

MARCH NEWSLETTER 2019

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

—BCP pgs 264-5

The season of Lent is a season of mindfulness. It is a time when we Christians dedicate ourselves to reflect upon our lives and our faith—to seriously and intentionally consider what aspects of our lives are leading us away from God and into sin, and what we might do in order to nurture our faith and turn back to God. Christians throughout the ages have tried various practices in order to help them achieve this goal: they fasted, they prayed, they read scripture, they gave up luxuries. And the purpose of these undertakings is not to do those activities for their own sake or to impress others. These activities are meant to help Christians to reorient themselves and remind themselves that they put their trust ultimately, not in mortal things, but in God.

Lent is an invitation to remember what is most important in our lives, and to start modeling our lives after what is most important. We take on spiritual practices and refrain from indulging in worldly goods in order to live in ways that more accurately reflect our faith and to help us live more deeply into that faith. Our Lenten practices should not make us feel worthless or ashamed, but should remind us of our true worth and our identity as children of God. This Lent, let us reorient our lives to more fully reflect our faith and our trust in our Savior.

The first day of Lent is Wednesday, March 6th. There will be services with imposition of ashes at noon and 7pm at the church. Please come with an open and discerning heart.

Peace,

Megan

Coming Up:

Wed., March 6—Ash Wednesday—services 12 noon and 7pm

Thurs., Mar. 7—Dinner Out at Chef Alan's—6:00pm

Sunday, Mar. 17—Sunday School

Good Book Club

Tues., Mar. 26—Food Pantry Distribution

Thank You to all who made soup!!

March 3 Kid's First

Chalice.....Pat Mast/Jackie Laverty
Ushers.....Terry McEwen/D.D. Krawlzik
Refreshments.....Stalnakers
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Counters.....Jen Cunningham/Sally Stalnaker
Altar.....Barbara Goodling

March 10

Reader.....Evans Goodling
Intercessor.....DD. Krawlzik
Chalice.....Evans & Barbara Goodling
Ushers.....Stan & Sally Stalnaker
Refreshments.....Price/Cunningham
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Counters.....Goodling
Altar.....D.D. Krawlzik

March 17

Reader.....Amy Smith
Intercessor.....Arlene Hathaway
Chalice.....Pat Mast/Jackie Laverty
Ushers.....Jim & Arlene Hathaway
Refreshments.....Stillman/Moore
Counters.....Bob & Peg Cook
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Altar.....Pat Mast

March 24

Reader.....Pat Mast
Intercessor.....Jackie Laverty
Chalice.....Stan & Sally Stalnaker
Ushers.....Evans & Barbara Goodling
Refreshments.....Mast/Goodling
Counters.....D.D. Krawlzik/Terry McEwen
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Altar.....Jackie Laverty

March Birthdays

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| 6 Gene Gring | 28 Sally Stalnaker |
| 9 Jackie Laverty | 29 Pat Mast |
| 16 Bill Stillman | |

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