

## Reflections on the Season of



Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023**, and ends forty days later at sundown on Holy Saturday, when the Easter Vigil is celebrated, on April 8th.

The season of Lent is to observe and commemorate the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the son of God, our Redeemer. It is a time to reflect on what it means to be a disciple of Christ. This time gives us the opportunity to repent for our sins and to increase our time in prayer and meditation on the Gospels. It is time to appreciate the depth of the meaning of the Cross of Christ.

It can be observed with fasting, almsgiving, and practicing our faith by living more like Jesus. The practice of giving up something for Lent is to help us focus on our sins to bring us to repentance. We can also be like the apostles and bring people closer to God to receive the blessings of Christ. Christians around the world see Lent as a time to grow in and strengthen our faith. We can do this by receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion, which binds Christians around the world together in the Body of Christ and makes all things possible because of our love and devotion for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

It is never too early to start planning for this most solemn time of the year.

Blessings, Pr. Tony

### Remember those on our **PRAYER LIST**



Jonie Bang  
Phyllis Disque  
Joyce Greer  
Alan Goranson  
Brittney Hawke  
Dennis Kramer

Ryan Mullins  
Denny Norstrud  
Allen Peterson  
Jean Peterson  
LeAnn Peterson  
Roger Peterson



Scott Norstrud

### Happy Birthday

- 1 Anthony Haugen
- 2 Candy Johnson
- 7 Angela Haugen
- 10 Judy Norstrud
- 15 Julie Reimann
- 20 Bill Schutter
- 21 Austin Kirschbaum
- 24 Alan Goranson
- 26 Kevin Williams
- 28 Keniesa Branstad



### Church Service, 8:30 am

- 5 Communion
- 12 No communion
- 19 No communion, Transfiguration Sunday
- 26 Communion



### Fellowship Following Service Sunday School, 9:45 am

### Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Julia Holland
- 1 Scott Fruhwirth
- 1 Cody Fruhwirth
- 20 Haley Schutter
- 22 Gabrielle Branstad
- ?? Candy Johnson



### Activities

- 1 Naomi Circle, Sharon Holland hosting at her home, 7:00 pm
- 8 WOW Quilt meeting, 9:00 am at church
- 8 Church Council meeting\*, 7:00 pm (\*Council Minutes will be included in the bulletin.)

### Lent

- 21 Fat Tuesday Potluck, 6:30 pm
- 22 Ash Wednesday, 7:00 pm

### *Volunteer Opportunities*

**Usher:** Duties include unlocking entrance doors; turn lights on; plug in sound system in balcony; collect offering; usher communicants during communion service. After service: unplug sound system and check that microphones are turned off; turn out lights and lock doors.

**Lectionary:** Readings for each Sunday will be sent via email by Cindy Sarver.

**Altar Flowers:** Open to anyone. You may use the brass vases with insert or vases of your choosing. Preservation of cut flowers is enhanced by keeping them in the designated refrigerator during the week.

**Communion Preparation:** Open to anyone.

**Acolyte:** Open to anyone. Light candles just prior to start of service and extinguish during singing of the last hymn.

**We Need You!!**

**Please volunteer where you are able.**