

March 17, 2019
Second Sunday in Lent



Covenant Announcements

Thank you for joining us in our worship of our Gracious God!

If you are our guest today,
Welcome!

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Brian after the service.

If you have questions, please ask those sitting around you.

We hope you will join us again.
God loves you just as you are.

Please call Pastor Brian if you, or a loved one, are sick, depressed, hospitalized, or have concerns for yourself or your family.

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- Because **March 31st** is a Fifth Sunday, the Covenant churches will join together for ONE combined service at **10:00 a.m. at Redeemer**. There will be no services at St. Mark or Ascension that day. Services will be as scheduled on other Sundays.
- This week's **Lent Wednesday Meal, Services & Study** is **Wednesday, March 20 at Redeemer**. The meal is at 6:00 p.m. a worship service is at 7:00p.m, and Pastor Brian's **Luke Bible Study** at 8:00 p.m. Future dates & places are: March 27 at Ascension; April 3 at St. Mark; April 10 at Ascension & April 17 at Redeemer Churches will have plans for ride shares and car pools for people to attend other services. The **Bible Study** on Luke will pick up with **Luke 10:25**, when a lawyer asks Jesus "Who is my neighbor?"
- Sue Way is asking for cookies for her KAIROS Prison Ministry project. She needs them by April 3.
- The **WELCA Spring Gathering** will be Sat., April 6 at Redeemer from 9 am to noon. In-Kind gifts are for Infant Crisis (diapers, formula, etc.)
- The **SISU shelter and care for homeless youth** needs have changed and they have requested the following: Body Sprays, Headphones, \$5 Fast Food Gift Cards, Wallets, Movie Passes, Gallon Ziploc bags; Laundry detergent or pods; bleach; Fabulous; Trash bags; Windex; Toilet cleaner and bottled water. More info at www.sisuyouth.org. Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated.
- If you are looking for something to give up for Lent, there are bags for the **40 Days/40 Items** program in the Gathering Areas. If you are looking for a Lenten discipline, **7 Last Words Devotionals** are in the Gathering Areas.
- Fortress Press is having a Spring Sale through April 1 on their entire Biblical Studies inventory at www.fortresspress.christianbook.com. They are also having an ebook sale through Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Available books are listed here <https://bit.ly/2BHRYWj>.
- **Agnus Day** *appears with the permission of agnusday.org.*



Ananias' Theological Thoughts

My Big Guy was trying to explain to me how Lent can be both six and a half weeks long and last 40 days. I'm not that good at math, but my IPawd has a calculator on it.

If Lent started on March 6, and Easter is on April 21, that is 46 days. Why does he keep saying there are 40 days in Lent?

He explained it to me, and there is more to it than I first thought. He had previously told me, and I shared with you, that you don't count Sundays in Lent. The time of Lent is considered a time of fasting and you don't fast on Sundays. That's because you are already obeying one of God's laws to honor the Sabbath and the is more important than fasting. So you don't count Sundays in Lent.

That also means if you give up something for Lent, you don't have to give it up on Sundays!!

But Lent also doesn't end on Easter Sunday. It ends with services on Maundy Thursday.

He said the time after that, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are called the **Easter (or Paschal) Triduum**. These three days are almost a separate church time on their own.

I'm glad I didn't ask why Easter moves around.

Licks and Love,
Ananias Bulldogge Campbell

(Easter is the first Sunday after the first Full Moon on or after the start of Spring or March 21. + pBRC)

One Week Plus in the Covenant Churches

Monday, March 18	pBRC → <i>Sabbath</i>
Tuesday, March 19	pBRC → St. Mark
9:30 a.m.	Quilting at Ascension
11:00 a.m.	Pastor' Text Study at St. Mark
Wednesday, March 20	pBRC → Ascension
6:00 p.m.	Lenten Meal at Redeemer
7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service at Redeemer
8:00 p.m.	Bible Study on Luke at Redeemer
Thursday, March 21	pBRC → Redeemer
Friday, March 22	pBRC → Redeemer
9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study at St. Mark
Sunday, March 24	THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
8:30 a.m.	Worship w/ Communion (St. Mark)
10:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Communion (Ascension)
11:30 a.m.	Worship (Redeemer)
Wednesday, March 27	Lenten Meal at Ascension
6:00 p.m.	Lenten Service at Ascension
7:00 p.m.	Bible Study on Luke at Ascension
8:00 p.m.	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, March 31	JOINT Worship w/ Communion (Redeemer)
10:00 a.m.	Only Service This Sunday
Thursday, April 18	MAUNDY THURSDAY
6:00 p.m.	Service and Meal at Ascension
Friday, April 19	GOOD FRIDAY
6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service at Redeemer

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