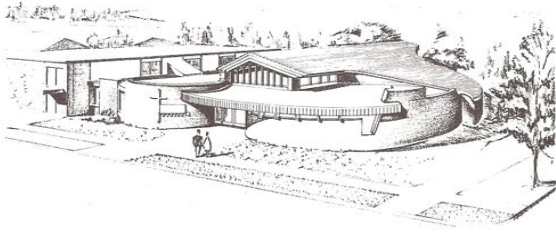


August 2019

Matters of Faith



Faith United Church of Christ
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Saturday Worship 4:00 p.m.

It dawned on me that this month marks the end of the year with me being your “Interim or supply pastor?” It has been an interesting year and I want to thank you for the way you have treated Carol and I and the opportunities you have given to me as your pastor. I’ve never done an Easter Vigil and it was fun and a real challenge. International Falls is different than any other community I have been a part of and it has been an interesting experience.

As often is the case in life I’m not sure what will happen next. I understand that there is some discussion of changing the worship schedule but I don’t know if much can be done. I can’t do two services in different places at the same time, when they are 70 miles apart, unless we do services on the computer. I can understand why a lot of folk don’t want to do that but I also know there are places where churches hold services on TV even radio, to have services with others. Consider this would allow people to attend worship from their own home, when they are not well. I was reminded in a book I read while on vacation, that attending or holding worship services should be about helping others, and what we personally get out of them is almost a secondary thing. I would hope you get something out of my services each week but my intent is to give God thanks for what God does for us. I admit I’m old school in a lot of things and maybe I’ve been at this too long but I really believe worship is about preparing us to do ministry and giving thanks to God for what God has done and makes possible for us.

I know discussions are beginning about whether we will continue the relationship between the three congregations. Because of the miles I understand how hard it is to get groups of you together for worship, study or just fun, so that you can get to know each other, as I’ve been able to do and build the trust that would make this whole thing easier. But consider that where members live, the membership of these three congregations literally stretches from International Falls to Warroad, the shores of Lake of the Woods to Rainy Lake. Any ideas on how we can do that?

Why make the effort? It shouldn’t be about having the money to keep three small struggling congregations buildings open and functioning. But as one member at the Council at Baudette, in the real world that seems to be the reason. But personally I believe there is a more important reason for making this effort. Jesus expected his disciple to go into the world and give witness to

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 4:00pm Worship Service +Ben&James Rudolph Baptism
4 10:00am. Holy Trinity Service Voyageur Pk.	5	6	7 6:00pm Holy Trinity Ecum.Svce. (Pastor John's service.)	8	9	10 4:00pm Worship Service
11	12 5-6:30pm Ruby'sPantry	13	14 1-3:00pm Memory Cafe 6:00pm Holy Trinity Ecum.Svce.	15. 9:00am Men's Club At Voyageur	16	17 4:00pm Worship Service +PrayerChain Fireside Room
18 10:00am. Holy Trinity Service Voyageur Pk. i	19	20	21 6:00pm Holy Trinity Ecum.Svce. (last one)	22	23	24 4:00pm Worship Service
25	26	27	28. 1-3:00pm Memory Cafe	29	30	31 4:00pm Worship Service



September 2019 (tentative)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 4:00pm Worship Service
8	9 5-6:30pm Ruby's Pantry	10 10:00am Finance Mtg.	11 1-3:00pm Memory Cafe	12 12:00pm Elephant Eaters	13	14 4:00pm Worship Service
15	16	17	18	19 9:00am Men's Club At Voyageur	20	21 4:00pm Worship Service +PrayerChain FiresideRoom
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