



# First Christian Church of Effingham

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## Mark Your Calendar

**Saturday, February 24th** Women's  
Tea & Conversation meets @ 10:00  
a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, February 27th** Young @  
Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. the church  
for snack, prayer & fellowship Hall

**Tuesdays Online Prayer Time** Starts  
@ noon on the First Christian Church  
Effingham Facebook [https://  
www.facebook.com/FCCEffingham](https://www.facebook.com/FCCEffingham)  
and You Tube [First Christian Church  
of Effingham - YouTube](#)

**Wednesday, February 28th** W.O.W.  
will begin to meet again with a 5:30  
p.m. light supper and fellowship time  
to follow

**Sunday, March 3rd** Calvary Baptist  
Food Pantry items of peanut butter,  
Jelly, cereal or your choice are due in  
the Fellowship Hall.

**Thursday, March 14th** Elder's Meet-  
ing meets @ 1:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 24th** Children's  
Easter Egg Hunt starts at 10:00 a.m.

## *Serving & Giving*

### *Serving In February/March*

**Communion Table** : February 25—Don Millman; March 3—Jon Zerkel

#### **2/11/2024 Attendance & Giving**

**Total: 10,950.00**

**includes Faith Promise & Online Giving**

*Attendance:*

*Sunday* —68      *Sunday School*—13  
*Property Ministries:*\$440.00

#### **2/18/2024 Attendance & Giving**

**Total: \$1,885.45**

**includes Faith Promise & Online Giving**

*Attendance:*

*Sunday* —64      *Sunday School*—11  
*Property Ministries:*\$40.00  
*Countrymark Refining:*\$11.35

**Faith Promise 2023/2024: \$4,280.00**

**Faith Promise 2023/2024: \$95.00**

## *Prayer List*

**Special Needs:** Ukraine & Russia Standoff,  
Israel/Palestine Conflict, Church leadership,  
Cheryl Mix (cancer), Lisa Lipcamon (foot to  
heal), Sue Thomason (Hospice Care), Gene Roley  
(health issues), Cousin Carole ( brain cancer),  
Alice (broken shoulder), Michael Habing (vocal  
cord cancer), Mandy Jo Shumaker (More Chemo),  
Grandma Lucy (Pancreatic Cancer), Angie Sicilia  
(hospice care), Sonja Davis (compressed spine),  
Will Bruce (chronic back pain), Joyce Heuerman  
(Lymphoma), Chris Hutcheson (chest infection),  
Chris Breu (Open Heart Surgery), Tom Young  
(cancer), Kevin (health Issue), John McKee  
(cancer), Charlie Kline (fell & in nursing home), Lisa Davis (biopsy), Elsie  
Palmer (dental work), Keith Sinclair (heart attack)

**Missions:** Faith Promise 2023/2024, Project Bible Runners

**Pray For These Family:** Bonnie Watkins Family, Bill Myers Family,  
Ray Young Family, Debbie Sinclair Family





# Women's Tea & Conversation

We will meet Saturday, February 24th  
from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Book of 1 Thessalonians

**BEN STUART**  
Description

Living for Christ in a Culture that Doesn't  
What is God's will for our lives, and why is it important to know? In this eight-session series, Pastor Ben Stuart shows us that Jesus calls us to live our faith openly, letting the world see our allegiance to him. When we are being faithful, pressing against culture, others can't help but notice. As we live confident of our good future in God's kingdom, we show the world where—and in whom—their hope lies.



## ***A Note From the Decoration Committee***

A big thanks to Mimi Bushue and Jane Ann Zerkel for heading up the Christmas church decorating. They had a lot of good help from Dennis Bushue, Jon Zerkel, Sheila Hutcheson, Claudine Rush, June Ashley, Cathy Weiffenbach, Judy Gregory, Erica & Jocie Depoister, Cleone Bloemker and Cheryl Bloemker.

Sheila Hutcheson and Erica & Jocie Depoister make sure the Fellowship Hall looks festive and inviting. It all looks beautiful. Thanks to anyone who has helped with decorating and making the church look beautiful.

Chris Hutcheson makes sure everything is running well and he is appreciated so much for all he does. Be sure to thank him.

John Donathan heads the garden committee and keeps things looking good.

You are all appreciated and we thank you all so much, you are a blessing to the church.  
God Bless to All. ~Decoration Committee

April Moeller and the youth of the church gave a very special Christmas program. It takes a lot of time and effort and you have blessed the church family. Also, a big thanks to those helping with the Holiday dinner. Cleone Bloemker made sure the meal was hot and ready.





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## Faith Promise--Use Your Gifts

*2023/2024 Promised: \$20,850.00*

*Received: \$10,706.00*



**"God's gifts of grace come in many forms. Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others. You should use it faithfully."**

**1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)**



# Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

*Sunday, March 3rd*

**Peanut Butter**

**Cereal Or Your Choice**

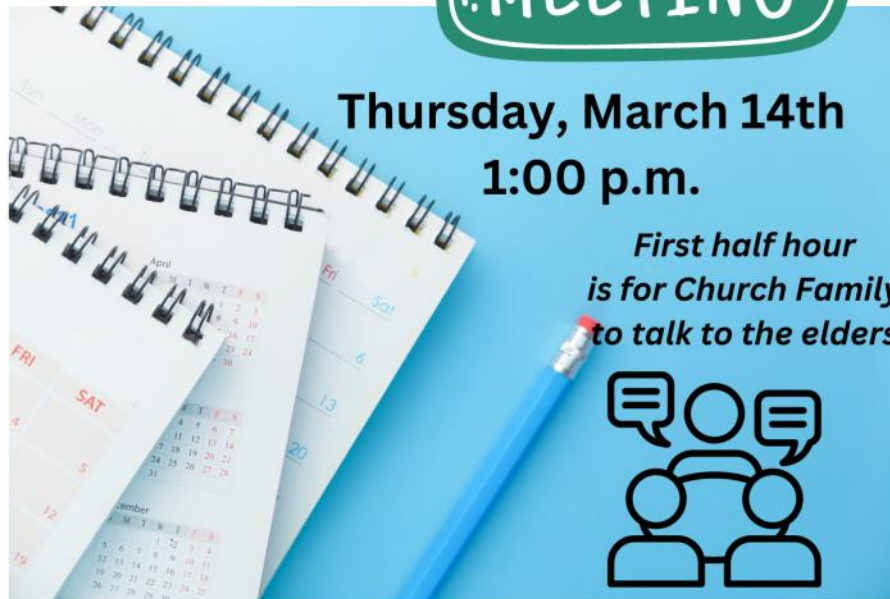
**& Jelly**







# Elders' MEETING



## Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, March 23rd**

*Come To First Christian Church  
901 N. Henrietta St.  
Effingham, IL  
Begins @ 10:00 a.m.*

**All Children 5th Grade and Under**

*Bring a container to collect the eggs*



**If you would like to share in the Easter Egg Hunt, please, pick up some eggs in the foyer to fill and bring back to help the church supply the eggs for the hunt.**



# March Birthdays



2-Elsie Palmer-	BD
2-Tracey Scoggins-	BD
8-Jane Ann Zerkel-	BD
11-Alexandria Denoyer-	BD
14-Shirley Jamison-	BD
23-Judy Tapp-	BD
24-Jocie Depoister-	BD
26-Sonja Davis-	BD
26-Velda Cunningham-	BD



## Palm Sunday Children's Program

Sunday, March 24th  
During Worship Service










First Christian church  
901 N. Henrietta  
Effingham, IL 62401  
SERVICE REQUESTED

A background image of an open Bible with two breadsticks crossed over it, tied together with a white string knot.A logo for the First Christian Church of Effingham, featuring a stylized red 'F' and 'C' with the text "First Christian Church of Effingham" below it.

**901 N. Henrietta St.  
Effingham, IL 62401**

**Sunday Times**  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:40 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. Fellowship Time  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Tuesday Morning**  
9:00 a.m. Young @ Heart Coffee & Prayer Time

**Wednesday Evening**  
5:30 p.m. Bible Study & Worship Time