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Getting the Word Out - - - - from Pastor Bob

KEEP US WITH YOU. For those of you leaving us for the Summer, we will miss you. Please be sure and leave your address in the offering plate so we can send you a 4-page expansion of this newsletter. That way you can keep up with what is going on here until you return. You can also keep up-to-date with us on-line. If you have a computer, go to our website weekly to read the weekly edition of *THE MESSENGER* and see a copy of our Order of Worship. The monthly calendar is a rotating one that lets you know daily what is happening. So, just because you are out of sight, it doesn't mean you have to be out of touch. There is one more way you can keep in touch, and that is with your stewardship. We have a faith-based budget, which means we don't have an annual pledge drive. In the winter, our funds grow in proportion to the number of people who attend worship. Conversely, the offerings go down while many of you are away. It would be wonderful if you could keep ECC in your budget by continuing your financial support in the Summer months. We who remain would be blessed, and so would you. Thanks.

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. It's only \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Children up to 10 years of age. Invite all your friends 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.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE plans are underway with the other churches in our community. Plan to be with us at sunrise, about 6 AM at Everglades National Park and then join us for donuts and coffee here at the church afterwards.

It's on my heart

Have you ever had a tooth "pulled out"? I remember the time my mother tied a string around my tooth and then tied the string to a door knob and slammed the door shut! The tooth came out, and my head almost came off! Those were the good ole' days. Today, we go to the dentist to have a tooth extracted. It's not the old door trick, but it still hurts. Life is kinda' like that. There are some things that need to come out of our lives, and we can do it ourselves. Still, there are more serious things that need some professional help. Sometimes we call them minor sins, and sometimes they are major sins. Regardless, they still need to come out! Why? Because we need a closer relationship with our God. How? It's up to us to ask God to help us. He is like your dentist. A prayer? "Please God, remove this sin from me and make me whole." Amen.

ATTEND NOON WED. LENTEN STUDIES THROUGH APRIL 4th.

REMEMBER OUR LENTEN SCHEDULE

SUNDAY APRIL 1st-Palm Sunday Worship.

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

FRIDAY APRIL 6th-Good Friday Worship Service 7 PM

SUNDAY APRIL 8th-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.