

## COMING DATES TO NOTE

**3-3**

Women's Ministry Planning Meeting  
- 6:30 pm

**3-4**

AWANA VIP Night/DINNER - 5:15 pm

**3-8**

Daylight Savings Begins - *Spring Forward*  
Soup & Prayer - 5 pm

**3-11**

Wednesday Warriors - 8:30 am

**3-14**

Men's Iron Sharpens Iron Conference  
- 8:30 am to 4 pm

CCYC Puzzle Palooza Fundraiser - 5:30 pm

**3-18**

Women's Ministry Fellowship - 10:30 am

**3-19**

TORCH Items Due to Office - Noon

**3-20**

OCC Spring Church Clean-Up - 4 to 7 pm

**3-21**

OCC Spring Church Clean-Up - 8 to 11 am

**3-29**

Brunch Mixer - 10:30 am

**4-3**

Good Friday Service - 6 pm

**4-5**

Easter Sunday Service - 9 am

**4-18**

Women's Iron Sharpens Iron Conference  
- 8:30 am to 4 pm

**7-12 to 7-16**

VBS 2026 - Illumination Station



A new quarter of Sunday School classes start **March 1<sup>st</sup>** for all classes:

**Age 2 - Kindergarten - M Gay - Room C.1.3.**

**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - D Wallace/N Hatfield - Room C.1.7.**

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - M Carlson/T Henschel - Room C.1.5.**

**6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade - T & K Akers - Room A.2.1.**

**What We Believe & Why It Matters**

*(continued from last quarter)*

- Pastor Paul - Fellowship Hall

**The 7 I AM's & 7 Signs in John**

- L Roach - Room A.1.1.



Heritage Church  
4801 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rock Island, IL 61201

Register by **March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Cost is \$59 (lunch included)

Students ages 13-22  
can register for **FREE!**

For more information,  
see Adam Osborne

**2026 ONE DAY  
MEN'S CONFERENCE**

**March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

## BRUNCH MIXER

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am**

We will be taking a break from our normal Sunday school classes & having a time of food and connecting in the Fellowship Hall instead.



Sign up at the Information Center to help provide a casserole, fruit, or pastry for the brunch. For more information, contact the church office.

**\*\*To see more events and details, visit our online calendar at [oscochurch.org/calendar](http://oscochurch.org/calendar)**

# March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9 am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>2</b> 5:30 - 8 pm Adult Coed Volleyball	<b>3</b> 9 am Staff Mtg 6:30 pm Women's Ministry Planning Mtg	<b>4</b> 5:15 pm Awana VIP Night & Dinner	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9 am - Noon F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool Group	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  <i>Daylight Savings Begins - Spring Forward</i> 9 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 5 - 6:30 pm Soup & Prayer	<b>9</b> 5:30 - 8 pm Adult Coed Volleyball 6:30 pm Elder Mtg	<b>10</b> 9 am Staff Mtg	<b>11</b> 8:30 am Wednesday Warriors 6 pm Awana	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9 am - Noon F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool Group	<b>14</b> 8:30 am - 4 pm Men's Iron Sharpens Iron Conference 5:30 pm CCYC Puzzle Palooza Fundraiser
<b>15</b> 9 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>16</b> 5:30 - 8 pm Adult Coed Volleyball	<b>17</b> 9 am Staff Mtg	<b>18</b> 10:30 am Women's Ministry Fellowship 6 pm Awana (PJ Night)	<b>19</b> Noon - TORCH Items Due to Office	<b>20</b> 9 am - Noon F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool Group 4 - 7 pm Spring Church Clean-Up	<b>21</b> 8 - 11 am Spring Church Clean-Up
<b>22</b> 9 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>23</b> 5:30 - 8 pm Adult Coed Volleyball	<b>24</b> 9 am Staff Mtg 6:30 pm Elder Mtg	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9 am - Noon F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool Group	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9 am Worship 10:30 am Brunch Mixer (#4)	<b>30</b> 5:30 - 8 pm Adult Coed Volleyball	<b>31</b> 9 am Staff Mtg				

## March Birthdays

J Kane	1
B Todd	7
L Warren	11
Z Downing	13
P Stoudt	13
D Ott	14
E Akers	15
H Hoste	15
N Ott	23
E Carlson	30



**Daylight Savings Time** begins early Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before bed on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Did you miss a **Sunday** due to vacation or illness?

Recent copies of the sermons, sermon notes & the current bulletin is available to download from our website, [oscochurch.org](http://oscochurch.org).

## March Anniversaries

D & McCoy	11
D & A Ames	15

Check out the Information Center for copies of **Acts & Facts**, current **Sunday School classes**, & **Our Daily Bread**.

# FINANCE MINISTRY

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Ministry at [financeministry@oscochurch.org](mailto:financeministry@oscochurch.org).

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE - General Fund				Fund Balances - January 2026	
	January 2026	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	General	\$70,707
Tithes & Offerings	\$15,827	\$15,827		Building	\$25,998
Expenses	\$15,690	\$15,690	\$19,811	Outreach	\$3,901
Variance	\$137	\$137		Missions	\$9,585

## Did you know there are Four Ways to give to Osco Community Church?

1. Go to our church website and click on the **GIVE** link. (No apps required)
2. Place your envelope in the offering box on Sunday morning
3. Mail checks to the church address, ATTN: Finance Team
4. Scan the QR code to the right



Attendance - 4 Weeks			MISSIONS BUDGET	TORCH Items are due to the Church office by <b>March 18<sup>th</sup></b> at Noon.
	Service	Sunday School		
2/1/26	107	89	We need \$9,175 in order to meet the 2026 budget quarterly.	Just a reminder that we cannot guarantee space in the newsletter if items are sent in after the deadline!!
2/8/26	108	79		
2/15/26	155	97		
2/22/26	<u>106</u>	<u>77</u>	We have made the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter giving for missions.	
<b>Average</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>86</b>		



### Cambridge Community & Youth Center

Ministry Site for Central IL YFC  
[facebook.com/CYCcambridgeIL](https://facebook.com/CYCcambridgeIL)

Cambridge Community and Youth Center provides a safe place where respect and relationships are encouraged, the community is served, and the Kingdom of God is furthered.

### Supply needs for the Center this month:

- Bottled water - both 8 & 16 oz
- Ping Pong paddles
- Prayer!

### Please pray for the Center this month:

- \*Thanks to all who supported our Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser!!! At least 5 students are now fully funded for camp!! We will have another one in May...
- \*Pray for Puzzle Palooza this month. Another fundraising opportunity.
- \*Walking with a couple of students through difficult situations. Please pray for wisdom and open hearts.

**Thank you for faithfully praying for and supporting the Center!**

The **Wednesday Warriors** will be meeting on **March 11<sup>th</sup>** at **8:30 am**.



There are two goals for this group:  
1) replenishing of every man attending, &  
2) repair projects around the church.  
For more information, please contact D Gay, D Rehn, or P Warren.

CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY & YOUTH CENTER

# PUZZLE PALOOZA

SATURDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>

DOORS OPEN AT 4:45 PM, COMPETITION STARTS AT 5:30 PM.

407 North West Street, Cambridge, IL

COST: \$100 PER TEAM

Teams of 4 to 6 people race to complete a 500-piece puzzle in 2 hours for first place!

**Dinner included:** Smoked Pork, baked beans, chips and dessert (beverage included)

**More information, call Doreen at (309) 945-6936**

All proceeds go to the Cambridge Community & Youth Center camp fund.  
[dvincent@hoiyc.org](mailto:dvincent@hoiyc.org)

**CCYC UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> -**  
**Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser**

## ADULT MINISTRY



### Upcoming Sermons from Pastor Paul

**March 1<sup>st</sup>:** The Folly of the Cross  
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

**March 8<sup>th</sup>:** Stay Rooted in the Right Things  
- Jude 20-21

**March 15<sup>th</sup>:** Rescue the Wandering  
- Jude 22-23

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Amazing Grace & Our Glorious God  
- Jude 24-25

**March 29<sup>th</sup>:** Who is This Man?  
- Matthew 21:1-11

### Elder Meeting Minutes:

our **ELDERS**

During both meetings this month, as is our priority, we shared prayer requests and prayed for the needs of our church and community. We also met with W Snook during our first meeting and walked around the church, noting different needs for maintenance or projects around the building (many of these we hope to address during the church clean up days scheduled for March 20-21). We also discussed some shepherding and insurance matters.

During our second meeting we also met with some individuals from the congregation to make progress on a security/safety plan for the church. We also figured out a plan for the fifth Sunday brunch in March and preaching subs for when Pastor Paul will be on vacation in late May.

### Future Meeting Dates:

March 9<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

## CARING MINISTRY

### CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Sign up at the Information Center to help provide a dessert or fruit for Celebration Sunday. Please see Katie Janson with any questions.

### Soup AND Prayer

Sunday at 5 – 6:30 PM

March 8



Come for some soup & fellowship followed by a time of prayer.  
(Soup will be provided!)

## SPRING CHURCH CLEAN-UP

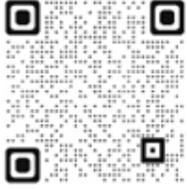
Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> (4-7 PM)  
Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> (8-11 AM)

Food will be provided

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY



*Awana gives children and youth an opportunity to know, love, and serve Jesus.*



Register here with the QR code or online at [oscochurch.org](http://oscochurch.org)!

**Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30 pm**  
Registration: \$20/child

**Awana Clubs for ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade**  
*Cubbies - Ages 3 & 4*  
*Sparks - K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade*  
*Truth & Training (T&T) - 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade*

**FREE Bible Study for 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Sign up for Updates by texting @oscoAWANA to 81010

For more information, call, (309) 522-5561 or go to [facebook.com/OscoAwana](http://facebook.com/OscoAwana)

**Important Dates:**

- March 4<sup>th</sup>** - VIP Night / Dinner at 5:15 pm
- March 25<sup>th</sup>** - No Awana - Spring Break
- April 8<sup>th</sup>** - Leader Appreciation / AWANA Store
- April 15<sup>th</sup>** - Awards Night / Dinner

**Awana Dinner**  
**March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM**

**Chili, Hot Dogs, Veggies, & Cookies**

Parents and Grandparents: Please join us for V.I.P. NIGHT!

**Awana Clubs AWANA Sunday**  
 Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM  
 Clubbers are encouraged to wear their Awana-wear for the service.

**Awana Clubs STORE**

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**

We are having an Awana Store coming up in April for the kids to end their year in a fun way & shop for themselves.

Would you consider a cash donation to help purchase small items for kids to "buy" with their Awana bucks or \$5 gift cards to Casey's or Whitey's?

If you would like ideas for specific items, you can contact Matt or Dawn Carlson or Michelle Betcher.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS**  
**ILLUMINATION STATION** JOHN 8:12

**VBS 2026**  
**JULY 12 – 16**

IF INTERESTED IN SERVING, SEE DAWN CARLSON

### MARCH OCC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE DURING WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

GROUPS	March 1st	March 8 <sup>th</sup>	March 15 <sup>th</sup>	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	March 29 <sup>th</sup>
2's - 4's 9 AM	R Tuttle L Carlson	C Carlson L Carlson	D Carlson E Downing	K Heberer T Snook	R Tuttle G Hoste
2's - 4's SS Class	M Gay L Vincent	M Gay A Bolt	M Gay B White	M Gay D Carlson	Brunch Mixer - No SS

## Women's Ministry Planning Meeting

Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6:30 PM

Osco Community Church - Fellowship Hall

Join us for our Women's Ministry Planning Meeting as we prayerfully plan for the year ahead, including events, Bible studies, and more.

**Open to ALL Women of OCC!!**

For more information, contact R Tuttle.

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## Women's Ministry Fellowship

March 18<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 AM

We will be meeting at L Warren's

**Open to ALL Women of OCC!!**

For directions or more information, contact L Warren.



## A Night of Praise!

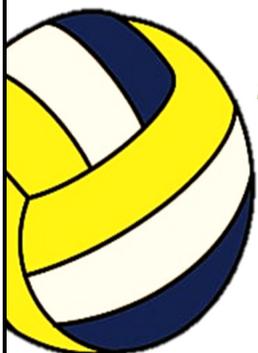
Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm

First Free of Moline

3321 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Moline, IL

Join us for a night of worship centered on the Lenten season. Come join us as we worship God for His sovereignty and reflect on His character.



### Osco Community Church ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Mondays  
5:30-8:00 PM

Questions? See Heidi Hoste

### Orion Area Food Pantry Holiday Meal

The Orion Area Food Pantry is seeking assistance to provide families with holiday meals for **Easter**. The Food Pantry is asking people to sign up to donate specific items to help defray the cost for a portion of a meal or the entire meal for a family. Monetary donations are also accepted.

All items are due back to the church by **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Checks can be made to the Orion Area Food Pantry.



## Food Collection

## SAVE THE DATE



Good  
Friday  
Services

### Good Friday Service & Communion

Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm

Come for a time of remembering our Savior's death through song, prayer, scripture, and communion.

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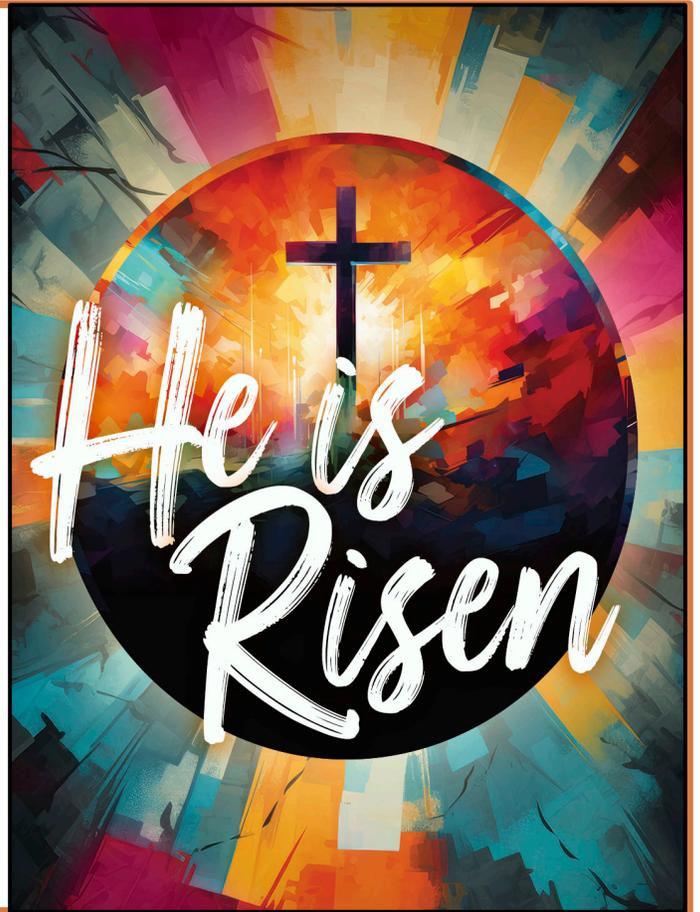
### Easter Worship Service

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 am

Join us for Easter as we celebrate Jesus, who died on the cross in our place and was raised to life for our salvation. Our service is open to all, lasts just over an hour, and is a wonderful time of worship through music, prayer, and hearing from God's Word, the Bible. Come find out more about how Jesus has given us the greatest possible gift and the difference He can make in your life today & for eternity!

Childcare available for ages 0 - 4 years old.

There will be no Sunday School or evening activities.



### 2026 ONE DAY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Calvary Church  
4700 53rd Street  
Moline, IL 61265

Register by  
Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

Cost is \$59 (lunch included)

Students ages 13-22  
can register for FREE!

For more information,  
see Robin Tuttle



To Know Him



To Make Him Known



To Share His Love

## MISSIONS MINISTRY

As a church we have a long legacy of being passionate about investin in those who are making Him Know to the nations. We are blessed to currently partner with 8 individuals or families and 6 organizations through both prayer and financial support. For more information about our missionaries, please stop by our missionary wall in the church foyer.



Cambridge Community  
& Youth Center  
facebook.com/CYCcambridgell



**Peter Grant**  
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**Jay & Kathy Pinney**  
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