

February 5 - Natalia (Chad gone)

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

Title: **Active Faith**

We Minnesotans sure know a lot about being passive. Aren't we the land called Passive-aggressive?

We don't like to rock the boat, make too much of a fuss, put anyone out.

But the examples of the Kingdom of God given by Jesus today are anything but passive. What does it look like to live an active faith?

February 12 - Chad

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Matthew 5:21-37

Title: **Beyond The Letter of The Law**

Obedying the 10 commandments perfectly was already difficult to pull off but wait until Jesus gets done with them! What hope do we have now? Well, let's find out together!

February 19 - Natalia

Scripture: Leviticus 19:9-18, Matthew 5:38-48

Title: **More than Tolerance**

(Natalia, see Karen Armstrong TED Talk from winter GL)

Our readings today call us to radical love on behalf of others. We often view tolerance as good enough in the world, but what if it's not? What if we're called to be more than tolerant of those who differ from us?

And what does it look like to love people who we consider unloveable?

February 26 - Chad (Transfiguration)

Title: **Hurry Up And Wait**

Scripture: Exodus 24:12-18, Matthew 17:1-9

Waiting for a word from the Lord can be exhausting. Moses waits high on the mountain while Joshua waits at base camp and the people wait far below. And what about you? Do you expect to hear from God anytime soon?

March 5 - Natalia

Scripture: Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

Title: **What we really need**

Today we experience Jesus in his humanity, coming face to face with the same struggles we do as people of faith. But unlike our own typical responses, Jesus refuses to play into this game. What does the temptation story teach us, and what does it have to do with our own responses in the face of big questions of identity and suffering?

March 12 - Chad

Title: **What If You Believed?**

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a, John 3:1-17

Today we hear a couple promises that sound too good to believe. Even so, Abraham does believe and marches off into the unknown as if the promise has already been realized. What would your life look like if you believed the outlandish promises of God?

March 19 - Natalia

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7, Romans 5:1-11, John 4, 5:42

Title: **Completely Quenchable**

+Jesus sits down in a place where he has no business being, at a time he's not supposed to be there, and talks to a woman he shouldn't be talking to. What a story! Let's spend some time at this well today, together with Jesus and this woman, and have a drink together.

March 26 - Chad

Title: **One Thing I Do Know**

Scripture: Psalm 23:1-6, John 9:1-41

Some of your friends think your Christian faith is a fairytale. How can you possibly believe that Jesus is the living son of God? What evidence do you have? Why do you waste your time and money being part of a church? Well?

April 2 - Natalia

April 9 Chad (Palm Sunday)

Title: **Reading of the Passion**

Scripture: Pastor Chad reads passion narrative from Matthew

April 13 Natalia (Maundy Thursday) (First Communion)

Scripture:

April 14 Chad (Good Friday)

Title: **It Is Finished**

Scripture: Isaiah 52:13-53:12, John 19:23-42

Tonight, pastor Walter Wangerin will bring us to the foot of the cross as we read a passage from his book, Reliving The Passion.

April 16 Natalia (Easter)

Title:

Scripture:

April 23 **Ask The Pastors**

April 30 Natalia

May 7 Chad

May 14 Natalia

May 21 Chad

May 28 Natalia

June 4 Chad

**GRAD SUNDAY? Seniors?**

June 11 Natalia (Chad in Africa)

June 18 Natalia (Chad in Africa)

June 25 Chad