



THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

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THIS DAY: WHEN LOVE ANSWERS

"Mary Magdalene went, telling
the news to the disciples:
"I saw the Master!" And she
told them everything he said to
her." **(John 20:18)**

The **Easter Offering** supports the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
It is received Sunday, **March 29th** and Sunday, **April 5th**.

Minister's Moment

Glen Echo Family,

Happy Lent! It's an exciting time of year to be a part of the church. While we continue to have snow, Lent is a nice, warm reminder that spring is close. With spring close, it's a reminder of the season of growth and change. Lent brings us a time of growing closer to God. We talked during the Ash Wednesday Service of new spiritual growth and sacrifice with purpose. I encourage you, if you were not able to attend, to check out Facebook or YouTube for Glen Echo to see the service.

We take this time to reflect, to pause, and to be still with God. We hear the voice of God calling us to service and growth. We remember those who are unable to sacrifice as we make our sacrifices, and we should reflect on what the season truly means rather than make a loud ruckus about what we have given up.

As we enter the month of March, we are starting to come to the warmer months. We will see change and the rapidly approaching Easter holiday. We are celebrating with our children the joys of Lent and Easter, teaching in Sunday School the lessons of Jesus and the reason behind Easter. In the worship service, we will be talking about the messages of Jesus during his ministry and the ways that oppression and empire might have affected his teachings.

As we reflect on the teachings against oppression and empire, we reflect on the world that we see today. We see a world that is constantly fighting for your attention, a world that is calling for discord, and a world that wants us to take part in further divisiveness.

It is my firm belief that we are called to unity in these times, to push forward a message of love like Christ showed us. This is not a message that Christianity is the only true religion or that Christian love is the only true love. Rather, it is a message about love being a uniting force. When we speak of this love, it should be from a place of uniting others, not an attempt to push ourselves ahead of anyone. We should encourage and grow with each other, being open minded to others' experiences and religious points of view, and having dialogues on what things mean and what context is.

Division and separation can make the world seem lonely and terrifying for some. We are a church of encouragement and love. Even the strongest can use a hand every now and then. If you are feeling lost or lonely, or have questions, please call the church, myself, or an elder. We are always here for you.

Blessings to you during this time, and peace be with you,

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Aaron Brunner



Shut-In Spotlight

by Dorothy Perry

Carol Miller grew up in Dallas, Texas. In high school, she was in Theater Arts for four years and wrote original musicals and did Shakespeare plays. She went to UCLA as a Business major. She married Joel Johnson in 1981 but kept her maiden name.

Carol was the Managing Editor of two monthly trade magazines, *Roads & Bridges*, and a gas distribution magazine. She later became a Real Estate Development Planner, planning underground electricity, water pipes, bridges, and concrete before houses could be built on it.

Joel's aunt, Virginia Johnson, lived in Iowa, so they moved here to be closer to her and other family members in 2011. Virginia asked them to come to Glen Echo when Rev. Dawn Ingram started here in 2015. Carol helped with church dinners, was on the Pastoral Relations Committee, and became Chairman of the Elders. Joel died in 2021. Carol turned 80 on January 17th.

Carol presently lives at 5824 Northglenn Dr., Unit B, Johnston, IA 50131. Ph. 515-528-9131.

Thanks for all you've done for Glen Echo Christian Church!

MARCH READINGS SCHEDULE

DATE	FIRST READINGS	SECOND READINGS
MARCH 1	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17
MARCH 8	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42
MARCH 15	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41
MARCH 22	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45
MARCH 29	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66

Good Fellowship: At our February gathering, we had over 20 people with necklaces on the table, big nut cups with popcorn and candy, and we stayed and talked for over two hours! Lots of fun!

Our next Good Fellowship dinner on March 27th will be a 5:45 PM potluck in our Fellowship Hall. Please sign up if you would like to join, and if you would like, sign up for a dish/dessert to bring and share!

Livestreamed Services: You can see our services from home in real time. Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/p/Glen-Echo-Christian-Church-100064675272457/ to watch!

An Invitation: If you're lonely or looking for a listening ear, Pastor Aaron Brunner would love to talk to you. His phone number is (515) 954-5280. You can also send him a letter at 1325 NE 50th Place, Des Moines, IA 50313.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Margaret Bierma
Kayla Brunner: Heather
Myssie Brunner: Her father's mother
Josh Ingram: Uncle Barry
Virginia Johnson
Bev Katzmann: Jordan; Michael
Rosemarie Kelling, and her brother, Hans-Martin
Juanita Leggett: Her son and daughter
Teresa Little: Don's mother
Deb Martin: Darla Welch; Shelly Wilson
Dennis Martin: Lori Martin
Lori Martin: neighbor, Julie Peterson; Dennis
Carol Miller
Jackie Murphy: Carol
Agatha Norton
Dorothy Perry: Alice Spicer
Margaret Ripperger
Ron Smith
Bill Suiter
Alicia Tottser: Cora
Bev Van Blaricome

Please contact Pastor Aaron if you have any prayer concerns to add.

ATTENDANCE

	In-Person	Online
February 1	23	158
February 8	30	193
February 15	26	168
February 22	28	194

MARCH 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Second Sunday of Lent 10:15 Worship After Church: Coffee Fellowship, Deacon Callers	2	3	4	5 Teresa Little	6	7
8 Third Sunday of Lent SPRING FORWARD! 9:00 Edencrest Service 10:15 Worship After Church: Coffee Fellowship	9	10 7:00/7:30 Committee/ Board Meetings	11 Jeff Bonner	12	13	14
15 Fourth Sunday of Lent 10:15 Worship After Church: Coffee Fellowship	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Fifth Sunday of Lent 10:15 Worship After Church: Coffee Fellowship	23	24	25	26	27 5:45 pm Good Fellowship Potluck Dinner @ Glen Echo	28
29 Palm Sunday Easter Offering 10:15 Worship After Church: Coffee Fellowship, Elders Meeting	30	31	The Saydel School District iJAG (Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates) is hosting a hygiene drive through March 9 th to benefit their local community, including people experiencing homelessness. They are collecting new and unopened travel and full-size hygiene items. If you want to donate to this, please bring your items to church and Kayla will get them delivered to the school.			

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MARCH 2026 SERVING SCHEDULE			
<u>March 1</u>		<u>March 8</u>	
Worship Leader:	Julie Bonner	Worship Leader:	Kathleen Smith
Elder:	Myssie Brunner	Elder:	Julie Bonner
Deacon:	Justin Brunner	Deacon	Mary McCarthy
<u>March 15</u>		<u>March 22</u>	
Worship Leader:	TBA	Worship Leader:	TBA
Elder:	Alex Brunner	Elder:	Kathleen Smith
Deacon:	Myssie Brunner	Deacon:	Alex Brunner
<u>March 29</u>			
Worship Leader:	TBA		
Elder:	Justin Brunner		
Deacon:	Julie Bonner		