



MARK TIMES

February 18, 2018 + First Sunday in Lent



A Devotion for Lent 1

“An appeal to God for a good conscience”

In the midst of two stories we know so well – the story of **Noah and the flood** and the story of **Jesus and his baptism** – we hear in the **First Letter of Peter** some teaching about the nature of our **baptism**. He speaks of it “not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as **an appeal to God for a clear conscience through Christ.**” (1 Peter 3:21)

Lent is a time for us to be especially **mindful of any and every arrogance reflecting the thought that some peoples are superior to others**. I speak of the sins of racism, ethnic cleansing, and government-enforced policies of assimilation designed “to remake others in our image”. (The Anglican Church of Canada’s Apology to the survivors of the Indian Residential Schools in Canada, 1993)

Lent is a season to confess these sins against our brothers and sisters. It is a time to correct attitudes, words, and actions, blatant or subtle that perpetuate them. It is a **time to forge new relationships grounded in our baptismal vow to strive for justice and peace among all people**.

To quote First Peter, Lent is a season of “appeal to God for a good conscience”, cleansed of the sins of prejudice, and cleared for respect and affection, one for another in accord with the Gospel we proclaim.

*Archbishop Fred Hiltz,
Anglican Church of Canada*

Prayer: *“For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, Accept our repentance, Lord.”*

(The Litany of Penitence for Ash Wednesday, The Book of Alternative Services, The Anglican Church of Canada)

Adult Forum

Our session this morning is on **“The Messiah in the Apocrypha,”** part 3 in our four-week series about the *Messiah in the Old Testament, Apocrypha and the Dead Sea Scrolls*.

Stations of the Cross at 12:10PM each Friday in Lent at St. Luke’s Catholic Church. Pastor Brian leads the Stations this Friday, February 23.

Thank You from LCM!

Thank you for allowing LCM students to sell Fairtrade Guatemalan Crafts and Coffee on February 11th. Your generosity helped us to raise **\$492!!!** Because of your support, our students will learn about coffee farms and participate in hands-on projects on our service learning trip. Thank You! For more information about our trip to Guatemala and the rest of our ministry, please visit LCMstl.org to subscribe to our digital newsletter.



Food Pantry Spotlight item for February is **canned meats**. SPAM, ravioli, canned chicken – any type of canned meat product is useful! Bring items to the Welcome Area on Sundays or to the church office during the day. Thank you!



Save the Date...

On **Saturday, March 23** an event is planned by the Social/Evangelism committee to raise funds for our local **warming/cooling shelter at Trinity Church**. An afternoon of games, snacks, and fellowship is planned. More info to come.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 2/19		Office Closed –President's Day
Wednesday	7:00P	Lent Evening Prayer
Friday		<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>
	12:10P	Stations of the Cross @St. Luke's
Sunday, 2/25	9:00A	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20A	Coffee & Fellowship
		Adult Forum: <i>The Messiah in the Dead Sea Scrolls</i>
	10:30A	Sunday School
	5:00P	TURTLEs MSLC Pre-Gathering Event

Offerings for February 11, 2018

Sunday worship attendance: 59
General Fund Donations \$4,247

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
2/4-2/10	\$3,093	\$40.58	\$3,052.42
2/11-2/17	\$4,247	\$524.71	\$3,722.29
YTD	\$17,305.71	\$16,341.19	\$694.52

Schaaf Lecture 2018

The Schaaf Lecture committee is pleased to announce that this year's lecture will be held on **Saturday, March 10** at 7:00PM. The lecturer will be the **Rev. Dr. Ralph Klein**, professor of Old Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology since 1983. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Klein to St. Mark!



"A **Christian** is **never** in a state of **completion** but **always** in a process of **becoming**."
 – Martin Luther

Sunday, February 25, 2018**LESSONS:**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
 Psalm 22:23-31
 Romans 4:13-25
 Mark 8:31-38

LOOKING AHEAD**WORSHIP SERVERS**

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison
Assisting Minister: Brian Moeller
Acolyte: Grace Moeller
Crucifer: Keith Kniepkamp
Chalice Bearer: Mike Murakami
Lector: Don Muller
Ushers: Jim Jolley & Roland Jacquot

A Note from Brooke Schaefer: As most of you know, I am involved in an organization called **Dance Marathon** at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Dance marathon is a 12-hour "Dance event" that raises money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals while hanging out with the miracle children & hearing their personal stories. Did you know that 212,000 children are admitted to Children's hospital in Omaha every year? This year, the University of Nebraska has set out to raise \$212,000, or \$1 for every child admitted to Children's a year. **My personal goal this year is \$1,500** and I am hoping to exceed that goal for the kids. This is the event I look forward to the most and I can't believe it is my final year! If you want to donate to this amazing cause, you can do so online or by cash or check (to Bonnie Schaefer). If you would like to pay online or would like more details about please don't hesitate to text/call me at (618) 402-1643 or email (brookeschaefer@outlook.com) Thank you so much for your support!

Confirmation Schedule

The Spring session will continue to cover the books of the Old Testament.

Upcoming class dates:

February 25 **March 11** **March 18**
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