



February 2024

## A Message from Pastor Andrea

I've seen much social commentary naming that January felt like it was 347 days long. I completely agree, and I'm grateful February has (finally) arrived. As we look forward into February (and into March), I am excited for the things that are coming up here at Dayspring.

On February 14, while some people may be celebrating with roses and dinners and valentines, we'll be honoring Ash Wednesday—a day that some Christians have called “the most honest day of the year.” This day marks the season of Lent: the 40 days (not including Sundays) that lead up to Easter, reminiscent of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness.

Lent, and Ash Wednesday especially, are moments in our year where we intentionally pause to remember who and whose we are:

We remember that we were made from dust; we remember that we are fleeting, but our God is not. This is a humbling remembrance.

We remember that we sin, falling short of the wholeness for which we were created. We take a moment to name this before God (and each other), accepting the forgiveness and salvation that Christ brings to us all.

We mark these remembrances with ashes on our foreheads—ashes that come from last year's Palm Sunday palms.

This year, we are offering two Ash Wednesday services, both of which will take place in the chapel: one at 12 pm and one at 6 pm. Both services will be short (no longer than 30 minutes), and we hope you'll be able to attend one of them.

I'm also excited because February 18 is the first Sunday of the season of Lent, and we'll be honoring this season through prayers, confessions, and weekly communion. We'll also be talking about different theories of the cross of Christ—different Atonement Theories—as we make our way toward Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

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Note: our Sunday night Adult Bible Study will be starting back up on February 25, and we'll discuss these theories more in depth during that time as well.

My prayer is that this season of Lent will be meaningful and sacred for all of us here at Dayspring, and that we will be overcome by the width, depth, height, and length of God's love for us and for this world. What a joy it will be to celebrate this season with all of you!

Pastor Andrea



**Manna, youth, young children & MOMSnext  
programming February/March 2024**

FEBRUARY 4  
MARCH 10

FEBRUARY 25  
MARCH 24

Angie Smith will also lead a Children's Church for grades K-5 through March (begins on Sunday, March 3)

**The Lunch Bunch**

Tuesday, February 27 at 11:30 a.m.

This time it's a "Bring Your Own Lunch" at Dayspring



## Communion Sunday Offering

Our first Quarter's offerings will be sent to the Ukraine Baptist Theological Seminary to support their We Care Centers. The seminary launched a comprehensive humanitarian aid effort on the first day of the war. This led to the development of a network of WeCare Centers throughout Ukraine. These are nonprofit, non-governmental (NGO) platforms where local and international organizations work together to relieve suffering and rebuild vibrant communities.

You can learn more at:  
<https://upfmissions.org/wecare-centers/>



## Caturdays

As we think back to the dog days of summer, it's time for Dayspring to celebrate Caturdays! We will be showcasing the **Cats of Dayspring** on our social media. If you're a cat owner, please send in a few pictures or videos of your feline friends along with a bit of information (name, age, breed, habits, or favorite treats). Then keep an eye on the Dayspring Instagram & Facebook accounts.

Submit your photos, videos, & info to Emma Pettibone at [epettibone20@gmail.com](mailto:epettibone20@gmail.com)



## Save the Date

**Adult Bible Study begins  
on Sunday Evening  
February 25 at 5:30p**

**Red Cross Community  
Blood Drive, March 5  
from noon-4pm**



Here's their most pressing needs for the month of February:

- Healthy snacks (granola bars, microwave popcorn, nuts/crackers)
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Dinner "helpers"
- Ketchup
- BBQ Sauce
- Pasta Sauce
- Salad Dressings
- Salad

We collect items in the wire rack (labeled for Circle of Concern) in the foyer, next to the outer doors of the playground.



# Lenten Series Atonement Theories

Pastor Andrea will preach on different ways to understand the cross of Christ

**Beginning Sunday, February 18  
through Easter (March 31)**



## Adult Bible Study

Sunday Evenings beginning  
February 28 at 5:30pm

We'll go more in-depth of the various Atonement Theories that are introduced during the Sermon Series in worship



# Kids- Day Out

**Early Childhood Learning Program for  
ages 2-5**

**February 16 at 9a-2p**

This is our community early learning program for any children who may be ready to attend pre-school but may be on a waiting list; the parents are ready to get them started in a structured learning program; or for those who would just like to get a feel for “school” for their youngster.

This program is meant to grow by leaps and bounds, but we need to get it started. So please, consider sharing with anyone you think might be interested. Right now, it’s once a month. We’d love to see it expand as soon as possible to two, three or more times a month - even to two or three times weekly!

## The Basics:

- \$50 per child/session
- no enrollment fees
- bring their own lunch
- school-readiness skills
- socialization
- naptime

for more information call  
the Church Office at  
(314) 432-1960 or email  
[office@dayspringstl.com](mailto:office@dayspringstl.com)



# Parents' Night Out

\$25/first child; \$15/add'l child  
family max \$55

payment PRIOR to drop-off  
cash/check NOT accepted at the door

If you sign up & can't attend, please call Brenda at (636) 222-7888 as soon as possible. Food, crafts & staff needed are based on expected attendance

Sign-up in the foyer, call the church office at (314) 432-1960 or email [office@dayspringstl.com](mailto:office@dayspringstl.com)

Parents' Night Out EVERY month on the FIRST SATURDAY.

Again--this isn't just for Dayspring kids/parents. Extend to any family who is looking for a "Date" night out or a "Self-Care" evening without their kids!!

**March 2, 2024**

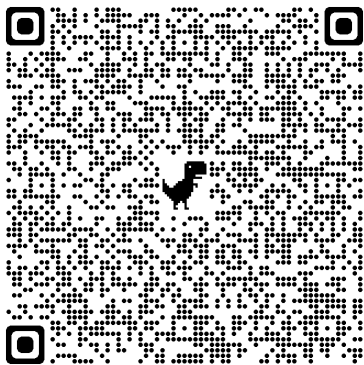
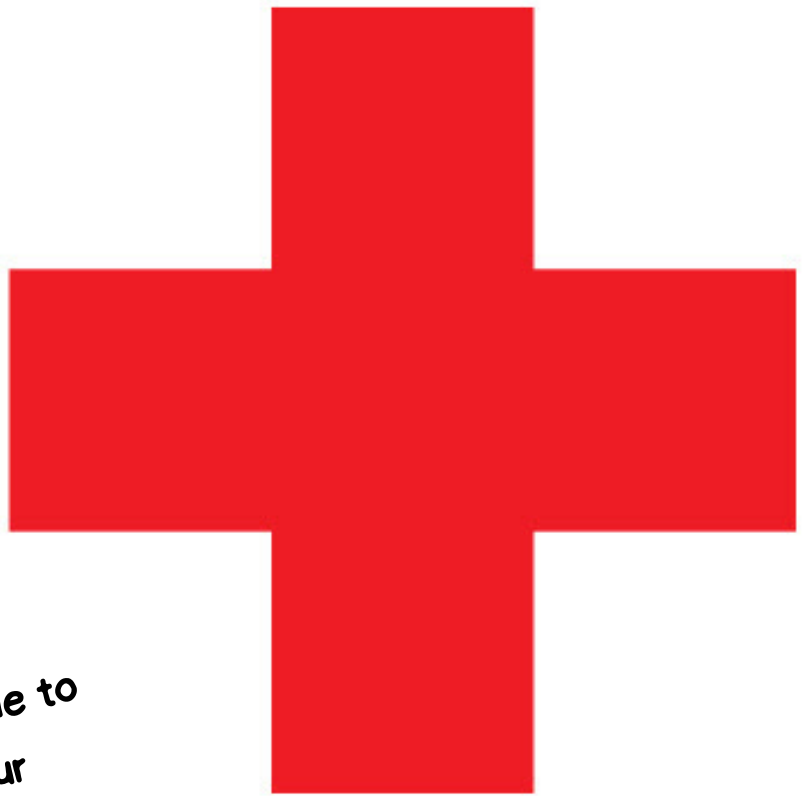
**5p-10p**



Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone  
in the U.S. needs blood.

**American Red Cross**



scan the code to  
make your  
appointment!!

**Blood Drive**  
**Dayspring Baptist Church**

**Anniversary Hall**  
**1001 Municipal Center Dr**  
**St. Louis, MO 63131**

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024**  
**12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Dayspring to schedule an appointment.

scan the code  
above

Come to give March 1-24 for a \$10 e-gift card to a pet supply merchant of choice! Give blood, treat your pet & make a paw-sitive impact this spring. PLUS automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$3K gift card (5 winners)! Terms: [rcblood.org/Pets](https://rcblood.org/Pets).

10:30a - Worship  
 5:00p - Dinner for Manna,  
 Youth & Young  
 Children  
 Full Sunday Programming  
 5:30p - Adult Bible Study  
 Manna, Youth, &  
 Young Children,  
 MOMSnext

# FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 5p-10p Parents' Night Out 
4 Full Sunday Programming <b>Annual Meeting in Anniversary Hall following worship</b>	5	6	7 1:45p - Prayer Group	8	9	10
11 10:30a - Worship Begins <b>Youth Fund-Raiser: PANCAKES!!!</b>	12	13 9:30a - MOPS 5:00p - Leadership Team	14  1:45p - Prayer Group Ash Wednesday Services - noon & 6pm -	15	16 9a-2p KIDS' DAY OUT 	17
18 10:30a - Worship Begins	19	20	21 1:45p - Prayer Group	22	23	24
25 Full Sunday Programming	26	27 9:30a - MOPS 11:30a - Lunch Bunch	28 1:45p - Prayer Group	29		





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## Ministry Team

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Brenda Hamm, Nursery Director  
Linda O'Heron, Office Manager  
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## Leadership Team

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