



# NEWSLETTER

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## Grace Lutheran Church

### Birthdays

2/01: Karsyn Jones  
 2/01: Teri Ediger  
 2/02: Sue Doss  
 2/03: Delphine  
       Mullen  
 2/09: Bob Brents  
 2/13: Sarah Davis  
 2/14: LuAnn Parks  
 2/14: Mitch Littler  
 2/17: Edith Chambers  
 2/19: Julius (Jeeper)  
       Meyer  
 2/19: Magdalyn  
       Sharp  
 2/19: Rachel Sanford  
 2/21: Carol Rolufs  
 2/21: Paul Martin  
 2/22: Taya Jones

### Setting our Minds on Jesus



Time passes by so quickly. It seems like just last week that we were in the middle of Advent and preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. And now, just as we are settling into the Epiphany season (which mirrors the season of Pentecost in that they are both considered "calmer" seasons in the church year), I look at my calendar and sure enough, Lent is right around the corner.

On Wednesday, February 18, at 6:00 pm, we will begin our Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday. I hope you can make it. We will meet every Wednesday at 6:00 pm throughout Lent (February 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25). During those Lenten midweek services, we will be going slowly through the passion reading to reflect on what Jesus went through for you and for me. Then, we will celebrate that the King is coming on Palm Sunday (March 29), and move into Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and finally, Easter, celebrating *why* Jesus came in the first place – to suffer, die, and rise again to forgive you and me of all our sins.

Why do we do this? Why meet twice in one week? Why put ashes on our forehead on February 18? Why focus on the passion reading?

We do these things to set our minds on Jesus. The season of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, has two major focuses. First, it is a season where we remember our sinfulness, where we repent of our sin and turn to our Savior, and when we remember that we do indeed need a Savior. Second, it is a season where we reflect on Jesus who *is* our Savior. It is a season where we reflect on the reality that Jesus *did* come in the flesh to suffer, die, and rise. It is a time when we reflect on the reality that He did this for sinners – for you and for me. Ultimately, Lent is a time which drives us to Easter where Jesus rose from the dead in victory over sin, death, and the devil *for us!*

I pray that this season of Lent is uplifting for you. I pray that you and I may truly reflect on our sin and our Savior this Lenten season.

In Christ's Service,  
 Pastor Heitshusen

Happy  
 Valentine's  
 Day



## HAPPENINGS AT GRACE

### SEASON OF LENT

Feb. 18: Ash Wednesday Soup Supper, 5:00 pm  
 Feb. 18: Ash Wednesday service, 6:00 pm  
 Feb. 25: Lenten mid-week service, 6:00 pm  
 Mar. 4: Lenten mid-week service, 6:00 pm  
 Mar. 11: Lenten mid-week service, 6:00 pm  
 Mar. 18: Lenten mid-week service, 6:00 pm  
 Mar. 25: Lenten mid-week service, 6:00 pm  
 Mar. 29: Palm Sunday service, 10:00 am  
 Apr. 2: Maundy Thursday service, 6:00 pm  
 Apr. 3: Good Friday service, 6:00 pm  
 Apr. 5: Easter Breakfast, 8:30 am  
 Apr. 5: Easter service, 10:00 am



The son of a poor widow struck it rich in the stock market. Wanting to show his love for his mother, he went to a pet shop and asked the owner for the rarest and most expensive pet in his shop.

The owner said he had a rare parrot, worth \$50,000.00, which could recite the Ten Commandments and other Scripture verses.

No gift was too costly for his beloved mother, the son decided. So he bought the bird and shipped it to her.

The next day, he called his mother. "Did you get the bird?" he asked.

"I sure did, son," she replied. "Thank you. It was delicious!"

**GAME NIGHT** was on Saturday, January 17th. There was good attendance even with the cold temperatures.



### **WINTER OLYMPIC FACTS**

Figure skating and ice hockey first debuted at the Summer Games in London 1908 and Antwerp 1920.

Artificial snow was used for the first time at the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid 1980

Luge is the fastest Winter Olympic sport with speeds reaching 90 mph.

NHL players started competing at the Winter Olympics in Nagano 1998.

The Olympic Winter Games are over 100 years old, beginning in 1921.