

The Chimes

March/April 2020

At the Ash Wednesday service last week, we read some Biblical passages and got cross-shaped ashes on our foreheads. At the service for the first Sunday in Lent, we read the text about “the temptation of Jesus” (Matthew 4:1-11).

The term “Lent” (*quadragesima*), which literally means “fortieth,” designates “the forty weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter.” This period of forty days was inspired by Jesus’ forty days in the desert where he was tested by Satan. In this period, we Christians focus on deepening our spirituality.

According to the above-mentioned text, “when the devil had finished every test, the devil departed from Jesus until an opportune time.” Later at the final days of Jesus’ destiny, the devil entered Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus’ twelve disciples (Luke 22:3). The first sentence of the same text says that it was the Holy Spirit who filled Jesus and led Jesus into the wilderness.

Therefore, remember that any Christian filled with the Holy Spirit also cannot be exempted from the temptations of the devil. The devil searches for an “opportune time” as the Bible warns as follows: “*Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour*” (1 Peter 5:8).

St. Francis of Assisi planned to fast for forty days and he practiced it. Until the thirty-ninth day, he was successful in his fasting and his spirituality was deepened. However, on that thirty ninth day, he was tempted to think that he was as holy as Jesus. He had to break his fast just a day before the fortieth day because he yielded to the temptation of pride.

Yes! The more we want to deepen our spirituality, the more we should try not to yield to any kind of temptation. In the moments of temptations, listen to the voice that the Holy Spirit speaks inside your heart. Trust only God and keep in mind your identity as God’s children.

I bless you to deepen your spirituality successfully until the last moment of Lent.

- Rev. Dr. Sun-Joong Kim

Community Outreach/Kindness Committee

The Methodists are on the move! If you were in church last Sunday, you heard John Galewski talk about an exciting new project our church is undertaking. We have asked the City, the School District and all of the other churches in South Milwaukee to join us as we make an intentional effort to promote, model and make kindness a priority for every child and adult in our community.

A committee from our church has been formed to discuss potential projects we can complete to spread kindness throughout our church community, our neighborhood and throughout South Milwaukee. We hope to create a culture of goodwill that we all see and experience happening in the month of December every day of the year!

In addition another committee is an "arm" of our church committee that will have representatives from the City, the School District and from other churches. Together we can make a difference!

Ideas that have been discussed at the initial church committee meeting include greeters at our entrance doors each Sunday and whenever an event is being held here; we are planning to adopt a classroom at the school district; we have helped to formulate The Fred Award (you can learn more about this at the Grobschmidt Senior Center monthly newsletter); we have asked the City Council and the School Board to adopt a Resolution that promotes the notion of kindness throughout; a Unity Day is being planned for late spring recognizing the FRED's in our community and others who exemplify kindness and we are helping to organize the National Day of Prayer/Faith Expo event which will be held on May 7. You will see and hear more information about these ideas and many others in upcoming news.

Obviously this is a big undertaking for our church and community but with God's guidance and strength we will succeed! However, we are looking for individuals who want to get involved and make a difference too! The next Community Relations/Kindness Committee for just our church projects will be held on March 4, at 4:00 p.m., at the Church office. Many, many ideas are being explored and we hope you will want to join us as we strive to "promote and model" kindness!

Please contact Pastor Kim, John Galewski, John Haslam, Sandy Galewski, Judy Stock or Sandy Swartz for additional information. We need your help!

With God's Blessings,
Your Kindness Committee

Happiness is the new rich; Inner peace is the new success.
Health is the new wealth; Kindness is the new cool.

EDUCATION WORK AREA

Sunday School (10:15 – 11:15 am)
Easter Egg Hunt (April 12th)
Culver's Fundraiser date: (April 7th)
Aluminum Can Fundraiser (ongoing)
You may place rinsed cans in the barrel located next to the elevator. If you would like to donate the tabs to the Ronald McDonald House, please remove the tabs and put them in a sealed plastic bag and place them on top of the barrel.
24 people attended Game Night in February.

Thank you so much for your generous donation of baby items. These items are needed and not usually readily available to our clients so they are greatly appreciated.
Thank you for all you do in our community.
Best Regards, Human Concerns

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The Upper Room (March/April) devotional booklets are available for \$1 in the Narthex.
Lenten Coin Folders also available.

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Office News –
May/June Chimes articles due April 27th.

Church Website & Facebook Page
We are still looking for a person/s who would be interested in helping create and maintain these. Social media is a good way to share information and reach out to the community. This is a great opportunity to give back to your church with your gifts and service. Contact the office if interested.

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Thank You! My blessed church family, thank you very much for your kind words and prayers and the many cards I received. I am getting stronger each day. I started occupational therapy and am determined to get my strength and use of my hand back. With God's grace I'm getting the determination I need to conquer it. You are all so kind and thoughtful. Much love to all, Joyce Frahm

Our Deepest Sympathy to the family of longtime church member Margery Stelzer who passed away in January.

MISSION WORK AREA

Pancake Breakfast – March 15, 2020
One serving at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Features all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce, and a beverage. The cost is \$6. (\$4 for children ages 5-11, under 5 eat free). We made \$221 at our last Pancake Breakfast. **Thank You ☺**

Human Concerns (for the month of March)
They are currently in need of personal hygiene items, and food items such as macaroni & cheese and tuna. You may place your donations in the Human Concerns box located in the Narthex.
Thank you for your generous contributions.

Valentine Cookie Sale – We made \$237.
Thank you for your support. ☺

Mission Sewing meets on the first Wed. of the month at 9 am. Come and join us!

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South Korean by Pastor (Chef) Kim
Mark your calendars for April 29th. SMUMC will present a South Korean dinner. Our Pastor Kim will prepare the main South Korean dish and we will all bring a dish to pass. Please sign up by April 15th so we'll know how much of main entrée to prepare. More information to follow in the Sunday Chimes/Bulletin.

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Did you Know? Because our church has been reclassified as a business, we no longer qualify for eligibility in the WE Energies budget program. We must now pay the full amount of our bill each month. Our WE Energies bill for Dec./Jan. was \$1,534.46. Our Jan./Feb. bill was \$1,316.72. Therefore, we are asking you to consider making an extra contribution (specifically for use in targeting the higher bills we experience during the winter heating season). Any help would be greatly appreciated. ☺ **Thank You!**

Readings for March, 2020

March 1

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

March 8

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 15

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 22

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

March 29

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

March Birthdays

03/01 Sarah Nowak, Sam Yu
03/02 Joyce Frahm, Shawn Nichols
03/04 Joyce Bulley, Dean Chapman
03/08 Cathy Andrew
03/09 Margaret Maltz, Joan Tice
03/11 Loree Simuncak
03/14 Scott Bramow, Jennifer Powell
Stephen Simuncak
03/21 Sue Patnode
03/25 Doug Goudy

March/April Dates to Remember:

March 15 Pancake Breakfast
March 17 Ladies Luncheon
April 05 Palm Sunday/Choir Cantata
April 07 Culver's Fundraiser Day

Readings for April, 2020

April 5

Matthew 21:1-11, 26:14-27
Psalm 31:9-16, 118:1-2, 19-29
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11

April 9 (Maundy Thursday)

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 10 (Good Friday)

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1-19:42

April 12

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18
Matthew 28:1-10

April 19

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 26

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

April Birthdays

04/02 Walter Weber
04/08 Carol Giombi, Kay Trexell
04/12 Carol Christianson, Judy Stock
04/19 Myrt Jeske
04/22 Marilyn Laru, Dolores Tarman
04/25 Karen Lyon
04/29 Anthony Ciardo
04/30 Mallory Bundalo, Jaclyn Lyon

April Dates to Remember continued

April 09 Maundy Thursday
April 10 Good Friday
April 12 Easter Sunday
April 25 Church Rummage Sale
April 29 South Korean Dinner

A Lenten history lesson

Though the date of Easter varies, the majority of the Lenten season occurs during March. In fact, the word *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon words *lenctentid* (meaning "March") and *lencten* (meaning "spring").

The first reference to Lent dates back to 325 AD, in one of the 20 canons decreed at the council of Nicaea. By the eighth century, Christians started observing Lent, and a 10th-century monk named Aelfric connected the use of ashes and "the Lenten fast" to the pre-Easter period.


Lent lasts 40 days to represent Jesus' time in the wilderness, when he was tempted by the devil. The six Sundays that occur between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday aren't counted as part of Lent; instead, as the traditional day of worship, they're considered "mini-Easters."

Easter around the world

Easter traditions are important but they vary widely. While Americans dye hardboiled eggs, Kenyans carve soapstone eggs and present them as gifts in banana-fiber boxes. In Bermuda, locals fly homemade kites on Good Friday – a tradition that began when a teacher illustrated Christ's ascension to heaven using a cross-shaped kite.

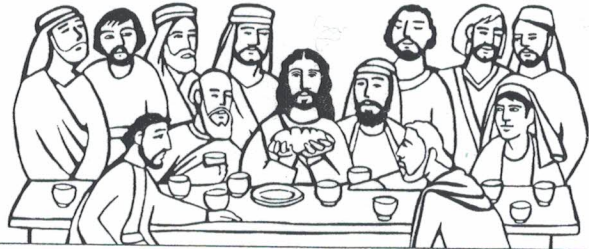
Ethiopian Christians observe a 56-day fast from meat and all animal products. On Easter, they dress in white to worship in churches decorated with handmade fabric. Then they feast with non-Christians on roast chicken, goat and rice.

In France, church bells are silent between Holy Thursday and Easter to observe Jesus' Passion. According to legend, the bells grow wings and fly to Rome to be blessed, returning on Easter with chocolate and presents. In one town's main square, chefs make a giant omelet with 4,500 eggs to feed 1,000 people!



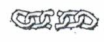


Picturing the Lord's Supper

Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples as a symbol of the new covenant.





Directions: Use the picture clues to fill in key words from Luke 22:19-20, NIV.







And he took _____, gave _____ and _____ it, and gave


it to them, saying, "This is my _____ given for you; do this in

_____ of me." In the same way, after the supper he

took the cup, saying, "This _____ is the new _____ in my



blood, which is _____ out for you."

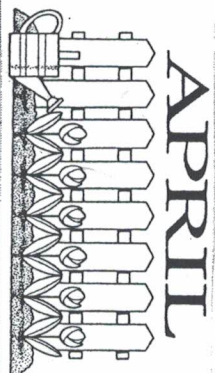
LUKE 22:19-20, NIV

Answer: bread, thanks, broke, body, remembrance, cup, covenant, poured

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- "Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine."
 —Anthony J. D'Angelo
- "May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and the road downhill all the way to your door."
 —Irish blessing



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Palm Sunday 9am - Worship 10:15am - S. School 10:30am - Worship						
Easter Sunday 9am - Worship 10:15am - S. School 10:30am - Worship	Easter Monday					
			9am - Mission Sewing	6pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Choir		
				-Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	
		10am - Trustees	Tax Day	6pm - No Bells 7pm - Choir		
9am - Worship 10:15am - S. School 10:30am - Worship		11:30am - Ladies - Luncheon 6pm - Finance		6pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Choir	9am - Rummage - set-up	8am - Rummage Sale
Birthdays Sunday 9am - Worship 10:15am - S. School 10:30am - Worship		6pm - Ad Council		6pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Choir		