

A message from Dr. Mark Harris,

If you grew up in a liturgical church you probably celebrated "Lent." What is "lent"? The word literally means "forty" and refers to the forty days of fasting and self-denial in order to prepare people for Easter. Lent officially begins on Ash Wednesday when the priest puts a smidgen of ash on the forehead to remind his flock of Genesis 3:19 ("from dust you were taken and to dust you shall return") and their proclivity to sin.

Lent is not found in the bible but is it wrong to celebrate lent? Not necessarily, as long as one's heart is truly repentant. Let's face it, biblically we should remind ourselves on a daily basis of our need for him, and our propensity to sin. Repentance should be a regular event – not simply annual. Some have believed that through celebrating lent (fasting or self-denial) we can earn God's grace. Not true. God's grace is bestowed on us as a free gift – that's the glory of Easter!

NOTES

BAPTISM SUNDAY IS JUNE 2

If you would like to be baptized during a Sunday service here at AAC, go to appletonalliance.org/beliefs, watch our online class at the bottom of the page, and fill out the online application. Once complete, we will be in touch with you shortly.

EASTER SERVICE TIMES

Saturday, April 20 | 4:00 & 6:00 p.m. Sunday, April 21 | 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Join us for one of our four Easter services this April. Pay close attention to Easter Sunday service times as they are different than our usual Sunday times.

XCEL OUTDOORS

Sportsmen's Classic Saturday, April 13 | 1:00-8:00 p.m

There's still time to purchase tickets at **xcelsports.org**, click on Outdoors.

STUDENTS 6th Grade Preview

April 17 | 6:00 p.m.

An opportunity for current 6th grade students and their parents to preview Greenhouse before they attend for the first time in the Fall.

CHILDREN

Awana Celebration April 9 | 6:30 p.m.

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Bring your family and friends and celebrate what God has done in Awana this year! Clubbers arrive at 6:00 p.m.

NEW ONLINE GIVING

Dare2Move giving has begun! If you haven't yet made the transition from PushPay to *Planning Center Giving*, please do so soon as we will be deactivating PushPay shortly. Go to **appletonalliance.org/give** for further instructions or visit the Dare2Move kiosk in the Hub today.

Please remember to pick up and use your new Dare2Move envelopes in the Hub, and to recycle any old envelopes.

DARE2MOVE COMMITMENTS Commitment Cards Available

Our goal is 100% participation for this God-sized vision! Find commitment cards online or at the Welcome Desk in the Hub. For more information, visit appletonalliance.org/give

SENIOR ADULTS

Senior Adult Retreat

April 26-28 | \$125 per person Spencer Lake Christian Center Register at aachur.ch/sretreat2019

Come away for the weekend as we study God's Word, enjoy great music, and have a fun and relaxing time.

OPEN POSITIONS

Full-time and Part-time Available

We are hiring! Please go to appletonalliance.org/careers to see our open positions

WELCOME – We're glad you're here!

Stop by the Welcome Center in the Hub. We have a gift for you and would love to connect with you. Find out what's happening at AAC at appletonalliance.org

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Sunday Services: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.