

Epiphany, 2013

Dear Gethsemane Family and Friends:

WHICH WAY ARE YOU FACING FOR LENT?



St. Luke writes that when the days drew near for Jesus to leave this earth, He "set His face" to Jerusalem to encounter the pain of Calvary's cross for us.

And so, today, we who follow Christ also "set our faces" on the cross that lies before us; that is, we TURN BACK TO GOD. Repentance for our sins always involves a turning, a change of direction in our lives, turning back to God from the direction and ways that led us away from Him. I like to describe repentance as "doing a 180" with our lives.

This Lent at Gethsemane will offer you six midweek services focused on "Facing the Cross"; specifically, facing our sins, temptation, fears, worldliness, one another, and suffering. (see schedule on back)

The season of Lent begins this Feb. 13, Ash Wednesday, with a 7pm service, including the voluntary Imposition of Ashes (see the article in the newsletter), and Holy Communion, focusing on the theme of "Facing Our Sins" (Romans 3:23,24).

Then the next five Wednesday evenings our Lenten services begin at 7pm, preceded by a soup supper at 6pm (starting Feb. 20). Please sign up on the hallway bulletin board to bring your favorite soup and/or bread.

Looking forward to seeing you and facing the Cross together,

Pastor Terry Herzberg

***A PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY***

*Lord, make the crusted grit of this gray day a rough reminder  
that all we have and hold  
is common clay beside the splendor of your harsh sufferings  
along the way of love so tender. --J. Barrie Shepherd*