

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cheryl Punzalan, Council President

One year we gave up chocolate for Lent. Another year it was sodas. Lent has become a time when people think about a more austere lifestyle in order to contemplate on the sacrifices of Christ...leading up to his Crucifixion and subsequent Resurrection. However, I wonder what would happen if this year we decided to do more service during the Lenten season? Adding something, for a change, instead of giving something up?

When I look at the areas in which one could serve in this congregation, I see lots of opportunities. I see openings on the Evangelism Committee for people interested in outreach. I see openings for ushers, lectors, communion assistants, singers and quilters. I see opportunities to help with coffee hour, with teatime and with the fellowship group. I see openings on the altar guild, and on the groups that assemble the bulletin and the Fish Catcher. There are always opportunities to help at the school (contact Mrs. Huleis), with the youth (contact Jerry) and with the Walk by the Water group (contact Pastor Glen).

Is it difficult to get to the church or other places during the week to do service? Then, you might consider making an extra donation in the weekly offering envelope (or just catching up on your pledge). And there are always openings for prayer partners.

It's interesting...the year that I decided my Lenten sacrifice was to give up alcohol, I found that after Easter, I didn't really miss it. My lifestyle was permanently altered by my Lenten sacrifice. Perhaps the extra Lenten service that we decide to do this year will also become a permanent part of our lifestyles. Consider this.

Shalom, Cheryl



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