

NEWSLETTER



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Grace Lutheran Church

Birthdays

3/02: Stan Crandall
 3/08: Sharon
 Crandall
 3/09: Garrett Dean
 3/16: Tammy
 Stafford
 3/19: Jaycee Lile
 3/21: Ty Lile
 3/21: Gwen Lampe
 3/21: Elias Sharp
 3/25: David Hoaglan
 3/24: David Lampe
 3/24: Cindy Wolf
 3/26: Kelsey
 Robertson
 3/29: Don Wolf

Anniversaries

3/02: Rob & Marlo
 Springer
 3/25: Scott & Tammy
 Stafford



Walk in Integrity



During our Sundays in Lent, we are focusing on the theme of repentance: Turning away from sin and turning towards Jesus Christ. In this brief article, I want to focus on a Proverb which gives us a bit of food for thought as we live lives turned towards Jesus. Proverbs 10:9 says, “Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.” What does it mean to “walk in integrity”? Simply put, this is the person who acts blamelessly. It is the one who lives his life according to God’s will and ways, regardless of the outcomes.

Joseph, son of Jacob, is a great example of this. Joseph is sold into slavery by his brothers. He finds himself serving an Egyptian master, Potiphar. And it happens over the course of time that Potiphar’s wife sought Joseph. “Lie with me,” she said (Gen. 39:7). As a slave, surely Joseph would have known that any refusal had the potential to go horribly wrong for him. And yet, Joseph refuses. “How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?” (Gen. 39:9) This happens day by day for a while (we do not know how long). Until finally, she catches him by his garment, tells him to lie with her, and Joseph leaves his garment and flees. This leads her to accuse Joseph to Potiphar, who ends up throwing Joseph in prison.

Joseph walked in integrity, regardless of what it would mean for him. He refused to walk in the ways of the world, in the ways of sin, in the ways of lust. Rather, he had resolved in himself to walk according to God’s will and way.

This is what it means for us, too. This Lent, we focus on the theme of turning away from sin and turning towards Jesus. One aspect of this means to turn away from our crooked ways towards walking in integrity; walking according to Jesus’ ways. No matter the cost, no matter the outcome, we put to death our sinful nature and walk in integrity with the help of God.

But what do we do if we have made our ways crooked? If we have been living according to our own sinful desires, according to the ways of the world, etc.? This is where repentance fits in. First and foremost, confess your sin to God. Do not deny the crooked things you have thought, said, or done. Instead, confess them; admit to God that they were against His will and ways. Second, believe that for the sake of Jesus Christ, your sin *is forgiven!* You are made new; washed clean; a saint. Third, with the help of God (and perhaps even requesting aid from your brothers and sisters in Christ), begin walking in integrity.

In Christ’s Service,
 Pastor Heitshusen

HAPPENINGS AT GRACE

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER



SEASON OF LENT

- Feb. 25: Lenten mid-week service, 6:00 pm
- Mar. 4: Lenten mid-week service, 6:00 pm
- Mar. 11: Lenten mid-week service, 6:00 pm
- Mar. 18: Lenten mid-week service, 6:00 pm
- Mar. 25: Lenten mid-week service, 6:00 pm
- Mar. 29: Palm Sunday service, 10:00 am
- Apr. 2: Maundy Thursday service, 6:00 pm
- Apr. 3: Good Friday service, 6:00 pm
- Apr. 5: Easter Breakfast, 8:30 am
- Apr. 5: Easter service, 10:00 am

The Ash Wednesday soup supper was held on Feb. 18th. Everyone enjoyed all the good food.

