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2025



Each year there are lots of dates associated with LENT. These dates may appear in other places but this year I am putting them all together on the front of this news page for quick and easy referencing. Here are the dates for the events of LENT 2025:

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**When is Lent in 2025?**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, and ends on Maundy Thursday, April 17.

**When is Ash Wednesday 2025?**

Ash Wednesday falls on March 5 this year.

**When is Palm Sunday?**

Palm Sunday this year is Sunday, April 13.

**When is Maundy Thursday 2025?**

Maundy Thursday this year is April 17.

**When is Easter 2025?**

This year Easter is Sunday, April 20.

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The Message series for Lent 2025 is called “Fatal Distractions.” It will be a look into what we know as “The Seven Deadly Sins.” This will be an introspective look at some of the things we do that run counter to God’s intentions and plans for our lives. May God bless us all as we identify and discard these deadly things from our lives.

*Encouraging you in Christ,  
Pastor Dan*



2025 Men's  
Lenten  
Breakfasts

SATURDAYS AT 7:00 AM

- March 8 - First Lutheran Church  
114 E Main St Geneseo
- March 15 - Saint Malachy Church  
585 E Ogden Ave Geneseo
- March 22 - Grace United Methodist Church  
318 N Center St Geneseo
- March 29 - Geneseo First Methodist Church  
302 N State St Geneseo
- April 5 - Loraine Church  
28782 E 2000th St Prophetstown



**Please make the following updates  
to your Church Directory:**

Steve Scherer:  
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John Tank:  
remove his cell phone number

Brett & Lynda Yoder:  
remove their cell phone number

**Small act.**

**Big impact.**

Grace United Methodist Church

Thursday, March 13 8:30am - 11:30am  
Otterbein Hall

To book your appointment, contact Karen Doy at [karemdoy@gmail.com](mailto:karemdoy@gmail.com) or scan QR Code.

Last Date to donate: 1/16/25

ImpactLife

Thursday,  
March 13

8:30am - 11:30am  
in Otterbein

Schedule your  
appointment by  
scanning the QR  
code or contact  
Karen Doy.



# M I S S I O N S



Sunday,  
March 30

## Easter Offering: Royal Family Kids Camp

Your donation will provide life-changing experiences for foster and at-risk children in Henry County, Illinois. Also consider becoming a volunteer! Find out more at <https://www.forthethechildren.org/about-us/camps>.

We know trauma negatively affects a child's emotional, mental, physical, and social development and is potentially long-lasting. Children may experience lowered self-esteem, behavioral problems, emotional dysregulation, social disconnection or over-attachment, academic challenges, lack of attention or thoughts focused on survival or worry. Research affirms the existence of human resilience. With the right environment and support, children can overcome the ongoing residual effects of trauma.

Royal Family Kids offers an opportunity for caring adults to work alongside wounded children, providing support and encouragement in a safe and secure environment while engaging in a variety of fun, recreational activities. The church is at the heart of this work, creating and leading change in Henry County.

This Mission Committee has designated Henry County Royal Family Kids Camp as the Easter Offering with a floor of \$500.



**Pastor Dan Seibert**  
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**Sunday School:**  
**Adult Classes 8:00am**  
**Ladies Bible Study**  
**10:00am**

**Worship Sunday at 9:00am**  
**Kids Worship (Ages 4-11)**  
**Sunday at 9:00am**

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Geneseo Grace

**2025 Offering Needed to  
meet Monthly Budget**

**\$31,800.00**

**Received February 2-23**

**\$24,507.88**

**General Fund**



**Join us for a fun  
change...  
PIZZA for breakfast!**

**Sunday, March 16  
Following Worship  
Service**

## Prayer Requests

### Anonymous Requests

Brenna Betcher  
John Davis  
Ruth Ann Eaker  
Cathy Gaudet  
Nikki Haars  
Margaret Hitzhusen  
Kerry  
Andrew Lord  
Clarice Massingill  
Ellen Rubino  
Ginny Simon  
Sally Swanson  
Todd  
Ron Vroman  
Steve & Charlotte Powell's Brother

Bishop Frank J. Beard  
Joseph Titus Countryman  
Joey Eaker  
Family Member  
Lyn Gradert  
Hannika  
Cameron Hodgson  
Norma Lodge  
Jane Massey  
Bev Radue  
Barb Sigwalt  
Nancy Stoneberger  
Larry & Connie Taylor  
Pat Ufkin  
Dean Yoder

### Those in Assisted Living & Nursing Home:

Joyce Criddle    Mary Lou Deane    John Riggs  
Connie Ryner    Sarah Stees    Carolyn Stenzel  
Rita Webb



### Food needs:

spaghetti sauce, vegetable oil, cereal,  
mayonnaise, canned pineapple

### Non-food needs:

lotion, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner,  
body wash, tooth paste

### Clothing Room needs:

men's clothing (all sizes), children's  
clothing, bath towels, sheets, boy's  
underwear, large print books

**OWLS Lunch**  
**Thursday, March 20 at 11:30am**



Join us for lunch followed by our program which will be presented by Angie Snook, long time friend and caregiver to the Geneseo Museum. Angie will share information about what the Museum can offer to visitors. Please come and learn what our local Museum contains and can share with us. Please sign up in the lobby or by calling the office.



- 04 - Julie Dahlquist
- 09 - Wendall Akers
- 11 - Liam Coleman
- 14 - Robin Toone
- 15 - Brett Yoder
- 16 - Diane Birmingham,  
Jim Davison
- 17 - Judy Scott
- 19 - Joan Johnson
- 20 - Steve Scherer
- 22 - Ann Neumann
- 25 - Art French
- 28 - Ken Pippin



- 04 - Larry & Bonnie Johnsen (58)
- 12 - Ron & Julie Blank (42)  
Joe & Jackie Mickley (48)
- 13 - Ron & Sue Vroman (54)
- 14 - Mark & Jodi Mosbarger (27)
- 18 - Dwayne & Amie Blank (69)
- 22 - Jerry & Judy Scott (50)**
- 23 - Mark & Nancy Lohman (34)
- 24 - Cal & Paula Venema (53)



evening  
 OF  
 MARCH 8



"The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon was the February 4 book of discussion. The attendees included Gayle, Sandy, LaVon, Sharon, Dee, Gloria, Joy, & Sharon C. The group will meet again on **March 11 at 1:00pm** in the church library to discuss the book, "The Only Woman in the Room" by Heather Terrell. New faces are always welcome!

Andrew Hofer shared information about the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Ministry and his dedication & involvement in his area of Illinois which includes Geneseo. For a brrr cold day, 30 brave souls joined the OWLS Lunch and enjoyed a meal of pasta, meatballs, salad, & cupcakes.



Dear Women of Grace,

Words cannot express how much our ENTIRE FAMILY appreciated the incredible funeral luncheon that you hosted for our Brandon. You have touched our hearts more than you'll ever know .

The Family of Brandon Diercks  
is thankful for all of you!



Grace Church,

Thank you for allowing us to use the church library for our annual board meeting & planning session. We hope to see many of you at our summer concerts in the city park.

The Maple City Band  
Board of Directors



# MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Regular Sunday Events</b></p> <p>8:00am - Adult Sunday School            9:00am - Worship            9:00am - KIDS Worship            10:00am - Women's Bible Study</p>						<b>1</b>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Regular Sunday Events</b></p> <p>10:00am - Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:15am - GUMDROPS</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Service            7:00pm</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>6:00pm - Trustees Meeting, Chapel</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Regular Sunday Events</b></p> <p><b>PIZZA BREAKFAST SERVED Following Worship</b></p> <p>10:00am - Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p> <p>6:00pm - Opal Circle, Chapel</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:00am - Pearl Circle, Library</p> <p>1:00pm - Book Club, Library</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9:15am - GUMDROPS</p> <p>7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>BLOOD DRIVE 8:30am -11:30am Otterbein</b></p> 	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>Regular Sunday Events</b></p> <p>10:00am - Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>11:30am - OWLS Lunch, Otterbein</p> 	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>7:00am - Men's Lenten Breakfast, Otterbein</p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Regular Sunday Events</b></p> <p>10:00am - Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p> <p>6:00pm - Church Council Meeting, Chapel</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>6:00pm - Staff Parish Meeting, Library</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9:15am - GUMDROPS</p> <p>7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>UMCOR SUNDAY</b></p> <p><b>Regular Sunday Events</b></p> <p>10:00am - Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p>					