



Wednesday, February 22 - Easter Sunday, April 8

Lent is a 40-day period of preparation for Easter Sunday, marked by prayer, fasting and almsgiving, beginning on Ash Wednesday.



Ash Wednesday is a solemn day of prayer that begins the season of Lent. We confess our sins in a special litany of forgiveness and we are encouraged to receive the sign of ashes, an ancient symbol of repentance that reminds us of our mortality.

As we return to God's mercy and grace, we are marked with the cross of Christ.

**Join us on Ash Wednesday, February 22, beginning at 7:30pm for Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.**



Join us this year as we continue our weekly Lenten suppers each Wednesday night of Lent in the Wittenberg Room, starting Wednesday, February 29th and ending Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. First, we will all gather for a simple meal of soup and bread at 6:15pm. Pastor Greg Shreeves will lead a study session right after dinner. Following the Supper experience, the Wednesday Night Worship Service will begin at 7:30pm.

There is a sign up for the soup and bread in the Narthex.



During Lent, Lenten Devotionals will be located in the Narthex for your use. We journey together as a united family of faith. Let this Lenten Season be a time of reflection and prayer as we continue to learn and grow in God.

To continue your spiritual growth through reading, the library in the Augsburg Room is always open every Sunday for everyone to use. There are a variety of great books for all ages. To sign out a book, please follow the instructions at the library table in the Augsburg Room.



The Psalms:  
Their Beauty, Their Use, and Their Meaning for Faith  
Adult Bible Study led by Pastor Foster McCurley Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the Wittenberg Room.  
February 26, March 4, 11, 18

The Book of Psalms provides us with ancient Israel's hymn and prayer book. In many ways, our own hymnals offer a variety of songs gathered around times of the church year and around themes for community and personal inspiration. Conveniently, our hymns are clustered around such uses while the Book of Psalms arranges the hymns in different ways and challenges us to discover which ones belong to what occasions in the life of faith. In the process of studying them, we can learn the purposes they served for the biblical Israelites and the faith expressed in their joys and sorrows before God.

Foster McCurley earned his doctorate in ancient Semitic languages and taught Old Testament and Hebrew at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia for over 20 years. His love for the theology and poetry of the Psalms, he admits, enhances the spiritual quality of Sunday morning worship, particularly in this season of Lent.



**Lent Focus**

Throughout the weeks of Lent, our focus on helping others will be centered on Family Promise. Family promise is a local ministry with people of faith working together to provide homeless families with **HELP** for today and **HOPE** for the future! Our church is proud to be a supporter of Family Promise by providing housing to families in need. The organization has a need for various items that we will be collecting throughout Lent. Bring your items in and place in the designated spot in the Narthex.

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| Wal-Mart Gift Cards | Body Wash        | Pillows      |
| Diapers and Wipes   | Deodorant        | Towels       |
| Toothbrushes        | Toothpaste       | Wash cloths  |
| Toilet Paper        | Paper Towels     | Bleach       |
| Laundry Detergent   | Baby Shampoo     | Baby Powder  |
| Fabric Softener     | Baby Lotion      | Kids DVDs    |
| Dishwashing Liquid  | Furniture Polish | Fem. Napkins |
| Liquid Hand Soap    | Combs            |              |