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PASTOR'S PAGE - March/Lenten Issue 1976

What is Lent, 1976 going to mean for you? Is it going to be a time for fasting in order that others around the world may eat one meal each day? Is it a time when you take stock of yourself as well as your freezer? A short history of how Lent became part of the tradition of the Church should be helpful for all of us.

There are two strands of historical tradition concerning the origin of Lent. First, in the early church there was the Pascha or commemoration of the gift of redemption in Jesus Christ which included both the passion and resurrection of Jesus. Following the Jewish custom, the Lord's Day began at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. Christians fasted until the Eucharist (Holy Communion) was celebrated at about 3:00 a.m. By the middle of the Third Century in Syria, this fast had been extended to 6 days. In other places it was gradually extended, first to 40 hours and then to 6 days before Easter. During

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the last half of the Fourth Century A.D. the celebrations for Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter became separate festivals.

One of the early special features of the Paschal services was the baptism of adult candidates on Saturday night. Since the Church was an "underground organization", prospective members were scrutinized very carefully and a prolonged period of probation was required. The final period just preceding baptism at Easter was most rigorous. Candidates were required to fast in preparation as well as to attend catechetical lectures and periodic examinations known as "scrutinies".

This second strand of tradition, then, as the preparation of candidates for adult baptism included a fast, the length of which was suggested by not only our Lord's fasting before his ministry began, but also by Moses' fasting on Mt. Sinai and Elijah's fasting on his journey to the Mount of God. After the Edict of Toleration in A.D. 313 and the legalizing of Christianity, this period of preparation for baptism became a general period of preparation for all Christians. Containing 36 days of fasting, it was also thought to represent the "tithe" of the 365 days of the year - a tithe due the Lord in fasting and penance. Yet, several different variations of this same tradition have occurred and continue on even now in various parts of the whole Church.

In one of his sermons during the Fifth Century A.D., Pope Leo the Great reminded the faithful that Lent was appointed to prepare

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souls for a fruitful commemoration of the mystery of Easter; as a time of inner purification and sanctification, of penance for sins past, of breaking off of sinful habits, of the exercise of virtues, especially almsgiving, reconciliation, and the laying aside of enmity and hatred.

I hope Lent, 1976, will mean at least that much for you. May the Holy Spirit be with you throughout your personal pilgrimage of penance.

Pastor Hengen

YOUNG ADULT NEWS

Nursery care for pre-schoolers is available for the second worship service on Sundays. Miss Carole Weidel is on duty every Sunday.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer is on Friday, March 5, 1976, 7:30 p.m. at the Wesley Methodist Church, Highland Avenue and Pratt Street. Make every effort please, to attend this meaningful service.

The earth has enough for every person's need, but not enough for every person's greed.

Mahatma Gandhi

KEEPING YOU POSTED

Our annual Mother and Daughter Banquet will be held on May 12, 1976, at 6:30 p.m. Further details to be announced.

Flea Mart to be held on Saturday, May 22, 1976. More information to follow.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

40% NOW ATTEND

CHURCH OR SYNAGOGUE

According to a recent Gallup Poll, Church attendance has remained stable in the last four years. Forty percent of American adults attended Church or Synagogue in a typical week in 1975.

Protestants gained one percentage point over 1974, with 38% attendance. Catholics dropped one point from 1974 to 54% (down from 71% in 1964). Jews remained constant at 21%.

Church attendance has risen during the past four years in the Midwest (from 40% in 1971 to 45% in 1975), and declined in the East (from 39% to 38%), the South (from 45% to 42%), and the West (from 33% to 28%).

This spot reserved next month
for news from the sewing
group.

PLEASE NOTE!

OUTDOOR MINISTRIES

The Camping Committee of the Parish Development Commission has reserved the week beginning August 1, 1976 at Claggett Diocesan Center, Buckeystown, Md. for Chesapeake Association Outdoor Ministries. The facilities will permit four programs to be conducted simultaneously but independent of each other; junior and junior high camps, a canoe camp and backpacking trip. The latter two programs are for ages 14 and 15 and limited to ten to twelve each. The success of this new venture depends on older youth and adults willing to serve as counselors and leaders as well as enthusiastic campers.

If interested, contact the Church Office.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 14, 8:00 p.m., a concert of sacred and secular American music will be presented by the Westfield College Chorale of Westfield, Massachusetts at Zion Evangelical Lutheran United Church of Christ, 7200 Golden Ring Road.

The Chorale has been designated by the state of Massachusetts as its official singing group for the Bicentennial. The group consists of 32 voices under the direction of Mr. Donald Prindle and will be touring the country for its spring series of concerts. A free will offering will be received for the benefit of the chorale.

LENTEN BAKE SALES

AND

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

After each midweek service we shall have a fellowship hour in Friendship Hall, at which time these groups will have bake sales:

Wed., March 3
Ladies Aid

Wed., March 10
Sewing Group

Wed., March 17
Young Women's Guild

Wed., March 24
Church School

Wed., March 31
Choir

Wed., April 7
Girl Scouts

PASTOR REMINDS MEMBERS

March 7 will be the trial Sunday for Pew Communion.

March 10 is the deadline for news items for the April Endeavor.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	<p>1 SENIOR CITIZENS - 10:00 A.M.</p> <p>SCOUTS</p>	<p>2 SEWING GRP. 10:00 AM</p> <p>SCOUTS</p> <p>CHURCH COUNCIL 8:00 PM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>ST DA LENT S 8:00 SALE-</p>
<p>7 COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICES 8:00 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.</p>	<p>8 SENIOR CITIZENS - 10:00 A.M.</p> <p>SCOUTS</p>	<p>9 SEWING GRP. 10:00 AM</p> <p>SCOUTS</p> <p>EXECUTIVE MTG CHURCH SCHOOL 8:00 PM</p>	<p>10 LEM SHI VIC</p> <p>BAKE S GR</p>
<p>14 WORSHIP SERVICES 8:00 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.</p> <p>GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY</p>	<p>15 SENIOR CITIZENS - 10:00 A.M.</p> <p>SCOUTS</p>	<p>16 SEWING GRP. 10:00 AM</p> <p>SCOUTS</p>	<p>17 LEM SHI VIC</p> <p>BAKE S YOUNG GU</p>
<p>21 WORSHIP SERVICES 8:00 A.M. AND 10:30 AM</p>	<p>22 SENIOR CITIZENS 10:00 A.M.</p> <p>SCOUTS</p>	<p>23 SEWING GROUP 10:00 AM</p> <p>SCOUTS</p>	<p>24 LEM SHI VIC</p> <p>BAKE CHURC</p>
<p>28 WORSHIP SERVICES 8:00 AND 10:30 A.M. YOUTH SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.</p>	<p>29 SENIOR CITIZENS 10:00 AM</p> <p>SCOUTS</p>	<p>30 SEWING GROUP 10:00 AM</p> <p>SCOUTS</p>	<p>31 LEM SHI VIC</p> <p>BAK S SENIOR</p>

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 DAY OF SERVICE 7 PM-BAKE LADIES AID	4 CONFIRMATION 1 - 7:00 PM SENIOR CHOIR 7:30 PM	5 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHR. HIGHLAND AVE. & PRATT ST. 8:00 PM	6
WINTEN WOR- SHIP SER- VICE 8 PM SALE-SEW. GROUP	11 CONFIRMA- TION 11 - 7:00 PM SENIOR CHOIR 7:30 PM	12	13
WINTEN WOR- SHIP SER- VICE 8 PM SALE - WOMEN'S BUILD	18 CONFIRMA- TION 1 - 7:00 PM SENIOR CHOIR 7:30 PM	19	20
WINTEN WOR- SHIP SER- VICE 8 PM SALE - CH SCHOOL	25 CONFIRMA- TION 11 - 7:00 PM SENIOR CHOIR 7:30 PM	26	27
 SA. - R CHOIR	NOTE: ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. CHECK THE SUNDAY BULLETIN OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR FURTHER IN- FORMATION. OFFICE HOURS ARE 8:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.		

YOUTH GROUPS JOINT
VENTURE

"WELCOME TO BROADWAY"

Show and complete dinner to be presented by the Youth Groups of United Evangelical and St. Matthew's Church. The show will be held in St. Matthew's Church Hall on May 7th and May 8th. Donations are \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12 years of age. There are a limited number of balcony tickets available for the show only. These tickets are \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Tickets can be obtained from any show member. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and show-time is 8:00 p.m.

All monies received will go toward the Puerto Rican Study Tour.

Lynn Stinchcomb

LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid will not meet in March due to Lenten Sale Sales. Meetings will resume in April.

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Month For News From

The Church School

NEWS FROM OUR SCOUTS

GIRL SCOUTS

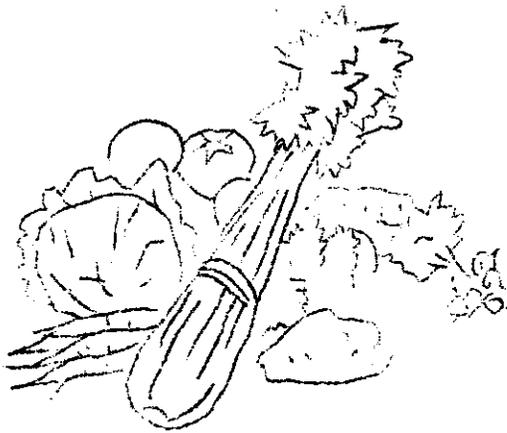
GIRL SCOUT WEEK will be celebrated March 6 - 12. Girl Scout Sunday is March 7 but we will celebrate on March 14 because of Communion. Girl Scouts are asked to meet in the gym at 10:20 a.m. so we can all go into the Service together. Parents and friends are also welcome to join us as we enter the Church.

There will be a Community Meeting and Craft Worship, at Holy Evangelist Church, Potomac and Dillon Streets on Thursday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m.

BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troop #19 meets here every Monday night from 7 to 9 p.m. On February 23, we had our Annual Blue and Gold Dinner at which Dale Sanders achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Scouting. Jerry Lovin also has received "The God and Country Award". This is a religious award. There were about 240 people in attendance.

Cub Pack #19 meets on Monday from 7 to 8 pm. The Pack consists of 4 dens and the Webelos. Pack night is the last Monday of the month. Parents and friends are invited. There are about 30 boys between the ages of 8 to 11 in the Pack.



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SOUR BEEF AND DUMPLING LUNCHEON AND SUPPER

Under the Auspices of

Ladies Aid Society

United Evangelical Church

Pastor W. Scott Hengen, III

East Avenue and Dillon Street

Wednesday, May 26, 1976

Lunch Served 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Dinner Served 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Carry Outs By Ticket Only

3:00 until 4:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

At a special meeting of the parents and members of Confirmation Class II, called by Pastor Hengen on Thursday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m.; it was decided that:

1. The Rite of Confirmation will be held on Pentecost Sunday, June 6, 1976 instead of on Palm Sunday this year. (This action was in agreement with the Church Council at its last regular meeting concerning this matter.)
2. A Covered-Dish Dinner Meeting of the Confirmands, their parents (or guardians) and the Church Council will be held on Sunday, May 23, 1976, at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. At this event the Confirmands will be "examined" for their readiness for the Rite of Confirmation.
3. Personal interviews with each Confirmand and her/his parents or guardians will be held by the Pastor prior to that examination event.
4. A Confirmation Class Trip will be arranged.
5. The current system of Thursday evening 2 hour sessions will continue until June, 1976.
6. Members of Confirmation Class II will be available to become Acolytes at the direction of the Junior Council and the Usher Committee.

VITAL STATISTICS

BAPTISMS:

Christopher Shawn Ament, son of Alfred Michael Ament and Linda Colleen nee Holman on February 15.

Karen Renee Nickol, daughter of Michael Charles Nickol and Barbara Marie nee Davis on February 15.

Kara Allison Hedges, daughter of Ronald Lewis Hedges and Barbara Lee nee Reinhardt on February 15.

Quentin Timothy Taormina, son of Eugene Paul Taormina and Peggy Colleen nee O'Hara on February 15.

WEDDINGS:

Robert James Sugden and Janice Ann Pierce on February 14.

Jeffery Allen Kolb and Judith Ann Cummins on February 21.

FUNERALS:

Inez McGeoch, age 72, on February 23.

Anna Katherine Nagler, age 69, on February 26.

Wilbert Mohr, non-member, on February 26.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"One of the questions we are asked most frequently is: "What I do, will it make a difference?" I would like to make an affirmation of faith: what you do and what I do, and what we do together, will make a final difference."

Dr. Paul McCleary

SENIOR CITIZENS

WANTED - SENIOR CITIZENS

An eating together program is ready for opening. All that is needed are a few more Seniors to complete the daily quota. The center is located in the Canton Baptist Mission at 3302 Toone Street. For information see Albert Witzke or call Pastor Lowder at the Mission, 675-3333.

Seniors from our church and the community meet in Friendship Hall every Monday from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Come join us! Make every day count, do what you want to do.
Albert Witzke

HOW YOU CAN HELP

WANTED!

Models and Wedding Gowns to be modeled at the Mother and Daughter Banquet to be held on Wednesday, May 12. Contact Mildred Gronberg, 675-5679.

Any articles that can be resold for the Flea Mart, Saturday, May 22, will be greatly appreciated.

This spot reserved next month
for news from the Men's Fellowship group.