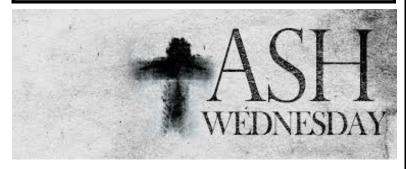




For the early church,
Lent was just the opposite of a dreary season of

restriction. It was understood as an opportunity to return to the life of natural communion with God.

- Marjorie Thompson



#### 5:30 meditative music

#### 5:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday service

The early church observed Lent as a time of repentance and renewal — a way of preparing for Easter. During the eighth century, the church began observing Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, as a solemn day of confession. The name Ash Wednesday comes from the sign of ashes that the worshipers receive on their foreheads as an act of repentance and a symbol of mortality. We hope you will come to this meaningful service that begins the Lenten season.

#### Worship at Lake Shore The First Sunday of Lent

The Worship of God February 18, 2018

Sermon

Kyndall Rothaus

The Scripture
Mark 1:9-15

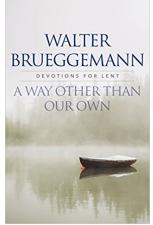
## "A Way Other Than Our Own"

A Devotional Guide for Lent \$5.00 in the church office

We're glad that so many of you have picked up a copy of the book we have chosen for Lent this year! No need to worry — we've ordered more that should be here, today, Ash Wednesday.

Richard Floyd, who selected the daily passages from Bruggemann's work, writes: "Prolonged exposure to Walter's work performs a kind of alchemy on the soul, gradually transforming our cramped and sclerotic vision into something more capacious and generous. He is an excellent, if occasionally disruptive, companion for the Lenten journey. Walter's incisive

exploration of Scripture reveals the same prophetic message found in Isaiah and Jeremiah, calling to us also through the Psalms, Torah, gospels, and even a handful of epistles. We are invited to walk a Lenten path that may be barely recognizable to our self-indulgent and violent world—a path marked by grace, compassion, and abundance."



## LAST CALL: YOUR INPUT NEEDED!

If you haven't yet taken the congregational survey developed by the LSBC Needs Assessment Task Force, please take the time to provide your feedback this week. It takes less than 20 minutes and is easy to do. Just stop by the office and pick up a paper survey, or go on line to

www.surveymonkey.com/r/LSBC2018.

We want to know what you think!

## A Case Against Hunger



February 25, 28 March 4, 14

Lake Shore's annual drive to help replenish the shelves at Caritas

#### Here's how it works:

- The Caritas covenant group orders cases of food that will be delivered to Lake Shore.
- You may purchase food before and after Sunday School, after worship, and before Wednesday night supper.
- You may choose between canned meats, cereal, canned vegetables, rice, peanut butter, and pasta.
- Children may purchase macaroni & cheese by the box rather than by the case.
- After March 14, Caritas will pick up the food Lake

Youth and adults who would like to help sell cases of food, please contact Buddy Powell at 409-392-4672 or email him at hcpowell262@hotmail.com.

Shore has purchased to help fill the shelves.

The Mission of Caritas is "to provide urgent support to people in need in our community through emergency assistance with food, prescription drugs, clothing, household items and utilities and through two thrift stores." Last year

Caritas served 24,000 people with supplemental food assistance. —Sponsored by: Caritas Covenant Group

# "A Way Other Than Our Own" Wednesday nights during Lent 6:15 p.m.

February 21 — Bill Bellinger, leader

A Way Other than Our Own, our Lenten devotional guide this year, will also be our focus on Wednesday nights. Four of our Lake Shore members — Bill Bellinger, Buddy Powell, Libby Bellinger, and Steve Reid — will guide our Wednesday night conversations during February and March each focusing on the devotions for a different week of Lent. The book's editor writes: "We are invited to walk a Lenten path that may be barely recognizable to our selfindulgent and violent world — a path marked by grace, compassion, and abundance. . . . We begin our Lenten journey addressed by the remarkable assurance that the God who summons us is the God who goes along with us. God has always called people out of their safe, walled cities into uncomfortable places, revealing paths they would never have chosen. Despite our culture of self-indulgence, we too are called to walk an alternative path — one of humility, justice, and peace." Walter Bruggemann's thoughtprovoking reflections for the season of Lent invite us to consider the challenging, beautiful life that comes with walking the way of grace.

Next week, seven days after Ash Wednesday, we will be entering the second week of Lent, and Bill Bellinger will introduce us to his friend Walter Bruggemann and guide us through Bruggemann's words for the second week of Lent.

Bill is the is the W. Marshall and Lulie Craig Chairholder in Bible, Chair of the Department of Religion and Professor of Religion at Baylor University. He is best known for his research on worship texts in the Old Testament. Bill is the author of Psalms: A Guide to Studying the Psalter, 2nd edition, and Psalmody and Prophecy, and Psalms (with Walter Bruggemann), and among other books. Bill has chaired the Steering Committee for the Book of Psalms Section of the Society of Biblical Literature and has served on the editorial board of the Catholic Biblical Quarterly.

Books available in the church office for \$5. Contact Sharlande to reserve one.

February 21 — Bill Bellinter

February 28— Buddy Powell

March 14 — Libby Bellinger

March 21 — Steve Reid

## Children's Corner



#### Ash Wednesday is for Kids, Too!

From dust we have *all* come, and to dust we will all return - Ash Wednesday strikes a somber note and so families often shy away from bringing children to participate, but this service is a special opportunity for children to be involved in the sacred rhythm of the church year and to participate bodily in a worship service: standing, walking, smelling and feeling the ashes imposed on their foreheads. We hope you'll join us, and bring the kids along. Childcare will be available for ages 4 and under, although children are, of course, welcome in the service as well.

#### Illustrated Lenten Family Devotionals

If your children weren't at Children's Time on Sunday, you can pick up your family's copy of the Illustrated Lent Devotional book in the hallway outside the office. This is a tool with once-a-week devotions for the 6 weeks of Lent that also includes beautiful coloring sheets that your family can work on together in non-verbal reflection on the season's deeper meanings. We hope it will be useful to you!



#### Prayers for . . .

Kate and Pam Smallwood, who are returning to Texas today from Denver where Kate had surgery related to her Bronchiectasis diagnosis at National Jewish Health. Her surgery went well, and her surgeon cleared her to go home this morning.

Buddy Powell's brother, John Powell, who has been at Providence since last weekend. His condition has improved significantly over the past few days and Buddy says that John may be able to return to St. Catherine's on Friday.

Gail Kamm, who is hospitalized at Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas for possible treatment for kidney cancer. If you would like to send her a card, her daughter, Carolyn Pasierb, suggests you send to Gail at Carolyn's home: Gail Kamm, 3500 Country Visa Drive, Burleson, TX 76128.

Erin Cline, whose father, Mike Cline, died on February 3, in Maui, where he was snorkeling. Erin offered a eulogy at his service in Homer, Alaska, on Saturday, February 10. Here is a copy of Erin's words that she shared at the service and now shares with us. They are characteristically full of generous gratitude and love. Our prayers are with Erin and her family in this tender time of loss.

John Wise, who had quadruple bypass surgery last Thursday. Our prayers are with John and Flo.

Jeremy Fox, son of John and Naomi Fox, and his family here and in Houston. We pray for them all.

Joan Parsons who's procedure to help lessen her sciatic nerve pain has been postponed. The procedure was originally scheduled for today.

Kyndall's grandmother who was recently admitted into hospice care.



Soup Bowl Supper Palm Sunday, March 25

At this Holy Week supper, we are keenly aware that all that we have comes from God. The empty bowls remind us of our dependence on God's mercy and grace that gives us what we need day by day for the journey toward Easter. They also remind us of the poor whom Jesus loves, our brothers and sisters in the world, for whom a little rice, soup, or grain in a bowl is, like manna, food for the day.

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#### **CALENDAR**

#### Sunday, February 18

9:30—Sunday School

10:45—Worship

3:00—Newsletter Deadline

4:30—Soulfriends

#### Tuesday, February 20

1:30—Staff Meeting

#### Wednesday, February 21

5:15—Supper

6:15—Children's Activities

6:15—Seminar

7:15—Choir Rehearsal

# Volunteers for

Extended Care: Chris Williamson: Ushers:

# Sunday, February 18

Susan Johnson Pam Smallwood

### Wednesday night supper February 21

King Ranch Chicken, Beans, and Salad

We will not serve desert during the four suppers of Lent.

children, \$3.00 vouth & adults, \$6.00 Write Krysta@lsbcwaco.org by Sunday noon to add or cancel reservations.

#### pancake supper



Emily Hunt and TJ Geiger also love the bacon and pancakes! (enlarge to see TJ's shirt!)

Thanks to Joan and Victoria Rectenwald for keeping the serving table supplied with hot pancakes fresh off the griddle on Tuesday night. Next year, we'll buy more bacon!

## WEEKLY YOUTH UPDATE

#### **ABRIDGED**

Wednesday 2/14 Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday 2/18 9:30am - Sunday School 5-7pm - Medicine Stories

#### Saturday 2/24

5:30pm - LSBC Movie Night: Get Out

Please see the letter on the bulletin board for information on an upcoming Community Volunteer Service hours opportunity!

For more, see the Youth bulletin board in the hallway. For questions, or to subscribe to the full Youth Update, email zach@lsbcwaco.org.



## LAKE SHORE MOVIE N

Saturday, 2/24 at 5pm in the Blue Room. Discussion will follow. Free childcare and popcorn available. Feel free to bring food.

One of this year's Best Picture nominees, Get Out tells a convicting story about racism, particularly the unintentional racism among whites who consider themselves allies (nudge nudge). I hope you'll join us as we explore this story as a community! Because this is a horror film, parents are encouraged to check out the parents' guide to this film on IMDB. For those of you hesitant to come because of the genre, 1. Remember we're not watching for thrills and gore, but to explore a indicting story we need to hear, and 2. Surely there will be someone else there willing to hold your hand!

#### **Weekly Budget Report**

Your contributions help fund our mission work, church programs, human resources, and physical facilities. Weekly budget needs for our 2018 budget of \$486,000.00 are \$9,826.92. This week's budget receipts were \$8,925.33

> Year to date needs \$58,961.52

Year to date received \$48,836.76

**Difference** (\$10, 124.76)

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