



- April 1** **Passion/Palm Sunday - 8:15 and 11:00am**
Traditional Procession with Palms, dramatic reading of the Passion of Our Lord according to the Gospel of St. Mark, and the celebration of Holy Communion
- April 5** **Maunder Thursday - 7:00pm**
Maunder Thursday Liturgy with Communion and *The Stripping of the Altar*
- April 6** **Good Friday**
4:00pm - *Walk to the Cross*: A special Worship Service for families with children based on the traditional “stations of the cross.”
5:30pm - Community Good Friday Service sponsored by the Zionsville Area Ministerial Association; this year at St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church
7:30pm - Tenebrae/Service of Darkness at Christ Church with special music by the Sanctuary Choir
- April 7** **Holy Saturday**
10:00am - Easter Egg Hunt at Christ Church
8:00pm - Easter Vigil (celebrated at Christ Church with St. Francis Episcopal.) A dramatic celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord that begins in darkness, celebrates Baptism, recounts the sacred story of salvation, and culminates in the bright light of the first *Alleluias!* and communion of Easter.
- April 8** **Easter – The Resurrection of Our Lord - 8:15 and 11:00am**
Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord with Holy Communion and special music by the Sanctuary Choir and brass



Lent and Holy Week at Christ Church ~ 2012

Fasting to Feasting

The journey from Lent to Easter moves us in unexpected ways from fasting to feasting. Lent invites us to fast. However, Lenten disciplines awaken a spiritual hunger to be satisfied during the Easter season.

Lent calls us to fast in order to identify our deeper hungers. Consider...

- How could Christ satisfy your true needs as you practiced fasting?
- What food would you miss most? What WOULD life be like without it?
- What pastime would be the hardest to give up? What ELSE might you be doing?
- What spiritual hunger do any of our treasured habits conceal?
- What MIGHT Christ ask of us when we take time to listen?

For Your Fasting to Feasting: ***Lenten Supper — Focus on Hunger***

Are you interested in learning a “bite” more about the issue of world-wide hunger? Starting with the meal before the Ash Wednesday service on February 22 our Network volunteers are prepared to do just that. The following will, we hope, whet your appetite for samples of typical meals from around the world starting with what a typical low income family might eat in our own country. Here is what you can look forward to when you join us for supper on those Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm.

- Ash Wednesday, February 22 – Inner City Shopping in the US
- February 29 – A taste from Hungary/Eastern Europe
- March 7 – A taste from Mexico
- March 14 – A taste from Malaysia
- March 21 – A taste from Brazil
- March 28 – A taste from India

Most of our effort will be to provide renewed energy to provide food for our Boone County Caring Center as they work to help the many hungry in our own area. Money and food will be collected throughout the year in support of that important agency.

Things you never knew about Lent and the one + thing you must know

These facts about Lent are interesting but they're not really very important. The one important fact in your life is this—that Christ died that your sins can be forgiven.

A fact so simple...so familiar...so huge...so wonderful that it is hard to grasp. That's why Christians observe Lent—to set forty days aside to think about Christ's death and what it means in their lives.

Lent gives you another chance to think about your sins and what it means that Christ died for them. It gives you another chance to review your life, another chance to grow in faith and love.

Lent is a time to be close to God—closer than you've ever been. It's a time to attend church more regularly, to pray more often, to read the Bible more diligently and to spread the Word of God more earnestly.

This Lenten season can be the most important forty days in your life...your eternal life.

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP—*Walk to the Cross*



On the Wednesdays during Lent we will gather by candlelight in the sanctuary around the baptismal font to *Walk to the Cross*. As we utilize the Order of Evening Prayer we will engage in various symbolic actions that recall the events of Jesus' suffering and death. Through these actions, we will experience how this story is also our story. We were there and now we are the ultimate beneficiaries.

Light Supper will be served at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall each week featuring foods that call our attention to the hunger suffered in a variety of cultures worldwide. Worship is from 7 to 7:30pm in the Sanctuary.

February 22—Ash Wednesday

Jesus is Condemned: Washing Our Hands
Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes

February 29

Jesus Is Mocked: Torn

March 7

Jesus Carries Our Sins: Burden Bearing

March 14

Jesus Is Crucified

March 21

Jesus Dies: Sour But Sweet

March 28

Jesus And Me: Popped!

Did you know that...

- + The original period of Lent was 40 hours? It was spent in fasting to commemorate the suffering of Christ. Then it became 30 days, then 36, and finally, in the reign of Charlemagne, about 800 A.D., 40 days, not including Sundays.
- + The 40 days of Lent correspond to Christ's 40 days in the wilderness?
- + The date of Lent is determined by the date of Easter? The Council of Nicaea determined in 325 A.D. that Easter would be observed on the first Sunday following the 14th day of the Paschal Moon.
- + The earliest that Lent can begin is February 5? That happened last in 1818 and will not occur again during the 21st Century.
- + The latest that Lent can start is March 10? It won't be that late again until the year 2038.
- + Lent comes from the old English word for Spring, lenten? The wearing of sackcloth and ashes is a custom going back to Old Testament times? Many Christians observe the custom on Ash Wednesday, using the ashes of the previous year's burned Palm Sunday palms.
- + The day before Ash Wednesday, Shrove Tuesday, is celebrated in many parts of the world with feasting? The French call it Mardi Gras, the Germans call it Fasching. The feasting comes from the custom of using up household fats prior to the 40 days of Lenten fasting when no fat is used.



Special Arrangement of Sanctuary for Lent

During the season of Lent, the Sanctuary will be arranged in *"antiphonal"* seating. The assembly will be divided in half with each half facing the other, with the altar and baptismal font placed in the center. Such seating during Lent will enable our worship to physically reflect that we are a community gathered *by and around* Christ who is at the center of our life through the Word and the Sacraments. Such seating will also create a greater sense of intimacy for our gathered assembly. We will literally be able to speak, pray, and sing back and forth to each other.