

## **Lent is a time to assess our lives as Christians.**

- **TAKE TIME FOR WORSHIP.** Lent begins on Ash Wednesday February 10, 2016 with two worship times. First, we have worship at 12:15 PM with a brief liturgy for receiving Ashes, and also, we have a second fuller liturgy in the evening at 7:00 PM. Ashes in the form of a Cross on our foreheads is an indication of our repentance and desire to enter a pathway leading us on a journey toward The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus on March 27, 2016. Weekend worship in Lent is part of the pathway from Ashes to Easter

In addition we have six Saturday mornings in Lent when we have delicious breakfasts served at 9:00 AM in our multi-purpose room. We also take time for study and discussion. We have a series of six jump-starter videos for conversation on Prayer, Food, Worship, Sacraments, Money and Service. The first breakfast is on Saturday February 13, 2016. No sign-up necessary. Come – you are invited!

- **CLEAR A PATH FOR PRAYER.** During Lent perhaps we can clear a time in our schedules for prayer or simple quiet time with God. When our minds and hearts are overburdened with daily concerns, we may have a hard time noticing God’ love and presence within our lives.

We will have a booklet, in the entryway to the nave, for helping with prayer entitled: “A Place for Prayer.” This booklet highlights Jesus’ model for prayer as he himself spent time in prayer to his Father. Through the pages of this Lenten prayer booklet we follow a pathway with our Lord to the cross. As we follow along his pathway of prayer, we can learn to pray from Jesus’ example.

- **ANTICIPATE THE MOVEMENT FROM LENT TO EASTER.** Yes the forty days of Lent is a journey to the cross and beyond to the Glorious Resurrection of Jesus. Since we live real lives, we will encounter difficulty in Lent and we are invited as the hymn reveals: “Take it to the Lord in Prayer.” Perhaps we are sad just now during some transition in our lives. So many things happen and in the midst of the noise of living it is helpful to cultivate a patient and hopeful heart. Prayer and quiet time with our Lord helps in the journey.

We are people on a journey with our Lord Jesus offering up our joys and sorrows. Jesus is the way God has provided for each of us to find renewal and hope in the midst of things we do not fully understand. Lent is a time for making new beginnings. Knowing God, through Jesus, wants us to accept forgiveness so we can be open to the pathway which leads to the new life in store for us.

Please join the journey from Ashes to Easter,  
as we take time to assess our lives as Christians.