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We are continuing to provide our worship services online while waiting until it is safe to meet in person.

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February-March Calendar

Wednesday, Feb. 17 ... Ash Wednesday
Sunday, March 14 ... Daylight Saving Time begins
Sunday, March 28 ... Palm Sunday

LBC's Sponsored Children

The Little Brown Church provides financial aid to two children in Central America: Diego in Guatemala and Heidy Maritza in Honduras.

Diego wrote to us in December from Tecpan School, beginning “Queridos padrinos, La saluda cordialmente esperando que se encuentre bien de salud ...” His entire letter, translated into English, reads:

Dear sponsor:

This letter is to tell you I’m very glad because Christmas is coming. And my family’s all together. I really like tamales and punch [traditional Christmas meal in Guatemala). And grapes and apples and cookies. It’s my favorite time of year. Thank you very much for all your help. Have a merry Christmas and a happy new year. I send you a big hug.

Sincerely, Diego

Heidy Maritza attends seventh grade in El Progreso, Honduras, where her favorite subject is math. She lives with her grandmother and two brothers in a small cinderblock house with a cement floor and a zinc roof, where she helps with household tasks. She is a fan of music, dancing, and singing, especially *bachata* music. Heidy dreams of a world that is “peaceful and

happy, with no crime or bad things.” Our sponsorship means a lot to her because “it helps so much with my school and day-to-day needs, and it makes me feel happy and special.”



Diego



Heidi Maritza

Ash Wednesday Worship

Traditionally, we join with Niles Discovery Church in Fremont for Ash Wednesday services. This year, Pastor Jeff Spencer has organized a special online event on Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. To participate, register at bit.ly/reg4worship. You can get more information by going to the church’s website at <http://nilesdiscoverychurch.org/>.

Lent Madness 2021: A Covid-19 Home Activity

If ever there was a good time to get involved in Lent Madness, this is it. After so many months of lockdown, at last we have a fun excuse to combine screen time with spirituality!

Most of you have heard about Lent Madness, a devotional program that combines faith and fun throughout the season of Lent, from Pastor Mary’s remarks or from this newsletter.

Each year, more LBC members have participated in this combination of competition, learning, and humor. Everybody who participates learns about the 32 saintly individuals who battle to win the coveted Golden Halo while choosing their favorites in a system loosely based on the NCAA basketball tournament with a similar name. And just like that sports event, Lent Madness has been mentioned in the pages of *Sports Illustrated*.

Ash Wednesday falls on Feb. 17 this year, and right after that, you can participate. Go to www.lentmadness.org, sign up, download the bracket, and begin voting for your favorites.

Lent Madness is the creation of two Episcopal priests, Tim Schenck and Scott Gunn. Their dry sense of humor and devotion to educating us about the communion of saints make this annual program a true joy.

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