

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday



Take the Reverse Lent Challenge! Don't give something up – do something special. Decorate a basket with your family. Follow the daily cards and add items to your basket. You do not have to donate every item or do them in order – these are just suggestions.

Monday, March 6

Listen or watch "We Believe" by Newsboys

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wjz01Fck0yk>

Talk with someone about what it means to you.

Thursday, March 2

Give a Kind Word

Genuinely compliment someone who is not expecting it.
Pray for that person.

Tuesday, March 7

Stop Clutter



Sort through old toys or clothes and **donate them to a local charity.**
(Please do not put these items in your Lent Basket.)

Friday, March 3

Donate Fruit Cups for Friday Food Packs

The Food Pantry supports students by providing them with small food packs for the weekend.



Wednesday, March 8

Learn About Methodist History

Google **John, Charles or Susanna Wesley** and read about this Methodist founding family.

Saturday, March 4

Make a Collection Bank

Make a special collection bank with a box or jar and **collect spare change** during Lent to donate to our summer missions – Bricks of Hope in Mexico or the Jubilee Project in Tennessee.

Thursday, March 9

Pray for AA

Did you know Alcoholics Anonymous meet at Arcola Church every Thursday or Sunday night? **Pray for those** who deal with addiction and the families who love them.

Sunday, March 5

First Sunday in Lent



Attend church at 9:15 or 11 am
or try Sunday Night Light at 5 pm.
Invite a friend!

Friday, March 10

Donate Pasta Cups for Friday Food Packs

Dedicated volunteers sort and pack bags weekly, which are then delivered to the schools that request them.



Saturday, March 11

Send a Thank You

Write or draw a thank you card
for a teacher, coach, scout leader or
someone who has influenced you in a positive way.

Thursday, March 16

Say a Prayer



Pray for good things
for someone who has been unkind to you.

Sunday, March 12

Second Sunday in Lent

Attend church at 9:15 or 11 am
or try Sunday Night Lite at 5 pm.
Invite someone from school or work!

Friday, March 17

Donate Cereal Bars for Friday Food Packs

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small food packs for the weekend



Monday, March 13

Listen to a Podcast Sermon

Did you know that Pastor Chris' sermons are recorded
each Sunday and posted here:
<https://arcolachurch.org/resources/sermons/>
What do you hear that speaks to you?

Saturday, March 18

See the Master Singers Concert

Enjoy the gift of music with family and friends at the
Master Singers concert "Flight" at 2 pm, Arcola Church.
For ticket info:
<http://www.msva.org/winter>

Tuesday, March 14

Respect Your Elders

Did you know the Legends Club meets the 2nd
Tuesday each month for fellowship and lunch for
those 55 and older? **Visit an elderly friend** or relative
who does not get a lot of visitors.
If they live too far away, **call or send a card.**

Sunday, March 19

Third Sunday in Lent

Attend church at 9:15 or 11 am
or try Sunday Night Light at 5 pm.
Invite a neighbor!

Wednesday, March 15

Donate Pancake Mix for SOME (So Others Might Eat)

Did you know that our church sends a team to DC one
Wed. and Sunday each month to cook
breakfast for the homeless?
Buy a 10 lb. bag at Walmart/Costco, or
donate \$8 (in envelope marked SOME)
or volunteer to help!



Monday, March 20

Give a Hand



Offer to help a neighbor or family member with a chore.

Tuesday, March 21

Do a Drive Through Difference

When you are in line to make a purchase, consider paying for the order of the person behind you.

Get inspired here: <http://wgts.org/going-deeper/drive-through-difference>

Sunday, March 26

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Attend church at 9:15 or 11 am
or try Sunday Night Light at 5 pm.

Sign up to help in the nursery or Sunday school this spring. Email AnneM@ArcolaChurch for the volunteer links!

Wednesday, March 22

Open a Door



Hold the door open for people all day.

Monday, March 27



Be Creative

Write or draw a picture of what Easter means to you.
Share your creation with someone.

Thursday, March 23

Sing Hallelujah!

The Arcola Adult Choir invites youth and adults to join in singing the Hallelujah Chorus on Easter Sunday. Two rehearsals are scheduled to learn and prepare for this festive choir event. Rehearsals will be Thursday, March 23 and Thursday, April 6 from 7-7:30pm.

Tuesday, March 28

Love the Earth



Do something that helps the Earth.

Friday, March 24

Donate Cereal Cups for Friday Food Packs

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Wednesday, March 29

Be Inspired



Listen to Christian music while doing a task you have been putting off.

Saturday, March 25

Foot Washing

Read **John 13:1-7**.

By washing His disciples' feet, Jesus taught the lesson of selfless service. Invite your family to experience this symbolic act by washing one another's feet.



Thursday, March 30

Prayer Quilt Ministry

Did you know that the Prayer Quilt Team makes beautiful quilts for any person in physical, emotional or spiritual crisis who feels like they can benefit from being "covered in prayer?"

Pray for someone you know in need.

Friday, March 31

Donate Shelf Stable Meals for Friday Food Packs

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Wednesday, April 5

Feed a Bird



Make a bird feeder for your yard.

Saturday, April 1

Register for VBS



Plan to attend VBS if you are a kid, or volunteer if you are a youth or adult. **VBS is the week of July 16** – morning and evening. More info:

<https://arcolachurch.org/ministries/children-nursery-5th/#VBS>

Thursday, April 6

Sing Hallelujah!

The Arcola Adult Choir invites youth and adults to join in singing the Hallelujah Chorus on Easter Sunday. Rehearsal is scheduled to learn and prepare for this festive choir event **tonight from 7-7:30pm**.

Sunday, April 2

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Attend church at 9:15 or 11 am
or try Sunday Night Light at 5 pm.

Invite a friend!

Friday, April 7

Donate Single Serve Mac & Cheese For Friday Food Packs

The Food Pantry providing weekly food packs for more than 130 students at 11 local schools



Monday, April 3



Be Healthy

Do something healthy to take care of the body God gave you.

Saturday, April 8

Travel Size Toiletries



Traveling for spring break? **Collect hotel toiletries** (shampoo, lotion, soap, etc.), place them in a Ziploc bag and add to your basket for area charities to distribute to those in transition and need.

Tuesday, April 4

Leave Kind Chalk Messages

Write encouraging chalk messages on your neighborhood sidewalk.

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday

Read **Mark 11:1-11**
with your family.



Attend Arcola Church services at 9:15, 11 am or 5 pm

Monday, April 10



Holy Monday

Read **Mark 11:12-19** with your family.

Saturday, April 15

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil

Read about the resurrection in **Mark 16:1-20** with your family. Avoid the crowd on Sunday and attend Arcola Church at **6 pm tonight**.

Tuesday, April 11

Holy Tuesday

Read **Mark 11:20 – 13:37** with your family.

Sunday, April 16



Easter – He is Risen!

Attend church with your family. Arcola Church Easter Services are **8, 9:30 or 11 am**

Wednesday, April 12



Holy Wednesday

Read **Mark 14:1-11** with your family.

Sunday, April 23

Return Your Basket of Blessings

You took the challenge! Bring your joyfully filled Lent basket back to church today.

Thursday, April 13



Maundy Thursday

Read **Mark 14:12-51** with your family.

Swap-A-Day Card

Create your own Lent challenge



Don't like a day's challenge – come up with a new one and give your time, talent or treasure.

Friday, April 14

Good Friday

Read **Mark 14:52 – 15:47** with your family.

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