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PASTOR CARY'S CORNER



As you may know, we officially begin our Lenten Journey on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. On that day we will have two services, one at 12pm and the other at 7pm. We will offer the *Imposition of Ashes* at both worship services. Then, throughout the remaining weeks of Lent, we will be sharing in a Soup and Bread Meal, followed by a Bible Study on the Lord's Prayer. So, each week we invite you to come for lunch and Bible Study (from 12:00-1:30pm) or dinner and Bible Study (from 6:30-8:00pm). Hopefully, during the weeks of Lent we will discover even more opportunities to draw closer to our Lord Jesus Christ and to one another. Please note, during these weeks, our typical 11am Wednesday Prayer meeting will be replaced by the 12pm Lenten gathering.

In the days ahead, I look forward to sharing with you in Worship, Sunday school (for all ages), and/or the Wednesday Lenten meetings. In addition, please remember our Holy Thursday Service is on April 18th and our Good Friday Service is on April 19th, both at 7pm. The Easter Sunday Celebration (no Sunday School) will be on April 21st, at 9am. Remember, to invite a friend. May the Lord fill you with His Joy, Peace, and Light!



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Pastor Cary

LOOKING AHEAD



Wed., March 6—Ash Wednesday, 12pm & 7pm

Tues., March 12—Church Council, 7pm

March 13--First Lenten Soup & Bread Meal & Study.

We will be starting a 5-part study on the Lord's Prayer. Each week we will have a lunch (12:00 – 1:30pm) and a dinner session (6:30 – 8:00pm).

Tues., March 26—'Salt & Pepper', 12pm

Sat., March 30—Carroll Lutheran School's **Basket & Bag Bingo @ 1pm**

April 14 Palm Sunday/Outreach at Shepherd's Glen

Apr 18 Holy Thursday service at 7pm

Apr 19 Good Friday service at 7pm

Apr 21 Easter Sunday service at 9am

Apr 29 Lutheran Men's Dinner @ St. Luke's @ 6:30pm

SALT & PEPPER LUNCHEON



The next ***Salt & Pepper Luncheon*** will be on ***Tuesday, March 26th, at 12 noon*** in the Parish Hall. Our hope is to reach out to those who are 55 and older (but anyone is welcome!). At the last gathering we thoroughly enjoyed a time of fellowship, sharing in a meal, and hearing from our guest speaker, Robert Harrison; as he shared about the current trends in the world of collectibles. We do hope you can join us for our next meeting and we ask that you *please bring a side dish to share*. You're welcome to bring a friend!



MARCH BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to Robin Lambert – March 1
Happy Birthday to Marvin Nelson – March 12
Happy Birthday to Trevor Petry – March 20
Happy Birthday to Beckie Long – March 21
Happy Birthday to Betty Nelson – March 22
Happy Birthday to Missy Brown – March. 26
Happy Anniversary to Linda & Herb Nickles – March 31



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

For the Lord's healing touch: Deacon Charles Barnhart, Buzz & Fran Bauernschub, Lou Brocca, Leroy Coshun, Kathy Crouse, John Dallatezza, Milton Escobar-Aviles, Tom & Mary Lou Fenwick, Kelly Gonder, Terry Harman, Buzz Huber, Janet Justice, Grayson Morris, Ben Myers, Marvin Nelson, Larry Petry, Scott Senseney, Shelvia Smith, Matt Sullivan, Bonnie Swartzbaugh and Eli Yanike.

And for those serving valiantly in the armed forces: Brett Boston, Andrew McEnroth, Hunter Held, Warren Moore, Jeramey Justice, Ellie Giziinski, Benjamin Shifflett, and Justin Frock.

In order to keep our prayers updated, please note there is a prayer list at the entrance to the sanctuary.



In the weeks ahead, please watch for details about compiling a Mt. Union Recipe Book. We would invite you now to start gathering those special recipes to be included.

THE MEANING OF LENT

(From ChurchYear.Net)

In basic terms, for Protestants, Lent is the church season before Easter, from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday. While Sundays are typically excluded from fasting and abstinence restrictions, and are not numbered in the traditional "40 Days" of Lent, they are still part of the **Lenten**

Season, as can be seen from their Lenten themes. The purpose of Lent is to be a season of fasting, self-denial, spiritual growth, conversion, and simplicity. Lent, which comes from the Teutonic (Germanic) word for springtime, can be viewed as a spiritual spring cleaning: a time for taking spiritual inventory and then cleaning out those things which hinder our relationship with Jesus Christ and our service to him.

Thus it is fitting that the season of Lent begin (on Ash Wednesday) with a symbol of repentance: placing ashes mixed with oil on one's head or forehead. It is important to remember the Lenten disciplines are employed to help experience transformation in our entire person: body, soul, and spirit, and help us become more like Christ. Eastern Christians call this process *theosis*, which St. Athanasius describes as "becoming by grace what God is by nature."

There are a few basic tasks that traditionally have been associated with Lent. Many of these have a long history. These are fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. In addition, reading the Scriptures and the Church's Writings can help one grow during the season.

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