

# Community of Christ

## Fairbanks Congregation Happenings

February 21, 2007

The theme for this Sunday is “Led by the Spirit”- First Sunday of Lent

Listen  
Explore  
Decide

Today is Ash Wednesday – the beginning of the Lenten season. - A time for introspection, cleansing and preparation.

The theme is “Led by the Spirit” – An appropriate and timely thought for me anyway. A thought to consider as we go through are daily lives.

Are we being led by the Spirit? Or are we being led by other things? Are we living the busy life – so busy that we do not allow time for prayer, time for quiet, time for introspection, time to cleanse and to prepare, time to connect?

Are we trying to lead the Spirit? To lead It to do what we want?

Ash Wednesday for some is a reminder that we came from ash and will return to ash. A reminder that what time we have is all the time we have. A reminder that our earthly bodies have a finite life; - but our spiritual bodies have the potential for everlasting life.

We get all caught up in what we are doing that sometimes we lose perspective as to what we are doing and why we are doing it. Sometimes we are in the wilderness and need to be lead out of the wilderness we find ourselves in. We as a Christian community are fortunate in that we can draw on help when we become entangled in our wilderness. We as believers of Christ can read about experiences of Christ’s humanness and take heart that we also will periodically be in a wilderness as was Christ and we know that we can call on the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us.

Ash Wednesday is also a time for some believers to were the sign of the cross on their forehead. It is a visible sign for all to see.

As we begin this Lenten journey, may the Spirit guide each and everyone of you and may the Spirit shine on your face so that all can see the power and beauty of life lead by the Spirit.

As we count down the days until Easter, slow down and take time to take a spiritual inventory and spiritual assessment. Take time to pray and to listen.

### **Announcements:**

Adult Sunday School – Carole Caesar and Bonnie Whitehall will be facilitating using Power & Light as a guide. – 10:00

Fairbanks is still collecting for Outreach International

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Fairbanks has formed a building committee to access the options the congregation has in regards to building issues. This committee has been tasked to evaluate all options and present them to the congregation. It is not too late to join the committee. Please see Sue Turner if you have an interest.

The ladies of the Mission Center had a great time at the Women's retreat held last month at Sionito. Another retreat is being planned for March 2008 and Linda Booth will be the guest minister. Ladies – you will want to mark it on you calendars.

David Romig and the congregation went through the Missionary Outreach questionnaire and evaluation 2 weeks ago. This will be done annually to evaluate and monitor progress in this program. If you want to be active in outreach please contact David Romig.

In February we celebrated birthdays for Dick Davies and Kay Baker. Happy Birthday to you!!!

Remember to look at the Mission Center webpage for information regarding camps and reunions. It is not too soon to start planning for these summer events.

**See Mission Center web page for more information**  
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The following is a schedule of those that are currently scheduled to deliver the message for the 1st quarter. This is not the “official list” and is for informational purposes only. Please refer to the worship schedule in the fellowship hall for changes.

The nursery schedule cannot be posted in the family center for October - December 2006. Please contact Andrea if you are interested in volunteering in the nursery this quarter.  
Nursery Schedule:

**We need volunteers for the nursery. Please see Andrea Watson.**

Please review the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin. If you have added someone to the list please update Leo Caesar with any new information and current status of the prayer concern. Please contact Leo Caesar if you wish to add/remove someone from the list.

**Calendar & Mission Center News:**

The Coastal Bend Mission Center is proud to announce that the Coastal Bend web site is up and running! You can visit the site at [www.coastalbendmc.org](http://www.coastalbendmc.org)

I will be sending out periodic e-mails letting everyone know what is “HAPPENING” at Fairbanks. Please let me know if your e-mail or other contact information changes. Mark your calendars and **participate, enjoy, reach out!!!!!!** I pray that everyone have a safe and happy week.

*Martha Romig*