



Grace Notes

Springs of Grace Lutheran Church

A Lenten Discipline

As we approach the Season of Lent, it is important that we recognize the significance of this church season. Many people know to “give up” something for Lent, but are not sure why. They also know that these 40 days are days for prayer, devotion, and preparation for the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord. The Sundays in Lent are not counted among the 40 days, because each Sunday is considered a “mini-Easter”, in which we celebrate the victory over death and sin.

The tradition for Lent is that you give up something, just as Jesus gave up himself to be tempted by the devil for 40 days in the wilderness. For this upcoming Lenten season, which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with Holy Saturday, rather than giving something up, I ask that you add something. Make a Lenten discipline with yourself in which you find a new way to praise God and spread the Gospel. Maybe this means that you start and close each day with prayer, maybe it means that you invite a new person to church each Sunday (and BRING THEM!!), or maybe it means that you make a commitment to attend church EVERY Sunday, attend Sunday School, and Wednesday evening services. As your pastor, I am going to be adding a Lenten discipline myself. One of the things that I am going to offer to you will be private confession and forgiveness. By adding this, I will make myself more available to you in hopes that you can strengthen your own Christian identity.

Our Lord spent 40 days in the wilderness, being tempted by the devil. As we go through the 40 days of Lent, how will you walk in the footsteps of Christ? What commitment or discipline will you make or add to your daily life so that your relationship with God will grow? If you have trouble thinking of something, please let me know, and I will be happy to help. I am looking forward to these 40 days of preparation, and how we will spend them together.

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In our Prayers

- *Buddy and Ann*
- *Linwood*
- *Alma*
- *Jackie Martin (Van Wagoner's Daughter, recovering from surgery)*
- *Madison Fancher (Fancher's granddaughter)*
- *Jane Lewis (recovering from surgery)*
- *Lori Bailey (recovering from surgery)*
- *Michael, Chris, and Brenton-all serving our country overseas*

February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Transfiguration of Our Lord	4	5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 7:00	6 Ash Wednesday 7:00	7	8	9
10 1st Sunday in Lent	11	12 Lutheran Men 7:00	13 Wednesday evening service 7:00	14 Valentine's Day Council 7:00	15	16
17 2nd Sunday in Lent	18 Martin Luther Commemoration	19	20 Wednesday evening service 7:00	21	22	23
24 3rd Sunday in Lent	25	26	27 Wednesday evening service 7:00	28	29	March 1 Conf. Day at Seminary

Those Who Serve

Date	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 10	FEBRUARY 17	FEBRUARY 24
Cantor	Norm Lewis	Norm Lewis	Norm Lewis	Norm Lewis
Nursery	Wendi Gowan	Marianne Van Wagoner	Michelle Faulks	Liz Crawley
Ushers	Gary Jones John Fancher	Gere Ablett Richard Van Wagoner	Bob Faulks Larry Davis	John Fancher Robert Smith
Greeter	Doris Giese	Mary Schaeffer	Alice Smith	Jane Lewis
Acolyte	Jessie Faulks	Hunter Crawley	Robert Faulks	Jessie Faulks
Crucifer	Robert Faulks	Jessie Faulks	Hunter Crawley	Robert Faulks
Worship Assistant	Norm Lewis	Gere Ablett	Bob Faulks	Richard Van Wagoner
Offering Counters	Gail Hackett Evelyn Swain	Ron Crawley Doris Giese	Gail Hackett Robert Smith	Ron Crawley John Fancher
Altar Guild	Doris Giese	Evelyn Swain	Marjorie Berkley	Diane Ablett
Lector	Carrie Merrell	Mary Schaeffer	Bobby Torrence	Maggie Cook



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Upcoming Services:

January 20: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 27: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

February 3: Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 6: Ash Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (7:00 February 5)

January Council Meeting Notes

- Elected Officers
- Approved purchase of Funeral Pall using Advent Offering
- Approved purchase of a Rocking Chair for upstairs using Lenten Offering
- May 4: We will have worship at the Lake Bowen Pavilion
- January 27: New Member Sunday