



Empire Church of the Brethren

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Every Sunday

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Informal Worship in Song: 10:45 am

Worship 11:00 am

March 2025 Church Calendar

Fellowship Singers meets Thursdays at 4:15pm

Mar. 1	Heaven's Bounty Open
Mar. 4	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
Mar. 5	Food Delivery Day 8am Ash Wednesday—First Day of Lent
Mar. 7	All Church Friday Luncheon 11:30am
Mar. 9	Coffee Hour-Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar. 11	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
Mar. 18	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon Women's Fellowship 1:00 pm
Mar. 20	Church Board Meeting
Mar. 21	Friday Fellowship Lunch Out 1:00pm
Mar. 23	All Church Birthdays Celebration Luncheon
Mar. 25	Emergency Food Pantry 9am-Noon
Mar. 28	Shed Work Day 9:00am



The season of Lent beginning March 5 thru Easter

Ben Baker—recovering from surgery

Normie Lutes—recovering from shoulder surgery

David & Evy Hurlbut—for good health & strength

Family of Steve Rash who passed away in late February

Ron Cadruvi—recovering from cataract surgery

Michael with cancer and his partner Kelly for sobriety

Vance Shafer—topical treatment for skin cancers

Those in care facilities:

Mary Raridan

Glenn Stanford

Phyllis Caudle

♦ Efforts for peace

around the world

♦ Those among us

feeling discouraged

JANUARY 2025 STATISTICS

Average Worship Attendance: **23**

Giving:

Local: \$3,977.00

Other: \$120.00

Total: \$4,097.00



March Birthdays

- 1 Cheryl Leib
- 9 Jeffrey Price
- 15 Susan Wyatt
- 20 Sarah (Wyatt) Peterson
- 26 Ben Baker



March Anniversaries

- 24 Don & Susan Wyatt



OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ADDRESSES:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/EmpireCOB

Twitter: https://twitter.com/empire_cob

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/empirechurchofthebrethren/>

Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.



2025 Monthly Prayer Calendar (praying each Sunday morning for Pastor John)	
Remember as you pray for the folks listed to include their families, children & grandchildren	
Day	Pray for:
1	Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Candice Arellano
2	Molly Arellano Elaine Azevedo Ben & Jen Baker
3	Ken Barklow Don & Pat Benton Michael Best
4	Wanda Bollinger Earl Boyd Earleen Cadruvi
5	Ron Cadruvi Linda Carter & Ivy Phyllis Caudle
6	Arlene Cupp Deanna Dixon Chuck & Wendla Dyer
7	Jim & Sue Eikenberry John Elness Kenny Fox
8	Pam & Phil Franklin Kerby & Heather Frantz Lyndall & Lois Frantz
9	Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman Thom & Patricia Guthrie
10	Clark Hartman David & Evelyn Hurlbut Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut
11	Jay Irizarry Sheryle Knott Chery Leib
12	Baji Lutes Norma Lutes Seth Lutes
13	Gerri Masellis Ric Mason Jose & Floriceta Merlos
14	Hillary Merlos Suzanne Neptune Kelly Olsson
15	Clifford Parker Brad Parrish
16	Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson Oscar Phan
17	Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price Jeremy & Erica Price
18	Joel & Susan Price Hannah Price Sam Price
19	John Price Jonah & Morgan Price Nathan & Kim Price
20	Wyatt Price Kay Qualls Mike & Laura Radcliffe
21	Mary Rariden Lana Royer Keith Shafer
22	Vance & Maria Shafer Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh
23	Marilyn Snider Tony & Laura Snyder Glenn Stanford
24	Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca
25	Jonathan Vacca Matt & Alexis Vacca Linda Vargo
26	Linda Ward Roger & Cynthia Welch Josh & Heather Winchester
27	Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny & Erica Wyatt
28	Brad Slayter Modesto CoB Waterford CoB
29	Pastors/Churches in Pacific Southwest District Camp Peaceful Pines
30	Church Board Members Food Pantry Recipients
31	Heaven's Bounty Ministry



The
Season
of
Lent



WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a period of 40 days (excluding Sundays) that commemorates the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert before beginning his ministry. It is a time for reflection, repentance, and renewal,

as we prepare ourselves for Easter, the celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

During Lent, many Christians choose to fast or give up something as a form of sacrifice and self-discipline. This could be anything from food to social media to certain habits. The goal is to detach ourselves from worldly pleasures, focus on our relationship with God, and realize that even when we try to live within our own discipline, we still stand in desperate need of God's grace and strength.

In addition to fasting, Lent is also a time for increased prayer, giving to those in need and acts of service to others. Through these practices, we are often called to repentance, find our faith deepened, and are drawn closer to God.

Overall, the season of Lent and its call for repentance reminds us of our sin, the death that results from our sin, and, most importantly, that Jesus is the God of grace Who loves and goes after lost sheep, searches for and rejoices over lost coins, and runs out to prodigal sons and daughters, just like you and me.

Robert's Blog: raterrell.com/2023/02/21/what-is-lent/

"Humble yourselves therefore under God's mighty hand that he may lift you up in due time." 1 Peter 5:6



5 THINGS TO GIVE UP THIS LENT

- Complaining
- Worrying
- Criticizing Others
- Negative Self Talk
- Comparing Yourself To Others

