



March 2019

LENT IS NOT WHAT YOU THINK IT IS

First Some Background and Relevance

As Christians, it is extremely important that we understand where we have come from. We are Christians who live almost 2,000 years after the ascension of Jesus Christ. We are quite a ways removed from the historic moments of Christ’s life on this earth. Even so, as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation, we belong to the Holy Christian Church that was established by Christ and led by His band of apostles. Knowing this, we are never to be ignorant of the history of the Church to which we belong. A study of the history of the Church is always a worthwhile endeavor. In that light and in preparation for the season at hand, an examination of the historic time of Lent now follows.

How about a Little History of Lent

As early as the Third Century, Christians devoted themselves to prepare for the celebration of Easter. In these early generations, two days before Easter were dedicated to the Christian practice of fasting. From the end of the worship service on Good Friday to the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ on Easter – equaling the time Jesus spent in the tomb – Christians would fast. Generations that followed increased the period of fasting to six days which was also the amount of time catechumens spent in humble preparation for the reception of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper that they would receive at the Easter service.

History shows that the length of preparation for Easter increased from one week to three weeks to six weeks, usually excluding Sundays, which were held by Christians as mini Easters. In Jerusalem, as early as the Fourth Century, Christians fasted for forty days in preparation for Easter. The forty days consisted of five days a week for eight weeks. These forty days symbolized the forty days that Moses dwelled on Mount Sinai (Exodus 24:18), the forty days that Elijah journeyed to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8), and the forty days that Jesus fasted in the wilderness (Matthew 4:2).



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In the Seventh Century, the western church arrived at a forty day preparation period for Easter. They were fasting for six weeks at six days a week for a total of 36 days. Beginning in that century, they decided to include the four days that preceded the first Sunday of preparation. That first day of Lent, then, was known as Ash Wednesday.

During the time of the Reformation, Martin Luther contin-

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ued to observe this preparation period. Lutheran Churches continue this practice. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with its conclusion being Holy Saturday, the day before Christ’s resurrection. Because Sundays are mini Easters, each Sunday in Lent is in Lent and not of Lent, which means they don’t belong to the forty days of Lent, yet they are in Lent. And each Sunday in Lent bears a historic Latin name that stems from the first word of the Introit for that Sunday. The names of these Sundays are: Invocavit (call upon), Reminiscere (remember), Oculi (mine eyes), Laetare (rejoice), and Judica (judge), with Palm Sunday bearing the name Palmarum.

The Meaning (Etymology) of Lent

Now for those of you interested in knowing where the word Lent comes from, and even for those not so interested, the word comes from the Old English word lencten or lengten, which means to lengthen. This word was applied to the season of the year when the days were lengthening, the season known as Spring. Lent and Spring therefore bear similar meanings.

Hunger and Preparation

Historically, Christians have prepared for the celebration of the Resurrection by fasting. Fasting was thought to be beneficial to the Christian because evil spirits used food as a means of entering the body. Fasting then limited the possibility of the Christian to contract an evil spirit. Over time, however, fasting became more of a discipline for Christians. During this period of fasting, Christians would not eat any food during the day until the middle of the afternoon. Even though the body strongly desired food, the Christian was to put this desire aside and focus instead on the things of God, the very Word that comes from the mouth of the Lord (Matthew 4:4). The roots of fasting can be traced back to the writings in the Old Testament. Fasting was a means for God’s people to practice control over the body. Understood in that light, fasting is still valuable for Christians today.

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Many of us love to eat. And we don't just eat a little or until we are full and we don't always eat the best things for us. We often eat more than we should. We do so because we allow the body to control what we eat and how much. This does not have to be for God's people. Paul writes to the Galatians, "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh ... And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" (Galatians 5:16-17a, 24).

Such desires of the flesh appear in other ways along with gluttonous eating. Paul specifically mentions the sexuality of the Christian as greatly influenced by the flesh as well as the way we conduct ourselves with others. Truly, there are many ways in which we as Christians can practice self-control, which is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:23).

None of this talk of fasting is to lead us as Christians to conclude that we must do these things to please God or to earn or keep our salvation. On the contrary. We are encouraged to do these things because we have been set free to do so. The driving force behind all of this preparation in Lent is true repentance. As Christians, we are to dislike our sinful natures and to confess that we are

poor, miserable sinners. We are led by the Spirit to truly repent of our sins and of ourselves, meaning that we are to turn away from all that is sinful and genuinely desire to live out the lives Christ Jesus has set us free to live. Not because we have to, but because we truly want to as God's children, as brothers and sisters in Christ. Having repented of our sins, God faithfully forgives us all our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness because of the perfect work of salvation that Jesus has done for us all.

An Opportunity to LIKE Lent

The season of Lent serves as one opportunity for Christians to prepare for the coming celebration of Easter. The season of Lent is not made up of several opportunities of which you may pick and choose which services you want to attend. Each service is intended to be a part of the total preparation time of Lent. With that in mind, it is my hope that you take advantage of this one opportunity of six weeks to prepare for the celebration of Easter. After these six weeks of dedicated preparation, the Gospel proclamation of Good Friday and Easter Sunday will be that much sweeter to taste. Pray that God would grant this to you this Lententide.

Your Humble Servant in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Jim Kress

PROPERTY APPRECIATION DAY

We sure could use some help on our Property Appreciation Days every month. There is outside work to do and cleaning and dusting that needs done inside the Church. If you can help, please come to the church and we will put you to work. **Our next Property Appreciation Day is Saturday, April 20th at 8:00 am.**



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A GROWING MINISTRY

As was pointed out in the State of the Parish address there is much to be excited about at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Child Care and Day School. Our church family welcomed four new members, Catalina, Mariana, Stephen and Susan. We are happy to have you join us, there is always room at our table.

In March we will be receiving the early registration packets back from the parents wanting their child to attend Redeemer Lutheran Day School. Depending on those numbers the school to be at capacity. This growth at the school is due in part to the opportunity to have an excellent Christian education and also in part to our Child Care. Many of the children that attend the kindergarten class came from the Child Care's VPK class.

At the February council meeting a younger mother shared her child's story with the board. A child that started at the Child Care as an infant, then as a preschooler and attended our VPK (Voluntary Pre Kindergarten) class. She was enrolled in public schools and unfortunately did not flourish in that environment. So the mother brought her daughter back to our Day School where her daughter has done well, sharing with her mother all that she has learned about Jesus joyfully. The enthusiasm her daughter and many other children have gained here about Jesus is what has convinced me this is the true ministry of our church. I am convinced every time I witness one of these children desire to be baptized or come forward for a blessing. I am convinced every time I hear them in chapel learning the Lord's Prayers or the Creeds, that we need to support this ministry.

Eighteen years ago the "temporary" modular building was set until a permanent structure could be built to house the Child Care. Today over 150 people travel in and out of this building every day. Maintaining this structure is crucial since our licenses to operate depends on regular inspections and passing coalition codes. But after 18 years this building has outlived its purpose and has become a very costly proposition. Now we are at a point where we can no longer just discuss what to do. It is up to us to now act. We have choices to make. Do we grow this ministry and serve our neighbors. Which will entail some new structure to house our growing commitment. If we could increase the size of the building that would allow more children to be taken in. We turn away children almost weekly now because code requires a certain minimum square footage per child. We have a loyal and talented staff at the Child Care that has a wonderful reputation in the community. I am confident they could fill any building to capacity. At first, financially it may be difficult for them, but I see the facility becoming self supporting in the future just as they are now. This increase in numbers at the Child Care will add admissions to our Day School also. Or do we abandon the sowing of God's word in the current building until we lose that opportunity because it is deemed unsafe someday? If we choose the latter then 120 kids will be moved to other centers, 20 employees will lose their jobs. We as a congregation will lose all the monetary contributions the Child Care provides. Currently the Child Care also contributes 10% of the Pastor's salary. Financially we can not afford to lose this resource.

So, I hope and pray that you will choose, as I have, to support growing our Child Care, keeping it viable and flourishing financially and spiritually.

Thank you, Wade Duncan

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Easter & Lenten Services 2019



Mid-Week Lenten Services

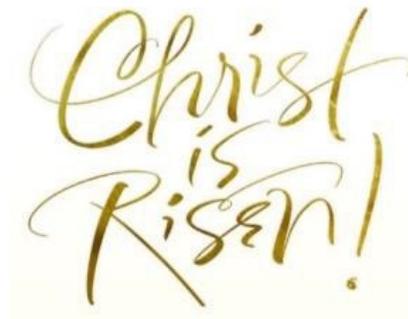
- **Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.:** Divine Service (*March 27; April 3 & 10*)
- **Lenten Dinners** on Wednesdays, after the 4:30 p.m. services, approx. **5:30 p.m.** (*Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 6, and continuing every Wed. through April 10.*)

Holy Week Schedule

- **Palm Sunday, April 14, 9:15 a.m.:** Divine Service, with Children's Palm Branch Processional & Choir
- **Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 15, 16, 17, at 11:00 a.m.:** Divine Service
- **Maundy Thursday, April 18, 4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.:** Divine Service
Stripping of the Altar at 7:00 p.m. service
- **Good Friday, April 19**
 - ◇ **12:00 p.m.:** **Tre Ore Service**, Divine Service
Preaching on the Last Seven Words from the Cross
 - ◇ **Tenebrae Service, 4:30 & 7:00 p.m.:** Divine Service
Service of Darkness and Closing of the Book
- **Saturday, April 20, The Vigil of Easter, 9:00 p.m.:** Divine Service

The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday, April 21

- **9:15 a.m.:** Divine Service
- **10:45 a.m.:** Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- **11:00 a.m.:** Easter Brunch





Everything we have and everything we are is a gift of God's providential care. We understand that we're not islands unto ourselves. We could not exist without those who have gone before us and those who walk alongside us. God has given us forefathers in family, country, and faith. We are recipients of what God worked through them. We know God provides for our well-being through these means.

He gives us farmers and ranchers so we can eat. But more than that, God created and gave us all the things those farmers and ranchers cultivate. He gave us the corn, the beans, the wheat, the cows for milking, the steers for grilling. He gave each of those things for our nourishment and sustenance. Without God creating and instilling in those things their taste, their nutritional value, etc., we would not exist.

God gives us doctors, surgeons, nurses, and hospitals. He gives us medicine and medical instruments, and, of course, He gave us everything to make those medicines and medical instruments. He instilled in those things the properties to be utilized for those purposes. Without God creating and instilling healing properties into those things – and without God creating the ability within man to learn this and implement it to serve our medical needs – we would not enjoy the health we do now.

But there's more. He gives us gainful employment through our employers and provides for the necessities of life through the labor of our hands:

“Then Moses said to the people of Israel, ‘See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan.’ ” (Exodus 35:30–34)

And one step back from that, He has created and given us hands, and attached to hands are arms with strength. He created us with minds to make those arms and hands move and accomplish the work set before us. And with that mind, He has given us reason and senses.

That mind, because of the reason God has instilled in it, is able to work through difficult problems before we press those arms and hands into labor. It allows us to grapple with concepts and run through scenarios instead of having to experience every situation personally. It allows us to learn from the mistakes, as well as from the accomplishments, of ourselves and others. This can be done for our entire body, all our skills and talents, everything that makes us ... us.

So, everything we have and everything we are is a gift from Him. This is what we confess in the First Article of the Creed when we say that we “believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.”

Stewardship (continued)

But that is just the First Article of the Creed. We confess two more articles that deal with God's provision for our spiritual well-being. He sent his Son to die and be raised on the third day for our justification. He delivers that justification through the means of grace (baptism, preaching and the Word of God, and the Lord's Supper). And to give you those means of grace, He gives pastors and teachers, etc. Literally everything we have and everything we are in this life – and the next – is an inexpressible gift from God.

And it is for this, all of this, that we give thanks. And that is what stewardship is all about — giving thanks for God's provision for us. To give thanks is more than having an attitude of gratitude, more than just a feeling in our hearts.

It is an action. It begins in the heart, but it doesn't stay there. It works its way out through the mouth in praise for God's gifts and in love and charity through the hands to our neighbors in family, country, and church.

“For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him” (*The Small Catechism*, 16).

So give thanks to God for His inexpressible gifts — for everything we have and everything we are. Do this not only in word but also in deed.

40th Anniversary Celebration

The theme of the 40th Anniversary Celebration is as follows:

The Lord has blessed you; He is with you.

“For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He knows your going through this great wilderness. These forty years the LORD your God has been with you. You have lacked nothing.” *Deuteronomy 2:7*

We are so excited that we were able to celebrate the ministry of the Gospel within the Englewood community for over 40 years. This is an amazing opportunity to share the love of Christ within our community with others!

The 40th Anniversary Vesper Service will take place on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 4pm. The Reverend Dr. Peter J. Scaer of Concordia Theological Seminary is our special guest preacher. An anniversary dinner will follow the Vesper service at The Hills Country Club and will begin with a fellowship hour at 5:30 PM with dinner to follow at 6:30 PM. (Ticket holders only for dinner)

Respectfully Submitted,
The Anniversary Committee



Sunday Morning Bible Class for the Life of the World

As the church journeys toward heaven, it teaches the Word of the LORD, it washes at the font, and it feeds according to the will of the LORD. As God's people, we gather in a place called church and we attend Divine Service because it is there that God gives us the gift of His Son Jesus Christ. This is a promise that He has given us as the people of God, and it is the greatest gift that God could give us.

This promise of the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us when we are gathered in His name, because He has bound Himself to the preaching of the gospel, and the giving of Himself in the sacraments.

Now, from the world's perspective these are not important gifts, and yet from God's perspective, they are the most important gifts that He could give. We believe, teach and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ is present within our church according to His flesh. And the fact that the eternal God could be present amongst us in His flesh, through simple Words, through simple water, and through simple bread and wine, is part of the "MYSTERY" that we call the Liturgy of the Church.

Come explore this mystery with us following Divine Service each Sunday. This 12 session series on our Lutheran Liturgy is presented by Dr. Arthur Just in DVD form. For each session, a study guide will be provided. Dr. Just, professor at Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN, leads viewers through a presentation of our liturgical heritage and its Scriptural origins.

The sessions include: An Introduction to the Lutheran Liturgy, The Structure of Liturgy, Jewish Origins in Christian Worship, the Table Fellowship of Jesus and Structure of Word and Sacrament, Liturgy in the Life of Jesus, The Liturgy of the Word, The Liturgy of the Sacrament, The Entrance, Preparation and Distribution, The Lutheran Liturgy: 1941, 182 and beyond, the Church Year and Sunday, the Lord's Day, The Services of Prayer, Catechesis, Baptism and the Liturgy of Life.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE

CLASS: Come join us on Wednesdays at 10 AM in the Narthex for an exciting Table Talk discussion. Ask Pastor just about any question. We will search the Scriptures. We will have open dialog in the study of the Holy Scripture. Again, your questions and our discussion may range from current events to ancient church history. This is your time to "ask the pastor."





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As Lutherans, we live by faith, knowing and trusting that God always has our backs. “God works in mysterious ways” is a saying many of us have heard. Within that mysterious way, comes unexpected events in our lives. As good stewards, we’re invited to be financially prepared for opportunities of giving and saving. Having an LCEF Family Emergency Steward-Account® can be a powerful safety net for those times. Here are seven reasons why everyone needs an Emergency Fund.

1. **Car Troubles** As best as we do to take care of our vehicles, it’s still a machine that will wear down. You just never know when something will go wrong, then having an emergency fund to get your car serviced when it breaks down is essential.
2. **Medical Emergencies** Keeping up with a healthy lifestyle will definitely help avoid medical emergencies, but sometimes we still end up in the hospital. Though many of us might already have insurance, an unexpected trip to the dentist might not be covered.
3. **Loss of Employment** We may have faced it ourselves or have seen it happen to others. Sometimes people will get laid off or people decide to leave a position for personal reasons. Your emergency fund can be a blessing when you need help between jobs.
4. **Forgotten Bills** Life is busy, and with that we sometimes forget things and need to have the resources to pay a bill that may have slipped through the cracks. Property taxes? Insurance? With your emergency fund, you can pay it and make note not to forget next time.
5. **Family Emergencies** We know and trust that God watches over us. Nonetheless, when a loved one ends up in the hospital, having an emergency fund to cover the costs of travel can allow for us to worry about one less thing. This could also be for a time of celebration with the birth of a new family member.
6. **Relocation** Sudden moving expenses can be a burden, especially when an opportunity for career growth has been presented. But you can be assured that when you have enough in your emergency fund, these expenses can be covered or aid in covering those costs.
7. **Most importantly**, when you invest with LCEF, your investment goes to helping support the Christ-exalting work of LCMS church workers, congregations, schools and organizations.

Want to learn more about LCEF’s Family Emergency Steward Account? Visit lcef.org/stewardaccount or call 800-843-5233. As always, I am always will to answer your questions. Prayerfully consider becoming an LCEF investor to help further the mission that God has called us to.

Yours in Christ,
Laurie Steinke
LCEF Congregational Advocate

PRAYERS

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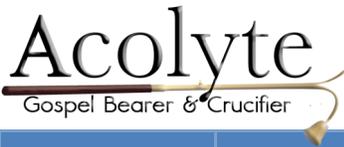


Pastor and members of the church are always willing to pray for you, family members and friends. If a loved one appears on our prayer list above, please call Pastor or the church office to give us a health update so that we may either keep or remove their name. Thank you!



ELDER & COMMUNION ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

Date	Elder & Reader	Communion Asst
Sunday, Mar 3rd	Rob Tilton	Rev. Mark Steinke
Ash Wed, Mar 6th	4:30 Mike Nagel 7:00 Bob Varone	Dennis Replinger Steve Horvath
Sunday, Mar 10th	Paul Brown	Dave Giroux
Wed. Mar 13th	Mike Nagel	Bob Varone
Sunday, Mar 17th	Paul Brown	Steve Horvath
Wed. Mar 20th	Rob Tilton	Mike Nagel
Sunday, Mar 24th	Bob Varone	Rev. Mark Steinke
Wed. Mar 27th	Paul Brown	Bob Varone
Sunday, Mar 31st	Mike Nagel	Dave Giroux



Date	Crucifier	Gospel Bearer	Acolyte
Mar 3rd	Toby Hancock	Jayden Bishop	Brianna Neef
Mar 6th	Kamrie Evanicki	Jayden Bishop	Kyleigh Evanicki
Mar 10th	John Miller	Ariana Miller	Rylie Giroux
Mar 13th			Jayden Bishop
Mar 17th	Jayden Bishop	Brianna Neef	Rylie Giroux
Mar 20th			Toby Hancock
Mar 24th	Mykalina Sabol	Bella Fisher	Braeden Dolphin
Mar 27th			Alyssa Hancock
Mar 31st	Kamrie Evanicki	Kyleigh Evanicki	Kylee Payne

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE



Date	Set-Up	Clean-Up
Sunday, Mar 3rd	Lisa Kress	Bob Varone
Ash Wed, Mar 6th	Bob Varone	Gale Bakalik
Sunday, Mar 10th	Gretchen Armstrong	Sandi Libke Carolyn Francis
Wed. Mar 13th	Lisa Kress	Bob Varone
Sunday, Mar 17th	Mindy Duncan	Jean Cote Joyce Schneider
Wed. Mar 20th	Bob Varone	Mindy Duncan
Sunday, Mar 24th	Bob Varone	Gale Bakalik
Wed. Mar 27th	Lisa Kress	Mindy Duncan
Sunday, Mar 31st	Lisa Kress	Lisa Kress



***Treasurer's Report
As of January 31, 2019***

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>OVER/UNDER</u>
INCOME	16,283	14,549	1,734
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>16,702</u>	<u>18,198</u>	(1,496)
+/-	(419)	(3,649)	
YEAR TO DATE			
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Respectfully submitted,
Jean Clappe-Mixell
North Star Bookkeeping LLC

REDEEMER SCHOOL

Happy March! Pastor has been teaching about prayer. What is prayer? It's simply talking to God. We have been dissecting the Lord's Prayers, learning how to pray, how to pray for others, and how to help others pray. Our students are learning who God is and how to talk to Him. They are learning at such a young age that God will give them wisdom, strength, and understanding if we only ask Him. This is one of the most valuable lessons we can give a child! Just think how much this will help them throughout their life.

In class we just finished celebrating "Read across America" week. It is annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child to celebrate reading. We read many Dr. Seuss books, played with rhyming words, wore silly socks (fox in socks), wrote about our favorite books, dressed like twins (thing one and two), had special cat in hat treat, dressed wacky (Wacky Wednesday), and thought about how we can help our environment (The Lorax). We ended our week with a Dr. Seuss birthday celebration and our school open house.

This month in P.E. we started soccer. Catalina Bakas, who has taught soccer for many years, has volunteered to come for 45 min a week and teach soccer. It is one of the kid's favorite parts of the week. They enjoy having the structured play time. I enjoy watching them run for 45 minutes. It is a nice break from class and they are learning great skills. Not only are they learning soccer skills but also team building skills that they so desperately need at this age. Thank you Coach Cat for your time it is much appreciated.

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13

Submitted by Nicole Hopkins



SPAGHETTI DINNER



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REDEEMER ACTIVITIES



Today was good, today was fun, tomorrow is another one! - Dr. Seuss



Dr Seuss Birthday OPEN HOUSE - March 1st and 2nd

Happy St. Patrick's Day

March 2019 Bible Lessons

Chapel is on Tuesdays
at 3:45

3/5 God's People Praise
Him
Matthew 21:1-11

3/12 God's People Honor
Jesus
Matthew 26:6-13

3/19 Jesus Saves Us
from Sin
Matthew 27:27-56

3/26 Jesus Gives Us New
Life
Matthew 28:1-10



Dear Jesus, I am so glad
You are alive. Help me tell
others this good news.
Amen.

Birthdays

Shaun 3/2
Kody 3/8
Elianna 3/9
Khloe 3/11
William 3/12
Chase 3/15
Natalie 3/19
Ms. Emily 3/23
Cane 3/25
Jonathan D. 3/28
Blayke 3/29
Logan 3/31



Spring Break for VPK and After School

March 18-22
We will be having all
day care this week.
Please sign up with
your child's teacher to
attend.

Special Days in March

3/6 Ash Wednesday
3/10 Daylight Savings
Time Begins
3/17 St. Patrick's Day
3/20 First Day of Spring

3/2 Dr. Seuss' Birthday



We had a fun week of
February 25-3/1 dressing
up funny ways to
celebrate Dr. Seuss'
birthday and reading a lot
of good books.

Sick Policy

Please follow Redeemer
Child Care's sick policy.
We are experiencing a lot
of illness this flu season.
Please keep sick children
home and symptom free
for 24 hours.

***The deadline for the APRIL Newsletter is March 20th.
Please have all your submissions sent to patchas123@gmail.com
OR drop them off at the church office by the date indicated above. Thank You!***

I said, "God, I hurt"
And God said, "I know"

I said, "God, I cry a lot"
And God said, "That is why I gave you tears."

I said, "God, I am so depressed"
And God said "That is why I gave you sunshine."

I said, "God, life is so hard right now"
And God said, "That is why I gave you loved ones."

I said, "My loved one died"
And God said, "So did mine."

I said, "God, it is such a loss"
And God said, "I saw mine nailed to a cross."

I said, "God, but your loved one lives"
And God said, "So does yours."

I said, "God where are they now?"
And God said, "Mine is on My right,
and yours is in the light."

I said, "God, it hurts"
And God said, "I know.."



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- ♦Baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- ♦Proclaim the Gospel and teach His Word in its truth and purity; and
- ♦Never be ashamed of the Gospel—it is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16).