

I don't know about you but I am entering into this season of Lent with much on my heart and needing to have some answers from the Lord. I'm sure as we journey through these days that by Resurrection Day my answers will be clear. Please be encouraged to lay before the Lord from Day One, this Wednesday either at 6:00am or 7:00pm, those things that are on your heart.

March 10
[Deuteronomy 26:1-11](#)
[Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16](#)
[Romans 10:8b-13](#)
[Luke 4:1-13](#)

GAFCON (the Global Anglican Future CONference has made available to all who would wish to access it a Lent prayer diary this diary can be accessed [via the website](#) (the website is www.Gafcon.org, the link is on the home page very obvious). It will provide subscribers with a topic each day from tomorrow through to Easter Day and beyond to fuel our prayers as we stand together in gospel partnership.



Often when we think of Lent we think of prayer and fasting or giving up something. I received an email from the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA) reminding me to remind you that traditionally "*almsgiving*" is also fills out the trio of aspects that make up a full Lent observation. *Almsgiving* was traditionally an act of giving money or food to the poor. Which leads me to congratulate you for giving in **one** offering **\$793.00** to We Care for the Warm Your Heart Month collection for those who have difficulty keeping their homes warm. I joined in on Saturday Feb. 23rd at the traffic circle downtown South Haven from 10:00am-11:00am collecting funds from travelers for the same cause. This single offering speaks to the heart this parish has for those less fortunate and is to be commended!

Please pay close attention to the Sunday bulletin to be made aware of all the observances here at the church during the days of Lent.



The Vestry would like to plan some **summer events**, taking advantage of the large property we now have. The first step in pulling this off is to create a team of creative volunteers to brainstorm how we can best utilize our property and what kind of events we can plan. If you fit this bill, creative thinker and fun person, would you please see Margaret Smith to let her know you'd be willing to be on the **Summer Events Team**? Please alert Margaret at your earliest convenience we would like to celebrate the beginning of Summer, which is in June, with our first event.

Also the Altar Guild could use some volunteers to lighten the load of preparing the church for Sunday services. Presently there are only three people on the Altar Guild. You would serve for one month, frequency determined by the number of people on the Guild. Right now each member serves every 3 months. This is an important behind the scenes ministry. Please contact Carol Bailey, Dawn Darling, or Dana Turner for further direction.

Insightful Quote

“A natural outcome of time spent in the safety of God’s presence is that it becomes quite natural to engage routinely in a rhythm of celebrating who we are in Christ and the work of transformation that God is doing in our lives, as well as inviting him to show us those places where we are still living in bondage to sin and negative patterns. Without the regular experience of being received and loved by God in solitude and silence, we are vulnerable to a kind of life that is driven by profound emptiness that we are seeking to fill through performance and achievement.”

If you recall from Sunday this transformation is the way God’s glory shines out from our lives. For Moses in Exodus 34 God’s glory shone from his face as radiant light beams, which scared the people of Israel. Paul says in 2 Cor. 3.18 that God’s glory shines from us not from a changed visage but from a changed life!! This is a crazy thing to contemplate! The actual glory of the Almighty radiates from us as we are transformed from glory to glory.

I told Dana just yesterday that this is an awesome, almost unbelievable truth that if don’t get too excited about it’s probably because we don’t see our transformed lives as being nearly as exciting as a neon face. At the same time, if God thinks our transformed neon lives are good enough to reflect his unique holy glory as Paul states in 2 Cor. 3.18 we might want to join God in his excitement over our transformed lives. Whenever we love or forgive or treat someone better than ourselves when we don’t want to **THAT’S GLORY!**