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Thank you to all who began our Lenten journey of forty days on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time for repentance, reflection through prayer, giving generously of ourselves and our treasure and, for some, using a form of fasting to mark the season. This week's gospel reminds us we are also to resist temptation at every turn. This can be quite the struggle, as Jesus understood. It is a struggle Jesus shares. Our grandchildren were all taught to say the Lord's Prayer each night before sleep. One of our grandsons, when he was about four years old, commented after saying his prayers one night, "Lead us not into temptation. That's a hard one!" It sure is, but Jesus refuted the temptations of the devil with words from Scripture. We can use his example to help us resist temptation as well.

Reminder: Sunday is "spring ahead" so remember to set your clocks ahead so you aren't late for worship!

We continue to pray for Linda Seubert who is recovering at home from 3 broken ribs. She and Maria appreciate the care offered by their friends at Advent

Thrivent members, please consider directing your Thrivent Choice dollars to Advent. We also need your \$250 Thrivent Community Action Grant gift cards for various projects. Thanks to Advent Sisters we are going to assemble Christmas satchels for seafarers and could use at least one gift card to purchase some of the gifts. Any Thrivent questions please see Ron Breuer. Questions about Advent Sisters please see Stacey Moyer.

Planning for our Maundy Thursday Soup Supper is well underway. We have volunteers to make three different soups, to provide dessert and donations of paper goods. Please see Flo Snider if you wish to help out with bread and remaining paper goods. As we get closer Flo will provide a sign-up sheet so we have an idea of how many plan to attend. Maundy Thursday is April 17, supper at 5:30 and worship at 7 pm.

Bible study will be held for four Thursday afternoons during Lent. (The majority who signed up opted for that day and time.) March 13, 20, 27, and April 3. 1:30-3 pm The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. We will meet at church on March 13 and can decide on a different location if desired by the participants.

Thank you for the generous donation we received towards new Easter banners. Please see Priscilla Devine to inquire if more is needed.

We currently get 10 copies of The Word in Season but only a few are taken. Please take those remaining for this quarter and let us know if you wish us to keep ordering them. They offer a Bible verse and commentary for each day.

Installation of council will be Sunday, March 16

Council meets Monday, March 17 at 7 pm

Spiritual committee meets Thursday, March 27 at 7 pm.

Serving this Sunday: Reader, Claudia Bossen, Assisting Minister, Roberta Faltin, Ushers, Michele and David Wells. Our organist Kathy Richards is on a well deserved vacation this week, so any singing will be a cappella. Choir member Todd Suprina has gone over the hymns and will lead the singing. Thank you, Todd! Pastor Vogeley will guide in speaking or singing the liturgy. Thanks as always to all who serve in the altar guild and coffee hour.

Below is a link to the hymn of the day The Glory of These Forty Days

--<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Ck0HtJrDf0>

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