

# Anglican Church Good Shepherd

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## A LENTEN MESSAGE

How often have you heard "What are you going to give up for Lent?" Lent is based upon the time of preparation in Jesus' ministry. During this time of preparation Jesus fasted and prayed. He then faced and overcame temptation. We too, can benefit from fasting, prayer, and learning to overcome temptations. These activities are powerful in themselves, but most importantly theY help us to become more dependent upon the Lord, who is our salvation and strength.

Christians spend most of the year celebrating the life and benefits we have in Christ. Through Christ we experience glorious riches in the spiritual and physical realms beyond the description of words or the ability of our human minds to comprehend. In our culture of plenty, we easily can become saturated with fulfilling our desires and wants. Without even realizing it, we tend to focus on our likes and dislikes and become self-centered.

Lent gives us a chance to pause and re-set our focus.

When we give up something for Lent, we remind ourselves of what Christ has done on our behalf and the price he paid along the way. By giving up something for Lent we experience a little discomfort. Since we don't feed that discomfort the same way after a vow of abstinence, we must rely upon the Lord to fill the void. No amount of suffering or discomfort can add to our salvation. Christ has already paid that price in full. What we need is a fresh reminder that only Christ can fill our deepest needs. An increased life of simplicity takes away many of our distractions that are often obstacles to our spiritual life.

Fasting and prayer are two activities often associated with Lent. Fasting is a withdrawal of a food, drink, or an activity from which you find pleasure. Many also give up a bad habit or activity during this time. Increased prayer is like taking a breath of fresh air. Prayer for a Christian should be as natural and common as breathing. Fresh air increases our quality of life. Have you ever been short of breath? It's a scary experience. Life can't go on long without air. Likewise, the Christian life was meant to freely breathe life in the Spirit through prayer and a life of abiding in Christ. Lent gives us the opportunity to experience this life in a fresh and powerful way.

"What are you giving up for Lent?" I believe when we learn to give up many of our distractions and comforts, we truly gain a life God intended us to experience in Him.

Fr. Hal

To those who serve at the altar. LEM, Lectors, Crucifer, Acolytes, etc. I have been noticing some of the robes being draped and/or not being put on the hangers correctly. Please try to hang the robes up in an orderly and neat manner. Our sister Ruth Ann has taken her time and love to wash and iron each robe. These are the garments we wear when serving our Lord at the altar. I hope we can treat them in a way <u>-</u> that glorifies God and honors our privilege to serve.

Prayerfully Yours,

Anngie McWilliams.



**Newly elected Vestry members** David Harrison, Bob Masterson, and Anngie McWilliams will serve three-year terms and Glenn Polhemus will fill a two-year vacancy.

Thank you to outgoing members Brent Daniel, Katie Harrison and Larry Weber!



## **BBQ Chicken Sale!!**

**BBQ Chicken Sale** benefiting the Pregnancy Help Center of Concho Valley. Place your order with Rosemary Holm (832-414-9485).



Altar

- Last day to order: Sunday, February 18
  - Delivery Date: Sunday, February 25









### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 13, from 6:00-7:00 PM the Vestry will prepare and serve pancakes and sausage in the parish hall. Shrove Tuesday is the day for removing the 'fat' from our homes in preparation to keep the Lenten Fast. Shrove comes from the old middle English word 'Shriven" meaning to go to confession to ask forgiveness for the sins you've committed. It's also known as Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday. Join us and **DDDD** bring some friends!



### ASH WEDNESDAY

The Holy Eucharist with the distribution of ashes to those who wish to receive them will be on February 14, 2018 at Noon.



### **FRIDAY FISH FRY**

A Friday Fish Fry will be held Friday, February 23, beginning at 6PM in the Parish Hall.

...to Lou Czarnecki for offering your time and talents in service to our Lord and to our congregation. We praise Him for giving you the gifts you possess and the heart to share them. Lou has been taking photographs of the church for use in our printed materials and social media, as well as our pictorial directories.



## LECTOR, LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER AND ACOLYTE TRAINING

Deacon June will be doing Lector, Lay Eucharistic Minister and Acolyte training on Saturday, February 3 at 10 a.m. in the church. Training should last an hour.



Interested in serving our parish family during **Worship?** You can serve as a Greeter, Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or Crucifer. We need people in each of these areas! You can be scheduled to serve on the Sunday's of your choosing or availability. Deacon June is available to train you in these ministries. The next scheduled training is

Saturday, February 3 at 10 a.m. in the church. Training should last an hour. Please contact Jenny to get on the Minister's Schedule.

## IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE ALTAR FLOWERS

Please write your name and the Sunday of your choice, also what you want printed in the bulletin on the flower chart on the easel in the Narthex. Flowers are purchased from Southwest Florist and are billed directly to the signer(s) for approximately \$45.00. You may contact the florist if you would like to choose special flowers but it may incur additional cost. Available Sunday's are: September 2 & 23

- October 14
- November 4
- December 30

**SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICES** Fr. Hal Scott will be with us to celebrate the Holy Eucharist at both services on Sunday mornings and Deacon June Smith will be leading our Wednesday evening Holy Communion and Bible Study.

## "MASTER, TEACH US TO PRAY" Luke 11:1

These are the works of Jesus' disciple, spoken before Jesus answers with the Lord's Prayer. Who is better equipped to teach us to pray than the divine Savior, the great Intercessor, the blessed Son of God? When we pray and meditate upon the Lord's Prayer, we become intensely aware of the immense power of prayer. Let's go one step further into faith.

Intercessory Prayer is a human being speaking to our God with praise, reverence, respect, humility, obedience, thanksgiving, and supplication. It is prayer from a contrite heart, in faith to our God Who loves us beyond words. It is a person praying to our God Who listens, knowing that God cares for all His children and desires only goodness for us all. It is prayer from a child who knows full well s/he is loved, significant, important, and worthy by faith alone in the redeeming salvation of Jesus Christ. It is prayer without fear from an obedient servant to the awesome Creator of the universe, with the conviction the s/he is heard and acknowledged as an heir to His kingdom though Christ.

Intercessors step boldly into a deeper relationship with God with the awareness that God empowers each of us with authority to make requests in faith. Intercessors know God listens and expects us to speak to Him, asking for His divine guidance, His healing hand, His wisdom, His action, and yes, His miracles. Intercessors communicate in words and beyond words to our God Who wants us to ask more from Him, to expect more from Him, to pray with assurance that our prayers will be answered, in His perfect will and timing. Intercessors are not afraid to ask for the impossible, to pray for the unforgivable, to rebuke evil, to request God in His mercy and glory to accomplish all things humans cannot accomplish. Intercessors release God's power through faith, as His hands and feet, to accomplish His good purpose on earth.

Intercessors pray for others (enemies and loved ones), for the forgiveness of sin, for peace in chaos, for healing, for reconciliation, for deliverance against evil, for the will of God to be accomplished I this world. Intercessors hold fast to the truth of the Word. They pray with patience and persistence, knowing all things work together for the good of those who truly believe. Intercessors believe in the power of the Holy Spirit indwelling in us all.

What is Intercessory Prayer? Is it different from ordinary prayer? Is it daunting, intimidating, frightening, or mysterious? Is is secret language? The answer if NO. True Believer, I believe you are more of an Intercessor than you may think, and I challenge you to seek a deeper more intimate prayer relationship with your God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Source: Intercessory Prayer by Dutch Sheets (Regal Books, Ventura, California, 1996).



## Can you do one or more of these things?

We have a need for SUBSTITUTE Sunday School teachers. Teaching Sunday school can be a truly rewarding experience because you are helping a young child to know God and his teachings. Do you want to make a difference in a child's faith life? If so, teaching Sunday School is for you!!! Please let Jenny know in if you are interested in this vital ministry.

## NURSERY CARE

For children five and younger, nursery care is provided from 9:00-Noon. Sarah, Leann and Amanda attend the children, and both are trained in child care and Ministry Safe. The Nursery is located across the hall from the Library. Children may be picked up during the Offertory and brought to the church to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with us.



We are a Ministry Safe Church

MINISTRYSAFE We are a Ministry Safe Church. This means we protect children and those who serve them. If you feel called to make a difference in a child's life, by helping out in Children's Sunday school or in the

nursery, please contact Teddye Read, our Vestry liaison for both areas. If you are already serving in these areas, thank you on behalf of our little lambs.



## THE VESTRY MEETING

The regular monthly Vestry meeting is Monday, February 26, at 6:00 PM in the conference room.

## Appeal for Tables for the Parish Hall

The tables in the Parish Hall are on their last legs, literally. A fund has been approved by the Vestry for donation to replace them and to purchase some chairs with arms for our members who could use the stability they would provide. If you would like to donate to this cause you may make a contribution to the "Chair Fund"

## **The Prayer Movement 2018**

1st Thursday of every Month 6:30 Worship 7:00 Prayer

#### Date

May 3, 2018

June 7, 2018

July 5, 2018

August 2, 2018

#### Location

February 1, 2018Producers Park<br/>1805 Ricks DrMarch 1, 2018Gazebo on Rio Concho Drive<br/>500 block of Rio Concho DrApril 5, 2018Civic League Park Pavilion<br/>2 S Park Street

#### National Day of Prayer TGC Courthouse

Martin Luther King Park 2121 MLK

Glenmore Park 85 Paint Rock Rd

Mary Lee Park 2160 Mary E Lee Rd

## DISCRETIONARY OFFERINGS

On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month, cash placed in the offering plates is designated for the Pastor's and Deacon's Discretionary accounts respectively. Checks may also be written payable to the church, with discretionary fund in the memo. Thank you for your generosity. PROJECT DIGNIDAD NEEDS DONATIONS OF NONPERISHABLE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH STAPLES : )



#### ANNOUNCEMENT & ARTICLE DEADLINES

The deadline to place an announcement in the weekly bulletin is Wednesdays at Noon and the deadline for the Parish Newsletter is the third Friday of the month. Submissions should be sent to Jenny at the church office, secrtary.acgs@suddenlinkmail.com or drop it off at the church office Monday-Friday, 9-11:30AM or Noon-2:00PM. Thank you.

## **February Bible Readings**

	New Testament		Old Testament	
	► MATTHEW	► ACTS	► PSALMS	► EXODUS
1.	0 10:21-42	□ 15:22-41	0 24	01-3
2.	0 11:1-19	□ 16:1-15	□ 25	□ 4-6
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4.	12:1-21	() 17:1-15	0 27	0 10-12
5.	12:22-37	□ 17:16-34	□ 28	□ 13-15
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21.	[] 19:16-30	□ 26:19-32	□ 43	🛛 16-17
22.	□ 20:1-16	27:1-26	□ 44	□ 18-20
23.	20:17-34	27:27-44	0 45	□ 21-23
24.	□ 21:1-11	□ 28:1-16	□ 46	24-25
25.	□ 21:12-22	[] 28:17-31	0 47	26-27

February Birthdays				
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2/1	Leann Springer			
2/1	Stanley Holik			
2/3	David Gould			
2/5	Dauid Boro			
2/6	Patty Dauenport			
2/11	Kyle Baker			
2/14	Buddy Otto			
2/20	Richard Roberts			
2/20	Jo Millican			
2/23	Kathi Johnson			
2/23	Martha Sue Oliver			
2/27	Micaela Brown			
2/28	Linda Schneeman			

## March Agnus Dei Deadline is February 16th



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