

Note From The Pastor



We now enter the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday behind us. Many of us are opening up our shoe boxes where all matters of tax related items are meticulously kept. They are a record of what we bought and how it could possibly be a deduction when we drop the box off at our CPA's office.

Some items will be a stretch for even the shrewdest of tax professionals and others may be items we completely forgot about that could be a tax break for us.

With Lent we should be taking a closer look at what is in our shoe box that relates to our sins. Many of the infractions and "misses" as Luther would say are repeat offences. These would be the habitual sins that are part of our personality and not the good part. We may work to change but can't seem to kick a couple of bad habits.

Smaller sins, and again a sin is a sin no matter how we or society rates it, may fill up the box with thoughts, words, and deeds that just didn't show love for others.

The hope for all of us would be that our shoe boxes have less and less items collected every year.

Tax laws change and adjustments can be made but God's law is the same when Jesus made the famous statement breaking the laws into two.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind and love your neighbor as yourself."

Good luck with your tax box but Jesus will take care of the other. Pjh