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## **Getting the Word Out - - - - from Pastor Bob**

**LASAGNA DINNER BY THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH, FRIDAY, MARCH 23rd** If you missed this last year, you won't want to miss it this year. This is a fund-raiser for the WOC and it is going to be spectacular. Its only \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Children up to 10 years of age. Invite all your fiends and plan on being in Fellowship Hall from 5 to 7 PM. There will be plenty of food and fun for all. Mark your calendar now.

**WHAT IS LENT?** Who stopped observing it and why? In the 16th century, many Anabaptists, those who gave rise to the Amish, the Mennonites, the Baptists, the Puritans and the Plymouth Brethren discarded all Christian holy days on the theory they were all Roman innovations. At that time their information was wrong. In the late 19th century many ancient Christian documents came to light which gave evidence of the early Christian calendar and holy days. Most religious groups founded in the United States in the 19th century do not have a custom of observing Lent. Gradually, the holy days have returned to the churches that have lost them. Lent is mounting a come-back in the 21st century.

## **It's on my heart . . . .**

Are you "stuck in the mud?" I don't mean to suggest that you have a drainage or mud problem around your house. I mean, are you being

stuck fast or being held by something that just won't let you go? A lot of people have gotten themselves into trouble because they can't seem to extricate themselves from certain situations, patterns of life, habits or relationships. They have become, if you will, stuck in the mud of life. This expression first was recorded in 1733 with essentially the modern meaning we give it today: a person who is stolid, unimaginative, content with his or her lot in life and unprepared to make an effort to improve upon it. Sometimes, if you have a car stuck in the mud you need someone to pull you out. Let me suggest that if you are personally stuck in the mud of life, your faith in Jesus Christ can pull you out, if you let Him.

**ATTEND NOON WED. LENTEN STUDIES THROUGH APRIL 4th.**

**REMEMBER OUR LENTEN SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>-Palm Sunday Worship.

THURSDAY APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>-Maunday Thursday Communion Service 7 PM. The altar will be stripped after Communion.

FRIDAY APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>-Good Friday Worship Service 7 PM

SUNDAY APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>-Community Easter Sunrise Service on the water at Everglades National Park, followed by Worship at 11 AM.

Each of these days are important in the Christian Calendar.