

Journeying Together Home Communion - Pastor Hill

During Lent, I want to focus on really getting to know everyone who is a part of All Saints and to help you to get to know me. With that in mind I would like to invite you to join me for a time of sharing our faith journeys in small groups followed by a short communion service. These gatherings are purposely limited to 10 people and are scheduled on various days and times so everyone can attend one. Please sign-up on the bulletin board to join me for one of these special times or call the office and Bonnie can add your name to the list.

Thursday, February 25 at 2 PM
Sunday, February 28 at 2 PM
Tuesday, March 9 at 7 PM
Thursday, March 11 at 7PM

Sunday, March 14 at 2 PM
Tuesday, March 23 at 11 AM
Thursday, March 25 at 7 PM

There also is a sign-up for those who would like to participate, but are unable to make any of these scheduled times. If you would be able to host one of these gatherings either in your home or at church, please sign-up in the designated spot.

Lenten Soup Suppers - Pastor Hill

Join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent as we gather for Soup Suppers and a program. This year we will be praying through the Book of Common Prayer. We will look at all of the wonderful resources available in that dusty book in the pews. Together we will walk through the beautiful prayers and liturgies that enhance our worship and shape us as Episcopalians. Our evening will end with a short Compline service from the Book of Common Prayer. Mark your calendars to join us for these fun and meaningful evenings on February 24, March 3, 10, and 17.

6:00 pm Soup Supper
6:45 pm Praying through the Book of Common Prayer
7:45 pm Compline service from the Book of Common Prayer

Services during Lent – Pastor Hill

During Lent we are going to be changing our bulletins to help us learn how to pray using the prayer book. Don't worry page numbers will be listed and announced. Our Book of Common Prayer is a wonderful collection that many other denominations keep at hand while they are planning worship. This period will give life-long Episcopalians a chance to use the book they know and love, and help newer Episcopalians learn the riches of this book so they can be comfortable walking into service at any Episcopal church. We will return to our regular bulletin for Holy Week and beyond. I pray that we will all draw closer to God as we gather to worship this Lent.

Have you remembered All Saints in your will?

Legacy gifts have greatly helped our parish in the past and are a way you can donate to the future generations of the All Saints family.

Does your employer match charitable donations? At least one of our parishioners is able to double their pledge to All Saints through applying for these

Jr. Wardens report – Ed Sarian

As we start a new year, we also accept the challenge of keeping our physical plant in good working order. Of course that challenge is limited by the amount of funds available, to complete the job.

One of the projects that I will be looking at this year is the lack of drainage in the rear of our parking lot. It has been a concern for many years and hopefully this year we can resolve the issue. As I've stated before, the sewer line running from the parking lot is running uphill. An excavating company was hired to look into the problem, by sending a camera thru the line. The results showed that not only does it run uphill, but a section has actually collapsed and the entire line needs to be replaced.. I will be getting quotes to have this repair done and report back to you in the future.

We will do our best to make sure the heat stays on, the air conditioner to work in the summer and to repair any water leaks as soon as possible. Speaking of water leaks, there is a roof leak in the area of the Narthex which will be looked at as soon as the weather breaks.

I look forward to working with our newly elected Vestry this coming year. Welcome to the new members, Chris Crawford, Debbie Wakefield and Joel Kunesh.

A Reflection on Ash Wednesday – Jeff Fowler

It hits me hard every year. I'm just cruising along, singing Sunday Alleluias, basking in God's blessings (I don't have to tell you that "the life in the world to come" sounds pretty good), and lifting my heart to God. Yeah! These are the kinds of things I want from church.

Then that Wednesday comes. I drive up Ames Road to the church, with a bit of apprehension settling into my heart - the same heart I lift in thanksgiving is a little heavier this night. Walking into the sanctuary I see that the crosses have been covered; the colors are more somber; I don't sing Alleluias. Instead, I am called to self-examination and repentance; to prayer, fasting, and self-denial. Then I kneel as ashes are imposed on my forehead and the most sobering words I can imagine are spoken softly: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

Gloomy? Some people think so, and I understand that. But I love Ash Wednesday. Up until this day I have been feeling pretty comfortable... I think that I am doing all right. I am living a faithful life: faithful to wife and family, loyal to friends and employer, giving generously to my parish and my community... and on and on. But on Ash Wednesday I am asked to look at my life, not with my eyes, but with God's eyes. How do these things stack up against what God has done for me? Frankly, they don't. I've gone a little way down the path of faith, but I still have a very long way to go.

This is what I am called to think about during Lent. There is always room for me to more deeply appreciate the many gifts that God gives me.

So why don't I think this is gloomy? Because when I am properly set into this frame of mind on Ash Wednesday I am able to see all the way through the forty days ahead of me to the greatest gift that God gives: redemption, even though I have fallen short. Redemption is astonishing! I invite all of you to accept the ashes of Wednesday and to look through Lent to Easter and share in my astonishment.

Just as God gives us gifts, we can offer a great gift to God. Our gift to God is Gratitude. And Gratitude will make us want to move closer to God through lenten discipline and closer to those around us through love and generosity.

Congratulations to Heather and Dustin! Weddings are always exciting and especially so when the bride is our new pastor! We wish the new couple the best that God can offer them. Thanks to all the parishioners who worked behind the scenes to make the church beautiful and the reception wonderful.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd During the Season of Lent

During the Season of Lent our Good Shepherd classes will start on Sunday mornings at the usual time of 9:45, the difference being, the children will remain in the Atriums during the entire 10:30 worship service. We have much to study, discuss and learn during this Holy Season of Lent...The Parables, The Eucharist, The Last Supper, The Passion of Jesus and the Celebration of Easter and Baptism. The older children will also begin their study of "The History of the Salvation of God."

**"Lord Jesus come, Good Shepherd come, the bread is on the table, lead me to you.
Lord Jesus come, Good Shepherd come, the wine is on the table, lead me to you."**

During the first four Sundays in Lent, starting on **Sunday, February 21st**, through and including **Sunday, March 14th**, you will hear the Good Shepherd children as they sing "Lord Jesus Come" and process into church immediately following the 10:30 worship service as they celebrate **The Children's Eucharist** with Pastor Heather. The Children's Eucharist has become a very special celebration each week during Lent as the children prepare the cruets and carry them up to the Altar along with the bread and their sacred vessels and altar linens to prepare the Lord's Table. They are gathered around the Lord's Table just as the disciples were at the Last Supper. The older children will also read a short scripture. All are welcome to remain and watch and listen as the children celebrate and worship and experience being up close and personal with Jesus. Our Children's Eucharist lasts approximately 15 minutes. On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, **March 21st**, the children will process into church at the Peace bringing in the elements of the Eucharist and setting the Lord's table along with Pastor Heather.

"All those who pass this way, look and see."

Please keep **Palm Sunday, March 28th**, open on your calendar as we once again hold **The Way of the Cross for Children**. We will serve healthy snacks and refreshments immediately following the 10:30 Eucharist in the south room and shortly after we will begin our walk with Jesus through His Passion, Death and Resurrection through the Celebration of Light. This is a hands on experience for our children. You are all welcome to walk with us, look and see.

The Children's Eucharist and **The Way of the Cross for Children** are two very special opportunities to show our Good Shepherd children your support as they come to know the love of Jesus that they will carry with them through their lives.

Peace and Blessings!!! Sandy Kynerd, Jan Fritzsche, Lisa Czerny, Debbie Talbott-Miller

SHROVE TUESDAY 'ALL YOU CAN EAT' PANCAKE DINNER

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday where historically Christian households would 'use up' the butter, eggs, and milk in preparation of traditional fasting for Lent. It is

celebrated in different ways all over the world. In the United Kingdom it is called **Pancake Day**, in Greece, it is called **Apocreas**, which means "from the meat" since they don't eat meat during Lent. It is called **Fettisdagen** in Sweden, **Fastnacht** in Germany meaning **Fat Tuesday**, and **Sprengidagur** or **Bursting Day** in Iceland. In France, it is **Mardi Gras** where celebrations include masks and wild parties. In Poland, they eat **Paczki's**, which are filled donuts, along with other fattening foods.

No matter what you call it - **Come join us on Tuesday, February 16th at 6:00pm for an 'All You Can Eat' Pancake Dinner.** Look for more details about it on the bulletin board and plan to come and enjoy.

Worship Committee - Marcia Day

Pastor Heather created a worship committee this winter and it is a wide mix of parishioners. This group helps plan worship for each season of the Episcopal Church. One thought about planning worship is that the service should be the same every time -you don't have to think about it - the words are known and familiar. The other thought is that by changing the words of the service or the way, in which it is done, it reinforces what we know and brings it forward in a new light. Our goal is not to do wild and crazy services but services that enhance the liturgical season. Years ago, a dying parishioner apologized to Father Tom that there would not be a lot of people at her funeral. "Not true", he said, "we will be surrounded by Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven" (p. 362 in our Prayer Book). An ah-ha moment for me.

We learned a few years back during one of our Lenten Series, that the creeds are statements of our basic beliefs in God (p. 851, Prayer Book). The Nicene Creed is the creed of the universal Church and is used at the Eucharist (p. 852). We say it as a prayer. I was privileged to hear the Rt. Rev. Catherine Maples Waynick, the Bishop of Indianapolis, recite this creed as a declaration of faith. It sounds (and feels) very different when it is read as a proclamation. Another ah-ha moment.

Eucharist prayers come from our Prayer Book, the books, "Enriching Our Worship 1 and 2" from the Episcopal Standing Liturgical Commission, from New Zealand and Australia Anglican Prayer Books, from commissioned work, as did the Diocese of Wyoming and there are others. We have already used many of them; we just didn't know it at the time.

This Lent, we will be using our Prayer Book instead of our weekly program. The bulletin will be one piece of paper, folded. It will include the basic service outline and announcements. Because we are reading from the Prayer Book, we have selected prayers and forms that will simplify the process and should be familiar to the congregation.

Part of the process is to also look backwards and decide if we made the best decisions—always a part of decision making. All are welcome to work with this committee as we explore worship at All Saints. Our next meeting is Monday, February 22, at 7 PM.

Some see a hopeless end, while others see an endless hope. -Anonymous

You may recall in recent past years supporting the purchase of a cow from ERD, or maybe giving various items to fill shoe boxes for our parish home-bound seniors, both of these Outreach Lenten projects were a great success thanks to your willingness to give. This time at Lent we are reaching out to 3 Parma families who are in great need of assistance. These families are being challenged by job loss, diagnosis of cancer, loss of most possessions from a house fire, other recent health problems but most importantly parents or guardians to the 9 children ranging in age of 1-16 yrs of age. To assist these families we are holding a Food

Drive now through Lent. All food donations may be placed in the clear box in the main hallway or you may make a monetary donation for Outreach to purchase the necessary items. (Envelopes will be provided in the church pews). Some suggested food items are peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, canned fruit, pasta, sauce, rice, soups and broths, tuna fish, cereal, oatmeal, canned pasta, hamburger, chicken & tuna helper, boxed potatoes & juice. We thank you for giving in abundance to our past missions, we pray that we will come together to heal, help and encourage others.

Thank you, All Saints Outreach (Claire, Joy, Lisa, Marge, Susan & You)

February Dinners with Leslie

Be sure to order your dinners by February 14th to enjoy either Stuffed Cabbage with Mashed Potatoes OR Lasagna with Sweet Italian Sausage, Rolls and Chocolate Cake. The Soup of the Month is Chicken Tortilla. Dinners are \$6.00 and Soup is \$3.00. Order forms and money are due in the basket located in the Narthex by Feb. 14th with pick up after services on February 21st.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for February

Feb. 9	Teresa Fowler	Feb. 26	Bill Bryant
Feb. 12	Debbie Talbot-Miller	Feb. 29	Claire Blanca
Feb. 19	Dana Miller	Mar. 1	Shirley Morris
Feb. 23	Jillian Czerny	Mar. 5	Jim Hance
Feb. 24	Sandy Kynerd	Mar. 5	Nicholas Capone
Feb. 25	Cecelia Graber	Mar. 8	Lane Pilcher
	Feb. 17	Teresa & Jeff Fowler	

February Highlights

Tue. Feb 2	Outreach Cmte. Mtg. 7pm Groundhog Day	Tue. Feb 16	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 6pm
Wed. Feb 3	Morning Prayer 10am	Wed. Feb 17	Ash Wednesday 10am & 7pm
Thu. Feb 4	Choir Rehearsal 7pm	Thu. Feb 18	Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Sun. Feb 7	H Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30am w/ Healing Oil Senior Dinner 1pm	Sat. Feb 20	Pray. Shawl Lunch 10-2pm
Wed. Feb 10	Bible Study 10am	Sun. Feb 21	H Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 2 Cents A Meal Collection
Thu. Feb 11	Choir Rehearsal 7pm	Mon. Feb 22	Worship Cmte. 7pm
Sun. Feb 14	H Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30am Valentine's Day Chin. New Year (Yr. of the Tiger)	Tue. Feb 23	Vestry Mtg. 7pm
		Wed. Feb 24	Soup Supper/Program 6pm
		Sun. Feb 28	H Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 Monthly Breakfast 9:30am

Do you have a little time a week to help children read?

We are looking for volunteers to work with third grade students to help them with their reading. If you are interested, please contact Sally Catalano.

February Trivia

February is Potato Lovers Month, Embroidery Month, Black History Month, Bake for Family Fun Month, Bird Feeding, Candy Month, Grapefruit Month, Umbrella Month, Canned Food Month, Cherry Month, Snack Food Month, and Chocolate Month.