

## March 2017 Newsletter for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

### March Notes

#### March 1, Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Mark the beginning of the journey to the cross with the simple "poor person's meal" of a Pancake Lunch at 12:30 p.m., cost \$5.00. The meal is hosted by the Wednesday Bible Study.

Following the meal is the Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes at 2:00 p.m. Ashes are the ancient symbol of mourning.

Throughout the Bible, when someone goes into mourning they are portrayed tearing their clothes and putting ashes on their heads. We have our foreheads marked with ashes on Ash Wednesday because Lent is traditionally a time to reflect on our own mortality, and to remember that "we are dust and to dust we shall return."

#### March 3, World Day of Prayer

This is a longstanding ecumenical observance when

Christians of all denominations gather together to pray for the world. This year the service is being held at the Salvation Army Community Church, 2469 South Main Street. The service begins at 2:00 p.m.

#### March 5, Soulspace

On the first Sunday of the month, Soulspace (7:00 p.m.) offers a time of Taizé style chanting and quiet meditation to begin the month.

#### The Wednesday Bible Study and Fellowship

is currently working its way through the Psalms. All are welcome to join in the study. After taking a break to host the Ash Wednesday lunch, the Bible Study will resume on March 8.

#### Lutheran Inquirer's Class

This is a multi-purpose class that functions both as a "new members class" and as a general introduction to Lutheran Christianity.

Attending the class does not mean that you have to become a member, but if you are from a background other than Lutheran or Anglican, this is the class you take to become a member. Otherwise, it is also a good general summary of Lutheranism for those who are interested.

In order to try to accommodate everyone, there is a sign-up sheet where you can indicate which times of the week work best for you. Pastor Curtis will then take this information and identify a time slot that works for all or most.

#### Ministries' List

Linda Wilson is preparing the Ministries' List for April-September 2017. This is our roster for all who are helping in various ways on Sunday mornings. As the Body of Christ on earth, we each bring our gifts and help each other in this way. Thank you for signing up!