

SP Kids Connection

Connecting church and family life through recaps of our weekly lessons and suggestions on ways to reinforce and live out those lessons at home during the week.

Getting ready for Lent!

This weekend the children made colorful coffee filter butterflies for our Easter Sunday butterfly procession. We talked about the symbolism of the butterfly, and why it is appropriate for this church season. (During this part of the discussion, the children were eager to share all they know about the life cycle of the butterfly!)



On the outside, a cocoon looks quiet, and even lifeless, but inside much change and growth is taking place. The same might be said about our Lenten observations: this time of prayer, meditation and instruction isn't outwardly festive, but is an opportunity for spiritual growth and preparation as we approach the great season of Easter.

At the end of class, we placed the butterflies in their "tomb" to rest. The tomb will be in the narthex during Lent to remind us of the importance of rest and quiet as we get ready to enter great mystery—a mystery of hope and new life.



God is Here!

Epiphanies—Seeing God

The last Sunday before Lent is traditionally Transfiguration Sunday, when we hear the story of Jesus' transfiguration on the mountaintop. (Mark 9:2-10) This is a perfect story for this Sunday, because it speaks of both epiphany and transformation.



The lesson/discussion centered around the question "How do we see God?" Our own encounters with the divine will shape not just what we think of God, but also how we grow and what we become. Let's not forget to pay attention to how God "shows up" in our day-to-day lives.

Family Lent Devotions

- ◆ Lent "Grab Bag", revived from 2016, with a few new activities
- ◆ Lenten Giving Calendar

We still have a few grab bags left, and plenty of giving calendars! Pick yours up this weekend

A note...

Our regular newsletter is taking a break for Lent. Godly Play will hear *The Mystery of Easter*, and the Lenten series, *Faces of Easter*. Lessons for the older children will also be based on these materials. We'll send out notifications of any upcoming events. Devotional materials are available to use at home.

This week, we hope you can join the entire church family for the Pancake Supper (hosted by Student Ministries)—Tuesday 5:00-7:00 in Celebration Hall—and Ash Wednesday services before school (7 am) or after dinner (7 pm).

