

Warsaw International Church

Sunday News

February 18, 2007

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Lent

Dear WIC family:

You can tell spring is coming – the sprinkling of fresh snow doesn't hide the sprouts of spring bulbs. The *paczki* are a reminder that the season of the church year is changing too. Lent begins on 21 February, Ash Wednesday. The tradition of Ash Wednesday is a reminder of our mortality: *remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return*. It is also a reminder of the full range of Christian celebration, because the ashes used for this ritual are traditionally made by burning the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration.

On Ash Wednesday, there will be two opportunities to gather as part of the WIC community. That morning the daytime prayer and Bible study group will meet from **10:00-11:45 a.m.** at the manse – no ashes, but an opportunity for fellowship, prayer, and reflection. That evening we will join in an Ash Wednesday service of Holy Communion at **7:30 p.m.**, hosted by the Anglican congregation and held at Res Sacra Miser, Krakowskie Przedmieście 62.

You are welcome to participate in either or both of these.

With love and hope,

Pastor Beth

Texts for this Sunday:

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-43

Texts for Ash Wednesday: Texts for next Sunday:

Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalm 51

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

Sunday Helpers – Many thanks to these faithful people!

Please sign up to help one Sunday!

Ushers

Flowers

Reader

Coffee

Sunday School

Richard Gintowt

Helen Geeson



Sunday 18 February after worship - maybe an ice skating party! Richard Gintowt has invited us to skate on his pond, if the weather stays cold enough. If you have them, please bring skates and a thermos of something hot.

Next Sunday 25 February we will begin a Sunday morning “soul food” series on themes of Lent at **10:00 a.m.**

Names, Days, Saints is mostly on break while Bill Couch is away. Our prayers are with him in the aftermath of his mother’s death.

18 February – Martin Luther (1483-1546). Luther was an Augustinian monk for a time, but is known primarily as a biblical scholar, translator of the Bible, reformer of the liturgy, theologian and educator.

23 February – Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna (c. 70-156). Polycarp is a “bridge” figure, between the time of the apostles and the church well into the second century. He chose to be martyred rather than renouncing his faith, and was burned at the stake.

Holy Words

*Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son
And bring to naught all he has done.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, your power make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone.
Defend your holy church that we
May sing your praise eternally.*

*O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife*

And lead us out of death to life.

--Martin Luther

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