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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR...

Change. It's never easy. The older I get, the harder it is for me to accept change. I remember, when I was in my 20s, how exciting it was to think about making a move to a new school, new job, or new location. Every change was an adventure. Judy and I, in the first few years of our marriage, must have moved every six months. Of course, back then, we didn't have many possessions to pack up. We loved looking forward to every move we made.

But change becomes a greater issue with each passing year, I think. It disrupts our comfortable routines and requires new ways of coping with life. This is especially true in the church, where we sometimes expect things to stay the same. You and I are familiar with Jesus' "Seven Last Words from the Cross." But have you heard of the seven last words of the church? "We never did it that way before!" Whether it's a new hymn, new liturgy, new style of worship or new hot dish, it's sure to get a reaction.

Luck and St. Peter's are in the midst of some pretty significant changes. As I write this, the congregations are considering whether their future ministry needs are best served together or separately. While I don't know the outcome of that decision yet, I do know that it will involve change either way. Calling a new pastor is a life-changing experience in the life of any congregation. All of us will be affected.

Some years ago, Pastor Rick Warren wrote a book entitled, "The Purpose Driven Church." In that book, he made the point that mission and message matter more than models or methods. In other words, the real issue isn't whether or not we want Luck and St. Peter's to stay together. The real issue is what will best serve God's mission. Warren challenges every church to see the big picture and thus embrace God's vision, which may be different from ours. "Don't focus on the model of your church," Warren writes. "Focus on the purpose of your church."

Whatever the future holds, and however decisions shake out, we will all need to deal with change. The only constant in life is change. But through it all, thankfully, we will remain rooted in the love of Christ, who "is the same yesterday, today and forever."

On another subject, Lent is approaching. This is a special time of year for Christians, as we tend our souls, practice spiritual disciplines and prepare for Holy Week and Easter. It's forty days of renewal. During Lent, we'll have midweek services on Wednesday evenings. Members of Luck and St. Peter's are invited to attend. The theme will be "Voices of Faith." We'll have supper together before the services. It will be a wonderful time for all of us to come together, as God's people.

I look forward to seeing you in church.

Pastor Norm Belland

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"Many are the plans of our heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." (Proverbs 19:21)

LUCK LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES DECEMBER 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mike Broten.

Members present: Pastor Norm Beland, Mike Broten, Amy Dueholm, Brian Paulsen, Kathy Deiss, Juanita Dietmeier, Al Tomlinson, Mark Jensen, Josh Hetfeld and Bryan Allen.

The Council Meeting Minutes from November 18 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mark Jensen and seconded by Kathy Deiss. Approved.

The Treasurer's Report for November 2009 was reviewed. Giving as of November 2009 was down 9% compared to this time last year (2008 \$134K and 2009 \$123k). The idea of reformatting the Treasurer's Report was discussed again. This will be reviewed and presented at next council meeting. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Bryan Allen and seconded by Al Tomlinson. Brian Paulsen abstained. Approved.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Norm read for us from a devotional book which related to the message of Jesus' birth.

Pastor's Report: 1.) The congregational meetings to discuss our call-process were on November 8 and 15. A survey was sent out this past week to all congregational members asking for their feedback on the call process and any questions they may have. 2.) There have been many items collected for the "Back Pack Program". 3.) Confirmation students participated in leading worship during Advent services. 4.) Christmas Eve worship will be at Luck at 4pm and at St. Peter's at 10:30pm. Christmas Day worship will be at Luck at 10am. 5.) Pastor Norm will be on vacation 12/26 - 1/2. 6.) Luck Lutheran's new newsletter editor is Donna Johnson. She asks that any submissions for the newsletter by received no later than the 20th of each month.

Committee Reports:

Education: Met in November. First Lutheran Church of Cushing has agreed to combine with Luck Lutheran for Vacation Bible School in 2010.

VBS will take place either in mid-July or early August. The OFJ Sunday School program will be Sunday 12/20, practice will be on 12/19.

The men's group met on 12/5 and set up the Nativity scene outside the church. There are 12 ninth graders and 4 8th graders in confirmation. Next meeting will be 1/14.

Evangelism: 1.) New member recognition Sunday was 12/13. There were 5 new families that joined Luck Lutheran.

Fellowship:

Property: Bryan Allen will be fixing the doors that stick throughout the building and the drawers and latches in the kitchen. The oven in the kitchen will also be looked at.

Stewardship: Pledge cards are still coming in. A final number will be presented at the annual meeting.

Worship:

Youth: Senior High Youth: 1.) Few attended the Open Door night on 12/4. The open door night for 12/18 has been canceled. 2.) On 12/12 they rang bells for the Salvation Army at Walmart. 3.) On 12/20 they will be serving a ham and scalloped potatoes dinner after church and before the OFJ Christmas program. 4.) They will be selling Christmas cookies as a fundraiser. 5.) They will have supper on 1/6 and serve chili at the annual meeting on 1/31 as part of the "Souperbowl" of caring - the money donated will go to the backpack program in our community.

Middle High Youth: 1.) They have been serving for Advent services. 2.) They made cookies for the cheer baskets. 3.) They collected toys for Operation Christmas and continue to sell calendars. 4.) On 1/13 they will have dinner and the play bingo at the United Pioneer Home. Juanita will be attending training on 1/9 for Luther Point Bible Camps Capital Campaign.

CCC:

Old Business: 1.) The Fellowship

Hall Remodeling Proposal Task Force finalized their tasks and three contractors will be coming on 12/17. Their next meeting will be on 1/20. 2.) The 2010 budget was reviewed. The council recommended the budget be set for \$170,524 for 2010. This is \$12,832 (7%) lower than the 2009 budget. The decrease is mainly due to lower expected giving. A motion to accept the budget was made by Al Tomlinson and seconded by Josh Hetfeld. Approved. The budget will be presented at the annual meeting. 3.) It was determined that no special meeting would be needed to review the survey that was sent out. This will be reviewed on a weekly basis.

New Business: 1.) Kyle Johansen and Ed Seck have agreed to be the audit committee to review Luck Lutheran's 2009 activity. 2.) a. Reports from committee members for the annual meeting are due by 1/4. b. The chili meal for the annual meeting will be provided by the Senior High Youth. c. It was discussed that a Fall Fundraiser Committee should be established. This will be on the annual meeting agenda for the congregation to discuss. 3.) A joint council meeting with St. Peter's will be held on 2/10/10.

Next regular Luck Council Meeting: Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 8:00 pm.

Kathy Deiss made a motion to adjourn. Bryan Allen seconded. Carried. Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Dueholm, Secretary



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2010

Members Present: Pastor Norm, John B., Jennifer Renfroe, Carol W., Jerry P.

Jennifer called the meeting to order. Pastor Norm opened with devotion and prayer.

Secretary's Report: Report was read. Carol made a motion to accept as read. John seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance was \$17,182.29. End of year balance was \$16,512.61. The 2010 Pledge Cards came to \$14,383.00. Jerry made a motion to accept as given. John seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Norm told us a majority of surveys sent out at Luck Lutheran came back in favor to look for a Pastor on their own. (It was just a survey.)

Old Business: There will be a box in the Narthax for the Backpack Donation. The Task Force Group will be on hold for now.

New Business: Annual meeting will e February 7th after the service. There will be brunch after the service. A sign-up sheet will be passed around. The proposed budge was finished.

Next Meeting: February 10th after the joint meeting at Luck.

Carol made a motion to adjourn. John seconded. Finished with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Petersen

St. Peter's Secretary

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2010

Jennifer called the meeting to order.

Pastor Norm talked about the special meeting. In regards about the vote to either stay with the E.L.C.A. or to leave the E.L.C.A.

There were 29 congregational members present for the vote.

Dale Skow made a motion to take a vote whether to stay or leave the E.L.C.A. Dave Paulson seconded.

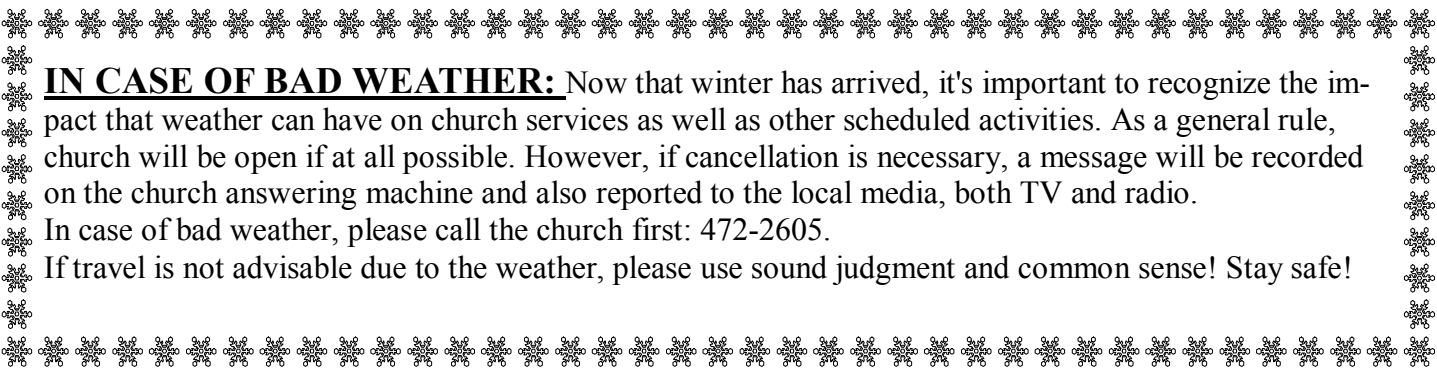
The ballot vote result was: 18 to leave, 11 to stay (A 2/3 vote was not reached to leave). A signing sheet was in back of the church to sign as people left.

Kayla Skow made a motion to adjourn. Dave Paulson seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Petersen

St. Peter's Secretary


IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER: Now that winter has arrived, it's important to recognize the impact that weather can have on church services as well as other scheduled activities. As a general rule, church will be open if at all possible. However, if cancellation is necessary, a message will be recorded on the church answering machine and also reported to the local media, both TV and radio. In case of bad weather, please call the church first: 472-2605. If travel is not advisable due to the weather, please use sound judgment and common sense! Stay safe!

PROGRAM UPDATES...

Notes from the Senior High Youth:

As we enter a new year, we hope everyone had a very blessed holiday season! The Senior High Youth will be serving a chili dinner before the annual meeting on the 31st of January with proceeds going to the Souper Bowl of Caring's Salvation Army Backpack program. All youth are reminded to come and help out! The February Senior High supper and meeting are on the 3rd at 6:00. Serving will be Avery and Roger Steen, Alec and Cole

Mortel, AJ Walsh-Brenizer, and Rebecca Hutton.

Friday, Feb. 5th, will be a lock-in at the church. It will begin after the game and end at 6:00am on Sat. morning. We will need adult chaperones for this to help out. Come after the basketball games for a night of fun and fellowship!

On Sunday February 21st, the Senior

High Youth will be selling Cinnamon Rolls following the St. Peter's and Luck services. The fundraiser is to help support this Spring's mission trip to Chicago.

10th-12th grade mark your calendars for Wed. March 24th we will be serving soup and sandwiches before the lent service. Confirmation students will be serving on Wed. March 17th.

Opening More Doors Together Luther Point Capital Campaign

Luck Lutheran will be holding a capital campaign for six weeks this spring for Luther Point Bible Camp

This campaign has set out to:

1. Provide a new storm shelter/youth retreat center
2. Provide a new sewage treatment system
3. Provide adequate housing facility for the Program Coordinator

We are looking for people to join Juanita Dietmeier on this committee.

If you are willing to help out contact Juanita at 472-4483.

Attention WELCA Ladies:

Upcoming Meeting:

Thursday- Feb. 4th

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Devotions

Plan upcoming events for 2010

HOPE TO SEE YOU
THERE!

Any questions: please call
Jean Giller 472-8318

Loaves & Fishes Monthly Report: December 2009

Households Served	144	Luck School District	78
Adults	276	Unity School District	67
Children	143	New Families	19
Total	419	Unity 9 Luck	10

USDA FOOD RECEIVED	30 Cases
NON-USDA (Donations)	4106#
Groceries Purchased	670#
Volunteer Hours	84 hours

Items needed : canned or dry potatoes, cereal, peanut butter and canned fruit.





2010 Lent Soup & Sandwich Schedule

For our 3rd year we will again offer a soup and sandwich meal before each Wednesday evening Lent Service. The Service Groups listed below will be responsible for the set-up, serving, and clean-up of the soup, sandwich, and dessert meal.

Wednesday Evenings: Lent Dinner Schedule

February 17, Ash Wednesday ... Men's Group ... Mailing Team

February 24th ... Choir

March 3rd ... Luck Church Council & Altar Team

March 10th ... St Peter's Church ... Sunshine Team ... 6-7th Grade Youth

March 17th ... OFJ Coordinators and OFJ Families [K-5 grade + 8th & 9th Confirmation Class]

March 24th ... 10-12th Grade Youth ... Kitchen Cleaning Team

April 4th ... Easter

Soups will need to be cooked/started in the roasters at about 3:00 PM each Wednesday.

Meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

Coffee and lemonade prepared that afternoon by each group.

Serve Dinner at 5:30 PM. Lent Service at 6:30 PM.

Christian Community Coordinating [CCC] Team members:

Jan Howie, Carol Giller, Steve McCormack, Sheila Brom, Josh Hetfeld, Karie VanSickle, & Pastor Norm.

A CCC team member will contact each group to help coordinate your evening of food prep, serving, and clean up.



The Sunshine Team

We have had one report of a visit to a shut-in and bringing some "goodies" to help bring cheer.

We have had one prayer shawl given to our ministry. Also, a very generous monetary donation given to be used on materials needed for our shawls.

Thank you so much....

The Luck Lions Club will be holding their annual fund raising pancake breakfast at the Luck School on Saturday, February 13th from 7am-11am. We will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and ham.

The profits we make from this breakfast will be used to benefit a number of local projects such as the Luck Boy Scouts, Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf, Luck Cancer Walk, Luck High School Scholarships, Luck Library, and eyeglasses and hearing aids for local residents.

Please support this worthy, local cause!



REMEMBER THOSE SICK OR SHUT IN OR IN THE NURSING HOME

Key: (L) = Luck (SP) = St. Peters (*) = non-member friend/relative of the parish

UNITED PIONEER HOME: (210 Park Avenue East, Luck WI 54853)

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| (L) Lillian Christensen | (L) Clyde Christensen | (L) Alice Nielsen |
| (L) Ray Berklund | (*) Art & Helen Clarkson | (L) Richard Paulsen |
| (SP) Virginia Bille | (*) Chet Johnson | (*) Dorothy Ressler |
| (L) Herb Byl | (L) Bernadine Kirk | (L) Irene Rud |
| (L) Edis Calder | (L) John Nygren | (L) Evelyn Skow |

FREDERIC NURSING HOME: (205 United Way, Frederic WI 54837)

- (SP) Lila Rowe

COMFORTS OF HOME: (105 Oak Street, Frederic, WI 54837)

- (SP) Bill Southard #10

SHUT - INS AT HOME:

- (L) Marilyn Hubenette, 201 N. Avenue East, Luck, WI 54853
 (SP) Christine Pedersen 515 S. 1st St., Luck, WI 54853
 (L) Eleanor Selvig 1374 State Rd. 48, Luck, WI 54853

PARTNERS IN PRAYER AND HEALING

- (L) Arvid Christiansen 1730 250th Ave. Luck, WI 54853
 (*) Sue Davis 662D 270th Avenue, Cty. Rd. O, Frederic, WI 54837
 (L) Wilmer Pautsch 106 2nd Ave. E. P.O. Box 96, Luck, WI 54853

MAPLE VIEW APARTMENTS – 416 S. 1st Street, Luck, WI 54853

- (L) Mavis Hutton

PIONEER APARTMENTS – 612 Second Street St., Luck, WI 54853

- (L) Jessie Nordquist – Apt. #10



Ruby's Pantry

Caring and Sharing Through Food
FOOD DISTRIBUTION

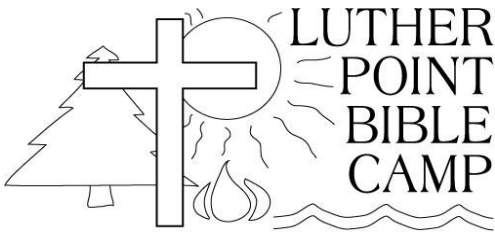
Tuesday, February 16 12 Noon—1:00 p.m. (or until food is gone)
Luck School Bus Garage—810 S. 7th Street, Luck

\$15 donation appreciated—cash only
 The money helps cover operational, shipping, and handling costs for Ruby's Pantry.
 A percentage of the money remains in our community.
Thank you for your understanding and generosity?
Www.rubyspantry.org 320-629-7400

This local outreach program is organized through Bone Lake Lutheran Church.
Phone: 472-2535 Email: luckrubyspantry@lakeland.ws

Registration begins at 11:30 am.

Bring your own boxes or laundry bas-



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Craig M. Corbin, Director

Greetings from Luther Point!

February 2010

Summer 2010—Put Us on Your Calendar Moms: This is a special word to our moms who are beginning to look ahead to the summer of 2010. The camp schedule is on the Luther Point website: LutherPoint.org. Online registration is available now so register early, especially for the Specialty Camps, like Horse Camp, Guitar, Drama, etc. those programs fill up early. Once again, there will be a number of Incentives and Discounts, so take advantage! **Camperships will also be available.** Look for Campership request form on the webpage: lutherpoint.org. Summer Brochures will be in congregations and homes by early February.

RETREAT OFFERINGS: Check our website for more details regarding upcoming retreat events scheduled for the winter months ahead, some of the offerings include:

- Ambassador Retreats:** February 6 or February 27, 9 am
- 3rd-5th Grade Weekend Camp:** March 20-21, 2010
- Prayer Shawl Retreat:** April 22, 2010, 9 am-3pm

Register online or call and talk with Lisa. 715-689-2347

Luther Point Ambassador Retreats: These retreats are a time to come together, get some fun, new ideas and receive information to promote Summer Camp and Retreats. The Retreats will be held February 6 and 27 from 9 am until after lunch. If your church does not have an Ambassador, please come to one and share in the fun!

Looking for Summer Ministry Team Applicants: Do you know of someone from your congregation who enjoys working with youth? Do they have a desire to share their life and faith with people? Please encourage those young college students to consider summer employment at Luther Point Bible Camp. Applications for summer employment are available on our website. Scroll down to the employment section on the left hand tool bar. Plant a seed in the life of a college student. Also, Jesse Weiss, Program Coordinator is looking for high school students who are interested in spending two weeks at camp in the **BUDDIES Program** (Building Up Dedicated Disciples Into Experienced Servants)

Congregations Set A Goal to Increase Camper Participation: I am asking each congregation to challenge themselves to set a specific goal for camper participation for this coming summer. I also ask that the goal be challenging. For the past two years the camp has seen a dramatic decline in the number campers coming to Bible Camp. **This trend simply cannot continue to happen.** If camper participation remains as it has been for the past two years, more pressure is put on congregational support, donor gifts and retreat source revenues.

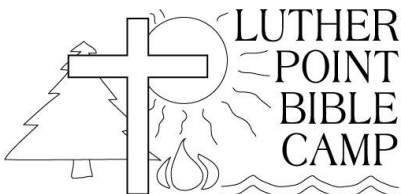
Opening More Doors Together (OMDT) Capital Campaign Update: Congregational Leader training sessions were held January 9th and 10th. About 18 churches have leaders who have been trained on how to conduct a pledge drive in their congregations. Please consider being on a Congregational Task Force to conduct a campaign on behalf of Luther Point.

Thank you for your partnership!

Craig M. Corbin, Director



A Summer at Luther Point is:
The Chance of a Lifetime
to plant
The Seeds of a Lifetime
together with
The Friends of a Lifetime



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Luther Point Bible Camp

is hiring Senior Team Members (Ages 18+) and Junior Team Members (Ages 17+) for the

If you are interested or know of someone who would be interested in being on staff, an application can be downloaded at:

www.LutherPoint.org
Click on the Employment Tab

10 – 12 Graders: Not able to be on staff but want to get a taste of what it's like? Check out the B.U.D.I.E.S Program on lutherpoint.org!

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DIAL-A-DEVOTION

P A February 7 In Honor of Harriet Kirk's Birthday from her Family
February 14
February 21
February 28 In Honor of Reese Peterson's 1st Birthday

NOTE: Sponsors are needed for Dial-A-Devotion.
Please call the church office at 472-2605 if you would like to sponsor a week or weeks. Thank you!

**THANK YOU TO OUR LUCK LUTHERAN
SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM**

Our congregation is grateful for all the efforts of our team workers. Each of our six teams plays a vital role behind the scenes. This month we highlight the Special Events Team. Their responsibilities include:

- *Maundy Thursday Soup & Sandwich Supper (calling members to prepare the food, set up, clean up, supply bars and sandwiches)*
- *Help set up with any other Special Events that are held at Luck Lutheran*

*We are always in need of new team workers. If you are willing to serve with this team, please contact Janet Howie at 472-8677.
Thank you to all present team members: Janet Howie, Harvey & Marilyn Nelson, Marsha Jensen, Mary Sanderson, Jean Giller and Judy Sturgul.*

**OPENING THE BOOK OF
FAITH**

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"

Members of Luck & St. Peter's Parish are invited to join with one another in the monthly discussion of the Gospel text for the coming Sunday. This 45 minute Bible Study will be held at Luck Lutheran on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. Leadership for this "Opening the Book of Faith," exploring Luke 5:1-11, will be given by Pastor Chuck Arndt. Come and be renewed, enlivened, inspired and empowered.

Luck Lutheran Members

To make the job of our offering counters easier we ask everyone to please use their offering envelopes and please use separate checks for each. This saves them a lot of time. Thank you!

**CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY
AT LUCK LUTHERAN
Wednesday,
February 10, 2010
1:30 p.m.**

PASTORAL ACTS

Funeral at Luck Lutheran

Helen Berklund—January 20, 2010

Baptism at St. Peter's Lutheran

Gabriel Leslie Renfroe—January 17, 2010

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Memorial Gift at Luck Lutheran

<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Helen Berklund	Memorial	\$5.00

**Luck & St. Peter's Youth Supper
Wednesday, February 3, 2010
6:00 p.m. at Luck Lutheran**

Hosting: Avery Steen, Roger Steen, Alec Mortel, Cole Mortel, A.J. Walsh-Brenizer, Rebecca Hutton

**Men's Group Breakfast
At Luck Lutheran
Fellowship Hall**

**Saturday,
February 13, 2010**

**Coffee: 7:00 a.m.
Breakfast 7:30 a.m.**

Come for food and fellowship!!

***LENT MEANS "SPRING"
THE ANNUAL SPRINGTIME
OF OUR SOULS***

Ash Wednesday, February 17th, marks the beginning of Lent – a forty day season of the church year – when we focus on repentance, reflection and renewal of our spiritual lives. As we think ahead to Ash Wednesday, we consider the symbol of ashes. The ashes used in worship on Ash Wednesday represent many things - God's judgment, our repentance, spiritual cleansing and renewal. They are also a reminder of who we are as human beings - created out of dust and destined to return to dust. The imposition of ashes is voluntary and is open to everyone, including children. Worshipers are invited to come forward to receive a mark of ashes with the words, "**Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.**" The mood of Ash Wednesday is solemn and during this service we meditate on the quality of our Christian faith and life. The goal is full participation, by God's grace, in the forty days of spiritual renewal and rebirth. During Lent, we are brought anew to the gift of