Lent originated in the fourth century of the church. The season spans 40 weekdays beginning on Ash Wednesday continuing with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and concluding the Saturday before Easter.

The color associated with Lent is purple which symbolizes the pain and suffering which lead up to the crucifixion of Jesus.

Purple is also the color of royalty and so anticipates, through the suffering and death of Jesus, the coming resurrection and promise of renewal celebrated in Christ’s resurrection on Easter Sunday.

To understand more about Lent take advantage of the Ministry Resource Center located on fourth floor of the library. The MRC collection contains many great resources to deepen your understanding of this season.

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The Oxford Companion to the Year (Ref. CE73 .B553 1999)

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Christian Reformed Church Periodical Index

This index is the place to access bibliographic records for the Banner and other CRC-related publications.

English Translations of Calvin’s Works

John Calvin - Writings on Pastoral Piety, Elsie McKee, ed

John Calvin - The Christian Life, John H. Leith, ed


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