



Lenten Observance

Tree of Life Lutheran Church, 1492 Linglestown Road • Harrisburg, PA 17110

*What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith
but do not have works? Can faith save you?*

James 2:14

Lent is often seen as a time filled with religious works- fasting, almsgiving, acts of charity & prayer. Some refer to these as “the disciplines of Lent.” Others call them simply works of love. The short New Testament epistle known as the Letter of James, only five chapters in length and described by Martin Luther as the epistle of straw because of its strong emphasis on works, emerges in the New Testament period as an alternative voice to that of the Apostle Paul or better, to those who distorted Paul’s message, and offers another response to the dispute over “faith and works.” Our midweek Lenten bible study, every Wednesday at 6 pm, will focus on the Letter of James. Sign up on the narthex table and bring your bible! Pastor Richard will be the leader.

Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday (February 17) marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent which begins with a call to fasting and repentance. The sign of ashes, marked on our foreheads, is suggestive of our mortality and frailty. Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Services will be offered at 12 noon and 7 pm. The noon service will begin with a ten minute prelude to allow you to arrive from work. It will conclude by 12:50 to allow you to return to work by 1 pm.

Lenten Youth Service

On the First Sunday of Lent, February 21, at 5 pm, our youth will lead worship on this year’s Winterfest theme, “Live Simply That Others May Simply Live.” At the end of the service, the congregation will move through the building for varied personal prayer experiences similar to those our youth experienced at Winterfest. Join us!

Midweek Lenten Schedule

Every Wednesday of Lent, a Lenten soup supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 – 6:45 PM. All are welcome!

Lenten Bible Study on the Epistle of James (see details above) will begin at 6 PM and be held in the new addition off the Fellowship Hall,

Midweek Lenten Evening Prayer using the setting from Holden Village will be offered each Wednesday of Lent (February 24, March 3, 10, 17, & 24) at 7 PM. Each week’s offering and prayers will support a different ministry of the local community. This year, the sermons will focus on the text from Lenten hymns. Along the pastors, three of our musicians, Kristi Perko, Holly Gainor, and Lindsay Fitzke will serve as preachers.

We Invite You To Share Lent With Us

Pastors

Richard B. Geib • Catharine Senft Geib

Saturday Worship 5 PM Sunday Worship 8:30 AM Sunday School 9:45 Sunday Worship 11 AM
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