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From The Preacher Pastor Priest

In case you missed it, a new abbreviation is out there especially in the world of the internet -ICYMI. Have you seen those letters lately? It's what people say when they want to point us in a direction of something we may have overlooked or not paid attention to, something that we may want to look into or think about further, *in case you missed it*. I doubt many of you missed the icy weather we "enjoyed" on Ash Wednesday. When I went to Gloria Dei that morning to get

ready for that evening's services I was armed with two containers of sidewalk salt which barely kept me from slipping and sliding. As I saw that there were no cars there since school had been canceled, and the parking lot was dangerously slippery, I checked with some council and vestry members and decided to cancel the evening service.

Many other churches did the same. The next day the internet chatter among clergy groups was "Now what? How do we begin Lent without Ash Wednesday?" As you know, for St. Anskar and Gloria Dei we observed Ash Wednesday on Sunday morning, February 26. Ash Wednesday is too important of a day to miss. On Ash Wednesday we are called to reconciliation with God. We confess our sins because we know a God who responds to our many failings with grace. On Ash Wednesday we were invited to share our deepest secrets with God and find that God who is in secret has already looked into our hearts and forgiven us. We are reminded that Lenten disciplines such as fasting, prayer, and almsgiving pale in light of God's tremendous love for us. It is so important for us to confess, repent, and pray and to hear the Word again.

But, that leads us to another ICYMI. By observing Ash Wednesday on the first Sunday in Lent we missed the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness! The appointed Gospel for that day was Matthew 4:1-11. I encourage you to read it in your Bibles. We will witness the tempter's attempts to draw Jesus into glory and self-reliance and self-aggrandizement. Jesus resists these temptation by remembering the Word in Scripture, recalling a God who was trusted by generations before him.

In our Lenten journey of faith, we too can remember and focus on the Word as it was given in Scripture, proclamation, and especially in the incarnation of Jesus. We may have started our Lenten season this year with a canceled service but we can make sure that the for the duration of Lent this month, we will not miss it!

Pastor Jill Flynn



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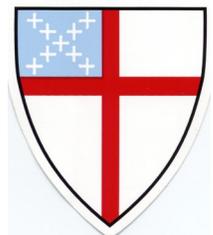
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Birthdays
 Jean Antonou on 3/11
 Pastor Jill Flynn on 3/11
 Beverly Hanson on 3/11
 Thirza Maitzen on 3/11
 Judy Letourneau on 3/13
 Cindy Martinson on 3/18
 Barb Shelton on 3/21
 Barbara Morris on 3/28

Anniversaries
 Jack and Becky Bradford on 3/20



**Serving this March
 at St. Anskar**

Altar Guild
 March 4-5 Don and Gail Shaner
 March 18-19 Bonnie Baxter

- Gloria Dei Council meeting will be Saturday, March 11 at 9:00 AM in the narthex.
- St. Anskar Vestry meeting is Sunday, March 12 at 10:45 in the parish hall.

 *Celtic Corner*

I weave a silence on to my lips
 I weave a silence into my mind
 I weave a silence within my heart
 I close my ears to distractions
 I close my eyes to attractions
 I close my heart to temptations
 Calm me O Lord as you stilled
 the storm
 Still me O Lord, keep me from
 harm
 Let all the tumult within me
 cease
 Enfold me Lord in your peace.

By David Adam



**Let's make
 St. Anskar's
 altar bloom
 for Easter**

If you would like to help buy flowers for the Altar of Repose and decorating St. Anskar's sanctuary for Easter, your gift would be welcome.

A donors' list will be included in the Easter bulletin. Flowers may be given in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for blessings.

Please fill out a check to St. Anskar's Flower Fund and the form below and either place them in the St. Anskar's collection plate or send to the church.

ALTAR FLOWERS REQUEST

(Please print names carefully)

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OR

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OR

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