



March 2022

Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

*The Monthly Newsletter of
Holy Apostles Episcopal Church*

"A Lenten Pop Quiz"

1) **True or False?** Lent lasts for 40 days, not counting Sundays. *True.* Even though during Lent we may put extra focus on Jesus' suffering and death; Sundays are always a celebration of Jesus' resurrection, so they do not count towards the 40 days of Lent.

2) **True or False?** The word Lent comes from an old Anglo-Saxon word meaning 'midwinter.' *False.* It actually comes from a word meaning 'springtime' since that is the time of year the season generally falls (at least in the Western world).

3) **True or False?** The 40 days of Lent are a reminder of the Bible story in which Jesus spends 40 days alone in the wilderness and is tempted by the Devil. *True.* It also recalls the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the wilderness.

4) **True or False?** Many people give up something during Lent. The point of this practice is to show your willpower. *False!* It is a practice of self-denial that reminds us in a very small way of the sacrifice Jesus suffered on our behalf so that we might be saved. When we struggle to not give in to the temptation to do or not do whatever it is we have given up; we gain a greater appreciation for the sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf.

But there is another point to this practice of self-denial and that is to create room in our life for God to do something new. So if you've vowed to give up Social Media for Lent; how might God be calling you to be more intentional about nurturing your relationships with your friends or family or even Him? If you give up pop or chocolate or lattes or eating out for Lent; perhaps God is calling you to use the money you save to provide for those who struggle to put food on their tables. If you vow to get up 1/2 hour earlier each day (giving up some of your precious sleep), how might God be calling you to spend more time with Him in prayer or praise or worship not just during Lent but throughout the year. If you decide to give up a bad habit for Lent; perhaps God is calling you to start a new, healthier, more positive habit like writing notes of thanks to those who have touched your life or keeping a gratitude journal or...you get the idea.

So as you think about your Lenten journey this year, don't worry so much about what it is you are giving up (if anything--giving up something for Lent is not actually required). Don't worry about getting it perfect and don't beat yourself up if you slip up along the way. After all, one of the most important lessons of Lent is learning to trust in the forgiveness of God offered to us through Jesus' death and resurrection—Lent, despite what you may think, is not about beating ourselves up! Rather it's about learning to walk in the grace of God. Are you creating room in your life for God to do something new?

In closing I offer this prayer for your Lenten Journey. *Gracious and merciful God, as we enter into this Lenten season, cleanse our hearts of all that separates us from you. Restore in us a right spirit and embolden us to seek your guidance for our lives and to walk in your grace each and every day. Amen.*

Blessings,
Pastor Sheryl





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Food Pantry Request :

**Tuna Helper
 Canned Veggies**

BackPack Program:

Oatmeal Packets & Juice Boxes



ECW, March 10th

@ 12:30 PM

Lunch provided by Judy Keiler @ the Church. Please note date change.

The 2022 yearbooks are available on the pamphlet shelf in the coffee area.

Beecher Hall Remodel Nearing Completion!

The bathrooms have been updated. We now have a truly handicapped accessible bathroom. We have some painting to do and a general clean up. Stop by and take a look!

The new white PVC tables and chairs have come in. If you are interested in the old tables and chairs they are available. We suggest a small donation but mostly we want them gone. We will be reserving 50 of the old chairs, for now we will place the reserved old chairs on the stage. Those on the chair racks will be fair game.

Looking ahead to Lent.

Lent begins Wednesday March 2nd. This year we will be holding our Ash Wednesday Service at NOON instead of in the evening. This will be a full service with imposition of ashes and communion.

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Servers

March 6th Jenny Hughson March 13 Leann Sato
March 20th Jenny Hughson March 27th Maryruth Reed

Altar Guild

Amber Plasencio Leann Sato

Coffee Hour

Judy Kieler

March Birthdays

3/3 Jaxon Meysenburg	3/13 Mark Knaub
3/4 Chad Johnson	3/18 Marilyn Wagner
3/6 Larry Wagner	3/19 Alex Rose
3/7 Xoe Allbaugh	3/21 Clancy Symonds
3/8 Nancy Sakurada	3/22 Aloha Hettinger
3/9 Abel Plasencio	3/24 Colleen Elliott
3/11 Sharon Francisco	3/27 Emily Meysenburg

March Anniversaries

3/22 Bobby & Cory Allbaugh

Flower Chart

Please, NO Flowers during Lent

However if you would like to provide flowers in memory/honor of someone after Lent is over, please place your name on the corresponding date. Thanks!



Ash Wednesday

Service March 2nd at 12 Noon

*All Worship Services will be both In-Person and
on Online via Facebook Live*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Ash Wednesday @ 12 p.m. (NOON)	3	4	5
6 1 Lent Worship @ 10:30 a m	7	8	9	10 12:30 p.m. ECW	11	12
13 2 Lent Worship @ 10:30 a.m.	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 3 Lent Worship@ 10:30 a.m.	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 4 Lent Worship @ 10:30 AM	28	29	30	31		
	<p>On March 20th, (the 3rd Sunday of the Month) any cash received will go to the Priest's Discretionary Fund. Thanks for your generosity!</p>					