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You Are
Welcome At
Our Services!

Sunday

1st Morn. Worship.....8 a.m.
Sunday School.....9 a.m.
2nd Morn. Worship.....10 a.m.
Wed. nights.....6-7:30p.m.

March

Wednesday, March 2nd, Family Night, pizza cas.

Sunday, March 6th, High School/ Jr. High Sunday School class meeting after 2nd service at church for lunch then a movie in Macomb, permission slip required and money for snack.

Tuesday, March 8th 6:30p.m. The Man Up group meeting at the Thiner's home

Wednesday, March 9th, Family Night, sandwiches

Thursday, March 10th, 6 p.m. Camp Kickoff

Sunday March 13th, 6 p.m. Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 16th, 6 p.m. Family Night Easter Potluck and program

Thursday, March 17th, 5:30p.m. VBS meeting

Thursday, March 17th, 6:30 p.m. Soul Sisters' meeting

Saturday, March 19th, Iron Sharpens Iron Conference

Sunday, March 20th, 5:30 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting

Monday, March 21st, 6:00 p.m. East LaMoine Camp fellowship meeting

Wednesday, March 23rd, NO Family Night, Happy Easter!

Friday March 25th 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service, Astoria High School

Sunday March 27th, Easter Sunday Schedule

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

7:30 -8:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Second Service

Monday March 28th, 5-10 p.m. Jr. High (6th - 8th grades) Game Night

Wednesday, March 30th, 6:00 p.m. Family Night, breakfast

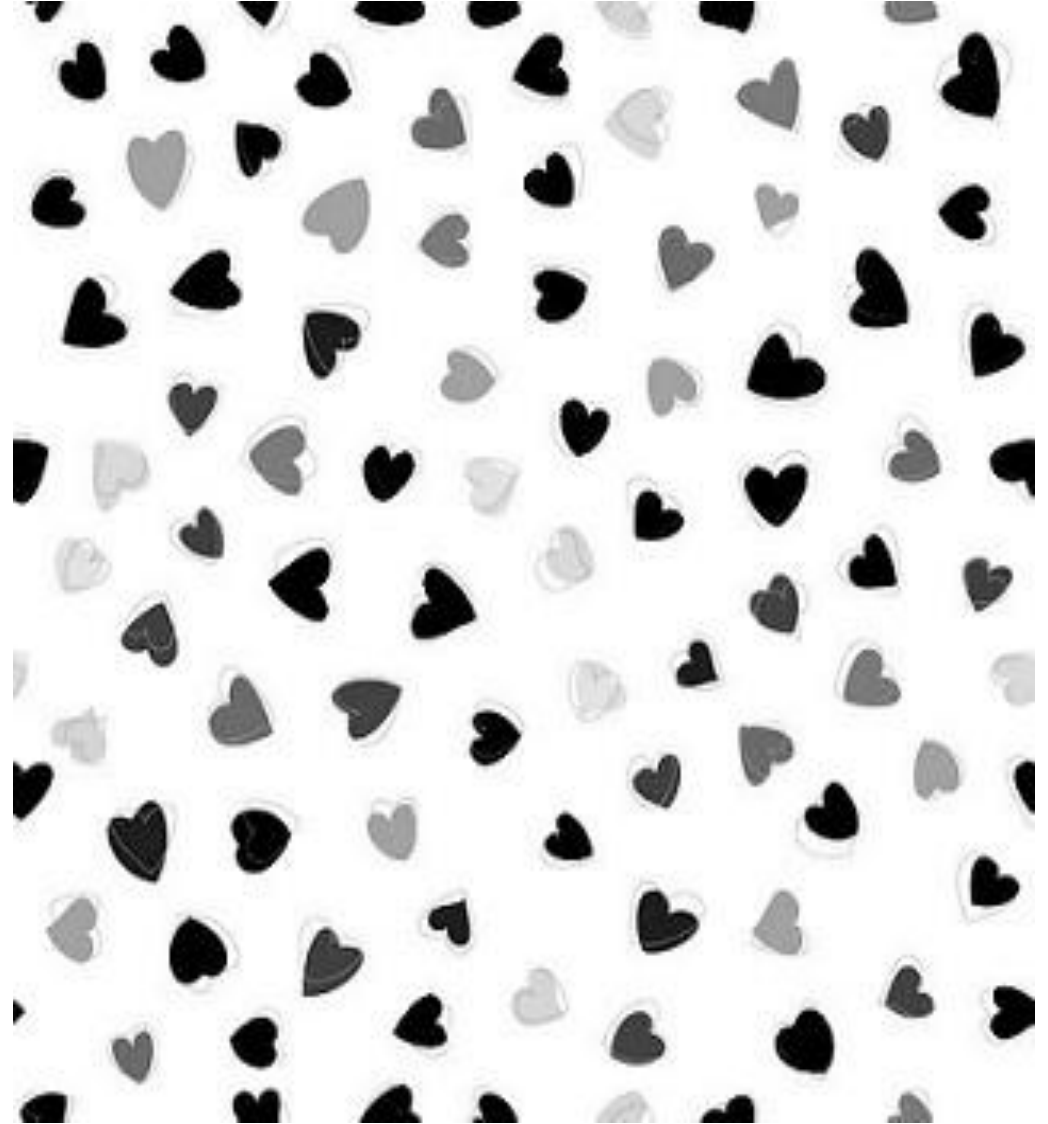
Please check your weekly bulletin for updates.

SAVE THE DATES: April 3rd-6th, Sunday Worship 10a.m. ,
Sunday - Wednesday 7p.m. Rock Solid Revival, with Tom &
Beth Weaver speaking and Kenny Melton singing



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Love God, Serve God, Love Others, Serve Others



Over the past few

weeks we've been going over the book of Hebrews. The book of Hebrews has a lot of allusions and historical details that are pulled from the Old Testament. As I've studied for each sermon, I feel like I'm taking a major amount of background information and details and trying to hone it down to something understandable and applicable. Some weeks it feels like I'm taking a full grown oak tree and trying to whittle out a tooth pick.

That being said, there is so much richness in the text of the book of Hebrews. If you haven't taken the time, reading a chapter a day will get you through it in less than two weeks. I encourage you to do that. But in the midst of all the historical allusions of the Old Testament people and their religious system, there are some stern warnings for the people. In each sermon, I've tried to present those warnings in a way to help us to be motivated to heed those warnings. However, one of the warnings sticks out to me more than others and that is the warning of staleness.

In the sermon on this warning I spent some time talking about the need to remain close to our High Priest, Jesus Christ, so that we do not become lazy, lethargic or stale. And while all that is true and good, this warning is a major issue that can affect any one of us. The problem with staleness, or plateauing, as a Christian, is that it is

incredibly easy to fall into it without realizing it. We can easily become stale or dull in our relationship with Christ and feel like our lives are going well and we have everything under control. We don't have crisis or major problems, so we feel like our relationship with God is going well. Maybe we've gotten into a good routine of spiritual disciplines or we're doing what we feel is necessary in our walk with God.

However, in doing all of those disciplines or routines, are we continually open to God's guidance and direction? Are we open to new thoughts, correction in behavior or encouragement from fellow believers? And this isn't just getting more information or learning a new lesson, it's about internalizing something in our hearts that becomes apparent on the outside through our actions. Hebrews 8.10, quoting from Jeremiah 31, says, "I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people" (NLT).

Do we truly have God's law on our minds and written on our hearts? Do we take all of the lessons he's taught us let them into our heart and allow him to change our behavior? God wants us to be truly free and fully related to him; we just need to allow him to move in our hearts, minds and hands.

Serving Him and you,
Matthew Thiner

Skating party for grade school kids was held on Sunday February 28th, and was attended by 5 adults and 15 kids. The kids had a blast and the afternoon involved only a few minor tumbles. Thank you to Matt for driving the van and to our adult chaperones Tara Sherrod and Melissa Shaw!

The Soul Sisters

For more info on the following events, check out the bulletin board in the basement or contact Judy:

- 1.) Saturday, March 5th, 2016. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Sister Circle - "Let's Get Real" Registration is \$25 (box lunch included) at the Beardstown High School
- 2.) Hearts at Home - "Moms Unite" Peoria Civic Center Friday and Saturday, April 22 -23, 2016 - Registration costs vary.
- 3.) "Soul Support", Wednesday April 27th, 2016. At Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln IL, Registration is \$35 before April 20th/ \$40 after.

Jr. High game night for 6th -8th grade

During Easter break we have a fun night of games and pizza planned for the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders at church on Monday March 28th. Starting at 5p.m. and ending at 10 p.m. Permission slips will be handed out on Wednesday, March 16th and must be signed by parent and returned to attend. We hope to see you all there! It's going to be AWESOME!

Offering and Attendance for February

	1 st	S.S.	2 nd	offering	offering needed
7 th	16	35	62	\$1,339.27	\$1,685.56
14 th	Community Service				
21 st	12	30	65	\$3,475.00	\$1,685.56
29 th	14	30	63	\$1,501.00	\$1,685.56
Totals	42	95	190	\$6,315.27	\$6,742.24

Prayer list

(updated 2/28/16)

Linda Allen - weekly chemo
Olivia Anaganostopolus - cancer
Doris Baker - Alzheimer's
Mike Bankes - cancer
Denny Belville - surgery recover (2-26-16)
Hurley Crossman - biopsy kidney tumor (wk.12-13-15)
Jack Danner - placed in nursing home
Linda Danner - Surgery on arm went well 2-1-16
Jim Derry- Lung biopsy and back problems
Shirley Derry - at the Elms, Room 21
Lacey France - stress related seizures, counseling
Ashley Griffin -steroid injection shots working
Samantha Hackman - gall bladder surgery went well
Sharon Harris - continued breathing problems
Rick Heller - needs a kidney transplant
Bill Jones - possible heart surgery (tests on 3-3-16)
Frankie Jones - tests
Pam Klinebough - prayers for a job
Jim Lascelles- health, more surgery
Terry Lehman - cancer
Brandon Llewellyn - shingles/Bell's palsy (3-17-16 test - may need surgery to remove spot on thyroid)
Gavin Lockard - seizure
Lori Martin - Lung Transplant (soon)
Shirley Molenbruck - two recent heart attacks (Kay Mathewson's mother-in-law)
Linda Hamm Pierson - late stage liver cancer (Pat B's friend)
Dan Palmer - chemo treatments (1-11-16)
Daygan Reneau - spine surgery recovery (Dec. 2015)
Brenda Reynolds - surgery recovery (2-21-16)
Joel Rittenhouse
Tammy Spencer - cancer
Alan Snyder - personal
Jeanette Walters - special prayers (had biopsy on tumor 2-21-16) and dealing with after affects of chem.
Anita Watson, Don's sister-in-law in Ohio, chemo & radiation
Judy Wilson - needs kidney transplant
Condolences:
Family of Robert Cooper
Please let Matthew or Marcia know prayer list updates. Thank you

