



FEBRUARY 2018

The Vine

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches..." John 15:5

Holiness

Holiness, Holiness is what I long for. Holiness is what I need. Holiness, Holiness is what you want for me." – a truly great worship chorus! The words are profound. Deep. Difficult. True. What is holiness? It is not a superior "holier than thou attitude." It is not Pharisaical legalism. It is not sinless perfectionism. Holiness is separating yourself from the ways of this world: lust for power, popularity, and pension. Holiness is separating yourself from opportunities to indulge in the deeds of the flesh nature (sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these) – Galatians 5:19-21.



Holiness is not withdrawing from this corrupt world, but being different from it. As Jesus said, "You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14). He didn't say to try to be the light of the world. He said you *are* the light of the world. It is who you are. In His High Priestly prayer (John 17), Jesus prayed not for us to be taken out of this corrupt world, but for us to be sanctified (set apart, made holy) by the truth in His Word in this world.

When your light doesn't shine, it is because your light has been covered up with the things of this world. The things of this world are everywhere. They surround us and constantly attempt to engulf us and choke us. When we indulge in the ways of this world, our souls become damaged and twisted, and guilt and shame hover consistently around us. For those who continue to indulge in the ways of this world, their conscience becomes "seared as with a

hot iron" (1 Timothy 4:2, NIV) and they no longer feel the needed guilt and shame they once did.

When the Jews lived in Egypt for 400 years, they became slaves, not just to their Egyptian overlords, but also to the false gods of Egypt. When God brought them out of Egypt, much of Egypt remained in the hearts of God's people. It took 40 years in the Sinai Wilderness to purge the unholy ways of Egypt from their hearts. God said, "For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy" (Leviticus 11:45). Separate yourself from the ways of Egypt. Separate yourself from the ways of this world. That is what holiness is all about. The Apostle Peter said, "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:14-16).

As we approach the Christian season of Lent, consider how to grow in holiness. To lose weight you have to increase exercise and reduce your caloric intake. To grow in holiness your will need to increase your spiritual consumption and reduce your exposure to the things of this world. It is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16). May the pure light of Christ shine into this dark world from within you!

Our Path of Christian Maturity

Worship  Grow  Serve

The Faith Flash

Are you receiving our email newsletter, *The Faith Flash*? *The Faith Flash* comes out weekly with timely information and reminders. Sign up today by going to our website (www.faithanglicanchurch.org), or calling the church office (755-4848).

Altar Guild News

The Altar Guild wishes to welcome Amy Trippel to our ranks. Amy is a welcome addition to this ministry and will be greatly appreciated in her service to our Lord.

Youth News

Summer Mission

Hey families of youth! We have a very exciting change to our summer schedule coming up; we will be replacing Soul in the City with Service Over Self, aka SOS, which is a week long, in town service trip. We will have a fun day in the middle of the week as well. More info will come closer to time but if you have any questions or are interested then please let me know! The dates are June 10-16. *I am working on a Spring event as well!

The big game

The big game! That's right, the youth will be watching the big game together! Which means the Sunday of the big game (Feb. 4th) we will be meeting at 6:00 pm and we are currently looking for a house to host the youth to watch the big game. If we can't find one, we will meet at Faith to watch it! Parents & family are encouraged to come watch with the youth!

*Because it is Super Bowl Sunday, AWANA and Youth Crew will meet immediately following the 10:30 am service after a quick lunch.

Confirmation Classes for Adults and Teens: *A Mature Commitment*

Confirmation classes are for those adult members and teens (9th grade and older) who would like to go a step further in their walk with Christ and make – what the Catechism calls – “a mature commitment to [your] baptismal covenant with God” and become Confirmed members. Confirmation goes a step further than the Discovering Faith membership process. Those wishing to reaffirm their faith are also encouraged to attend. **Confirmation classes begin February 4th.** To be confirmed, you will need to attend the nine week class on Sunday mornings in the Children's Ministry Center at 9:25 a.m. (Feb. 4th – April 8th), meet with our bishop on Confirmation Sunday, April 15th, and be prayed for by him in the Confirmation service. Students in ninth grade and older will also need to attend a Youth Confirmation Workshop. If you are interested, call the church office (755-4848) to sign up or email Fr. Herb at herbhand@faithanglicanchurch.org. Questions? Please contact Fr. Herb.

World Missions

There is much coming up in February as we begin another faithful year in World Missions. Lent is just around the corner and that means our church celebration of Shrove Sunday will be held on 2-11-2018, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. We will celebrate with a Pancake Lunch. Come help celebrate the season that begins on Ash Wednesday, 2-14-18.

February 18, we are blessed to have Derek Jones, Bishop of the Armed Forces. We will be asking for a donation that will support his mission as the Bishop of the Armed Forces and his travels to those who defend our nation and our way of life while serving in the armed forces. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.



I would also like to remind our congregation that we have missionaries that serve in some very dangerous places to spread the word of Christ to those who have never heard it. Please pray that these godly persons may be kept out of harm's way and be successful in bringing the word of Christ to people in distant lands.

Please pray for the mission of Faith Anglican Church and the Missions we support with our prayers, our donations and our love.

Dave Hightower, Parish Council, World Missions

February Birthdays

Kenzie Hearne	01	Norma Pike	16
Susan Fones	02	Ellen Kang	17
Annette Kersting	02	Bob Bostick	19
Maureen Howard	07	Mary Pipes	21
Ashton King	12	Margie Crocker	27
Deb Jacobs	13	Kiera King	28

February Anniversaries

Karl & Janice Badgett	02
Chris & Alexa Tutor	14
Kevin & Margie Crocker	25

Prayer Corner

George Conner

Noland Pipes

Mansell Lancaster

Robin McCray

Emily Dalke

Nancy Ebbing

James Fields





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion February 14						
4 New Member Sun. 8:10 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Conf. Class 10:30 Holy Eucharist 12:15 Sunday Groups	5 7:00 Women's Bible Study	6 8:00 Men's Bible Study	7 10:00 Women's Prayer Time 10:30 Women's Bible Study	1	2	3
11 Shrove Sunday 8:10 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Eucharist 12:15 Pancake Lunch	12 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Women's Bible Study	13 8:00 Men's Bible Study 11:30 Executive Committee 7:00 Prayer Meeting	14 <i>Ash Wednesday Services</i> <i>Noon and 7:00 pm</i>	15	16	17
18 World Mission Sun 8:10 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Eucharist	19 7:00 Women's Bible Study	20 8:00 Men's Bible Study 6:45 Parish Council	21 10:00 Women's Prayer Time 10:30 Women's Bible Study	22	23	24
25 8:10 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Eucharist	26 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Women's Bible Study	27 8:00 Men's Bible Study	28 10:00 Women's Prayer Time 10:30 Women's Bible Study	29	30	31
ADOTs Clergy Retreat						
Faith Leadership Retreat						

All articles for The Vine are due in the office the *second Monday* of the month, send to: laqueta@faithanglicanchurch.org

Service Times:
Sunday:
 Holy Eucharist8:10/10:30am
 Sunday School9:30am

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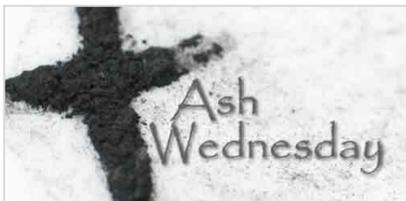
Shrove Sunday Pancake Luncheon ~ February 11th at Noon

Before our Lenten fast begins on Ash Wednesday (February 14th), enjoy a of time of fellowship and feasting! Pancakes will be provided. Bring fruit toppings, drinks, and breakfast meat to share.

For the Children: The children will be invited to assist Fr. Herb in burning last year’s palms to make this year’s ashes for Ash Wednesday.



What is Shrove? The word shrove is a form of the English word shrive, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of Confession and doing penance. Thus Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the custom for Christians to be “shriven” before the start of Lent.



February 14th (Noon and 7 pm)

Ash Wednesday liturgy says, “I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on

God’s holy Word...” Please make plans to attend either our Noon or 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday service with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Childcare is available at the evening service. The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th and concludes on Good Friday, March 30th. Lent begins and ends with our only two official fast days of the year. Please plan on beginning and ending this Lent with fasting and prayer. If you have questions or concerns about fasting, please contact one of our priests.