

From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

By now we are well into Lent and I started reading a daily devotional booklet that Linda Poppe sent to us from her new church in Florida. The meditations came from the adult Bible Study participants at her church. As I read through the pages I decided to share some thoughts with you that I found there:

“I have learned that God is the only priority that counts.”

“God is the only thing that is permanent.”

“God can help us whisk away life’s distractions and operate from a heart centered in Christ.”

“Like the psalmist, we should give thanks to God for each new day.”

“We can depend on His faithfulness. We have only to look to the cross.”

“Strength is in the community of the church.”

“Our God is an AWESOME GOD.”

Truly, our God is an awesome God; we need only to look at the creation around us.

The term Lent refers to the lengthening of daylight. For those of us who yearn for the days to stay longer, brighter, warmer, Lent speaks of hope.

Apart from any added Lenten discipline, here in the North Country the season of Lent is often accompanied by snow storms, shoveling the walkway, digging out the car, and trying to keep your fingers and toes warm.

In the Christian church Lent can be used as a time of reflection, a reckoning time, where we reflect on who we are, whose we are, and about our life and our interaction with others. It is also a time where we are called to let go of the great or little sins that we commit without even thinking or recognizing them as such. The gift of Lent is that it invites us to turn around and change our direction toward God once again.

May you walk in the footsteps of Jesus in your Lenten Journey.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Dagmar