

# Worship Ministry



*Don't just come to church. . . be the church!*

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Lent – a short word, a simple word, even a four-letter word. I knew when it was. I knew what it was. But I didn't know why it was called *Lent*. Lent means springtime from the Old High German (OHG) *lenzin* and Middle English (ME) *lente*. Seems like rather a misnomer for a church season that will begin on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Yet Lent will last for forty days. February will end, and we'll March on through the entire next month. Then the warm breath of spring breezes will caress the land, the gentle April showers will refresh the earth, spring will begin. Winter sets the stage for spring – the snows as they melt will water the ground; the snow bells and crocus bulbs that have lain dormant underground will be nourished by that water and the sun's increasing warmth and they will sprout. Lent prepares us for the coming resurrection of Our Lord, for Easter; for neither the earth nor death could hold him.

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The worship service at 7:30pm will include the imposition of ashes. Throughout the forty days of Lent, join us each Wednesday for a souper supper from 6:30pm-7:15pm. Our Wednesday Lenten worship will begin at 7pm. The theme is – You Shall Love the Lord Your God.

Luther, in his Small Catechism says, “We are to fear and love God, so that we neither endanger nor harm the lives of our neighbors, but instead help and support them in all of life's needs.” This, the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment, will be our topic for the Come and Seek worship service on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

*When love and like collide, how do we as disciples of Christ respond?* Come and Be Fed and explore this dilemma on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Blessings, Janet Vesper