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Lakeview United Methodist Church

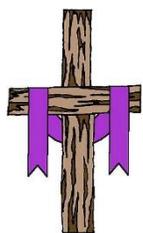
Proclaiming the Love of Christ
230 Capitol Beach Blvd.
Lincoln, NE 68528



Ash
Wednesday
Service

Wednesday, March 6 @ 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and is often marked as a day of fasting. Lent is also a time of spiritual discipline, moderation and repentance. Ashes are applied to the forehead as a reminder. This service is somber and reflective.



The Season of Lent

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday.

The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God. Sunday's are not counted because they represent a mini-Easter.



Join Us For Lunch
NOON
Tuesday – March 19
The Eatery

Sign up at church or by calling the church. We will meet in their Party Room. Invite a friend. Great food and even better fellowship.



- Our next Community Meal will be March 28 with serving from 5-7 pm. PLUS we offer free haircuts (cuts only)
- We still have free hygiene kits for both men and women along with a variety of other objects.
- Be watching for some great free services in the spring.
- We can always use volunteers. If you would like to help just come and we'll put you to work.



ALL CHURCH
POTLUCK
MARCH 24
AFTER
WORSHIP
EVERYONE IS
WELCOME



As I sit down to write this article, I can see the snow cover out of my window. Many of us, including myself, have grumbled about all the snow. I certainly did my share of grumbling when we had to cancel our worship service, February 24. I also grumbled when I would go outside into the frigid temperatures. I could think of a dozen things I wanted to do (all out-of-doors) that just had to be put on the back burner. Oh, how I loved snow when I was still in school. The more the better was my motto.

And, while I am ready for spring, I do admit that the snow is beautiful. Our neighbor children love to play in it and slide down a small hill by the bike path. The other thing that snow does is cover up all the dirt and filth.

Snow reminds me of God's love and how he blankets us with spiritual snow, covering up our sins. God's snow reminds us of the blood of God's Son, Jesus Christ. In 1st Peter 4:8, the Disciple says, "Love covers a multitude of sins." The only love that can cover sin in that sense, is the love of Jesus Christ. His love led him to the cross, where he shed his blood that sins repented of might be blotted out and never to be remembered again. As you may know, my favorite song of all time is "It is No Secret." It truly is no secret what God can do.

God's love, God's forgiveness, God's mercy is the reason we have Lent. It's a time to examine ourselves. It's a time of repentance, maybe make things right with someone we have held a grudge against. Look what we did to God's Son, and he still forgave us from that and all our sins. The 40 days of Lent reminds us of the 40 day's he spent in the wilderness. You and I have had our wilderness experiences. Yet God will lead us thought those times and blanket us with His spiritual snow which covers all our sins, doubts and fears. He say's "Do not fear, for I am with thee."

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Ray



IGLESIA
HISPANA
LAKEVIEW

This vital ministry, under the leadership of Nestor Perez, Certified Lay

Servant, meets every Sunday at noon. Lots of great music, prayer, Bible based message and more. You can help by telling your Hispanic friends about us. If you would like to witness this ministry you are always welcome. Entirely Spanish speaking ministry.



Do you know your numbers?
Free Screening the 3rd Sunday of each month.



Children are an important and vital part of Lakeview. If your children haven't experienced Deep Blue

kids, they'll love it. Alicia Pasho, our children's coordinator has a passion for working with your children. Sunday's after children's message.

