



Pastor's Message—*Pastor Michael*

The season of Lent begins this month. What is Lent? It's one of the seasons of the Christian year. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and culminates in Holy Week, the week we remember the suffering and death of our Lord.



First, a little about Ash Wednesday. Ashes in Biblical times were symbols of grief and mourning. After Adam and Eve sinned, God told Adam, "By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; *for dust you are and to dust you will return*" (Genesis 3:19). Ashes remind us that our bodies will die and return to dust (unless our Lord comes in glory first). Physical death and decay are results of sin. Therefore, ashes remind us of our sinfulness and our mortality.

The old custom of Ash Wednesday is to put a cross made of ashes on the forehead of repentant Christians. This signifies two things. First, the ashes remind us of our sin. They represent our awareness of sin and its condemning power. However, the fact that the ashes are in the shape of a cross reminds us that Jesus came to remove our sin. By taking our guilt and our death on himself, we are freed from sin's condemnation and power. What a vivid picture of our Savior's work we have in Isaiah 61:3, where God promises to give to believers "a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair."

This year we will again be offering people the option of receiving a cross of ashes on Ash Wednesday. This is entirely optional. You may receive the cross on your forehead or on the back of your hand. Children and adults alike may receive a cross if they would like. This will be part of the Ash Wednesday evening service on March 9. **This year we will also, by request, offer ashes in the morning on Ash Wednesday.** If you would like, you may stop at church between 7:30 and 8:30 AM, before you go to work or school, and receive the ash cross then. A few people requested this; they thought it would provide a unique opportunity to explain to coworkers both our awareness of sin and also the Savior's grace.

The season of Lent is 40 days long. (If you count all the days between Ash Wednesday and Easter, you'll count 46 days. The Sundays in Lent are really not part of the season itself. They are meant to be "islands of refreshment" in the season. For that reason we call these Sundays "Sundays *in* Lent" rather than "*of* Lent.") Why 40 days? That is the length of time our Lord Jesus was in the Judean desert being tempted by Satan. (This is the event we always remember on the first Sunday in Lent.) The 40-day season of Lent, therefore, reminds us that Jesus went into battle for us and won. He is victorious over Satan and sin. And Jesus' victory motivates us to fight against sinful habits and attitudes in our lives.

Lent is also a time to remember that our God equips us to fight against evil. Jesus used the Scriptures to battle Satan. That makes us mindful that Lent is a time to devote ourselves to hearing and learning God's Word.

We will have extra opportunities to hear the Word at our evening Lenten services. They will take place on Thursdays in Lent at 7:00PM (except for the week of Ash Wednesday, when the service will be on Wednesday instead of Thursday). We will hear messages about "People of the Passion," people Jesus encountered during his suffering. We have much to learn—both good and bad—from these people who encountered our Savior. We'll also be using a new service called Prayer at the Close of Day. It's a newer musical setting that I think we'll grow to enjoy over the weeks of Lent.

Another weapon of grace that our Lord gives us is Holy Communion. As we struggle against sin in our lives, we often stumble and fall. In his Holy Supper, our Lord assures us that we are fully forgiven. His Supper also energizes us to love him and *(continued on top of page two)*



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the people around us more and more, and to tell of his grace to those who don't yet know him.

For that reason, we will again be offering Holy Communion every Sunday in Lent. No one should feel required to receive the Sacrament every Sunday. Rather, it is offered as a source of strength, another way our generous God delivers his grace, forgiveness and energizing power to us.

Finally, we pastors would like to present a challenge again to all Prince of Peace members. Since Lent is a time to devote ourselves to Word and Sacrament, to discipline ourselves to live as the people we are—people made holy by the blood of Jesus—we **challenge you all to attend church services every week during Lent.** We issue this challenge not to obligate or force you to come; that's not good motivation to be in the Lord's house. Rather, we encourage you to be there because in worship services our God is really present. He is giving us his gifts and guiding us as we live for him. What the writer to the Hebrew Christians said long ago certainly applies to us today: "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24,25).

Jesus fought for us and won. Let us take up our crosses and follow him through this life to heavenly glory.

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Note that we will not be having soup suppers before our midweek services this year. Why not? One of the original purposes of the soup suppers was to make things less hectic for families: instead of rushing home to make dinner, they could simply come to church. However, quite a few people were feeling that getting ready for the supper was actually making things more hectic, not less! We also ran short of volunteers to coordinate each supper. So for now we will take a break from soup suppers. Perhaps we can bring them back in the future.



President's Report—*Eric Myers*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

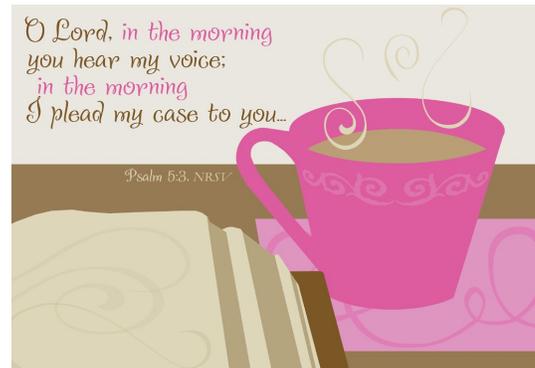
We have done a lot of heavy lifting over the past several months and we have a lot more to do. We have just made some decisions regarding our ministry and now we need to spend the effort to make those plans successful. As voters, we have put a lot on the school. Each of us needs to do what we can to help the school be successful. That could include exploring how you can send your children to Prince of Peace next year; encouraging others with children to explore PoP; and in particular, praying for Prince of Peace School and the entire ministry.

I know I am redundant, but I also continue to encourage all of us associated with PoP to stay involved. Make sure you take the time to talk to one of the Pastors this week, come to church and Bible study regularly, talk with other members and visitors, and pray for Prince of Peace.

Please communicate anything to me or the other leaders and pastors of PoP that we can do better in communication, action or otherwise. I look forward to seeing you at the next opportunity to join in receiving God's grace.

Yours in Christ,

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Early Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays at 6:30AM

Meets at The Coffee Club
4879 S. Redwood Road



LENT WORSHIP

Ash Wednesday, March 9
Worship at 7PM

Thursday, March 17
Lent Worship 7PM

Thursday, March 24
Lent Worship 7PM

Thursday, March 31
Lent Worship 7PM

Thursday, April 7
Lent Worship 7PM

Thursday, April 14
Lent Worship 7PM

Maundy Thursday, April 21
Worship at 7PM

Good Friday, April 22
Meditation at 12PM
Tenebrae Worship at 7PM

Ladies at PoP— by Barbara Antonetti



Sunday, February 20th brought snowshoeing on the Pipeline Tail in Millcreek Canyon. We had a terrific time. Katie Spaude's friend Erin led the group up the hill to the overlook, we got to see a beautiful view of the Salt Lake Valley. After returning our gear to REI, we made our way to Crista Ryan's house, who graciously shared her spectacular views of the mountains, Capitol, downtown and across the valley while we enjoyed each other's company. We all ate a delicious meal which included Jean Beifuss's homemade meat sauce. It was a great workout, company, and meal.



Remember!
Daylight Savings Time is
Sunday, March 13th!

Choir Concert



Wednesday, March 23
7:00PM

Our national church body has several schools to prepare young people for the preaching/teaching ministry. One is Luther Prep School in Wisconsin. During spring break, the choir is on tour in our part of the country and will perform a sacred concert on Wednesday, March 23 at Prince of Peace. Please feel free to bring guests to this wonderful concert.

We also need families to help us host these high school students just one night (March 23) after the concert and bring them back to church next morning. If you can help, or if you have questions about what this entails, please contact one of the pastors or the church office. Thank you!

Principal's Update—*Jeff Sell*



Teacher License—I have had a number of people in our congregation ask about our school program and teacher qualifications. This is an update of some of our staff's recent activity:

I am passing on the good news that within the last week, Mrs. Sell and I received our Utah State Teacher's Licenses. Although previously licensed in Colorado, we lacked the coveted distinction of having Utah credentials. Soon to follow is Miss Spaude. Although currently licensed in Minnesota, she is actively pursuing her Utah license. Like Miss Spaude, Mrs. Augustine is currently licensed in Minnesota and has also had her Utah license for a number of years. She is now in the process of earning credits to apply toward her level-two license. Mrs. Green, our preschool teacher, is very active in taking classes and workshops to sharpen her skills in early childhood education. Together, our staff makes up a cohesive group of active and dedicated teachers committed to bettering our skills so we can serve God and the congregation better!

Fine Arts Fair—Our school's Fine Arts Fair will be held on April 8, 2011, from 6:30-8:00PM. This year, we would like to invite our congregational children who have an interest in singing or playing a musical instrument to join us. This is open to children in grades K-8. Due to time constraints on the night of the fair, we are only allowing the first 12 children (not counting PoP school children) who respond to this offer the chance to participate. Once you have your musical piece, you must clear it with Mrs. Augustine by April 1. If you would like more information about this opportunity, please speak with one of the school teachers!



Open House—Our school Open House was held on February 22. We had a number of new families visit as well as some congregational members that came to see the school in action. All church families with school-aged children should have received a mailing from the school highlighting our new, extremely affordable tuition rates. If you did not receive one, please see Mr. Sell. All forms are now available for the 2011-2012 school year, and because we have until the end of April to show that our enrollment is on the right track, we are strongly encouraging parents interested in our school to make a decision as soon as possible.

Questions about our School?—Are you a parent who has questions about our school? Perhaps you have thought about sending your child to our congregation's school but have not because you weren't quite sure what is taught or what it is like. **Now is your time to ask!** If you would like to come in and have a look for yourself or even bring your child in to sit in on a class, please know that you are very welcome to do that. After all, it is your school and the staff is here to serve you!



Tuition Assistance—Our school is able to make use of The Solid Education Foundation for tuition assistance. The foundation, based in Colorado, provides financial assistance to many WELS schools throughout Colorado as well as a school in New Mexico and the only WELS school in Utah, ours! If you are thinking about sending your child to our school next year and you are contemplating applying for tuition assistance, you will need to do so **BEFORE** April 15, 2011. The form is available here: http://thesolideducationfoundation.org/download/application_2011_2012.pdf