

The Messenger

A Community of Faith Dedicated to
Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ,
Providing Spiritual Nurture to Persons of All Ages,
and Reaching Out in Christian Fellowship to the Surrounding Community



Happy March!

May this month bring you... For every storm, a rainbow.
For every tear, a smile. For every care, a promise and a
blessing in each trial. For every problem life sends, a
faithful friend to share. For every sigh, a sweet song and
an answer for each prayer.

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Sunday Worship
Facebook Live 9:30 am
In Person 9:30 am

Dog's Pause

“Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven...Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door.” (Matthew 24:30a,32-33)

On Monday this past week, I spent some time cross-country skiing the White Pine Trail in Cloquet. The temperature was 45 degrees and the sun was brilliant. In February! It was incredible. A few days of the week were superb. Yet, we know that such weather in February is unusual, even if the month is waning. We also know winter hasn't released its grip on us yet. Even so, such beautiful weather builds up a sense of anticipation for the coming of Spring.

On the 5th of March we enter the season of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday. You can search the Bible; you won't find Lent mentioned there. Not all Christians observe it. It was developed by the ancient church as a season of spiritual introspection and repentance to prepare believers for the entrance to Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. Used well, Lent can serve to instill in us hope and anticipation of what is to come, much like these Spring-like days in the midst of winter.

Allow me to invite you to look a bit further down the road. Taken together, these spiritual practices carry well past the seasons, remembrances, and celebrations, to the fulfillment of God's promise, the return of Jesus and ultimately the full establishment of the Kingdom of God. Tender twigs and budding branches are a sign of Spring. Let's be aware and observe all that reminds us of the return of the Christ. What a wonderful future God provides!

Please join us for our Wednesday evening Lenten Service. It will be a simple service with Penitential Psalms, songs directing us to the healing work of the Lord, a brief devotional, and a time of discussion around the theme of the devotion. We will enjoy soup and a sandwich beginning at 5:15 and begin our service by 6.

God's blessings to you during this sacred time!

The Good Shepherd's Sheepdog,

Lee



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Worship Service Communion 10:30 Womens Meeting 4-5 Confirmation	3 5-8:00 BYG Hangout	4 11:00 Prayer Group	5 ASH WEDNESDAY 5:00 Council Mtg 5:00-7:30 BYG 6:00-Service of Ashes	6	7	8
9 DAY LIGHT SAVINGS 9:30 Worship Service Table Sunday NO Confirmation	10 5-8:00 BYG Hangout	11 11:00 Prayer Group	12 1:30-3:00 United Women In Faith 5:00-7:30 BYG 6:00 Lenten Service	13 12:30-8 BYG	14	15
16 9:30 Worship Service 4-5 Confirmation	17 St. Patrick's Day NO BYG	18 11:00 Prayer Group	19 NO BYG 6:00 Lenten Service	20 SPRING BEGINS	21	22
23 9:30 Worship Service 4-5 Confirmation	24 2-8 BYG Spring Break Party	25 11:00 Prayer Group	26 2-8 BYG Spring Break Edition 6:00 Lenten Service	27	28	29
30 9:30 Worship Service 4-5 Confirmation	30 5-8 BYG Hangout					



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet on Wednesday, March 12 at 1:30 in the middle Sunday School room on the west side of the church. We will be discussing pages 119-124 in our study book, "Life on Purpose for Women". Joyce will lead the discussion and Annette will serve as hostess.



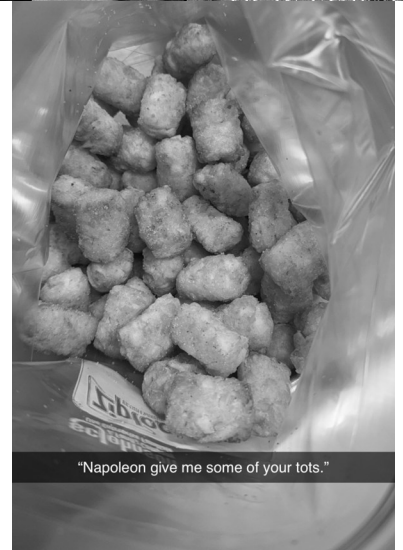
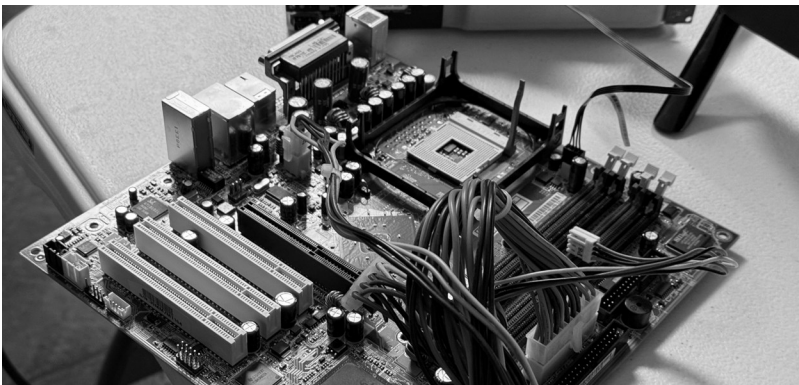
It feels too early to say spring is here, but the calendar tells us that it's March. March brings basketball tournaments and warmer weather. It also brings spring break! The students are already so excited for the week off of school and many of them are traveling to Florida with the Barnum Band and Choir Trip. But for those who stay in town, the Barnum Youth Group has some amazing events planned.

Confirmation has been spending the last few months going through the gospels and reading an amazing booklet *My Heart Christ's Home*. Each student received a *Harmony of the Gospels* book and we all read through it, finishing on Christmas Day. The book takes the four gospels and arrange them into one cohesive story. During the 40 days of reading, it was powerful to watch how the life of Jesus was challenging and transforming the students. *My Heart Christ's Home* uses the analogy of a house to get the reader thinking about how the different parts of our lives can be impacted by Jesus. Please continue to pray for the students that through confirmation they grow in their relationship with Jesus and learn how to follow him.

Note: All Youth Group activities during Lent will take place in the large classroom at the end of the hall.

Barnum Youth Group this March

Mon, March 3 BYG Hangout 5-8
Wed, March 5 Barnum Youth Group 5-7:30
Mon, March 10 BYG Hangout 5-8
Wed, March 12 Barnum Youth Group 5-7:30
Thur, March 13 Bonus BYG 12:30-8
Sun, March 16 No Confirmation
Mon, March 17 No BYG Hangout
Wed, March 19 No Barnum Youth Group
Sun, March 23 Confirmation 4pm
Mon, March 24 Spring Break Party 2-8
Wed, March 26 BYG Spring Break Edition 2-8
Mon, March 31 BYG Hangout 5-8
Wed, April 2 Barnum Youth Group 5-7:30



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