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From Our Chaplain (February 2004)

Dear Friends,

We have just begun our Lenten journey, as we follow our Lord to the Cross of Calvary. Lent is a time of reflection and a time to allow God's Spirit to look deep into our hearts. I pray that we would have an attitude of honesty and humility as we ask God to search us and see if there be any wicked way in us.

Lent provides us with an opportunity to come to better know the One who continually searches us out and has promised to create a new heart within us. I trust that God would touch your hearts with renewed hope and restore to you the joy of your salvation.

Lent provides special worship opportunities. Our Wednesday Lenten Services will focus on the theme "We Were There". We will look at those who were at the cross.

Wednesday, March 3	"The Soldiers"
Wednesday, March 10	"The Disciples"
Wednesday, March 17	"Enemies"
Wednesday, March 24	"The Thieves"
Wednesday, March 31	"Mary, Mother of Jesus"

On Sundays the theme will be "Stones and the Stories of our Lives."

Sunday, February 29	"Written in Stone" — Exodus 32:1-24
Sunday, March 7	"Rejected Stones" - Psalm 118, Mark 12:1-2
Sunday, March 14	"Sticks and Stones" - John 8:1-12
Sunday, March 21	"Hearts of Stone" - Luke 11:37-52
Sunday, March 28	"Upon This Rock" - Matthew 16:13-20
Sunday, April 4	"Crying Stones" - Luke 19:29-40
Sunday, April 11	"The Stone is Rolled Away" - John 20

I pray that these special worship opportunities would draw us near to the heart of God and that your faith will be encouraged and strengthened as we journey to Calvary and the Empty Tomb.

In the Grace of a Crucified and Risen Savior,

Chaplain Sandy Anenson