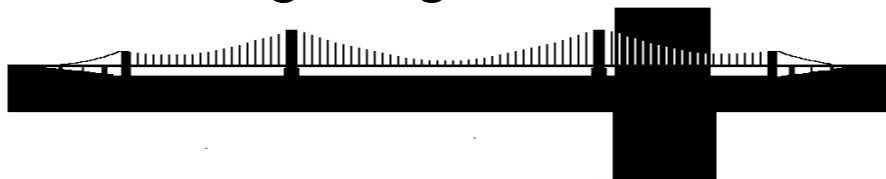


Building Bridges To God



Through the Cross of Christ

The Newsletter Ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church

EQUIPPING  
THE  
SAINTS

March 2014

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



**Ash Wednesday Service** - March 5, 7:00 PM



**Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship**

Beginning the Wednesday *after* Ash Wednesday...

March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 & 9

*Soup at 6:15 and Worship at 7:00*

Sign up sheet will be posted on bulletin board to volunteer to bring soup and everyone is welcome to bring their own sandwich



**Coffee Hour ~ March 9**

## **Thank God for Lent!**

March 2014

I'm told that the word '*lent*' comes from a *middle-English* word, '*lengten*,' which refers to the gradually increasing hours of daylight that come our way in the northern hemisphere each spring. Nothing particularly 'religious' here; just a fact of life!

After the winter we've been having, I'm more than ready for longer days and shorter nights; for warmer temperatures and a whole lot less snow! How about you?

Yet this time of year also raises up inside me something *more*; a *longing* (get it? '*Lengten*' *longing*) for something uniquely religious, spiritual.

Truth be told, I'm longing for some *mending*, some *healing*, some *restoration* in my soul.

It's been a long winter in more than one way. Things haven't always gone the way I'd hoped in terms of my relationships with folks I care deeply about. And my relationship with God could use some mending, too.

I could ignore this *brokenness* in my life. I know, "*God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*" God will overlook what's wrong with me, right?

But honestly, I don't want God just to '*overlook*' my brokenness. I long for God to *heal* it, to *mend* my broken heart! I long to experience authentic forgiveness. But that means I need to *confess* my sins to God, lest I take God's grace for granted.

Which brings me back to *Lent*. A *season* of the church year, 40 days long, roughly equivalent to the 40 days of temptation our Lord experienced in the wilderness, just after he was baptized. A time to face our demons, to confront our brokenness. To empty ourselves of whatever it is that comes between us and God, between me and *you!*

In the church's long history of Lenten observance, these days have traditionally been days of *giving something up* (pride...laziness...envy...greed...gluttony; your list may be different than mine). They've also been days of *taking something on* (prayer... extra worship...reading the Bible...practicing generosity to the poor; again your list may be different than mine).

To help you with these *Lenten disciplines*, the church offers special times of focused worship. Beginning with *Ash Wednesday*, March 5, and continuing each Wednesday throughout the 40 days of Lent, you're invited to meet at 7:00 pm for a brief (40 minute) time of worship and learning. Beginning Wednesday March 12 and continuing through April 9, we'll again host a simple weekly *soup supper*, beginning at 6:15 pm. Check out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the entry, and consider sharing something simple and wholesome.

Look at the next page to learn what we'll be focusing on this Lent. Then join us!

+ *Pastor Rich*



## *LENT, 2014 - RESTORED IN CHRIST*

- Ash Wednesday, March 5, 7 pm – “Broken Hearts,” Joel 2:12-14. Our hearts are broken in sorrow over sin; Christ restores our hearts through his forgiveness.
- Wednesday March 12 – “Broken Vessel,” Mark 14:1-9. A broken vessel holds costly perfume; we are broken vessels restored by Christ.
- Wednesday March 19 – “Broken Trust,” Matthew 26:14-25. Judas breaks his trust with Jesus by betraying him; our broken trust is restored through the sacrifice of Christ.
- Wednesday March 26 – “Broken Bread,” John 6:48-58. Bread is broken at the Last Supper; we are restored through the Bread of Life, Jesus.
- Wednesday April 2 – “Broken Promises,” Matthew 26:69-75. Peter’s broken promises to never deny Jesus are restored by the surpassing love of Christ.
- Wednesday April 9 – “Broken Justice,” 2 Corinthians 5:20-21. A broken justice system put Jesus on the cross; we are restored when by his death we are declared not guilty.

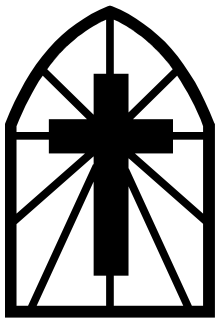
### **HOLY WEEK: Mid-week services at 7 pm; Sundays at 10 am**

- Palm Sunday, April 13, 10 am – “Broken Majesty,” Zechariah 9:9-10
- Maundy Thursday, April 17 – “Broken Sanctuary,” Luke 22:39-48
- Good Friday, April 18 – “Broken Curtain,” Matthew 27:51
- Easter Sunday, April 20, 10 am – “Broken Seal,” Matthew 27:62-66

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### **THE LORD’S PRAYER FOR LENT** – *Daily Devotions for Lent.*

Let the Lord’s Prayer guide you through Lent in this daily devotional that highlights a petition each week. ***Pick up your free copy (one per household)***



**ECUMENICAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Tuesday, March 4, 2014  
3:00pm-4:30pm

St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Parish  
Emmaus Room  
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd.  
Toledo, Oh

Title: Picking Up the Pieces  
Speaker: Susie Waible-Rose,  
Leader Bereavement Support Group

*Picking up the pieces of our life during grief is difficult. We knew the life we were living, we had routines to follow, we had a role in our life, maybe we even had our life planned out. Now we find ourselves feeling broken, sad, and not sure about anything anymore. Where and how do we begin?*

Contact: Rita Hoff 419-724-4772  
E-mail [bereavement@toledostpats.org](mailto:bereavement@toledostpats.org)

Sponsored by: St. Joseph Parish, St. Rose Parish, St. Paul's Lutheran, St. Luke's Hospital, St. Joan of Arc, St. Patrick of Heatherdowns

DON'T FORGET TO.....  
turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 8!!

Daylight Saving Time begins March 9

Spring is almost here... Praise Jesus!!!



**Lady Saint's Meeting**  
Sat., March 8  
9:00 a.m.

Barb Moungie will be our guest speaker and discuss her recent trip to Raleigh, NC where she learned a great deal about Operation Christmas Child.

**REAL TALK, REAL PEOPLE: A Conversation about the Body of Christ, Race and Justice**



Saturday, March 15  
10am ~ 3pm  
Lutheran Church of the Master in Perrysburg



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Adult Forum 9:00 S. S. 10:00 Worship	<b>3</b> 7:30 Bible Study  8:30 AA (closed)	<b>4</b>  8:30 AA (open)	<b>5</b>  Ash Wednesday 7:00 Service 8:30 AA (open)	<b>6</b>  8:30 AA (closed)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00 Lady Saints 
<b>9</b> Daylight Saving Time Begins  8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship Coffee Hour	<b>10</b> 7:30 Bible Study  8:30 AA (closed)	<b>11</b> 7:00 Property  8:30 AA (open)	<b>12</b> 6:15 Soup 7:00 Worship  8:30 AA (open)	<b>13</b>  8:30 AA (closed)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10-3 Real Talk, Real People @ Church of the Master
<b>16</b> 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship	<b>17</b> 7:00 S.O.S. 7:30 Bible Study  8:30 AA (closed) 	<b>18</b> 7:00 W & M  8:30 AA (open)	<b>19</b> 6:15 Soup 7:00 Worship  8:30 AA (open)	<b>20</b> 7:00 Council 8:30 AA (closed)  Spring Begins!! 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship	<b>24</b> 7:30 Bible Study  8:30 AA (closed)	<b>25</b> 6:30 Ryewyck Blockwatch  8:30 AA (open)	<b>26</b> 6:15 Soup 7:00 Worship  8:30 AA (open)	<b>27</b> Newsletter put together  8:30 AA (closed)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00 
<b>30</b> 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship	<b>31</b> 7:30 Bible Study  8:30 AA (closed)					

# MARCH VOLUNTEERS

## READER

Mar. 2 Peg Loehrke  
Mar. 9 Norm Merkel  
Mar. 16 Rex Yarger  
Mar. 23 Ted Beitelschees  
Mar. 30 Grethcen Schultz

## GREETERS

Rose Thomson  
Judy Grimes  
Rex & Kathy Yarger  
LaVerne Busddieker  
Pat Toepfer

## COMMUNION PREP/ASSISTANT

Mar. 2 Tim & Amy Merkel  
Mar. 9 Norm & Sue Merkel  
Mar. 16 Jim & Diana Burkhardt  
Mar. 23 Ted & Julie Beitelschees  
Mar. 30 Gretchen Schultz & Pam Hershberger

MONTH  
MARCH

## ALTAR

Sue Merkel

## COUNTERS

Mar. 2 Rose Thomson & LaVerne Busddieker  
Mar. 9 Sue Merkel & Judy Reber  
Mar. 16 Mary Lou Houle & Janet Caskey  
Mar. 23 Ann Miller & Pat Toepfer  
Mar. 30 Rose Thomson & LaVerne Busddieker

## OFFERING

Mar. 2 Chris Stockmaster  
Mar. 9 Judy Grimes  
Mar. 16 Judy Reber  
Mar. 23 Ted Beitelschees  
Mar. 30 Rose Thomson

## USHERS

Mar. 2 Bill Reber, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch  
Mar. 9 Chris Stockmaster, Hassan Brown Ralph Fritsch  
Mar. 16 Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch  
Mar. 23 Chris Stockmaster, Hassan Brown Ralph Fritsch  
Mar. 30 Bill Reber, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch



- 3/6 Irene Weygandt
- 3/7 Pat Toepfer
- 3/8 Hassan Brown  
Marilyn Krueger  
Don Sundby
- 3/13 Irene Fink
- 3/14 Carole Johnson
- 3/15 Gary Johnson
- 3/17 Carmelina Hollingsworth
- 3/21 Joan Moomey
- 3/24 Eloise Way
- 3/25 Wilma Lupe
- 3/27 Virginia Schad
- 3/28 Taylor Momenee



3/29 Bill & Judy Reber ~ 17 yrs

If we've missed your Birthday or Anniversary this month, please notify the office so we can correct our records.

March Altar Flowers

	2	Judy Grimes
	9	open
	16	open
	23	open
	30	LaVerne Bussdieker

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