

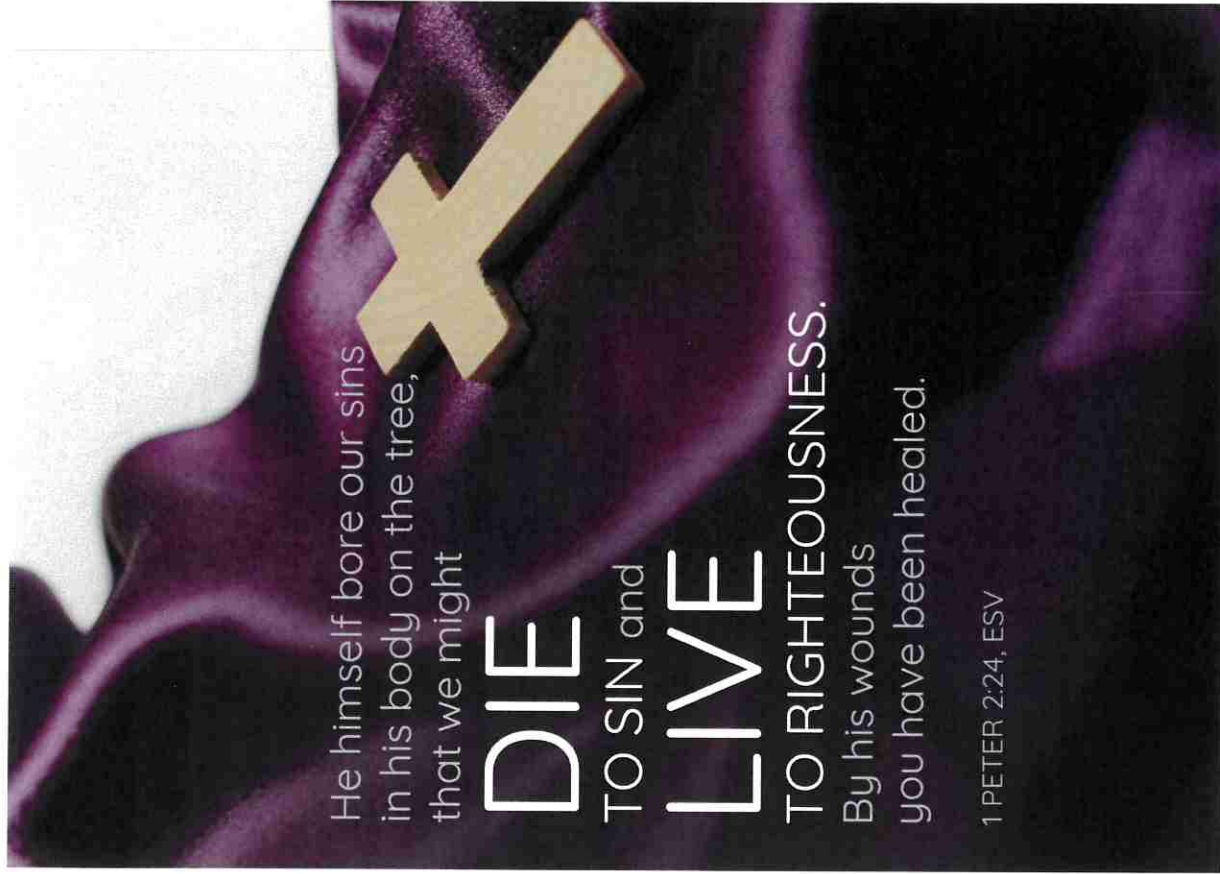
Small Groups

Not attending a small group? There are several opportunities for you to get plugged in!

- **Adult Sunday School Class:** meets the first, third, and fourth Sundays of the month in the Crossroads classroom at 10:45am.
- **Tuesday Bible Studies:** one group open to all at 9:30am in the Crossroads classroom; women's study that meets at 10:00am in SE Classroom. You are welcome at both!
- **Women's Wednesday Night Small Group:** All ladies of the church are invited. They meet from 7-8:30pm on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month in the Youth Room.
- **Men's Group:** meets Wednesdays at 7:30am at The Original Pancake House.
- **Chick Chat:** a women's small group, meets every Thursday morning at 9:00am in the Crossroads classroom.
- **Journey Men:** men's group meets at 7:30am on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month at the church.
- **Quilters:** meet the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month from 9am - 12pm.

This week's calendar ...

Sun, Oct 26	10:45 am	NO Adult Sunday School
Mon, Oct 27	10:00 am	Parkinson's Support Group
Tue, Oct 28	9:30 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AI-Anon
Wed, Oct 29	7:30 am	Men's Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Praise Band
Thu, Oct 30	9:00 am	Chick Chat
	7:00 pm	Scouts
Sat, Nov 1	7:30 am	Journey Men
	9:00 am	Quilters
	10:00 am	Packing boxes for the Philippines
	4:00 pm	Youth Small Group Study



Welcome to Worship!

October 26, 2025 9:30 AM

Announcements

Prelude

Welcome

Praise Song

Call to Worship

Hymn

Offering with Hymn

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Praise Song

Message "The Reason for God: If God is Loving,
Why Did Jesus Have to Die?"

Rev Jungil Rhee

Praise Song

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

The church's annual meeting is today at 2pm at Champaign Faith UMC. All members of the Church Council should attend.



Food Pantry needs include -
Soup **Canned Vegetables** **Jelly**
Because of you, we are able to provide food for approximately 30 families. Thank you for keeping our food pantry stocked!



Pastor Appreciation Month, celebrated this month, is a time to recognize and honor the contributions of pastors for their service and dedication.



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour next Sunday at 2:00 am. You don't want to miss out on that extra hour of sleep!



If you would like to have a family member (spouse, child, mother, father) that has passed away in the last year included in our presentation, send a photo along with their birth and death dates to the church office by Monday, October 27. Contact the church office if you have questions.



Coming soon!
Saturday, November 8
4:30 - 7:00 pm
Sign-up sheets are posted in the foyer near the office. Questions?? See Michelle Horvat.

Please join us for a time of fellowship directly following the worship service today!

Sermon Notes

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