

# The Epistle

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Epiphany into Lent

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

This year the Church Calendar has given us a maximum number of Sundays after Epiphany. February 27 will be the Eighth Sunday after Epiphany, and March 6 will be the last Sunday after the Epiphany, which is observed with the Gospel reading of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Lent begins on March 9, Ash Wednesday, with the following services:

Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes – 12:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

Other Wednesdays in Lent – Eucharist – 5:15 p.m.

There are a variety of booklets and a poster available in the back of church for your personal devotional use during Lent. Hopefully, you will find one that will interest you. If not, there are many other possibilities. Please do contact me, and we will try to meet your needs. Lent should be a time to grow closer to Jesus through prayer, study, and giving of our resources of time and treasure.

For our Lenten giving, Episcopal churches are asked to gather funds to help the Diocese of Haiti, in their continuing struggle to fund ministry and to rebuild since the devastating earthquake in January, 2010. Checks for this Lenten Fund can be made out to St. Paul's Episcopal Church with Haiti Fund in the memo line, and these funds will be sent to the Diocese. Bp. Scarfe has been spending some sabbatical retreat time in Wales, and will be traveling to Swaziland for Lent. He will be involved with teaching/preaching in a different area of the country each week. Do keep him in your prayers.

A couple of weeks ago, I shared from a Methodist devotional publication, a psalm/poem written by my brother-in-law, The Rev. Jerry Oakland, who is a Methodist minister currently serving in Storm Lake, IA. Perhaps his phrase, "enduring grace" might resonate with your Lenten journey this year.

Psalm/Prayer based on Psalm 137 -- The Rev. Jerry Oakland

O GOD OF ALL TIMES AND PLACES,

of all peoples and nations,

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we pray for your comfort and strength on each day of life's journey  
as we walk in the light of your enduring grace.

Blessings as the Season of Light gives way to the Season of Ashes,

Mary Jane+

## MEETINGS

### ST. MARGARET'S MISSION

St. Margaret's Mission will meet  
Thursday, March 3; at 6:00 p.m. Hosts will  
be Harold & Patricia Gourley!

### ST. PAUL'S VESTRY

St. Paul's Vestry will meet  
**Thursday, March 17** at 7:00 p.m.

## 2011 COFFEE SCHEDULE

**March 6** – Don & Sandy Crowley  
**March 13** – Bill & Barbara Baltisberger  
**March 20** – Orlin & Sally Klinkefus  
**March 27** – Betty Bradner -Mary Harvey

**April 3** - Kay Beach  
**April 10** – David & Karen Bursley  
**April 17** - (Palm Sunday)  
**April 24** - (Easter Sunday) Don & Pam  
Campbell

**May 1** – Mary Lou Tappe  
**May 8** – Sheryl Readout  
**May 15** – Betty Bradner -Mary Harvey  
**May 22** – Nan & Rex Ryden  
**May 29** – Don & Sandy Crowley



### Altar Flowers

The sign up sheet for the altar flowers for 2011 is on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please sign up for the dates that you want during the next coming year. Please order your flowers through Designz by Dawn so she knows your personal wishes for the floral arrangement!

## Lenten fellowship and worship

**service** will be held every Wednesday morning during Lent. Breakfast will start at 6:30 a.m., followed by a Lenten message.

The following churches will host on the dates indicated:

March 9	Central Christian Church 300 W. Main St.
March 16	St. Mary's Catholic Church 11 W. Linn St.
March 23	First Presbyterian Church 101 S. Center St.
March 30	St. Henry's Catholic Church 211 W. Olive St.
April 6	Hope United Methodist Church 2203 S. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave.
April 13	Our Savior Lutheran Church 3001 S. 6 <sup>th</sup> St.
April 20	First United Methodist Church 202 W. Main St.

There are three different Lenten devotionals and a poster available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please help yourself!

### EUCCHARIST

Eucharist will be observed at 5:15 p.m. for the remaining Wednesdays in Lent.

Ash Wednesday – Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will be held at 12:15 and 5:15!



## MEALS ON WHEELS

March 23 Nan Ryden & Kay Beach

If you cannot serve when scheduled, trade with someone or use the following members in an emergency only.

Barb Baltisberger	753-7494
Pam Campbell	753-8064
Nan Ryden	753-3788
Mary Lou Tappe(After Feb.)	752-5833

## House of Compassion

St. Paul's served the evening meal of 28 people at the House of Compassion on Tuesday February 8. The meal included chicken and rice, left over chili, sandwiches, green beans, and fruit salad! We would like to thank David Oakland, David Bursley, Tom & P.J. Colbert, Kay Beach, and Roger Halleck for helping!

**March:** is our month to help replenish the Supply Closet at the House of Compassion. Suggested items are paper products, personal items, soaps, cleaners, over-the-counter medications and vitamins. Brown grocery bags are available at the back of the church to take home and fill and return to the shopping cart.

## Serving through the Emergency Food Box Helps us all!

Emergency Fox Box serves many!!!

Since the Emergency Fox Box is seeing an increase in the number of families needing help throughout all of Marshall County, your offerings of food (please note the dates on the canned items) and/or **cash donations** are needed. The Emergency Fox Box is supported solely by the contributions of generous people like yourselves.





Currently, the items that we are in need of the most are **chicken noodle and tomato soups and large can of soups with meat. These food items are not currently available from the Food Bank in Des Moines in the quantities that we need.**

If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, you may send a check or cash at any time. Make checks payable to: **Emergency Food Box. Money may also be placed in your offering plate or mail to: EFB, P.O. Box 391, Marshalltown, IA 50158.**

These funds are used to buy needed items locally or, if available, from the Food Bank and to pay handling charges for items we are able to get from the Food Bank of Iowa.

Again, thank you for your past contributions. Whatever you can do is greatly appreciated.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	
			St. Margaret's Mission - 6pm	Happy Birthday! Laurie Elder Ledford		
6 9:30 AM Worship	7	8	9	10	11	12
			 Happy Birthday! Harold Gourley	Happy Birthday! Audrey Hafar		
13 9:30 AM Worship	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Happy Birthday! JoeAnn Finch		 Vestry - 7PM		
20 9:30 AM Worship	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:30 AM Worship	28					
					