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Lent - The Spirit of the Season - Ash Wednesday is February 26, 2020

The word lent has its origin in the same root as one of the German words for "spring," Lent. As nature awakens from the death of winter, so the Christian finds newness of life in Christ, rising from sin's death.

Lent is a time in which God's baptized people cleanse their hearts through the discipline of Lent, described as repentance, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lent is a time for growing into Christ by concentration on our Baptism, so that the obstacles set in the way of God's grace by our old nature may be removed by His Spirit and we may be sings of God's kingdom in the world. It calls for a greater openness to the Word of God, zeal in joining the congregation in worship and sharing in the Holy Communion, and conversion in every area of faith and life that we may walk in the Gospel of Christ.

PREPARATION FOR LENT

The prophets call God's people to a true repentance that requires an honest and specific facing of the evil in their lives, both collectively and individually. Not only our heart but our entire being must conform to the righteousness of God. Christian people adopt such bodily disciplines as prayer, self-denial and works of love not to earn God's favor (which in any event they have by grace) but because "when Christ says (Matthew 4:17). 'Be penitent,' he is surely talking about total penitence and total newness of live and fruits." Fasting, that is, self-denial is the action opposed to our enslavement to the attractions of this world. Almsgiving, works of love, is the way we share the results of our growing freedom with our neighbors who also need our help. Both fasting and almsgiving facilitate prayer that sets before God our concern for the well-being of others and assist our listening for God's Word of grace and His intention for us.

Lent is a 40-day journey!

Lent is a time in which God's people prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Lent is a 40-day journey toward a very specific goal. That goal is the annual celebration of our Lord's Pascha, that is, His Passover through death to life. Beyond is the Pentecost, the 50 days of paschal celebration. Pascha is the ancient Christian name for both the old and new Passover. It comes from the Hebrew name pesach. Our English title Easter has its source in another root which suggests the idea of the East, the place of the dawn.

Lent had its origins in the church's baptismal discipline. Several weeks before the Easter Vigil candidates for Baptism were enrolled by the bishop. they underwent intensive catechesis, attended the liturgy frequently (although they were excluded from the Communion, being dismissed after the sermon) and were encouraged to live lives exemplified by the works of repentance, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. They were baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter. They sought a share in Christ's pascha, being buried into His death by Baptism and joining in the festive meal, the Eucharist.

Baptized persons guilty of serious sin submitted themselves to a time of deep repentance during the same period of Lent. They confessed their sin to their bishop and accepted excommunication, that is, exclusion from Holy Communion, until Maundy Thursday. During Lent they too attended more faithfully upon God's Word, expressed their penitence and relived the disciplines that led to Baptism.

On Maundy Thursday they were reconciled with the church, the congregation acknowledging the sincerity of their repentance by offering prayer for their forgiveness. The reconciliation was sealed by their readmission to the Sacrament of the Altar on that night in which Jesus had first given the fruits of His holy cross to His disciples in bread and wine.

The final stage in the development of Lent as we know it came when Christians not guilty of serious sin but nevertheless desiring for themselves the gifts of God's grace voluntarily undertook to renew their Baptism. Luther notes, "repentance...is nothing else than a return and approach to Baptism, to resume and practice what had earlier been begun but abandoned." Today all the people of God take up the journey to Jerusalem in spirit. Lent is not covered by a pall of gloom. Our sins have been great, but the outcome of our Lenten preparation is not in doubt. God has called us His sons and daughters in Baptism. His promises are sure. We prepare in confidence for the certain triumph of Christ in us.

May we too find Lent to be a time for cleansing our hearts and preparing with Joy for the Great Feast.

Pastor Kohnke

Ladies Tuesday Bible study will be February 4th at the home of Karen Luebke, 545 Jefferson, Bennet. Study starts at 12:45pm.

Sunday Morning Bible Pastor Holtzen with the continuation of the Stories of the Old Testament Bible study!



Monday Night Bible study January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

A Man Named Martin - Part 3: The Movement completes the trilogy begun with Parts 1 and 2, The Man and The Moment. Here viewers will see -how God was at work in the Reformation, in the lives of the men and women that shaped it, and in the societal transformations that resulted. Everything from education and government to marriage and vocation came under the influence of the Reformation.

Here was a world in tumultuous flux: widespread cultural and religious tensions, heated theological controversies, bloody conflicts across the map-all marked a continent in turmoil. Beginning with Luther's nailing of his 95 Theses to the church door at Wittenberg in 1517 to the Peace of Westphalia, a treaty that capped the Thirty Years' War in 1648, the Reformation launched by Luther produced enormous changes in Europe-changes that eventually swept across the Atlantic, influencing our nation as well.



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- LHF has published over 3 million Lutheran books, which are distributed freely to missionaries, churches and individuals.

- LHF became a Recognized Service Organization within the LCMS in 1998.

Find out even more on their website: <https://www.lhfmissions.org/>

The Colors of the Liturgical Seasons ~~ Rev. Douglas K. Escue Part 2

Green, comes next in the acronym and is by far the most common color seen during the year. Lutheran Service Book calls for its use during the seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. The first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox (March 21), also known as Easter Sunday, determines the length of these two seasons. The days of Epiphany may entail a total of, but not more than, eight Sundays. The season of Pentecost, on the other hand, can last from 22 to 28 Sundays. Green is the appointed color for all but a few of the Sundays during these seasons. Consequently, green may be used an average of six to eight months of any given liturgical year! Page 3 of 6 Epiphany's message of Christ's revelation to the Gentiles along with the season's traditional emphasis on extending Christ's kingdom through missions, calls for the use of green—the color symbolic of growth. The Sundays following Pentecost, observed as "the time of the church," share a somewhat similar theme as that of Epiphany. Affectionately called the season of the "green meadow," no doubt due to the fact of green being the established color, these Sundays also emphasize the subject of growth. Green is a neutral color, but there is nothing colorless about our need to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. That's why the "green meadow" time of the church year is so lengthy. Time must be given to encourage all worshipers to maintain their faith through the constant use of God's means of grace. A helpful suggestion for congregations observing summer and fall months with one neutral color, would be to invest time and effort in obtaining several sets of green paraments. Variety and change in shades of this color would go a long way in keeping the season fresh and "green." Changing the paraments every six weeks would complement the Sundays following Pentecost and their emphasis on personal faith that is living and growing.



Dinner Out: Will be February 16th @ the Pizza Ranch! 8420 Lexington Ave. Visit their website for printable coupons! Please let Karen Luebke know if you will be joining the group!! <https://pizzaranch.com/deals-and-coupons>



Sunday Circle group: Our meetings are on the first Sunday of the month after church service. New members are always welcome!



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CLINIC WITH A HEART HAS
SERVED OVER 28,000 PATIENTS
- ALL SERVICES PROVIDED
AT NO COST. CAN YOU HELP
US CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR
COMMUNITY?
#GIVETOLINCOLN #CWH

The Sunday Circle group continues to create new banners for the congregation. During this process, we noticed that we are running out of room to store them and that some of our older banners are in disrepair. With Pastor Kohnke's help, we have reorganized the closet that holds the banners and we have plans to make repairs. We are also creating pictured labels for the banners so that they can be easily identified.

We will again be collecting items for Clinic With a Heart. This will occur during the whole month of February. More details were included as a bulletin insert on January 19th. IF you want a copy, extra will be in the Narthex in the mailbox area. One will also be posted on the bulletin board.

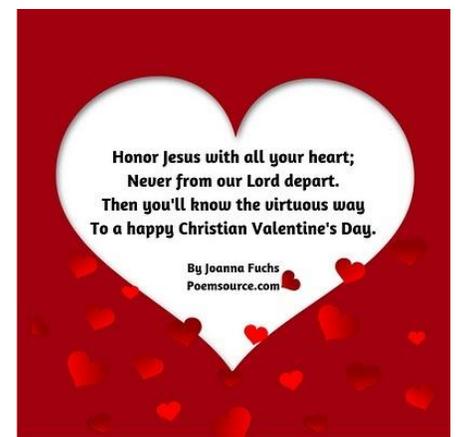
Mary & Martha League: Will next meet on February 20th @ 1:30pm.

We want to thank everyone who donated pieces of cotton cloth to be given to Days for Girls Organization. If anyone has material that they would still like to donate perhaps it could be brought to the voters meeting or left after service on the table outside the kitchen where we have put the very pretty pieces we have received so far. We will still be accepting pieces through February and March.



Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands: Meetings held the second Wednesday of the month @ 10:30am. They will not meet on Wednesday in February; however, they will meet on February after church on February 2nd. Their next meeting will be on Sunday March 8th after church. This will be an opportunity to join if you cannot meet with them on Wednesdays!

They will also be hosting Nibbles, March 15th after church. They will be serving Corn beef and cabbage, and a meatball dish for those who don't want corn beef.



February Birthdays

2/6 Jule Maahs
2/8 Nathan Rink
2/9 Maria Austin, Justin Harper
2/11 Arlin Nisley
2/12 Arthur Harper
2/13 Debra Pfeifer
2/14 Barrett May
2/22 Benjamin Broening
2/25 Nancy Klopfenstein
2/26 Wyatt Robinette
2/27 Madison Rink

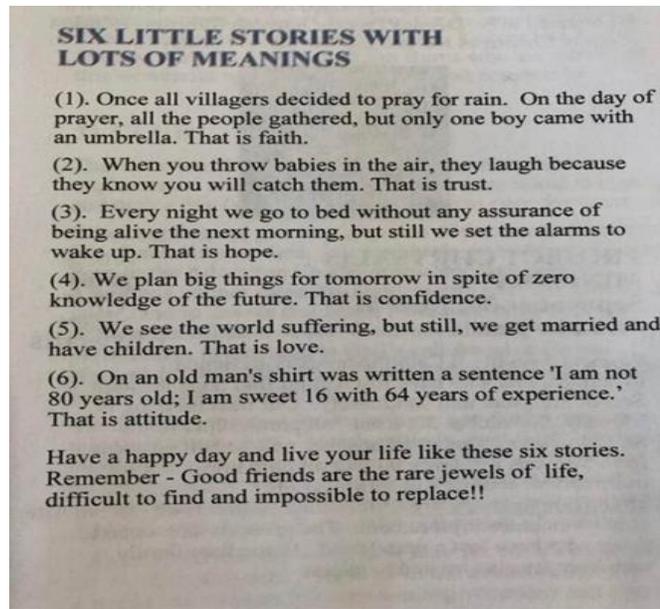


Anniversaries

2/14/19 Julia & Jeff Luebke
2/16/19 Kourtney & Nathan Grimes

Alberts Joke of the month!

From your Secretary!



Valentine Brainteaser

How many Valentines?

How many Valentines were given out in Mrs. Heart's classroom? There were more than 40 but less than 60. The sum of the digits is 8. It is an odd number.

Bunches & Bunches

How many bunches of flowers were sold at the Bunches Florist on Valentines day?

There were more than 70 but less than 100. When you add the digits, you get 11.

When you take one digit from the other you get 5.

2020 Parades & Mission Trip Canceled: As no one has stepped forward to lead the parades or help coordinate the mission trip, they will both be taken off the to do list for now. If you find it in your heart to help lead on of these events please let Pastor know.

Ash Wednesday is February 26th. We will have a meal before the service. Ushers are: Roland Meyer and Carl Siefert: Alter guild servants will be Laura Hametis and Becky Nisley The March Newsletter will have more Lent information.

Why do we need leap years?

The [Gregorian](#) calendar, which now serves as the standard calendar for civil use throughout the world, has both common years and leap years. A [common year](#) has 365 days and a leap year 366 days, with the extra--or [intercalary](#)--day designated as February 29. A leap year occurs every four years to help synchronize the calendar year with the solar year, or the length of time it takes the earth to complete its orbit around the sun, which is about 365¼ days.

The length of the solar year, however, is slightly less than 365¼ days--by about 11 minutes. To compensate for this discrepancy, the leap year is omitted three times every four hundred years.

In other words, a century year cannot be a leap year unless it is divisible by 400. Thus 1700, 1800, and 1900 were not leap years, but 1600, 2000, and 2400 are leap years.

What are your chances of being born on leap day?

About 1 in 1,500.

For more information visit this website: <https://www.infoplease.com/leap-year-explained>

History of Valentine's Day!

Valentine's Day, also called St. Valentine's Day, holiday (February 14) when lovers express their affection with greetings and gifts. The holiday has origins in the Roman festival of Lupercalia, held in mid-February. The festival, which celebrated the coming of spring, included fertility rites and the pairing off of women with men by lottery. At the end of the 5th century, Pope Gelasius I replaced Lupercalia with St. Valentine's Day. It came to be celebrated as a day of romance from about the 14th century. Although there were several Christian martyrs named Valentine, the day may have taken its name from a priest who was martyred about 270 CE by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus. According to legend, the priest signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and, by some accounts, healed from blindness. Other accounts hold that it was St. Valentine of Terni, a bishop, for whom the holiday was named, though it is possible the two saints were actually one person. Another common legend states that St. Valentine defied the emperor's orders and



secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war. It is for this reason that his feast day is associated with love. Formal messages, or valentines, appeared in the 1500s, and by the late 1700s commercially printed cards were being used. The first commercial valentines in the United States were printed in the mid-1800s. Valentines commonly depict Cupid, the Roman god of love, along with hearts, traditionally the seat of emotion. Because it was thought that the avian mating season begins in mid-February, birds also became a symbol of the day. Traditional gifts include candy and flowers, particularly red roses, a symbol of beauty and love.

Source: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Valentines-Day>

IN 2020...



THANK YOU, LEAP YEAR!!!

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10 am Divine Service 11:15am Sunday Circle 11:15 Giving Hearts & Hands	3 7:00pm Bible Study	4 12:45pm: Ladies Bible Study Home of Karen Luebke, 545 Jefferson, in Bennet	5	6	7	8 7:30 am Elder's Meeting
9 9 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10 am Divine Service	10 7:00pm Bible Study	11	12	13	14 Newsletter Deadline Valentine's Day	15
16 9 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10 am Divine Service Mom's Food Pantry Dinner Out	17 7:00pm Bible Study	18	19	20 1:30 pm Mary & Martha League Newsletter Print Date	21	22
23 9 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10 am Divine Service	24 7:00pm Bible Study Flag Day	25	26 Lent Begins Ash Wednesday Divine Service 7:00pm	27	28	29 Leap Year

Acolytes, Ushers, and Altar Guild servers please send an email to Tim Holtzen as he is setting up an email reminder for those who serve. Thank you! tah@nebrwesleyan.edu

Those serving in February, 2020 Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Elders

2nd Hank Oetjen, Steve Cartagena
9th Roger Pearson, Tracy Refior
16th Tim Holtzen, Steve Cartagena
23rd Alan Retzlaff, Roger Pearson

Ushers

2nd Jeff Plager, TBD
9th Matt Broening, Josh May
16th Randy Schroeder, Kirk Nisley
23rd John Page, Deb Pfeifer

Altar Guild

2nd Lori Cartagena, Betty Hodtwalker
9th Kristi Refior, Allison Kemper
16th Margene Meyer, Candy Kohnke
23rd Rosanne McClarnon, MaryJo Colbert

Acolytes

2nd Marin Maahs, Emma Rink
9th Grayson & Sophia May
16th Emma & Madison Rink
23rd Sophia May & Ruby Oetjen

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