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Voices of Faith at Faith

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To the beloved Faithful Islanders and beyond.

**THIS COMING WEDNESDAY (February 18)
IS OUR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT
7:00 PM.**

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Ashes are an ancient symbol. In Genesis, we read that God formed human beings out of the dust of the earth (Genesis 2:7). After expulsion from the Garden of Eden, the first human beings are told by God, “you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19 NRSV). The Hebrew word translated dust, is occasionally translated ashes elsewhere. Throughout scripture, ashes are part of rituals when people seek forgiveness and mourn their sin (see Numbers 19:9, 17; Hebrews 9:13; Jonah 3:6; Matthew 11:21, and Luke 10:13, among others).

The imposition of ashes on the heads of Christians to mark the beginning of Lent can be traced at least to the 10th century. Marking the forehead with the sign of the cross is a more recent adaptation. In earlier centuries, ashes were used to mark those who had been separated from the church because of serious sins and were seeking to be re-admitted to the fellowship of the church. In effect, they were redoing the process of final preparation for

church membership along with those doing it for the first time. They were sprinkled with ashes and given rough garments to wear as a sign of sorrow for their sins and their commitment to seek renewal in Christian life through this season.

Since the tenth century, the observance of Ash Wednesday has become a general rite for all in the Western church. The Orthodox churches have never observed this rite. Ashes are an "accessory" that demonstrates an awareness of mortality and an intent to repent. The actual awareness and the corporate and personal acts of repentance are the substance of services for the first day of Lent.

In many churches the ashes are made by burning the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

As the ashes are placed on the forehead, words such as these are spoken: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return," recalling God's words to Adam in Genesis 3:19, or “Repent, and believe the gospel” recalling the message of both John the Baptist and Jesus (Mark 1:15). Through the service of ashes on the first day of Lent, we come before God recognizing our humanity, repenting of our sin, and remembering who we are and who we can be.

(Thanks AI for the summary)

We have come this far by faith, even if it's the size of a mustard seed, the smallest of plant seeds.

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**NO WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
DURING THE 2026 LENTEN SEASON!!!!!!
FAT TUESDAY/SHROVE TUESDAY
THIS COMING TUESDAY.....**

**Fat Tuesday Celebration on February 17th,
day before Ash Wednesday**



Faith Lutheran Church will be hosting Fat Tuesday Celebration with a pancake supper. We invite all young and old people to come and help with cooking pancakes and sausages. We will have other goodies like the King's Cake, who knows what else? Many other things that will remind us of New Orleans where most of us wanted to be on this day. Invite neighbors and friends, no one will be disappointed. Supper time will be at 6:00 pm and please let Pastor Thulie or JB know if you can help with meal preparation.

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**CELEBRATING THE FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAY SAINTS:**

- 02/02 Thulie Beresford
- 02/03 Luanne Lingle
- 02/07 Wendi Ammons
- 02/13 Bubba Rhea
- 02/26 Sharon Hite

**Please let us know if we missed your
birthday!!!**



REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS:

Mary Ritchie's family and other loved ones, Stephen Bellah, Nettie Poulnot's family and loved ones, Jimmy Farr's family, Pastor Josh Knutson's family and his congregations (Christ Community Church, North Charleston and St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Moncks Corner) after his untimely death, Bishop Ginny Aebischer, Mike Shuey, Mikie Floyd, Ken Herns, Rick Hartley, Bobby Webb, Patricia Beruf, Reid Melton, Jay O'Neill, Phil Ammons, Pat Lane, Helena Bradford, Donna Porritt, Nettie Poulnot, Dolores Dukes, Matthew Sharbrough, Trisha Melton, Harry Rakowski.

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SERVING – Sunday, February 22, 2026

Lector & Prayer Leader	Holden Ammons
Acolyte	Holden Ammons
Ushers	Jim Jones & Bobby Bellah
Communion Assistant	Anthony Gaines
Communion Prep	Karen Sykes

Next Sunday, February 22nd is our last Sunday of the month and on this Sunday we have a fellowship hour after our worship service. Please bring finger foods to share.



WORDS....“SOURCES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN”

“Have you ever noticed how your mother knows exactly how to push all your buttons? That’s because she installed all of them.”

“When I text my adult children, they don’t answer for hours. But when they text me I have 25 seconds to reply or I get, MOM! MOTHER! MOM? ANSWER ME!”

“I’m so old, I remember having one bathroom for the whole family, a dial phone attached to the wall, no Internet, and a console TV that had rabbit ears and only 3 channels.”

“Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave your house.”

“I’m from an era where we didn’t even know our parents got their income tax money. They just came home one night with KFC.”

“My co-worker said- You should never eat donuts for breakfast! to me today. I told her ‘My grandmother lived to 100 years old.’ She asked, ‘Did she eat donuts for breakfast?’ I said, ‘No, she minded her own business.’”



“Take One Day at a Time...whatever you are going through will not last forever. Lean on your faith. Remember that this Community of Faith at Faith is the one you can lean on. The good times are around the corner. In the meantime, tread life with prayer. And I always keep you in my most intimate prayers.”

Peace,
Pastor Thulie