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# Brighton Heights Lutheran Church

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9 am – 2 pm



## **I BELIEVE WHAT?**

You and I didn't invent the Christian Faith. You and I didn't invent the Christian Church. The Christian Church did not invent the Christian Faith. All of it—even though we do not understand it fully—is God's gift to us. I cannot stress this too much. Our Christian faith is God's gift to us; not our obligation to God. Our Christian faith issues forth from God's grace at work in our hearts and lives. We find ourselves preparing for the observance of, and striving after the disciplines of Lent, let us prepare our hearts for a humble renewal of our commitment to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior as God's Word made flesh. Let us seek greater faith, pray for greater faith, and prepare ourselves for greater faith. In other words, let's have a blessed and meaningful Lent.

## **I BELIEVE WHAT?**

Again, let us seek greater faith, pray for greater faith, and prepare ourselves for greater faith. What is the content of the faith that God give us? It is completely contained in the scripture. All you have to do is remember the whole bible and fit it into our experience of the world around us. But who among us, no matter how well we know the scriptures, can remember them all and navagate them speedily? I can't, and I have more time to work on the bible than many of you have. What we need is a summery or synopsis of the faith.

We have received such a summery of the faith. The Apostles gave the Church the foundation of this summery and the Church has—by the Holy Spirit—passed it on to us. We call

this summary the creed. Actually the Church recognizes three creeds. The oldest and most concise is the Apostles' Creed. The newer and more expanded version is the Nicene Creed. The newest (only 15 or 16 hundred years old) and longest is the Athanasian Creed. All three are accurate expressions of the Christian faith. We tend to use the two shorter creeds for worship but it is worth taking a look at the longest creed once in a while. If you would like a copy I would be glad to furnish one for you.

### **SO WHAT SHALL WE DO DURING LENT?**

It occurs to me that we might take as a theme for our midweek Lenten Services a look at the Apostles' Creed (the shortest creed). We use it most often at worship and even if you don't have it memorized, it probably sounds very familiar to you.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.\*  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

\*Or, He descended to the dead.

So let's remind ourselves what we believe. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Morning we will look at one aspect of our faith and hopefully be challenged in this particular aspect of our faith so we will, indeed, seek greater faith, prayer for greater faith, prepare ourselves for greater faith.

Remember Ash Wednesday is March 1. There will be a meatless supper before the service provided by the pastor. Lenten services will be March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5. There will be a simple soup and bread supper before each Wednesday service. The suppers will begin at 6:00 P.M. and the services will begin at 7:00 P.M. So come and feed your face and your faith. May God bless you with a holy and meaningful Lent!

*Brian F Shirey*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**

SHUT-IN: Rohma Kropf, Loraine Andrzejwski, Bonnie Furman, Gloria Davis



FOR HEALING AND WELL-BEING: Zoey, Susan Spriggs, Will Lugaila, Ruth Perluck, Betty Kirby, Betty Lou Moore, Arta Mae Camino, Kimberly Mason, Donna Erdner, Don Hoffer, Diane Stiegler, Chad Lowe, Judy McGregor, Bonnie Guest, Keith Roberts, Evan Ray, Patricia Aberson, Bernie Kirk, John Dovcak, Bonnie Klem, Raymond, Mary & Mahala Linnabary, Kathy Smith, Sandra Flourney, Emily Cummings, Chuck Skalos, Betty Stephens, Nanette McHue, Monica Weisensee, Alicia Jacobs, Patti Noll, Judy Ingram, Victoria Kromp, Valerie Chiesa, Diane Jakobowski, Christian Reilly, Haylee Flory, Linda Collins, Barb Atkins, Betty Heover, Cathy Gornich, George Lucas, George Meyer, Donna Krass, Debbie Hankins, Susan Dziubinski,

Don Aurin, Steve Aurin, Pauline Aurin, Marilyn Brown, Charlie Brown, Stacey Dorsey, Gloria Davis, Cindy Fraser, Trevor Gibson, Garrett Francis, Roberta Axton, Carol Stewart, Devin Cinkan, Denise Labella, Alfred Hunt, Chantel Burns, Baby Claire, Ken Axton, Paul Lichauer, Paul Reilly, Sherry Kinslow, Barry R., Pat Stella, Mike, Eddie Nagel, Scott Tegler, Anthony Zoller, Kathy Gornick, Michelle Pop, Carol Baland, Bob Pockaj, Earl Weaver, Heather Ann, Alan Campbell, Melissa Stipinsky, Pat Zellies, Pat Zokies, Phillis Rouse, Jim Wilson, John Pfispter, Gage, Tylor, Kim Turkovich, Megan Bryson, Shirley Harman, Elaine, Leona Weaver, Carol Martinez, Ruth Ann Stevens, Tammy Cinkan, Tina Cinkan, Bunny Shelleby

FOR COMFORT IN MY TIME OF LOSS: Family of Destiny Zerenia, Family of Billy Koerbal, Family of Dick Johns, Family of Mynra Johnson, Family of Ronald (Bingo) Mundy, Family of Casy Schwartzmire, Family of George Dearth

SERVING THE MILITARY: Erik Kunkle, Stephen November, James Thompson, Matthew McPaul, Jason Fullmer, Robert Fink, Jason Cole (Kuwait), Jessie Strickland, Jacinta Dorsey For The Success Of Lamb Of God, Lion Of Judea, Christian Church Center & For Their Pastors Arthur And Mervery Green.

***Please call the office or tell the Pastor if anybody should be taken off the prayer list. Also if you or a loved one are in the hospital, please contact the office if you wish a visit.***



## ALTAR SERVERS FOR MARCH

### March 5

2 Ushers: Bob Fink, Dave Fink

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Acolyte: Shane Lundy

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Lector: Celeste Spriggs

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2 Comm. Presenter: Rich and Mary Ann Stewart

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Comm. Helper: Kathy Skeva

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### March 12

2 Ushers: Al Prem, Rich Stewart

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Acolyte: Destiny Stewart

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Lector: Johanna Yoho

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2 Comm. Presenter: Carol & Jim Stewart

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Comm. Helper: Kathy Dearth

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### March 19

2 Ushers: Al Calhoun, Rich Dummer

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Acolyte: Kaylee Stewart

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Lector: Kathy Dearth

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2 Comm. Presenter: Kim and Celeste Spriggs

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Comm. Helper: Jan Krepp

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### March 26

2 Ushers: Bob Fink, Dave Fink

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Acolyte: Jacob Lundy

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Lector: Jan Krepp

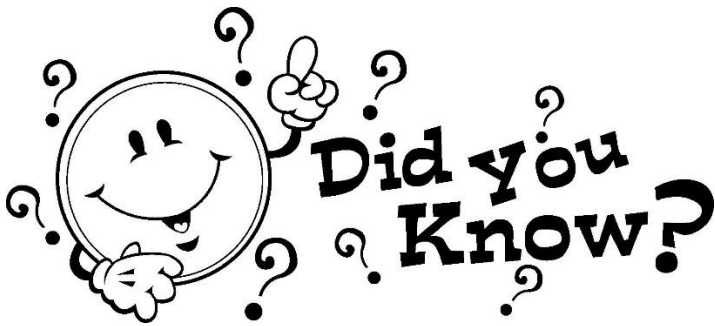
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2 Comm. Presenter: June Baginski, Linda Lugalía

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Comm. Helper: Johanna Yoho

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## WHAT IS LENT AND WHAT IS DIFFERENT AT BHLC?

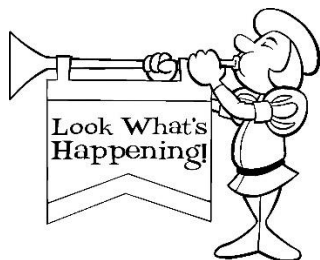
*BY Deb Shirey*

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." 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 to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection. During Lent at BHLC we have Wed evening Soup and Bread Suppers followed by a worship service. Our services are more somber in nature. The sanctuary also takes on a more somber tone. All the brass altar wear, pascal candle, the silver communion wear and are put away during this season. The paraments (altar cloths) are purple, the wooden book stand is used, the Lenten candle sticks, and the pewter communion wear is used. Lastly, there are NO Flowers on the altar.



MARCH 1st IS ASH WEDNESDAY,  
THE BEGINNING OF LENT.

DURING LENT THERE WILL BE  
NO BIBLE STUDY AND NO FLOWERS  
ON THE ALTAR



SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER: Starting Wednesday, March 1,  
Brighton Heights Lutheran Church will have  
their informal soup and bread supper during  
Lent. It will be held at 6:00 pm prior to  
Wednesdays Lenten Service. We are asking  
members to volunteer in providing soup and  
bread. Supper is to serve about 15-20  
people. The sign up list is in the back of the  
church.



EASTER FLOWERS: BHLC will be ordering flowers for Easter.  
The flowers can be ordered: In  
Honor of, In Memory of, In  
Thanksgiving. The deadline for  
ordering is April 2, 2017. See the  
attached flyer in this newsletter.



DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME IS  
MARCH 12. REMEMBER TO SET  
YOUR CLOCK AHEAD 1 HOUR.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Reform Presbyterian Home is looking for volunteers. Volunteers are needed for Sunday Afternoon Movie Time.

This requires 1 -2 times per month from 1:30 – 3:30 pm on Sunday Afternoons. Volunteers will escort RPH residents to and from the activity

room and run the video/ DVD player. For more information or to volunteer contact Sandy Pagone, Volunteer Coordinator, at 412-321-4139 x 2402 or stop by the 4<sup>th</sup> floor volunteer office.



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

# **BASKETS** *of* **PROMISE**

THE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF AGENCY provide all types of resources to be used to help in their mission. Brighton Heights Lutheran Church has helped the LWR by making personal care kits that was sent to help with this mission. Again we will participate in the Basket of Promise Mission.

- March 5 – bars of soap (4-5 oz. – any brand, in original wrapping)
- March 12 – Bath Towels (light-weight maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)
- March 19 – Toothbrushes(adult size, in original packaging)
- March 26 – combs
- April 2 – nail clippers (metal, attached file optional)
- April 9 (Palm Sunday) bars of soap

Our goal is to assemble 10 LWR Personal Care Kits. For more information contact Patty Petrusch and see the attached flyer. The Personal Care Kits will be assembled on April 10<sup>th</sup>.



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3	Jennifer Durler Destiny Stewart
5	Julie Weaver
11	Megan Stephens
12	Stacey Dorsey
14	Betty Lou Moore
16	Zachary Petrusch
17	Michele Ireland Connie Nagy Albert Prem
18	Dedrick Dorsey
19	Bonnie Furman
20	Kimberly Mason
24	Bryce Shirey
27	George Lucas
31	Scott Fink

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

23	Richard & MaryAnn Stewart
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Riddle: Can February March?  
No, but April May.

FROM FEBRUARY'S NEWLETTER:

1. What happens on February 2?
2. Who died the day the "Music Died"?
3. What is the biggest snack day of the year? The second biggest snack day?
4. Who invented the Ferris Wheel?
5. What is another name for Mardi Gras?

Answers: 1)Groundhog day 2)Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and Big Booper(J.P. Richardson) 3a) New Year Eve 3b)Super Bowl Sunday 4)George Washington Gale Ferris Jr. 5) Fat Tuesday or Shrove Day

ASH WEDNESDAY is celebrated March 1. It is the first day of the Christian season of Lent and a sign of penitence. During Lent, Christians fast. The Lenten season lasts for 46 days. On Ash Wednesday, Christians go to church and receive ashes on their foreheads in the sign of the cross. It is a reminder of from "Ashes to Ashes and Dust to Dust". It means that we came from dust and we shall return to dust, referring to our earthly bodies, not our souls.



NATIONAL ANTHEM DAY - Our National Anthem is The Star Spangled Banner. It was written by Francis Scott Key. He wrote the lyrics on September 14, 1914, during the Battle of Fort McHenry in the War of 1812.

It was originally called "Defense of Fort McHenry". There were many patriotic songs, and The Star Spangled Banner became another one of them, one that struck at the heart of Americans, and gained popularity over the years. But, for a long time, America did not have an official national anthem. It wasn't until over 100 years later, that The Star Spangled



Banner became our national anthem. On March 3, 1931, President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution officially making "The Star Spangled Banner" the national anthem of the United States of America. On this special day, proudly fly the USA flag at your home and place of business. Take this as an opportunity to sing the National Anthem, or listen to it being sung. And, look for chances to show your patriotism.

POPCORN LOVER DAY - Many of us love popcorn. So, it only makes sense that there should be a special day just for



popcorn lovers. Popcorn is good for you, when eaten *plain*. It is not as healthy, when it's loaded with salt and butter. This day is intended to enjoy popcorn and share it with others. Bring some to work. Or microwave some and put in in a basket in your office.

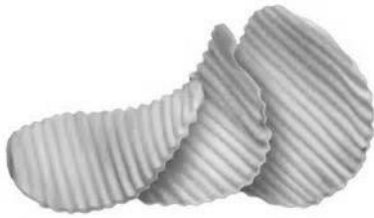
You can have it in a traditional way, with salt and butter. Or, you can add anyone of a number of flavors to it. Some popular flavors are cheddar cheese, parmesan garlic, and even hot pepper! There is no requirement as what seasoning to use today, as long as your eat plenty popcorn. Now, that's not hard to do, is it!?

GIRL SCOUT DAY - Girl Scout Day recognizes and celebrates the Girls Scouts of the USA (GSUSA). This date celebrates the creation of the first Girl Scout group on March 12, 1912. Lady Olave Baden-Powell, founded Girl Guides.



The wife of Lord Baden-Powell (who created the Boy Scouts), she was born on February 22 (1889). On March 12, 1912 Juliette Gordon Low started the first Girl Scout group in Savannah Georgia with 18 girls. The Girls Scouts became a national organization, and was chartered by the U.S. Congress on March 16, 1950. Today, there are millions of girls involved with Girl Scouts.

## NATIONAL POTATO CHIP DAY celebrates the ever popular



potato chip. Potato Chips are America's #1 snack food. But, it's not just a snack food. It's the potato of choice for many lunchtime and dinner meals. Regular (or plain) potato chips are by far the most popular. Other

popular flavors are barbecue, sour cream & onion, oil & vinegar, and ranch. Potato chips were first made by Chef George Crum in Saratoga Springs, NY on August 24, 1853. Americans have been in love with them ever since.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY is in honor of the Patron Saint of Ireland, who brought Christianity to the Emerald Isles, as Ireland is known. It is truly a day of celebrating Irish history, ancestry, traditions and customs. Saint Patrick's Day has many symbols and traditions, from shamrocks and leprechauns, to green beer and Corned Beef and Cabbage. Saint Patrick's Day parades are popular in many cities around the U.S.



Interestingly, the first St. Patrick's Day parade did not take place in Ireland. It took place in New York City, in 1762. Saint Patrick's Day is held in honor of Saint Patrick, the missionary who brought Christianity to the Irish people in the 400's AD.

TEA FOR TWO TUESDAY is established for two or more people to enjoy a cup of tea together. Tea is a very relaxing beverage. And, how much more pleasant it is, when it is enjoyed with others. While the name of this very special day, is Tea for **Two** Tuesday, we encourage you to have "a spot of tea" with any number of people. Go ahead.... make it a Tea party. The more, the merrier! They say variety is the spice of life. We encourage you to try different types of tea today. There is no shortage of tea flavors, some have caffeine, some are caffeine-free.

"TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK DAY". It is an opportunity for exercise and relaxation. Are you stressed out? A walk in the park is just what the doctor ordered. It's calming and therapeutic. Taken after a busy work day, it helps clear your mind and re-energize you. Or, take the walk during lunch and you will find the afternoon of work goes by quicker and easier. A walk in the park will likely be the most enjoyable part of your day. However, make sure to do so with a clear mind and with your eyes open. In addition to avoiding a fall, open eyes will allow you to take in the beauty of nature's wonders: flowers, and trees, birds, and wildlife. We suggest you take a walk in the park with a friend or your lover. It will prove far more enjoyable if you have company on your walk.



HAVE A GOOD DAY / WALK!



## **BRIGHTON HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **FLOWERS FOR EASTER 2017**

BHLC will be ordering Flowers for Easter to adorn the altar.

**The flowers will be \$8.00 per plant. Your money must accompany your order. Please make checks payable to "Brighton Heights Lutheran Church".**

You may order the flowers: In Honor of, In Memory of, or In Thanksgiving for someone.

**Deadline for ordering the flowers will be April 2, 2017.**

In Memory of:

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by \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of:


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by \_\_\_\_\_

In Thankfulness for:


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by \_\_\_\_\_



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