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Lent & Easter Schedule

- Ash Wednesday**
Wednesday, March 2
Worship at 12 pm or 6:30 pm
- Lent by Candlelight**
Sunday, March 6 at 2 pm
- Midweek Lenten Worship**
Thursdays, March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7
Dinner at 5-6:15 pm; Worship at 6:30 pm
- Easter for Kids** TBA
- Palm Sunday**
Sunday, April 10
Worship at 9 am
- Maundy Thursday**
Thursday, April 14
Worship at 12 pm or 6:30 pm
- Good Friday**
Friday, April 15
Worship at 12 pm; Tenebrae 6:30 pm
- Easter Sunday**
Sunday, April 17
Sunrise Service 7 am; Breakfast 8 am;
Song Service 9 am

Lent, Preparation for the 'Special Event'

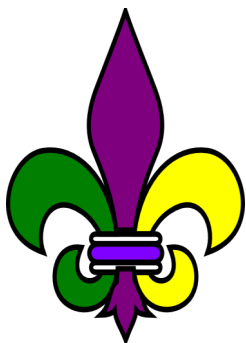
What do Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, and Lent mean and how are they related to each other?



Lent was originally a time before Easter when people who wanted to join the Christian church took special classes to learn all about who Jesus was and what he did. Because 40 is a common number in Bible stories, the time for Lent was set at 40 days before Easter. The first day of the Lenten season, therefore, is a Wednesday. It is March 2 this year. If you count it out that makes for a total of 46 days before Easter, but the Sundays aren't counted as part of the season.

By the beginning of the eighth century the season of Lent was observed by all believers as a time to rededicate themselves spiritually. As people focused on Jesus, the season of Lent became known as a time for people to admit their sins which caused Jesus to suffer and die.

Since many people in the Bible showed their sorrow over their sins by sitting in ashes, it seemed appropriate to symbolize repentance with ashes on the first day of Lent, a Wednesday, hence the term Ash Wednesday. Over the years, some people started using the ashes to make the sign of the cross on their foreheads. That showed others that they were sorry for their sins and looked to the cross of Christ for forgiveness.



Another way for people to show how sad they were for disobeying God was to fast—to go without food for a certain time. That's why many people still give up certain things for Lent. In many European cultures, and in parts of Louisiana, it became the custom to refrain from eating all dairy products, eggs, and meat during Lent. Since the people had to get rid of all these foods before Lent began, they "pigged out" on the days before Lent. In French, Mardi Gras means "Fat Tuesday." Eventually this "pigging out" became more of an excuse for a wild party, which is what Mardi Gras in New Orleans has become today.

For many, Lent remains a time of spiritual renewal. During this 40 day period, Christians are urged to pray and meditate on all the suffering that Jesus had to endure. Here at Peace, we have special mid-week Lenten services but we don't put ash crosses on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday or plan a special party before Lent. Outward actions aren't what is important.



It's the attitude of the heart that matters.

Observing the season of Lent can help people get their heart in the right attitude to appreciate all that Jesus did. And by the end of Lent, people are really focused and anxious to celebrate the special event of Easter.

God bless your Lenten reflection this year!

By Pastor Martin Wildauer, St. Matthew, Port Washington, WI



Ever Wonder? Answers to Important Questions.



How Can I Be Happy When I Hurt So Badly?

"How did you ever get such peace?" Jenny asked Carol. "It's been eight months since my baby died, and it still tears me up."

"Oh, I still ache when I remember my son. I miss him every day. Some days I can't stop wondering what he would be like. But as far as peace goes, I felt peace already the night Alex died. It's always been there, no matter how much I hurt."

"I can see it, Carol. I keep hoping to have what you have." Jenny glanced at a framed picture of Alex on Carol's desk. "Sometimes I feel so angry and bitter that God took my baby."

"I've gotten angry, too. It's just not right that children die, but I don't blame God. He made it possible for me to have peace after Alex died. God didn't bring death into this world."

"How can you say such a thing?" Jenny looked surprised. "God took your son from you. He's dead."

"That's where you're wrong," Carol responded, putting her hand on Jenny's shoulder. "Alex is not dead. He's as alive as we are at this very moment. Jesus said, 'Whoever believes in me will live even though he dies.' Death entered this world when the first human beings sinned against God, but death cannot rob me of my son—he's safe with Jesus."

"How can you be so sure? I wish I could be as certain as you."

Carol smiled. "You can be certain. Before I explain, let me ask you a question. Why did Jesus die on the cross?"

Jenny gave a puzzled look. "I don't know. I guess some people really hated him."

"Yes, some people hated him, but that doesn't explain what happened. Jesus had to die. It was part of a plan. You and I and everyone else have sinned and deserved to die. But God came up with the plan to have his Son die in our place. The plan was fulfilled, and Jesus came back from the dead. Knowing what God has done gives me peace. Jenny, do you ever blame yourself for what happened? I did, sometimes. But now, I focus on God's forgiveness and his love. And when I think of Alex, I remind myself that he's living with God now. And by faith in Jesus, I am looking forward to seeing my son one day!"

"Thanks, Carol. Forgiveness, love, alive with God—you've helped me see everything in a new way."

Join us at church for worship and Bible study each week
to learn more about the love Jesus has for each us!

Girl Pioneers International Pine Car Derby

Saturday, April 23 at St. John's, Princeton
Registration 10 am- 12 pm

Races and craft judging begin at 12 pm

Join us for a fun day of racing and fellowship! Cars from all over, including the winning cars from Peace, will be there! There will be a concession stand, benefitting the St. John's caravan.

See Christine Bohn for more information!



Boy Pioneers International Pine Car Derby

Saturday, April 23 at St. John's, Watertown
Registration & Dinner starting at 5 pm

Races and craft judging begin at 6 pm

For more information, visit the Lutheran Pioneers website at www.lutheranpioneers.org

How Much Do You Know About... Lent & Holy Week?

1. How many days are counted in lent?
A. 40 B. 110 C. 46
2. What color is traditionally associated with the lent season?
A. Green B. Purple C. White
3. Maundy Thursday commemorates what?
A. Jesus' trial B. the last supper
C. Jesus' execution
4. On Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on what?
A. a horse
B. the shoulders of his disciples
C. a donkey
5. What word is not meant to be said or sung during Lent?
A. Alleluia B. Amen C. Jesus
6. The Wednesday before Easter is called Holy Wednesday, but is also sometimes called:
A. Easter Wednesday
B. Spy Wednesday

Answers on the bottom of page 4.

URGENT NEED



We are in urgent need of people to learn how to run the sound/video equipment for church services, as well as people to learn how to use the Hymnsoft for when we don't have an organist.

Please talk to Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146) if you can assist in either of these ways.

Pill Bottles Needed



The Circle of Peace is collecting empty pill bottles with covers (labels removed) for the Central Africa Medical Mission. Please place in the

box on the back table. Please see Sheryl Bohlmann with any questions.

New Hymnals

If you would like to purchase a hymnal for the sanctuary in honor of or in memory of someone, please see Christine in the office.

2022 Coffee Hour

If you would like to host coffee hour, please sign up on the sheet on the table at the back in the fellowship hall.

Peace Pantry Hours



Peace Pantry is open during regular office hours during the week and by appointment. The pantry is open to our members and the community.

Call Christine at 920-787-3856 for more information.

Lent and Easter Volunteer Opportunities

There are lots of opportunities to share your time, talents, and treasures during the Lenten and Easter season! Consider volunteering for any of the following events:

- * Hosting a midweek Lenten dinner
- * Hosting Easter breakfast
- * Help during worship services by ushering, running the sound system, or being a greeter
- * Inviting a friend, neighbor, or family member to join you at a worship service or event

You can talk to Pastor Tews or any member of the Church Council for more ways to volunteer during this holy season, or any time during the year.



Plan now to join us for the WELS Women's Ministry Conference at Luther Prep in Watertown on July 21-23, 2022. We will dig into Ephesians and learn about the richness of God's grace. Grace that moved Jesus Christ to the cross and won us by his blood. Find out how that truth shapes and impacts us as women in the church, home, and workplace.

For more information, visit wels.net/event/2022-wels-womens-ministry-conference/

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All ladies of the congregation are invited to
Lent by Candlelight
on Sunday March 6
at 2 pm,
hosted by the
Circle of Peace.

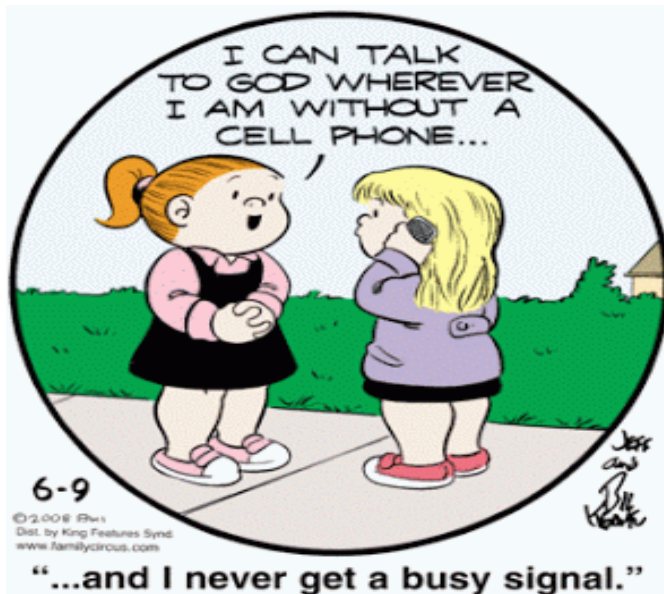
Light refreshments will follow
the service. Bring a friend!

Please RSVP to Heather or Pastor Tews
by February 27.



Each of you should
use whatever gift
you have received
to serve others, as
faithful stewards of
God's grace in its
various forms.

1 Peter 4:10



Pine Car Derby

Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 1 pm

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE!!

Cheer on your favorite car or get
your own Pine Car and enter the
Open Class of the Pioneers 2022
Pine Car Derby! Join the fun as we
race our way to victory!

Pine Car Registrations and lunch
12-1 pm

Races start promptly at 1 pm

Please see Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146) to
get a car if you'd like to enter the Open
Class. *The Open Class is open to any-
one, any age, who isn't a Pioneer.*

Lunch is free and for everyone— join us!



Answers for quiz on page 6:

1. A 2. B 3. B 4. C 5. A 6. B



March Birthdays

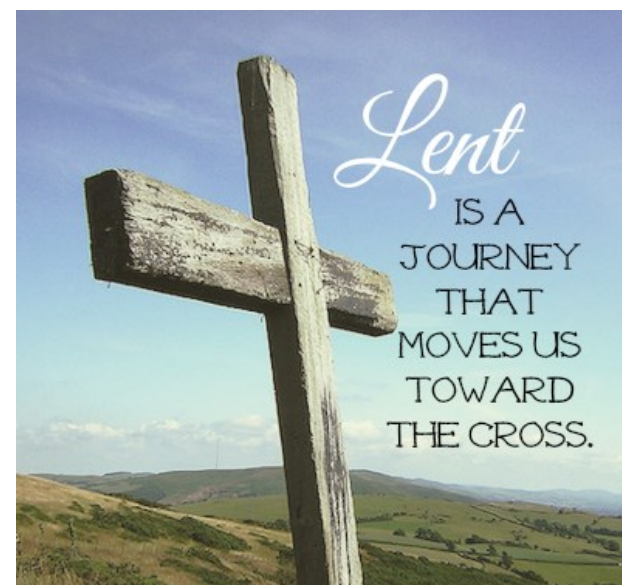
3/7 Marie Kasper
Rebecca Bohn
3/9 Joyce Woodruff
3/13 Jean Bartel
3/15 Clifford Bliske
3/16 Judy Nelson
3/21 Thurman Matney
3/23 Megan Kubasta
Kevin Bohn
3/25 Phyllis Dassow
3/26 Dorothy Sullivan
3/27 Kay Held
3/30 Don Timmermann



March Anniversaries

3/3 Russ & Mary Ann Nero (49)
3/3 Robin & Jeff Rudolph (27)

*If we missed your birthday or anniversary, that
means the church does not have it. Please drop off
dates at the church office, call 787.3856 or email
peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com.*



Sunday School Corner

Sunday School meets every
Sunday from 10:15-11:15 am.

Often times in the winter months after
Christmas, we have lower than normal
attendance in Sunday School. Between
bad weather, illnesses, and winter sports,
our families can struggle to get to church
and Sunday School. But, our teachers
prepare lessons each week to help our
children grow in their faith. Jesus tells us
to bring the children to him and attend-
ing Sunday School is one way we do
that!

If your child is unable to attend class,
contact their teacher and she will get les-
son materials to you to use at home!

Here are our March lessons:

Date	Lesson
March 6	On the road to Emmaus
March 13	Easter evening
March 20	Doubting Thomas
March 27	Jesus appears in Galilee
April 3	Jesus' ascension

Sunday School is an extension of the
family. We are here to assist families in
their job of teaching and preparing
young Christians for life. We consider it a
privilege to serve the families of our con-
gregation and urge each of you to take
an active role in the Christian education
of the children in your lives.

Please speak with me, any Sunday
School teacher, or Pastor for more infor-
mation about Sunday School, to volun-
teer, or to donate to the Sunday School
program.

Karin Hetcher (920-240-6201)
Sunday School Superintendent



Matthew 7:12