

"Belong, Believe and Become all that God Promises"

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From Lent to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The season of Lent is forty days when Christians prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Christ Jesus. The forty days are those that Jesus spent in the wilderness fasting and preparing for his ministry. The tradition of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. There are numerous traditions and customs associated with Lent, but the primary benefit in the season is found when believers intentionally take time to prepare to commemorate the Resurrection. That preparation could include self-examination, prayer, repentance and reflection.

It's important to be prepared to celebrate the Resurrection in advance. To receive a great work of God is not the invention of man. God often instructed his people to prepare for his plan.

The Resurrection was very important to the early church so they designed the first week as a reminder that they have hope for salvation. Jesus arose after his crucifixion.

The day of Resurrection is a most significant day for all Christians because it confirms that Jesus is who he says he was and can do what he promised to do. This is what Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:14; that if Christ is not raised, our preaching and our faith are useless. The Resurrection is a powerful reminder that our faith is not useless, but powerful even unto salvation.

Pastor Emilce Erato



The following need your prayers... Chuck Albers, Bonny Atkins, Stephanie Baio, Tina Bugalia, Bill Ciampa, Corey Ciampa, Gray Collingwood, Eduardo, Jimmy E., Brian and Dylan Gasperetti, Hunter George, Kathryn Graven, Ginni Hart, Virginia Heinsch, Jessica, Joe, Joanne Kempel, Cynthia Listort, Jane Macchia, Bill McGowan, Chuck Miata, Nicki, Penny Petersen, John Pisarri, Joseph Randazzo, Schneider family, Moira Sheldon, Robert Smith, and Carl Strievski, Rose Smith, Court Stevenson, Peter Stevenson, Kevin Sullivan, Miriam Valder, Russ Van Tine, and Deanna Ventura



Carole Brosnan April 11 Helmut Prill April 17 Andrew Gasperetti April 24



Carole and Jim Brosnan 4/13





Memorial Fund Contributions

A gift has been given in memory of Bruce Barry by Joyce Becher. A gift has been given in memory of Bruce Barry by Bonny Atkins A gift has been given in memory of Anita Listort by Virginia Strong A gift has been given in memory of Sylvia Erato by Caren and Helmut Prill



<u>Mondays</u> 11-12 p.m. Brew Crew-AA 4/14-Council Meeting 10 a.m.

Tuesdays

11-12 p.m. Brew Crew-AA 6:45-8:30 p.m. Power Up-Tae Kwon Do

<u>Wednesdays</u>

11-12 p.m. New Life-AA Road to Recovery 7:15-8:30 p.m.

<u>Thursdays</u>

4/17/Maundy Thursday Service 11:00 a.m. 6:00-7:45 p.m. Power Up-Tae Kwon Do

Fridays 4/18 Good Friday Service 11:00 a.m. 11-12 p.m. New Life-AA

Saturdays

9-1 p.m. SDA Church-Sanctuary 9-11:15 a.m. Road to Recovery-AA 1-3 p.m. SDA Church-Parish Hall

> Sundays 10:00 a.m. Worship

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A special donation was given in honor of Sanzio Vagnini on his birthday. Love, Joanne







April 17th at 11:00 a.m.



April 18th at 11:00 a.m.



April 20th at 10:00 a.m.