
APRIL 21ST**

**6:30AM SUNRISE WORSHIP**

**10AM REGULAR WORSHIP**

**AFTER WORSHIP: EASTER EGG HUNT-  
SEE PAGE 4 “LOOKING AHEAD”**

\*Daylight Saving time is Sunday, March 10. Be sure to set your clocks one hour forward before you go to bed Saturday night.



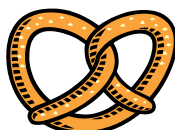


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**Ash Wednesday** is March 6. Lenten Resources for children and youth will be handed out during our First Sunday of the Month worship time in Fellowship Hall. Resources for Children, Teens, and Adults are available on the table in the Narthex or see Linda Lowry.



## Our First Sunday of the Month Activity – March 3

All Sunday School youth: be sure to join us on Sunday, March 3 in Fellowship Hall for a special First Sunday of the Month activity for the season of Lent. Can you guess what it is? Come and hear the story of why the pretzel is associated with Lent.



## LENTEN CANNED FOOD OFFERING

March 6 – April 21

We “can” help feed the hungry.

Thanks for the wonderful response we have had in the past several years during our Lenten Food Drive. The youth of Ivy Chapel and the Christian Action Board are sponsoring our 6th Annual Lenten Canned Food drive during the weeks leading up to Easter. Let’s help fill the shelves this Lent. During the Sundays in Lent we will be collecting canned goods for Isaiah 58 Ministries and Circle of Concern. Collection runs through Easter, April 21.



## COMING IN JULY: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

**Vacation Bible School** will be held here at Ivy Chapel from July 22 – 26. This year’s theme will be Cokesbury’s “To Mars and Beyond”. Materials have been ordered. Erin Winship and I will be attending a VBS workshop here in St. Louis on Thursday evening, March 7. If anyone else would like to join us please let Linda know.

**We will be asking for volunteers soon! BE PREPARED!**



**LOOKING AHEAD :**

- Date TBD      Service Activity at Isaiah 58
- March 30      All Church Game Night (see the article in the Ivy Vine and the KYP) for info
- April 14        Palm Sunday Activities
- April 21        Joyous Easter Processional  
Special Easter Activities in Fellowship Hall following the Children’s Message  
Easter Egg Hunt Following Worship

**YOUTH SUMMER 2019 MISSION TRIP**

**Appalachia Service Project – Kentucky**

**July 14 – 20, 2019**



I have registered our group for this year’s Summer 2019 Mission Trip! We will again be working with Appalachia Service Project in Kentucky. Appalachia Service Project is a Christian Ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair and replacement in Central Appalachia. Their mission is summed up in their motto: "Warmer. Safer. Drier."

For more information on Appalachia Service Project, its locations and its work, please go to [asphome.org](http://asphome.org).

There is still room, so please let me know if you will be able to participate in this year’s mission trip. Complete the Mission Trip 2019 Response Form asking for your commitment and a deposit and return to Linda Lowry. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



**2019 ALPHA-OMEGA MISSION TRIP**

**APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT**

**Kentucky/Tennessee Location**

**July 14 - 20**

Please return this slip to Linda Lowry as soon as possible.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will be going on this year’s Summer 2019 Mission Trip (for youth ages 14 through completed grade 12) to Kentucky through Appalachia Service Project the week of July 14 – 20.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am enclosing a \$50 deposit for the ASP Mission Trip (Make checks payable to Ivy Chapel Alpha-Omega.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to go on the 2019 Youth Mission Trip this year.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# The Note

As we head into March, we are "marching" into the season of Lent. I've been doing some reflecting lately. Maybe I'm just early since Lent is so late. I've been feeling stressed and overwhelmed this year. As many of you may remember, I took a part time teaching position at Miller's school in addition to my responsibilities at church and my piano studio. For the majority of this year, I have been struggling finding balance between my home life and my large work load. While I love teaching piano, I thought I'd be a great general music teacher and possibly be able to spend more time at home with the kids in the evening since they are both in school; however, it ended up being too much. The house fell apart, and I felt torn between work and home. The school workload ended up being way too much for one part time teacher. I thought it would be fun to build a music program where there was none. I thought it would push me out of my comfort zone to teach without a piano. I thought it would be fun to make my own curriculum. While I feel like I have become a better teacher during this period, what I have discovered is that piano is my voice. I love piano. I love playing piano. I love performing on the piano. I love church music. I love teaching piano and teaching children to make their own beautiful music. With all that said, I am not going to return to teaching music at Miller's school this fall. It added too much stress to my life and my family life. I still would like to find some day time work that would enable me to be home a couple evenings or even a Saturday. My family relies on both Aaron and my income so its not an option to just cut back on students. Furthermore, we are bursting at the seams in our house and have decided that now might be good time for the boys to switch schools. I know it seems like yesterday when we moved. We love our neighborhood and our neighbors. It will be hard to leave, and we do not plan to leave until we find the perfect house for us. If you know someone considering selling, please let me know. If you made it this far, I appreciate your time so very much. Please keep my family in your thoughts and prayers as we try to navigate this turbulent time in my life.

In music news, if you are interested in joining the



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# Fellowship

## GAME NIGHT

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-10 pm

Are you ready to make intense rivalries over a game of *Uno*? Crush your friends in *Mexican Train* (dominos) or *Bridge*? Play your part in a game of *Werewolf*? Or perhaps you're up for dedicating an entire evening to *Battle of Hogwarts*?



Join us for **Ivy Chapel's Game Night on Saturday, March 30 from 5-10 pm**. Come whenever you'd like, stay for however long you wish! We'll have a library of dozens of games for the young and the old: some familiar, some brand new! But feel free to bring your own favorites, along with some friends and family.

*And don't forget the snacks!* What's a game night without food and drink to devour while you strategically take down your fellow church members in "friendly" games??? So make sure to bring something to drink and something to munch!

For more information please contact  
Tara Lowry or Krissy Lowry.

## All-Church Highway Clean-up

Please plan to join us the following Sundays to help with highway clean-up after Coffee Fellowship:  
March 10 June 16 August 25 Nov. 10  
Watch for reminders in KYP and The Ivy Vine. Be sure to bring your gloves and a change of clothes.



Chancel Choir for any of our Easter services, please let me know. We would love to have you join us to help make our Easter/Lenten choir magnificent. We also have many opportunities to sing or play on Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter sunrise. If singing in the choir is not for you, please let me know if you'd like to contribute with voice or instrumentals. As always, if you have any ideas to make our Easter services more meaningful, I hope you will let me know.

Thanks again for taking the time to read. Thanks in advance for the prayers. Until next time...

Smiles,  
Anna DiVesta  
314-609-0865



# Trustees

February ended with water accumulating on the floor in the downstairs mechanical room. The water source turned out to be a furnace humidifier flowing onto a blocked floor drain. Access was limited because the drain was located under existing furnace ductwork. The drain was cleared at no cost to Ivy Chapel. Trustees also assisted in the setup and breakdown of the Spaghetti Dinner and orchestration of clearing and salting of the parking lot.

Although no major plans exist for March, we will be watching the weather and trying to find acceptable weekdays to check the gutters, begin the cleanup of excess leaves and accumulations around the grounds. For you retired folk, if you would like us to include your name on the email list (for easy notification when we plan to work) we would love to see you.

Oh, by the way! Our first all church workday is Sunday, April 7th, after Fellowship. If we have Good weather... bring work gloves with your rakes and tarps...to work outside. Or if it is Bad weather...rags, buckets.... Even if we have good weather and you prefer to dust and clean walls...that would be appreciated. *Thanks.*



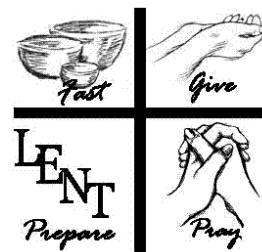
## C.A.R.E.

- Companion*
- Acknowledge loss/pain/anger*
- Remember*
- Empathize*



Be a Companion while Acknowledging, Remembering, and Empathizing with others as we journey through life's challenges, such as: aging, moving to a new home, a different workplace, strained relationships, divorce, retirement, health issues, death, and other major life changes. Your companions will be **Ann Molyneaux** and **Pastor Dan**. We'll gather once every two weeks beginning on Monday morning, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am. As a mutual support group, every participant will be serving as a companion to every other participant.

**L**ent, in the Christian church, a period of penitential preparation for Easter. In Western churches it begins on Ash Wednesday, six and a half weeks before Easter, and provides for a 40-day fast (Sundays are excluded), in imitation of Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness before he began his public ministry. In Eastern churches Lent begins on the Monday of the seventh week before Easter and ends on the Friday that is nine days before Easter. This 40-day "Great Lent" includes Saturdays and Sundays as relaxed fast days.



A period of preparation and fasting likely has been observed before the Easter festival since apostolic times, though the practice was not formalized until the First Council of Nicaea in 325ce. It was a time of preparation of candidates for baptism and a time of penance for sinners. In the early centuries fasting rules were strict, as they still are in Eastern churches. One meal a day was allowed in the evening, and meat, fish, eggs, and butter were forbidden. The Eastern church also restricts the use of wine, oil, and dairy products. In the West, these rules have gradually been relaxed. The strict law of fasting among Roman Catholics was dispensed with during World War II, and only Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are now kept as Lenten fast days. Emphasis on penitential practice and almsgiving remains, and meatless fast on Fridays during Lent are often observed. Some Catholics and Christians choose to give up specific pleasures during Lent as a way to foster simplicity and self-control; many use their

cravings or desires for these items as a reminder to pray and to refocus on spiritual matters.

In the Anglican churches *The Book of Common Prayer* prescribes that Lent be observed with fasting. In Lutheran

and other Protestant churches Lent is observed with various services and practices.



Excerpted from article by Melissa Petruzzello, Assistant Editor. [www.britannica.com/topic/Lent](http://www.britannica.com/topic/Lent)



# God's Blessings and...



Happy Anniversary to...



3/4/2000 Bob and Doris De Fer

3/5/2011 Elizabeth and Scott Schurwan

3/27/1982 Mark and Nancy Gerdes

12 Linda Ledbetter  
Wes Wieser

14 Kaillen Cox

21 Peter LaSalle

22 Wade Wieser

23 Alex Glenn  
Deborah Washburn

24 Sue Lindhorst  
Bruce Wilking

29 Doris De Fer

30 Jack Molyneaux

God has called us to our positions, and we rejoice when we are able to serve God in these places of ministry. If there is some way in which our staff may be of help to you, please contact us at 314-434-4991.

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ASSISTING IN LAY MINISTRY						
Please find YOUR Name. Reminders are sent each Tuesday.						
DATE	NURSERY	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	USHERS	LITURGIST	COFFEE
March 3	Jo Ann Moody	Ben Wehling Miller DiVesta	Jack, Nancy Litzinger	Tom Wehling, Jennifer Noonan	Carl Ramey	Litzinger Family
Communion Team 2: Michael Winship (Capt.), Liz Schurwan, Celeste Tichy, Donna Grote						
Ash Wednesday March 6	_____	_____	_____	Sally Dodge, Marsha Ramey	John Weiland	_____
Communion Team 5-Intinction: Jennifer Noonan, Tom Wehling, Kay Kreder, Earl Kreder						
Mar 10 Daylight Svg time	Sally Dodge	Audrey Farrell, Miller DiVesta	Jack, Ann Molyneaux	Marilyn Gulotta, Donna Grote	Brenda Otterson	Gerdes Family
Mar 17	Jo Ann Moody	Matthew Wehling Rory Winship	Gary, Sue Lindhorst	Frank Pfau, Beth Noonan	Michael Winship	Lauer Family
Mar 24	Sally Dodge	Nick Wintrode	Bob, Diane Droege	Curt, Jennifer Wintrode	Ann Molyneaux	Noonan-Wehling Family
Mar 31	Jo Ann Moody	Audrey Farrell Jane Farrell	Tom, Debbie Glenn	Mark, Nancy Gerdes	Cindy Kettler	Wilking Family
April 7	Jo Ann Moody	Ben Wehling	Earl, Kay Kreder	Gary, Sue Lindhorst	Jo Ann Moody	Noonan-Pfau Family
Communion Team 3-Pew: Kathryn Kuntzman (Capt.), John Weiland, Jan Wirtz, Gary Lindhorst						
Apr 14 Palm Sunday	Sally Dodge	Stuart Kirk	Jamie DelCarmen, Joe DelCarmen	Jack, Ann Molyneaux	Carl Ramey	Litzinger Family

CHESTERFIELD COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL teaches children over three yrs old, in the lower level of Ivy Chapel on weekdays. [www.ccpsstl.org/](http://www.ccpsstl.org/)



LIONS CLUB recycles old eyeglasses: An orange collection basket in the office or in the wall pocket next to the office door.



SHOECREW PROJECT: Put your unwanted footwear in the white box/bag in the coatroom. [www.shoecrewwater.org](http://www.shoecrewwater.org)

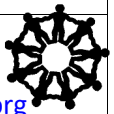


INSTITUTO EL REY: Explore the website how YOU can help students in rural northern Honduras pursue their dreams. [www.ierschool.org](http://www.ierschool.org)



Please place items on the designated shelves in the coatroom for these local charities.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN A Shopping and monthly needs List is on Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Call 636-861-2623 or visit [www.circleofconcern.org](http://www.circleofconcern.org)



Isaiah 58 Ministries donations of food, clothing, plastic bags/egg cartons—place in plastic grocery bags on marked shelves in the coatroom. Mark bags with "Isaiah 58." Bag of Blessings sheet on Fellowship Hall bulletin board. [www.i58ministries.org/](http://www.i58ministries.org/)



RITENOUR CO-CARE FOOD PANTRY Collects food and personal care items. [www.ritenourcocare.org/](http://www.ritenourcocare.org/)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				<h1>2019</h1>		1	2 Private reservation 5-7pm
3 Transfiguration 9am Adult Bible Study ✠ 10am Worship/ Lords Supper, SS	4	5	6 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER VIGIL 6AM-5:30PM</b> SOUP/BREAD SPPR WORSHIP 7:30pm Comm Team 5	7 <b>CE MTG 7PM</b>	8	9 Private reservation 5-7pm  Set Clocks ONE Hour AHEAD 	
Lenten Food Drive Continues to Easter							
10 1st S Lent-Purple Daylight Saving Time Begins 2a 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship w/ guest spkr-pg 2/SS Board Mtgs-CA/ Deacons/Trustees- aft wrshp <b>Highway Clean-up aft Filwshp-pg 5</b>  Shannon Farrell Girl Scouts 6pm-7pm	11 <b>C.A.R.E. 10-11:30am</b> see pg 7	12	13  CC Rehearsal 7p	14	15 The Ivy Vine articles due	16  Private reservation 5-7pm	
Lenten Food Drive Continues to Easter							
17 2nd S Lent-Purple St. Patrick's Day 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship/SS	18 <b>Council Mtg 7p</b>	19 <b>M&amp;M Wms Grp 1p</b>	20 <b>Men's Lunch 11:30a</b> <b>Satchmo's</b> 13375 Olive Blvd CC Rehearsal 7p	21	22	23	
Lenten Food Drive Continues to Easter							
24 3rd S Lent-Purple 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship w/ guest spkr-pg 2/SS  Shannon Farrell Girl Scouts 6pm-7pm	25 <b>C.A.R.E. 10-11:30am</b> see pg 7	26	27  CC Rehearsal 7p	28	29	30 <b>Game Night 5-10 pm</b> see pg 5	
Lenten Food Drive Continues to Easter							
31 4th S Lent-Purple 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship w/ guest spkr-pg 2/SS	April 1	April 2	April 3  CC Rehearsal 7p	April 4	April 5	April 6 Riverbend Trivia Night	
Lenten Food Drive Continues to Easter							

**In April 2019:**  
 Riverbend Trivia Night 6:30pm  
 M 8<sup>th</sup> C.A.R.E. 10-11:30am-see pg 7  
 See Lent and Easter Events on pg 2  
 S 7<sup>th</sup> All Church Workday after Fellowship-see Trustees on pg 7  
 Lenten Food Drive Continues to Easter  
 22<sup>nd</sup> C.A.R.E. 10-11:30am-see pg 7

<b>AA</b> =Alcoholics Anonymous <b>CC</b> =Chancel Choir <b>C.C.P.</b> =Chesterfield Community Preschool	<b>CA</b> =Christian Action <b>CE</b> =Christian Education Preschool	<b>EMMP</b> =Eric Moody Memorial Pavilion <b>FH</b> = Fellowship Hall <b>LL</b> =LOWER LEVEL	<b>KYP</b> =KEEPING YOU POSTED <b>LS</b> =THE LORD'S SUPPER	<b>M&amp;M GRP</b> =MARY AND MARTHA WOMEN'S GROUP <b>NURSERY</b> =NY <b>SY</b> =SANCTUARY	<b>PP</b> =PURPLE PAGES <b>SS</b> =SUNDAY SCHOOL
Monday C.C.P. 9am-12pm *AA 1pm	Tuesday C.C.P. 9am-12pm >AA S.O.S 10-11am	Wednesday C.C.P. 9am-12pm	Thursday C.C.P. 9am-12pm ‡ AA 12pm Anna DiVesta 5-9pm	Friday C.C.P. 9am-12pm	Saturday **AA 10:30am Anna DiVesta 12-2