

Holy Apostles' "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles' Episcopal Church

FROM THE DESKS OF PASTORS SHERYL AND CHRIS KESTER-BEYER

So, how is your Lent going? That may seem an odd question. Said that way it sounds like, "How's your diet coming along?" Or maybe, "How's it going at work, or with the new boy/girlfriend?" This question isn't so far fetched if we understand Lent properly. Lent is supposed to be a time of questioning; questioning ourselves, our motives and our actions. It is a time to take stock and reflect on our walk as Christians. It is a time to ask ourselves, "Am I truly being a disciple of Christ?"

So, how is your Lent going? Guided by the Spirit, Lent should be a time of renewing and regeneration. Just as winter gives way to the first Crocuses and Daffodils of Spring, so Lent should be a time of shedding those sins which so easily entangle us as the writer of Hebrews says. Lent should be a time of hopeful expectation of the promise of new life.

So, how is your Lent going? I hope it is going well. Our Lenten journeys don't go well when we focus simply on how well we have kept our diets or how many times we have indeed set time aside to pray. Like so many New Year's resolutions we start off in good form and then by the time Lent is over we simply say, "Well, I did pretty good." A successful Lent comes when we set our eyes on Jesus to lead us through. That is the secret of a good Lent again as the writer of Hebrews says, "Setting our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,...let us run the race with perseverance." Hebrews 12:3

So, how IS your Lent going?

In Christ,

Pastor Chris

February Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
2/28	Marilyn J/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Mel F/Tyler P	Steph & Chris	Deb Y
3/6	Amber/Jenny	Clancey	Lee H/Larry W	Fred & Nancy S	Pete O
3/13	Steph/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Gilbert K & Chris C	Nikki Rose	Jenny & Lee H
3/20	Andee/Jenny	Matt	Mel F/ Nick S	Andee	Nick & Katy
3/27	Marilyn J/Maryruth	Clancey	Steve J/Tyler P	Pete O	Steve & Sylvia
4/3	Amber/Jenny	Matt	Lee H/John P	Gilbert & Patty	Fred & Nancy



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Sunday service: 10:30am
 Office hours: Mornings - MTW

**Mitchell Ministerial
 Association Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry is asking for the following
 donations:

March-Pancake Mix

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Pantry coordinators:

Susan Weitzel-(308)623-2684 or

Mickey Hara-(308)623-2916

Altar Flowers

There will be no altar flowers during the
 Lenten Season. Donations for Easter lilies are
 being taken in the narthex.

A Message of Thanks

With praise and gratitude, thank you all
 for the prayers, calls, meals, concerns and
 help with my painful and successful
 recovery.

Sincerely,
 Nancy Sato

Altar of Repose

After Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, the liturgy will not end. The Holy
 Sacrament will be placed on an Altar of Repose where it will be available for Holy
 Communion on Good Friday. You are invited to keep vigil there in response to Jesus'
 question, "*Could you not watch with me for one hour?*" A sign up sheet will be available
 in the narthex.

Please consider adding this hour of devotion to your Holy Week observance.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

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| March 4 Chad Johnson | March 9 Abel Plasencio | March 21 Clancey Symonds |
| March 5 Evelyn Montz | March 11 Sharon Francisco | March 22 Aloha Hettinger |
| March 6 Larry Wagner | March 13 Mark Knaub | March 24 Colleen Elliott |
| March 7 Voe Allbaugh | March 18 Marilyn Wagner | March 27 Emily Meysenburg |
| March 8 Nancy Sakurad | March 19 Alex Rose | |

Anniversaries:

- March 22 Bobby & Cory Allbaugh

FYI- Names and Contact Information

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| Priests-in-charge: | The Reverend Chris Kester-Beyer | (402)694-9189 (cell) |
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Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Matthew 7.7

March 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00 pm Wednesday night Healing Service	3 ECW meeting 1 pm @ Holy Apostles	4 Group Reunion Penny's 7 am	5
6 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	7	8	9 7:00 pm Wednesday night Healing Service	10	11 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	12
13 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service Confirmation Class 4-6 pm	14	15	16 7:00 pm Wednesday night Healing Service	17	18 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	19
20 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service Palm Sunday	21	22 7:00 pm Ecumenical Holy Week Worship @ Mitchell UMC	23	24 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship	25 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship	26 8:00 am Easter Vigil
27 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service Easter Sunday	28	29	30	31		