

Dear Parents,

Lent is here! That may not sound that exciting as Lent is a time of reading Scripture, allowing the Lord to search our hearts and minds so that we might be totally His.

1Corinthians 15:53

For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

This year we will be presenting a video curriculum in our Lenten services. The Holy Spirit: An Introduction taught by John Bevere of Messenger International. This could be the wisest investment of your time for 2018.

We have 20 confirmation students and about 10 more high school students that join us for LYO every week. During Lent we do not have LYO services. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to mid-week services.

Does your faith need encouragement? Do you wish you understood more about God? Do you know what the Lord is saying to you?

When Jesus ascended after the resurrection he promised a comforter who would lead His followers into all truth. John 16:13 It is by Holy Spirit that we relate to God, grow in our walk with Him and by Holy Spirit that we live and move in this world. Do you know the Holy Spirit?

I invite you starting Ash Wednesday, (there will not be a meal on February 14th) as we begin to learn about the Holy Spirit. The Ash Wednesday service will be about an hour. I hope to keep the services to this time so families can attend. The services are also at 6:30 pm to help you get home earlier. The service itself will be a couple songs, two prayers and the teaching.

I believe the material will encourage and build you up. I believe you will grow spiritually.

I strongly encourage you to invest in your spiritual life. It is easy to dismiss this aspect of our lives. But, let me ask you a question that I hope you will seriously consider. What do you believe about eternity and where did those beliefs come from? *None of us can afford to leave it to chance.*

Here's the schedule for midweek services during Lent:

2/14 Ash Wednesday 6:30 pm at First English

2/21 5:30 pm soup and sandwich supper (potluck) at Bethany followed by 6:30 service.

2/28 5:30 pm soup and sandwich supper (potluck) at First English followed by service.

3/7 5:30 pm soup and sandwich supper (potluck) at Bethany followed by service.

3/14 5:30 pm soup and sandwich supper (potluck) at First English followed by service.

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3/28 or 29 To be confirmed service 6:30 pm with Pastor Dawn Lundgren "The Holy Spirit and You"

This information is on our facebook pages and on our website: [firstenglishbethany.org](http://firstenglishbethany.org)

This information will also be found in the Epistle newsletter.

In the hope of Christ,

Pastor Jim