

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Members and Friends of Good Shepherd Church,

With the threat of snow upon us, we will scramble and prepare, in order to take care of all in our charge. As we do so, let us be sure to remember the people in our communities and around the world whose struggles

are so much greater than our own. From the loss of life and tremendous challenges that the people of Haiti face, to the difficulties our own nation is experiencing in difficult economic times, may our faith move us to share with compassion and kindness from the blessings God has granted us. I am grateful for the many ways you have already responded to such need.

As we enter into the season of Lent, we realize how helpless we are in our weakness, and how lost we are in our sin. God had such better plans for his cherished creation; yet, like rebellious children, people have resisted the kind of relationship with God that would bring peace and wholeness. During Lent, on our journey to the cross, I hope you will join us in worship and service as we travel the road of repentance together—the road that leads to eternal life.

February is Black History Month, which will especially be emphasized in our liturgy and song. I will be focusing in the pulpit on how our faith was always intended to do great things in God's plan for all people. May God continue to work through his Church to bring peace to the troubled souls of all God's children. I hope to see you in worship...but do listen out for our snow policy to possibly be implemented.

Grace and peace,



***Six lean weeks
crossed by six Sabbaths,
beginning with death
and ending in eternal life.***

--Rev. Bernard Via