

Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Rev. Reine's Virtual Office Hours: Tuesdays, by appointment

Sunday Worship Service 10am

Fun Fact!

The Bible records
Jesus praying 25
different times during
his earthly ministry

Minister's Corner

The social media site, Facebook, has what they call the profile picture. It is the first thing that welcomes you when you visit someone's Facebook account. It makes a statement about you and helps others understand who you are. What profile picture do you think would best represent the church today?

Lent is the time when we look back from where we came, and then look forward to where we are headed. Usually, we start this season by looking at the temptation of Jesus. If you look down the centuries, you see a pattern of people who went through increasing hardships and sufferings they considered temptations or a spiritual warfare. They drew power and energy to fight this spiritual warfare by relying on Jesus going through his temptation. This became a teaching model of the early church: we go through hardships in life, and those hardships have a spiritual side to them. We need to be spiritually strong to go through these difficult times. Today, this could be the church's Facebook profile picture.

The church was modelled after Jesus' battle. The early church fathers relied on that theme to draw power and energy to fight their own spiritual warfare. This should still be true for today's church. When facing our daily challenges, we are invited to see the spiritual side of our struggle. If we do, spiritual tools like prayer and fasting will be the answer, just like it was for Jesus. We are modelled after the spiritual warfare Jesus and his followers experienced.

In 2021, words like temptation or spiritual warfare are no longer trendy. We do not see a spiritual side to our battles, and as a result, we don't respond in kind. We don't turn to prayer and fasting when we go through difficult times, instead we rely on such things as COVID-19 vaccines, fibre rich diet and yoga classes.

Spirit is tempted through the body to go astray from its creator. Sickness, lust, greed, money are just few examples of how this can happen. Do not lose heart, Jesus went through this, and he conquered them through prayer and fasting. Make these spiritual tools part of your model, part of your Facebook profile picture. This is where we come from, this plays a role in deciding where we will arrive. Rev. Reine

At Arms Length Children's Ministry

Physical distancing is now the norm. And so, our children's ministry needed to change. The Youth Service in November was done via Zoom, as was the Christmas Pageant. For this last service, the children came to the church, one family at a time, donned their costumes and had their photos taken. A photo montage was then created to tell the Christmas story during the virtual worship service. The younger children really miss getting together, so they meet on Zoom with Rev. Reine on Saturday and Sunday nights for a Bible-based bedtime story. The little ones are very adept at using Zoom. Sunday school also uses Zoom; three different classes meet once per month following the worship service.

In an effort to make a stronger connection, a Drive-by Children's Church was organised. Members of the Christian Education committee drove to the home of each family to deliver a Lenten package. Depending on the age, the packet included a Psalm 23 bookmark, a pocket card verse, weekly Lenten activity-bulletins, WWJD (what would Jesus do) bracelets, a Valentine Card and a "grass growing kit". The latter was part of a faith-building project, where children learn that growing their faith is like growing a plant, they both need to be nourished. And, enjoyed most of all, the packet included a Kinder Surprise. Each family also received a delicious coconut namoura cake baked by Rev. Reine. Even at arms length, children can learn about the love of God around them!

Lenten Devotionals

"A Journey to the Cross" so that we might take up our cross and follow him. Come for a time of prayer, praise, Scripture reading and sharing. This weekly, half-hour, Lenten Devotional will occur during **March on Fridays from 7-7:30 pm**. The zoom link will be emailed to congregants on the Friday morning. You will be encouraged to participate, or just come and partake of The Good News!

Mar 5 Sorrow & Betrayal - Matt 26: 36-41

Mar 12 Jesus condemned & Denial - Matt 26: 69-75

Mar 19 Judgement & Crowning - Mark 15: 1-5

Mar 26 Helping & Bearing - John 19: 6, 15-17.

Virtual Worship Services

3rd Lenten Sunday Worship &
Holy Communion..... Mar 7, 10am
4th Lenten Sunday Worship..... Mar 14, 10am
5th Lenten Sunday Worship..... Mar 21, 10am
Palm Sunday Worship Mar 28, 10am
Good Friday Service Apr 2, 10am

Virtual Coming Events

Lenten Devotional..Mar 5, 12, 19, 26, 7pm
Holy CommunionMar 7, 10am
Annual Congregational
Meeting.....Sun, Mar 14, 11am

Virtual Church Groups

Bedtime with Jesus.....Sat & Sun, 7pm
Not So Young Adult Group Apr 11, 11am
Sunday School.....Mar 7, 21, 28, 11am
Café ConnectionsFridays 10am

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Drive-by Children's Church

**Bedtime with Jesus
with their stuffed toys**

