**March 2022**

**Matters of Faith**

**Faith United Church of Christ**

**1001 5th Street, PO Box 1113**

 **International Falls, MN 56649**

**218-283-2486**

**Sunday Worship 1:00 p.m.**

**Pastor’s Ponderings**

 As we move into this Lenten season we are to pause and reflect. It is guided reflection for sure. The readings, music, and sermons on Sunday, as well as the suggestion to add something extra for six weeks, all lead our minds to the cross and what that means. The “extra” is to be something that will help us dig deeper into what Jesus went through during his last six weeks walking the earth. We might choose to have more time in prayer, start each day with a daily reading book, or join a Lenten Bible study or Wednesday church service.

 We also need to be tying the message of Christ's life, death, and resurrection to what we are currently living; or should be. This idea of eternal life and of God's unconditional, unending love for each one of us is something that can affect our daily lives each and every day. Sometimes our Lenten music and litanies refer to preparing for Christ's crucifixion.

 Years ago one of my kids asked me, “Mom, how come the church people pretend every year that they are just getting ready for Christ to die? He died over two thousand years ago!” I'd say we are remembering not pretending. And let's also remember this is 2000 + years later. We **do** know the rest of the story.

 My hope is that by remembering this reality of the cycle of life/death/ resurrection each year, a new meaningful “something” jumps out at us year after year. Something that helps draw us closer and closer to the meaning of Jesus' life; the meaning of our own life. Something that helps us to better understand how important we are to helping God create heaven on earth.

 The International Falls ecumenical clergy group will be providing a Wednesday evening Lenten service online through Zion Lutheran Church at 7 p.m. March 9th through April 6th. Please join us when you can.

Blessings as we remember and prepare,

 Pastor Kris

**Notes On The Attached Survey Regarding Faith United Church of Christ**

**The Parish is in the process of completing a review process as part of the contract with Pastor Kris. We are taking this opportunity to also ask for your feedback regarding Faith United Church of Christ.**

**We are asking for your response to a brief survey. We appreciate your feedback and thoughts regarding what you like and thoughts for how we can improve. Thank you for your time in completing the survey.**

**The survey will be sent be with the March newsletter. Paper copies will be available in the Narthex for your convenience as well. You are welcome to send your survey by email or you may leave it in a drop box in the Narthex.**

**The Council will review the responses and seriously consider how we can use this information to be the best we can be.**

**The feedback regarding the Pastor will be compiled and shared with the Parish for the Parish review.**

**Thank you for your time and thoughts. Please return your completed survey by Sunday, March 13th.**

**And a Few More Notes…**

**Lenten Services at to be held at Zion Lutheran Church**

**at 7 pm on the following dates:**

**March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th**

**We are hosting the service on the 23rd**

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**Elephant Eaters – Next Meeting is 9th March 2022 at noon**

**Men’s Club 9 am on 10th March, 2022 at The Library Restaurant**

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**Reminder: Readers can pick up Scripture at noon on Wednesdays**

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**Anyone who would like a copy of the Financial Statement please contact the office by email or letter to receive one. Thank you!**

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**April Newsletter Deadline:**

**Please have info in by Wednesday, March 23rd (or sooner, if possible)**

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**Faith United Church at:**

**PO Box 1113 International Falls, MN 56649**



**Norwegian Medical Dictionary**

Artery - Study Of Paintings Medical Staff- Doctor's Cane

Bacteria- Back Door to Cafeteria Morbid- Higher Offer

Barium - What Doctors Do When Nitrate- Cheaper Than Dayrate

 Treatment Fails

Bowel- Letters Like A,E,I,O,U Node- Was Aware of

Caesarian Section- District in Rome Outpatient- Person Who Has

 Fainted

Catarrh- Stringed Instrument Pelvis- Cousin of Elvis

Cat Scan- Searching For Kitty Post Operative- Letter Carrier

Cauterize- Made Eye Contact With Her Prostate- lat On You Back

Colic- A Sheep Dog Protein- Favoring Young People

Coma- A Punctuation Mark Recovering Room- Place to do

 Upholstery

Congenital- Friendly Rectum- Dang Near Killed'em

D&C- Where Washington is Rheumatic- Amorous

Diarrhea- Journal of Daily Events Scar- Rolled Tobacco Leaf

Dilate- To Live Long Secretion- Hiding Anything

Enema- Not a Friend Seizure- Roman Empoer

Fester- Quicker Serology- Study of Knighthood

Fibula- Small Lie Tablet- Small Table

G.I. Series- Soldier's Ball Game Terminal Illness- Sickness at the Airport

Grippe- Suitcase Tibia- Country in N. Africa

Hangnail- Coat hook Tumor- An Extra Pair

High Colonic- Jewish Religious Urine- Opposite of “You're

 Holiday Out”

Impotent- Distinguished, Well known Varicose- Located nearby

Intense Pain- Torture in the Teepee Vein- Conceited

Labor Pain- Getting Hurt at Work

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