



St. Paul's Lutheran Church Messenger

“PROCLAIM CHRIST, MAKE DISCIPLES, SERVE THE LORD”

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Paul's,

Lent is interesting this year. Ash Wednesday started out on Valentine's Day and Easter is on April Fool's Day. Nothing wrong with it being on those days, but it makes me consider the many distractions that can take away from our time of reflection. A renewed dedication is often part of our Lent season act of worship. What is your distraction? What is it that gets in the way of your dedication to the Lord. Getting by is at times all we can do. Schedules and time, difficulties with relationships, finances, and health.

I don't want to sound like some infomercial, but don't miss out. Life will always be busy, struggles will always be with you, life is difficult. It takes effort to take time for the Lord. Consider the verses in Matthew 6:33 *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.* 34 *Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

In fact Matthew Chapter 6 and 7 has a lot of insight on the wise and the foolish, treasures in heaven, worry, and prayer. A few minutes a day well spent may not change all your trouble, but it may give you some much sought after peace and insight. When difficulties come and you pray, God may not change the situation at all. The Lord may open your eyes in prayer and scripture and give you that rest and peace you desire. Often it is in His time and on His terms, but peace and calm in the middle of a raging storm is only something God can do.

Blessing and Peace,

Pastor David Hardin