

THE MESSENGER

CARLOCK BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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Steven Szetela, Pastor

Sunday School - 9 AM

Worship - 10:15 AM

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Wifi available: Connect
to CBFC password is
cbfc2024!

MARCH CALENDAR

Sun, March 1 - Morning Worship;
Hospitality

Wed, March 4 - Board Meeting 7 PM

Sun, March 8 - Morning Worship

Thurs, March 12 - MW Meets 630PM

Sat, March 14 - Men's Bible Study 630AM;
Relief Sale

Sun, March 15 - Morning Worship

Sun, March 22 - Morning Worship

Sat, March 28 - Men's Bible Study 630AM

Sun, March 29 - Morning Worship



Updates from Your Church Board

At the February Board Meeting, several important ministry and church matters were discussed. The board approved a donation to Deputy Evans of the Peoria County Sheriff's Department who was injured in the line of duty, and it was delivered on behalf of our church. The Spiritual Advisory Team shared a desire to focus more intentionally on teaching the biblical offices of the church, beginning with the Deacons, and is proposing a revised meeting schedule that allows for more teaching and discipleship. Trustees provided updates on facility needs, including plans to move forward with bell tower and chimney cover repairs, installation of the foyer doors, and scheduling for bat removal. Pastor Steven shared that his current emphasis is strengthening the church through teaching, maintaining our mission commitments, evaluating the structure of Sunday School, and seeking greater involvement in the Carlock community. Plans for Easter services were also confirmed, including a Maundy Thursday communion service, Palm Sunday with palms, and Easter Sunday morning worship. The next board meeting will be held March 4.

For March 2026

Hospitality Committee

Kayla Myers
Jeanise Frank
Jill Mohr

Food Pantry Item:

Potato Products

Sunday School

Noah's Ark - Carrie Schwoerer
Lion's Den - Rene Atkinson
Jr/Sr High - Steven Szetela



"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

-Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)



A Note from the Pastor

Dear Church Family,
As we enter the month of March together, I want to draw our attention to a man of faith whose story many recognize, though often only through cultural caricatures. His name was Patrick.

Long before he was remembered as "Saint Patrick," He was a young man who endured deep suffering. At just 16 years old, his home, likely in Wales or possibly Scotland, was raided, and he was taken to Ireland as a slave. For six long years, he labored as a Shepherd in isolation. Yet it was in that loneliness and hardship that God captured his heart. Though Patrick had once doubted, it was not through spectacle or public preaching that his faith was born. It was in the quiet fields, in solitude, reflecting on the truth he had been taught as a child, that he placed his trust fully in Christ. Later, after escaping and receiving training in the Scriptures, he returned to Ireland, the very land of his captivity, to proclaim the name of Jesus to a people, steeped in Druid paganism. God used a private, tested Faith to bring public transformation. Church, I encourage you as your pastor to follow this example. Make time to be alone with the Lord. Reflect on the gospel. Read His word quietly and thoughtfully. Remember His promises. Ask how He desires to shape your life and strengthen your family. Deep, personal discipleship, formed in private, bears fruit far beyond what we can see. Let us not settle for nominal Christianity. Instead, wrestle with the truth of Christ, until your faith is your own, full, steady, and deeply rooted. I love you all and I'm continually praying for you.

With all my thanks and gratitude,
Pastor Steven Szetela
Lamentations 3:22-26 ESV.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

7 Holly Moran
11 Jill Mohr
14 Greg Mohr
15 Stan Otto
19 Michael Orndorff
19 Greg Otto
22 Janice Reimer
24 Walker Pyne
29 Lori & Duane Amberg (A)

Prayer Chain

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