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March 2012 Newsletter

why bother with **LENT?**

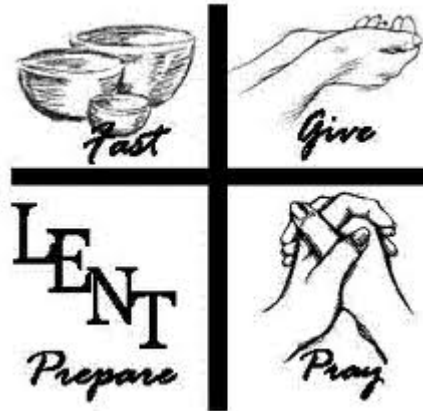
This image comes from a blog post by a person who is an evangelical Christian – asking a question that many of us ask as well. Does the season of Lent have relevance today? Does it really make a difference in how we worship that we have removed the altar hangings and switched to using pottery and glass communion vessels? Who really “gives something up for Lent” anymore?

The purpose of the liturgical season of Lent is to remind us of the 40 days in the wilderness that Jesus spent immediately following his baptism. It is to remind us that we may well experience our own wilderness in some form or fashion during our own lifetime. It is also a time when we might ponder what it was like for the Israelites during their 40 years of wandering following their escape from Egypt. The Exodus is the pivotal event in the history of the Jewish people.

Wilderness times remind us that God is the source of all that is – and all that will be. If we keep our focus on God and God's love for us, we can, in fact, walk through our own wilderness times without giving in to despair. We, in the 21st century, know what the original disciples did not know at the time.

We know that Easter follows Good Friday. We know that there is resurrection. But sometimes in our daily lives when things happen – loss of job, illness, death of a friend and all the other things that sometimes make life difficult – it is hard to remember that Easter follows Good Friday.

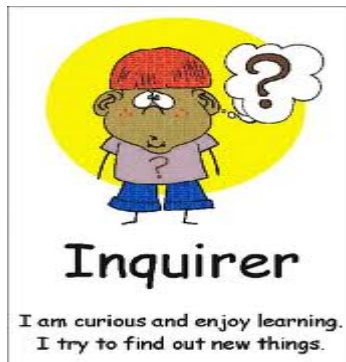
We bother with Lent, and, yes, I think it is important to bother with Lent, precisely because it can be hard to remember that God is with us along the way when life just gets us down. When it would be much easier to give in to temptation. *“I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a Holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word”* (BCP. 265).



Lenten Soup and Study

Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. (February 29 – March 28), we will gather in Hamilton Hall for a simple soup supper and study of the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Please call the office if you would like to attend so that we know how many to prepare for.

Often times, having an opportunity to read and discuss the lessons that you will hear during Sunday worship (and that form the basis for the sermon) makes worship more meaningful. You might even find something you said being repeated during the sermon! Come – join us as we consider the Word of God.



Inquirer's Class

Sundays at 9 a.m.

Join us at Sundays in March at 9 a.m. in Hamilton Hall for conversation around who we are as the Episcopal Church. This is a time for anyone – no matter where you are in your faith journey – to come together to ask questions. The topics will include: the Bible, a brief history of the church with an emphasis on events that impact the Episcopal Church, the Sacraments, ethical and moral stands of the Episcopal Church, the Prayer Book and a bit about St. Andrew's. All are welcome.



Scholarship for Episcopal students attending Purdue University

The Episcopal Campus Ministry at Purdue will offer **The Marie-Lousie Grose Scholarship** - a \$1,000 scholarship to a qualified Episcopalian first-year student enrolling at Purdue in fall 2012. The winner should be someone who has been active in the Episcopal Church during high school. The application form and instructions for this year's scholarship (in PDF format, three pages total) may be downloaded @ <http://goodshep.org/newsite/purdue-esa/scholarship/>

The application deadline for the 2012 scholarship is **August 1, 2012**. The Episcopal Campus Ministry at Purdue is located at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, an open, warm and welcoming congregation with many weekly activities, *free food* and volunteer opportunities.



Have you ever wondered about our Prayer List?

Each week as part of our Prayers of the People, we pray for those for whom specific prayers have been requested. This might be because someone is ill or someone is being deployed as part of our armed forces abroad. It might be because someone is struggling with an unexpected challenge. As Episcopalians, we believe in the power of prayer. We believe that God hears us when we pray.

Our Prayer Book (p. 383) reminds us that each week our prayers are offered for (a) the universal church, its members and its mission; (b) the nation and all in authority; (c) the welfare of the world; (d) the concerns of the local community; (e) those who suffer and those in any trouble, and (f) the departed.

More than one person has recently commented that our prayer list seems to go “only one way” – we add people but we never remove them. Thus, the list of names gets longer and longer- and sometimes, as happened to one of us recently, the person has fully recovered and no longer wishes to be specifically named on a Sunday.

With this in mind, on Easter we will begin a new prayer list. **Anyone who wishes to remain on the list (or to have the person for whom they requested be named) may remain. If this is the case, you will need to contact the office so Maria may put you on the prayer list.**

Before taking this approach, Bishop Cate was asked about the customary practice around prayer lists in this Diocese. She indicated that it is usual for someone to be on the prayer list for a month and then to be removed. **You may, of course, request that someone remain on the list.** And, you may also name that person during the time when personal intercessions and thanksgivings are asked for. If you would like to talk about this new practice further, please contact Rev. Jan and she will be happy to set a time to talk with you at your convenience.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) – Opportunities Abound for Learning and Fellowship



Attention Ladies!! Do you have the below dates on your calendars? Are you thinking about participating in any or all of them? Do you want to carpool? Please consider joining other ladies in our diocese – renew friendships and embrace new friendships. These are the upcoming important dates:

14 April 2012, EWM/ECW Luncheon, St. Paul’s in Indianapolis, Panel discussion on “Hot Topics: Issues and Answers about General Convention, The Triennial Meeting, and John P. Craine House.”

27-29 April 2012 – Province V Annual Meeting at South Bend, Indiana; theme is “Interdependence Days – Sisters in Spirit Moving toward Mission.”

5-11 July 2012 – Triennial Meeting in Indianapolis, the theme is “Many Paths, One Journey.” Many workshops are available and volunteers are needed.

28-30 September 2012 – Fall Retreat at Waycross.

27-29 September 2013 – Fall Retreat at Waycross.

Questions? Carpool? Please contact Charlene Watson at 474-9101 or cel.watson@comcast.net



Relay to benefit the Crawfordsville Family Crisis Shelter and the Alpha Chi Omega Foundation (Scholarships) – the “Strutathon”

March 10th will be a wonderful – and humorous – chance to show our support for those who have been impacted by domestic violence. Yes, it happens in our community. Abby Emmert – one of St. Andrew’s own – has alerted us to this event and requests your support. Teams are forming of 4 persons who will be part of the relay on March 10th. There are also other ways to participate if you aren’t able to put on those high heels and be part of a relay team.

Please contact Abby at abigailemmert_2014@depauw.edu if you’d like information on how we can show our support for those whose lives have been touched by domestic violence – and if you’d like to contribute to the Foundation which provides scholarships to students attending DePauw.



What is a Diocese for?

Ours assessed us \$13,665 last year. It took several days of our Interim Rector's time and much more of our other leaders' time for them to prepare required reports on our finances, attendance, community service, worship, education program, leadership, and buildings and grounds. Our Senior Warden had to close his practice for two days to go to the diocesan convention, and he has had to spend hours in contact with various diocesan officials. Is it worth it?

Yes! Think what we get back! In our current transition stage, the diocese is providing us a clear procedure for deciding what we need in a rector and helping us finding such a person. True, the procedure is a one-size-fits-all solution that involves some steps that are not particularly important to us, but the well-intentioned and experienced people who monitor the process can help us slide past some stages with minimal efforts. And imagine the confusion we might have generated if we had been left--after twenty-three years without a precedent--entirely to our own devices! The diocese led us to Janet Oller to keep us functional--much more than minimally--while we hunt.

The diocese will help our Search Committee find potential candidates from its pool of available, carefully prepared priests for us to consider. The diocese provides a link to fellow Episcopal churches that share with us program ideas and some resources that help our Non-Food Pantry survive. Besides, the diocese gave us & 23,000 in 2011 to support the congregation's

activity. And through our mission giving to the diocese, we have means to reach people who need help, whom we would never located on our own.



The **PLASTIC** basket that is now circulating at offertory time in each Sunday's service is for our Non-Food Pantry, which can always use donations all items are appreciated. The **WICKER** offering basket is still for collecting cans and cash for the county's Emergency Food Pantry. Checks for either group will be directed to the purpose noted on the memo line.



Save the dates:

- March 2 @ 5 p.m. – Concessions/High School Track
- March 3 @ 11 a.m. – Concessions/High School Track
- March 4 1. @ 9 a.m. – Inquirer's class (confirmation)- continues until April 1
- 2. @ 10:15 a.m. – Commissioning of Vestry
- March 6 @ 1p.m. – Clericus (St. Andrew's host)
- March 7 @ 5:30 p.m. – Lenten Soup & Supper (continues until March 28th)
- March 10 "Strutathon" – relay to benefit the Crawfordsville Family Crisis Shelter and the Alpha Chi Omega Foundation (scholarships).
- March 11 1. @ 9 a.m. – Inquirer's Class
- 2. @ 10:15 a.m. – IU Campus Ministry preaches and presentation

March 12 @ 6 p.m. – Vestry (**note change in time**)
 March 13 @ 5 p.m. – Concessions/High School Track
 March 14 @ 5:30 p.m. – Lenten Soup & Supper
 March 18 @ 9 a.m. – Inquirer’s Class
 March 21 @ 5:30 p.m. – Lenten Soup & Supper
 March 25 @ 9 a.m. – Inquirer’s Class
 March 28 @ 5:30 p.m. – Lenten Soup & Supper
 March 31 @ 1-3 p.m. – Non-Food Pantry



SERVING ST. ANDREW’S

We need Readers, please sign up

	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
Lector Intercessor	Junelle Dreyer Joyce Mayer	Carl Huffman Martha Rainbolt	Andrew Hayes Sue Murray	
Eucharistic Ministers 10:15	Joe Heithaus Terry Noble	Bob Haymaker Maria Maynard	Eric Edberg Junelle Dreyer	Gwen Morris Joe Heithaus
Ushers	Curtis Beck / Page Cotton	Jim Ensley	Warren Macy	Mark Smith
Acolytes	Emma Tobin Ruth Heithaus	Alec Davis Logan Beck Paul Heithaus	Alice Moore Emma Tobin Rebecca Moore	Alec Davis Ruth Heithaus Paul Heithaus
Coffee Hour	Kathy and Steve Jones	Henrietta Schwartz Mary Mountz	Joanna and Bob Haymaker	Junelle and Ken Dreyer
Nursery	Lily Spencer			
Sacristans	Connie Macy and Narda Cotton			