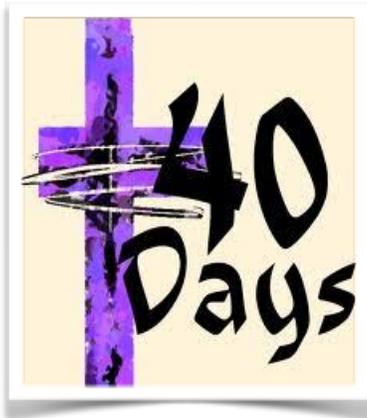


St. Andrew Scroll

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Forty Days

By Pastor Bev Piro

For forty days it rained on the ark; Moses fasted on Mount Sinai; the spies scouted out Canaan; Israel's armies were taunted by Goliath; Elijah walked on the strength of the angel's food to the mountain of God; Jesus wandered

in the wilderness; and Jesus appeared after the resurrection. Forty is always the space between, the journey to God, the time it takes for us to see that God is already with us. So Lent is forty days and together we enter into a biblical metaphor of a sacred span of time. *Excerpt from Lent and the Three Days, published by Augsburg Fortress*

In the pre-Christian era, these forty days of Lent served as a time for Christian converts to seriously prepare to enter the water of Holy Baptism on the night between Good Friday and Resurrection morn. They were preparing to die and rise alongside Christ and in so doing leave behind the things of their life and their work that pulled them away from Christian life. Baptism and the immersion into life as one of God's beloveds, thrusts us into a wilderness as we figure out how to respond to the daily challenges that call us away from faithful, Christian living.

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Soup and Bread Supper

Each Wednesday in Lent we gather in Obert Hall for soup and bread. Bring soup, bread, and maybe a friend.

Wednesdays at 6pm.



Holden Evening Prayer

We continue a St. Andrew tradition. Holden Evening Prayer every **Wednesday evenings in Lent at 7 p.m.**

March Birthdays



Barb Brown – 6
Ryan Hoffmeier – 9
Jacque Will – 18
Bob Coppin- 20
Kelly Shinn – 27
Josh Kimbrough – 29
Rosemary Russell - 30



THANK YOU NOTES

St. Andrew members recently made contributions through the church to Community Table, Lutheran Family Services, and Lutheran Disaster Response.

Each of those agencies shared their appreciation in thank you letters.

THANK YOU!

***There is no Senior Saints event in March. Senior Saints will return in April.**

Prayer Shawls meet March 8 and 29.

Electronic Giving Options

By now you have heard that we are using a new electronic giving option. It is called Tithe.ly.

If you were giving electronically through Simply Giving/Vanco, please be sure to delete your account as soon as possible.

It is easy to set up a new electronic giving account through Tithely. Just visit the St. Andrew website (standrewarvada.org) and go to the Outreach page. You'll see a link with instructions.



Updated mail boxes

Watch for an update to our church mailboxes. Thank you to Joe Cunningham who will be sprucing up the mailboxes and putting up new name plates.

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We know this from Jesus' own experience. He went from the water of the Jordan into the wilderness for how many days? Forty! There's that number again – a metaphor of sacred time. Time to re-center, to re-focus, to re-evaluate and to re-new. The Gospel lessons this year are intended specifically for those desiring to chose the Christian Way.

On the journey from the wilderness to Lazarus' grave, we encounter Nicodemus, a woman at the well and a man who received his sight with Jesus' touch. Look for yourself in these wonderful, rich stories where heaven and earth come together and prepare to renew your life in Christ in these forty days.

ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS

Pastor Bev is leading an Adult Forum discussion based on the book, "Entering the Passion of Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine, a University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University where she is teaching Christian students preparing to be pastors.

As a Jewish person, Ms. Levine understands that Christians may miss many Old Testament clues which provide context for our interpretation of the Passion narratives. These discussions will continue as part of Adult Forum through March 29, immediately following the worship service.

FREE CONCERTS from The Lutheran Chorale!

Oh God | Our Help | Our Shelter

Sunday March 22, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2100 Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood

Sunday March 22, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Our Father Lutheran Church, 6335 S. Holly St. Centennial, CO