

FORTY DAYS OF LENT

This calendar provides a Lenten discipline for the whole family. It increases awareness of the many gifts we receive from God while helping our brothers and sisters in need. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing for the forty days of Lent, count the items listed for each day and add that many coins to your bank. On Easter Sunday, April 5, please bring the coins to church to be collected for a donation to the NT-NL Mission Area fund to provide Ebola relief in Sierra Leone. (Adapted from a calendar by Rhonda Kindig, *The Lutheran*, 2013)

February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			How many sinks are in your home? Give thanks for fresh water!	How many eggs are in your 'fridge? Give thanks for farm animals!	How many clocks are in your home? Give thanks for time with your family!	How many winter coats do you have? Give thanks for protection from bad weather!
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	How many band-aids in your home? Give thanks for good health!	How many boxes of cereal in your home? Give thanks for nutritional meals!	How many books in your bedroom? Give thanks for education!	How many windows in your home? Give thanks for fresh air to breathe!	How many trees in your yard? Give thanks for the beauty of nature!	How many candles in your home? Give thanks for the gift of light!

March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 How many doors in your home? Give thanks for freedom!	3 How many people live in your home? Give thanks for family!	4 How many folks wear robes during church? Give thanks for ministers!	5 How many apples and potatoes are in your 'fridge? Give thanks for farms!	6 How many beds are in your home? Give thanks for the comforts of home!	7 How many houses of neighbors can you see? Give thanks for community!
8	9 How many birds do you see out your windows? Give thanks for all God's creatures!	10 How many cans of vegetables are in your pantry? Give thanks for markets!	11 How many sunglasses are in your home? Give thanks for the gift of sunshine!	12 How many light switches are in your home? Give thanks for the convenience of electricity!	13 How many house plants are in your home? Give thanks for every green plant in nature!	14 How many bibles are in your home? Give thanks for the word of God!
15	16 How many shoes are in your closet? Give thanks for the gift of protection for feet!	17 How many vaccinations has your family had this year? Give thanks for health care!	18 How many cans of soup are in your pantry? Give thanks for the food you eat!	19 How many toilets are in your home? Give thanks for indoor plumbing!	20 How many tires are on your cars and/or bikes? Give thanks for all types of transportation!	21 How many phones and cell phones are in your home? Give thanks for language!
22	23 How many lamps are in your home? Give thanks for light that shines in the darkness!	24 How many pets are in your home? Give thanks for the companionship of God's creatures!	25 How many doors are in your church? Give thanks for such a welcoming place!	26 How many musical instruments are in your home? Give thanks for the joy of music!	27 How many slices of bread are in your kitchen? Give thanks for farmers who grow wheat!	28 How many toothbrushes are in your home? Give thanks for the marvels of our amazing bodies!
29	30 How many TVs and computers are in your home? Give thanks for the inventions that keep us connected!	31 How many people can you tell 'I love you' today? Give thanks for the people who love you!	April 1 How many umbrellas in your home? Give thanks for rain to make gardens grow!	2 How many words are in the Lord's Prayer? Give thanks to God who listens to our prayers!	3 How many crosses can you count in your church? Give thanks for Jesus!	4 Look out your window at bedtime tonight—is the moon visible? Give thanks for our universe!