



Prince Of Peace Lutheran Church
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FROM THE BACK PEW

February 2012

A Day for Ashes



Ever since the Middle Ages, Christians in the so-called Western Church have observed Ash Wednesday (the seventh Wednesday before Easter) as the first day of Lent. On this day, in many churches, worshipers receive ashes on the forehead as a reminder of their sorrow for their sins. The ashes are often made by burning palm branches left over from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

The significance of Lent

Lent is the fourth season of the Christian year. Its length is the 40 days preceding Easter Day, not counting Sundays. This means Lent always begins on a Wednesday, known as Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday this year is on February 22.

Lent commemorates Jesus' fast and temptation in the wilderness of Judea Province, which, according to the Gospel, lasted 40 days. Just as Jesus confronted his temptations during these 40 days, Lent helps Christians focus on our most basic need as sinners: forgiveness.

The only way our Lord's forgiving power can become effective in our lives is by our taking the initiative to confront our sins, confess them and repent of them. In short, Lent is a season of penitence.

Some Christians fast during Lent. This denial of bodily comforts can help encourage self-reflection about the need for Jesus' forgiveness.

So, What is Lent?

It is forty days of stripping down to the living essentials;
 It is forty days of facing truth about one's self-indulgent evasions;
 It is forty days of fellowshiping with Christ in the desert;
 It is forty days of rejoicing in God's mercy and forgiveness.



"He who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare; and he who has one enemy will meet him everywhere."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Special Dates This Month:

- Boy Scout Day, February 8, 2012
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2012
- Transfiguration Sunday, February 19, 2012
- Presidents' Day, February 20, 2012
- Fat Tuesday, February 21, 2012
- Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Friendship Feast:



In January we served a very large group at Friendship Feast. A total of 115 people were served.

Thanks to the Leo Club, there was a good turnout of help which is always greatly appreciated. We will not serve again until March 20 due to the conflict with our Pancake Supper. Please come and help then!

FAT TUESDAY

Pancake Supper



Tuesday, Feb 21
4:30-6:30

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	Adults - \$5.00
Carry Outs Available!	5 to 10 - \$3.00
	Under 5 - Free

For information:
762-3232
765-5295

Proceeds to benefit the Food for Kids Backpack Program

Worship Assignments – February, 2012

February 5, 2012

Lay Leader: Mike Evans
 Worship Assistant: Nancy Heck
 Lay Reader: Jennifer Dye
 Greeter: Arlyn Bauer
 Ushers: Shawn and Brenda Lewis
 Children Sermon: Helen Widner

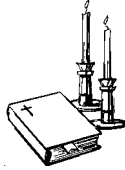


February 12, 2012

Minister: Pastor James Meimerstorf
 Worship Assistant: Jennifer Dye
 Lay Reader: Nadine Bauer
 Greeter: Nancy Heck
 Ushers: Joe Widner and Arlyn Bauer
 Children Sermon: Carolyn Richardson
 Communion Assistant: Sherrill Hickerson
 Communion elements: Claudia Barnes & Carole Palmer

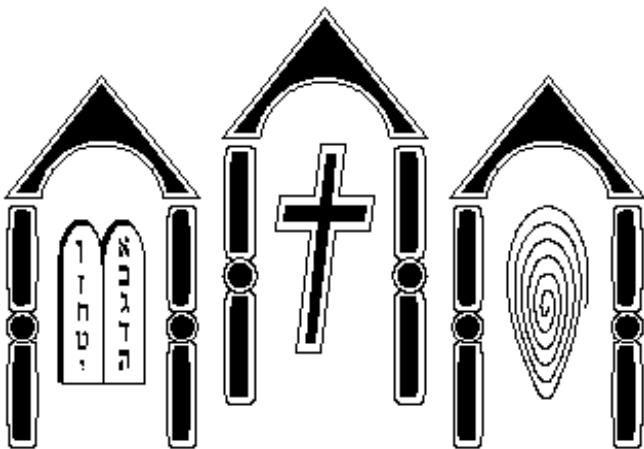
February 19, 2012

Minister: Pastor James Meimerstorf
 Worship Assistant: Carolyn Richardson
 Lay Reader: Molly Kyler
 Greeter: Bob Monger
 Ushers: Rob and Risa Tomek
 Children Sermon: Jennifer Dye
 Communion Assistant: Sherrill Hickerson
 Communion elements: Shawn and Brenda Lewis



February 26, 2012

Minister: Sue Way
 Worship Assistant: Claudia Barnes
 Lay Reader: Pat Meller
 Greeter: Helen Widner
 Ushers: Shawn and Brenda Lewis
 Children Sermon: Molly Kyler



Let Us Set Up Three Tents
 Transfiguration Sunday – February 19, 2012



Feb 10: Ladies Night Out at the Stage Coach in Newkirk.
 Feb 11: The Movie, Courageous, at POP, 6:30pm
 Feb 19: POP Council Meeting after Church
 Feb 21: Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper
 Feb 22: Ash Wednesday Service – 7:00pm
 Feb 29: Soup Supper – 6:00pm followed by Lent Service

Complaining to the Management

Rev. Lisa Hall Anderson is a chaplain at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. She tells of going into the hospital chapel one morning and finding a young mother on her knees. She looked up when she heard Chaplain Anderson and the chaplain apologized for disturbing her. "Oh that's okay," she said, "I was just complaining to the Lord. I figure it worked for the Israelites so I'm giving it a try." They both laughed at that and then began to talk about how God listens to us regardless of our approach.

In writing about the experience, Chaplain Anderson quoted Exodus 16:9 where Moses said to Aaron: "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" One has the feeling that God can handle whatever we have to say or whatever we think in our prayer life.

On a side note, A woman called the newspaper office to complain that her Sunday paper hadn't arrived. Trying to calm her, the man at the office pointed out that the paper hadn't arrived because it was Saturday.



After a brief silence, the woman said meekly, "Well, that explains why there was no one in church today."













Jake Beam	February 2
Sherill Hickerson	February 2
Sandy Foster	February 3
Clara Heldenbrand	February 5
Linda Kelle	February 10
Brenda Lewis	February 10
Bob Monger	February 16
Megan Tomek	February 21
Roger Kelle	February 22
Carolyn Richardson	February 26
Madoline Williams	February 26



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 B) Jake Beam B) Sherill Hickerson	3 B) Sandy Foster	4
5 Sunday School – 10 am Worship - 11 am Lay Leader Mike Evans B) Clara Heldenbrand	6	7	8 Boy Scout Day 	9  <i>Earth Changers</i> 7:00pm	10 B) Brenda Lewis B) Linda Kelle Ladies Night Out - Newkirk	11 Movie – 6:30pm Courageous
12 Sunday School – 10 am Worship - 11 am Pastor James Miemerstorf	13	14  Valentine's Day	15	16  <i>Earth Changers</i> 7:00pm B) Bob Monger	17	18
19 Sunday School – 10 am Worship – 11 am Pastor James Meimerstorf  Transfiguration Sunday	20  Presidents Day	21  Pancake Supper B) Megan Tomek	22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> B) Roger Kelle	23  <i>Earth Changers</i> 7:00pm	24	25
26 Sunday School – 10 am Worship – 11 am Diaconal Minister Sue Way B) Carolyn Richardson B) Madoline Williams	27	28	29 Soup Supper – 6:00pm 			 God Hears and Answers Prayers!

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