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Sermons, Radio Talks - The Abundant Life, 1987-2003

June to August, 1988 based on Exodus to Deuteronomy

1. Unlikely Beginnings (Ex. 2:1-10)
2. Unlikely Grace (Ex. 2:11-22)
3. Unlikely Name (Ex 3:1-12)
4. Unlikely Meeting (Ex. 5:1-8)
5. Unlikely Celebration (Ex.12)
6. Unlikely Freeing (Ex. 14)
7. Unlikely Responses (Ex. 16)
8. Unlikely Leaders (Ex. 18)
9. Unlikely Love (Ex. 19)
10. Unlikely Rebels (Ex. 32)
11. Unlikely Caring (Nu. 14)
12. Unlikely Ethics (Deut. 6)
13. Unlikely Leader (Deut. 34)

June to August 1989 based on Joshua, Judges, Ruth

1. Remembered Living: a River Crossed (Joshua 4)
2. Obedient Living: a City Taken (Joshua 6)
3. Rested Living: a Land Lived In (Joshua 21:43-22:6)
4. Responsive Living: a Faith Reaffirmed (Joshua 24:14-27)
5. Dark Times: Introduction to Judges
6. Call to Action (Judges 4, 5)
7. A Reluctant Leader (Joshua 6)
8. A Two-handed Leader (Judges 7, 8)
9. A Self-appointed Leader (Judges 9)
10. A Flawed Leader (Judges 16)
11. A Love Story (Ruth 1)
12. A Refugee Story (Ruth 2)
13. A Family Story (Ruth 4)

December 1989 - May 1990 based on John and 1, II, III John

1. Waiting for G-d (John 1)
2. Looking for Answers (John 3)
3. Looking for Acceptance (John 4)
4. Looking for G-d (John 1:1-18)
5. What's Really Important (John 5:1-15)
6. When the Bible Isn't Enough (John 5:30-47)
7. Jesus Satisfies (John 6:35-51)
8. Jesus Sets Us Free (John 8)
9. Jesus Illumines (John 9)
10. The Plot Thickens (John 12)
11. Jesus as Servant (John 13)

12. Jesus as the Way (John 14)
13. Jesus as Guide (John 14)
 1. Friends of Jesus (John 15)
 2. G-d Still Guides (John 16)
 3. Betraying G-d (John 18)
 4. Denying G-d (John 18)
 5. G-d on Trial (John 18)
 6. Burying G-d (John 19)
 7. The Marks of G-d (John 20)
 8. G-d Forgives (1 John 1:1 - 2:6)
 9. G-d Accepts (1 John 2)
10. G-d Loves (I John 3)
11. G-d Calls (1 John 4)
12. G-d Gives Life (1 John 5)
13. G-d's Community (II John & III John)

September to November 1990 based on I & II Samuel, I & II Kings, Amos, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel

1. A Prophet Crowns a King (I Sam. 10)
2. A Prophet Disappoints a King (II Sam. 7)
3. A Prophet Convicts a King (II Sam. 11-12)
4. A Prophet Judges a King (I Kings, 21)
5. A Prophet Unsettles a King (I Kings 22)
6. A Prophet Creates a King (II Kings 9)
7. A Prophet Challenges a Priest (Amos)
8. A Prophet Encourages a King (Isaiah & 7)
9. A Prophet Teaches a King to Pray (II Kings 19)
10. A Prophet Encourages a King (II Kings 22)
11. A Prophet Confronts Parliament (Jeremiah 26)
12. A Prophet Rewrites a Book (Jeremiah 36)
13. Prophets, Priests, Kings, and Shepherds (Ezekiel 34)

December 1990 to February 1991 based on Luke & Matthew

1. Grace Still Waits (Luke 15) 1st Advent
2. Grace Raises the Dead (Luke 18) 2nd Advent
3. Grace Invites (Luke 14) 3rd Advent
4. Grace Seeks (Luke 2; John 10) 4th Advent
5. Grace Provides (Mt 20)
6. The G-d of the Kingdom (Mt 13) Epiphany-Week of Prayer
7. Waiting as Response (Mt 25)
8. A Call to Response (Lk 16)
9. A Committed Response (Lk 19)
10. Love Seeks (Lk 10)
11. Grace as Entry (Lk 11)
12. Forgiveness and Forgiving (Mt 18)

13. Accepting Grace (Mt 25)

September to November, 1991 based on Acts

- Sept. 1 Jesus Calls (Acts 9:1-16)
8 G-d's People Call (9:26-30; 11:19-30)
15 Call to Freedom (13:26-29)
22 Call to Healing (14:8-18)
29 Call to Community (15:1-12)
Oct. 6 Call to the West (16:9-23)
13 Call to Belief (16:19-34)
20 Call to Change (17:22-34)
27 Call to Awareness (18:24-19:6)
Nov. 3 Call to Wakefulness (20:17-31)
10 Call to Courage (21:26-39a)
17 Call to Commitment (26:1-29)
24 Call to Hear (28:21-31)

March to May, 1992 based on Mark and I & II Peter

- March 1 Authority of a Call (Mk 1:1-15)
8 Authority Over Institutions (2:23-3:6)
15 Authority for Mission (6:1-13)
22 Authority Across Boundaries (7:24-37)
29 Authority of Identity (8:27-9:1)
April 5 Authority of Love (12:28-37)
12 Authority of the Cross (15:22-39)
19 Authority of Absence (15: 42-16:8)
26 Living in Exile (I Peter 1:1-25)
May 3 New Citizenship in Exile (I Peter
10 Community Life in Exile (I Peter 3:13-4:11)
17 Life Together in Exile (I Peter 5:1-11)
24 Knowledge of G-d (2 Peter 1:1-14)
31 Patience of G-d (2 Peter 3:1-14)

June to August, 1992 - Minor Prophets, Pastorals

- June 7 Obadiah (Pentecost/MWC)
June 14 The Word of the Lord Came (Jonah 1, 2)
June 21 The Word of the Lord Came - Again (Jonah 3,4)
June 28 G-d of All Nations (Nahum 1)
July 5 Living in Faith (Habakkuk)
July 12 Seek G-d (Zephaniah 1, 2)
July 19 G-d's Party (Zephaniah 3)
July 26 Words to Trust (I Timothy 1)
Aug. 2 Words You can Trust (1 Timothy 4)
Aug. 9 (I Tim. 6)
Aug. 16 (II Tim. 2)
Aug. 23 (II Tim. 3:10-4:8)

Aug. 30 (Titus 2, 3:1-8)

December 1992 to February 1993 Good News based on New Testament books

Unit 1 Coming of the Good News

Dec. 6 G-d Speaks (2nd Advent) (Hebrews 1:1-4)

Dec. 13 G-d Promises (3rd Advent) (Luke 1:1-25)

Dec. 20 G-d is Here (4th Advent) (Luke 2:1-40)

Dec. 27 G-d Sends (Matt. 3:1-4:11)

Unit 2 Living the Good News

Jan. 3 G-d Strengthens (Acts 2)

Jan. 10 G-d Calls (I Peter 1:3-25)

Jan. 17 G-d Calls Everyone (Anabaptist Sunday) (Acts 2)

Jan. 24 G-d Teaches (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity) (1 Cor. 1-2:13)

Jan. 31 G-d Unites (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity) (Ephesians 4)

Unit 3 Sharing the Good News

Feb. 7 G-d Sends (Luke 24:13-53)

Feb. 14 G-d's Good News (Romans 10)

Feb. 21 G-d Cares (Romans 15)

Feb. 28 G-d's Teaching - First of Lent (2 Tim. 2:14-3:9)

June to August, 1993

June 6 Good News (Phil. 1)

June 13 Good News: an example for life (Phil. 2:1-18)

June 20 Good News: we're not victims of our past (Phil. 3)

June 27 Good News: down to earth benefits (Phil. 4)

July 4 Jesus is G-d (Col. 1)

July 11 Jesus Liberates (Col. 2)

July 18 Jesus Transforms (Philemon)

Aug. 1 New Life (Eph. 2:1-10)

Aug. 8 New Fellowship (Eph. 2:11-22)

Aug. 15 New Behaviour (Eph. 5:1-20)

Aug. 22 New Family Order (Eph. 5:21-6:4)

Aug. 29 New Strength (Eph. 6:10-20)

September to November, 1993 - Genesis)

Sept. 5 G-d Creates (Gen. 1)

Sept. 12 G-d Cares (Gen. 2)

Sept. 19 G-d's Response (Gen. 3:14-24)

Oct. 3 G-d's Commitment (Gen. 15:1-18)

Oct. 10 G-d Sees (Gen. 16:1-16)

Oct. 17 G-d's Covenant (Gen. 17:1-14)

Oct. 24 G-d's Promise (Gen. 21:1-14)

Oct. 31 A Family Story (Gen. 25:19-34)

Nov. 7 Brother Troubles (Gen. 27)

Nov. 14 Family Troubles (Gen. 29)

Nov. 21 Brothers Reconciled (Gen. 33)

Nov. 28 A Father's Blessing (Gen. 48)

June to August, 1994

June 5 G-d Remembers (Ex. 1,2)
June 12 G-d Calls (Ex. 3-4:17)
June 19 G-d Frees (Ex. 6)
June 26 G-d Rescues (Ex. 14:21-31)
July 3 G-d Provides (Ex. 16:2-7, 13-18)
July 10 G-d's Leaders (Ex. 18)
July 17 G-d's Covenant (Ex. 19-20:17)
July 24 G-d's Grace (Ex. 32, 34:1-10)
July 31 G-d's Presence (Ex. 25: 1-8; 29:42-46; 40:33-38)
August 7 G-d's Ownership (Lev. 25)
Aug. 14 G-d's Caring (Numbers 13, 14)
Aug. 21 G-d's Right (Deut. 6)
Aug. 28 G-d's Choices (Deut. 28)

December 1994 to February 1995 - Matthew

Dec. 4 Strange Introduction (Mt. 3:1-15)
Dec. 11 Strange Invitation (11:2-15)
Dec. 18 Strange Beginning (1:18-25)
Dec. 25 Strange Visitors (2:1-12)
Jan. 1 Strange Authority (8:28-9:9)
Jan. 8 New Authority (12:9-23)
Jan. 15 New Invitations (15:21-31)
Jan. 22 New Beginnings (17:1-13)
Jan. 29 G-d Marches (21:1-16)
Feb. 5 G-d Eats with Friends (26:20-30)
Feb. 12 G-d on Trial (26:57-68)
Feb. 19 G-d Dies (27:27-44)
Feb. 26 G-d Upsets (28:1-20)

June to August, 1995

June 4 Political Naivete (I Kings 12:6-17)
11 Political Challenge ((I Kings 18)
18 Political Bankruptcy (I Kings 21:1-20)
25 Political Helplessness (2 Kings 7:1-9)
July 2 Religious Bankruptcy (Amos 2:4-8; 3:1,2)
9 Religious Noise (Amos 4:4,5; 5:18-24)
16 Religious Games (Hosea 1:2-9; 3:1-5)
23 G-d as Mother (Hosea 11:1-9)
30 Religious Arrogance (Micah 3:5-12)
August 6 G-d Calls (Isaiah 6:1-8; 1:14-17)
13 G-d Warms (Is. 7:2-17)
20 Religious Presumption (Is. 5:8-24)
27 The Verdict (2 Kings 17:6-18)

September to November, 1995 - Acts

Sept.	3	The Promise of the Holy Spirit	Acts. 1:1-14
	10	The Spirit's Presence	Acts 2
	17	The Spirit's Power	Acts 3,4
	24	The Spirit's Messengers	Acts 5:17-32, 40-42
Oct.	1	The Spirit's Workers	Acts 6 (World Communion Sunday)
	8	The Spirit's Invitation	Acts 8:4,6; 26-38 (Thanksgiving)
	15	The Spirit Surprises	Acts 9:1-20
	22	The Spirit's Extension	Acts. 10:30-48
	29	The Spirit Moves (Reformation Sunday)	Acts 11:19-30; 12:24,25
Nov.	5	The Spirit Sends (Stewardship Sunday)	Acts 13:1-5; 14:1-7, 24-27
	12	The Spirit's Challenge	Acts. 15:1-18 (Peace Sunday)
	19	The Spirit's vision	Acts 17:9-34
	26	The Spirit's Security	Acts 19:1-20 (In Memoriam Sunday)

March to May, 1996

March	3	A Story About Farming	Mt 13:1-9, 18-23	2nd Lent
	10	A Story About Forgiving	Mt. 18:21-35	3rd Lent
	17	A Story About Wages	Mt. 20:1-16	4th Lent
	24	A Story About Three Servants	Mt. 25:14-30	5th Lent
	31	The Great Banquet	Mt. 14: 15-24	6th Lent
April	7	Words That Bring Together	Lk. 24:13-27	Easter
	14	Stories About Lostness	Lk 15:1-10	Evangelism
	21	The Good Shepherd	John 10:1-1-8	
	28	More Words	John 15:1-17	
May	5	The Inaugural Address	Mt 5:1-17	
	12	Love Your Enemies	Mt 5:38-48	Family Sun.
	19	Sensible Words	Mt 6:19-34	
	26	How to Pray	Mt 6:1-15	Pentecost

December 1996 to February 1997

Dec.	1	The Old	Luke 1:5-64
	8	The Young	Luke 1:25-42
	15	The Marginalized	Luke 2:8-20
	22	The Powerful	Mt. 2:1-16
	29	The Waiting	Luke 2:22-38
Jan.	5	The Fanatic	Mk 1:4-15; Lk 7:1:8-23
	12	Sisters	Lk 10:38-42; Jn 12:108
	19	The Rock	Mt 4:18-20, 16:13-23
	26	The Puzzle	Mt 26:14-50, 27:1-5
Feb.	2	The Friend	Acts 4:32-37, 9:26-27, 11:22-30
	9	The Witness	Acts 6:8-15, 7:54-60
	16	The Teachers	Acts 18:1-26; Rom. 16:3-5

	23	The Student	Acts 16:105; 1 Cor. 4:14-17; Phil 2:10-22; II Tim.1:4-7
March to May 1997			
March	2	Gentle Among You	I Thes 2:1-13
	9	Increase and Abound in Love	I Thes 3:12-4:12
	16	Consistency	II Thes 1
	23	Prayer and Work	II Thes 3:1-16
	30	An Invitation	Mt 28:1-10
April	6	Troubled Times	Rev 1:4-16
	13	T the Churches I	Rev. 2:8-17
	20	To the Churches II	Rev. 2:18-3:6
	27	To the Churches III	Rev. 3:7-21
May	4	A Book, a Lamb and Worship	Rev. 5:1-14
	11	Of Seals and Stuff	Rev. 7
	18	Salvation Comes	Rev. 19:11-16, 20:11-15
	25	A New City	Rev. 21:1-7, 22-27
September to November 1997			
Sept.	7	An Abiding G-d	Is 44:21-45:8
	14	An Inviting G-d	Is 55
	21	An Abiding G-d	Haggai
	28	A Strong G-d	Zechariah 4
Oct.	5	Eating with the King	Daniel 1
	12	A Hot Time	Daniel 3
	19	Strange Handwriting	Daniel 5
	26	A Wonderful Prayer	Daniel 9
Nov.	2	Delayed Action	Ezra 6
	9	Hard Decisions	Ezra 9, 10
	16	Another Attempt	Nehemiah 2
	23	The Task Finished	Nehemiah 4
	30	Buildings Aren't Enough	Malachi
March to May 1998			
March	1	Proclamation	Mk 1:1-20
	8	Authority I	Mk 1:21-45
	15	Authority II	Mk 2:3-12, 3:1-5
	22	Hope	Mk 5:21-43
	29	Identification I	Mk 8:27-9:1
April	5	Authority III	Mark 11:1-33
	12	Identification II	Mk 15:21-16:8
	19	Authority IV	Mk 12:1-12
	26	The Gift of Table	Mk 14:12-25
May	3	The Gift of the Word	Mk 4:1-34
	10	Family Sunday	Mk 7:1-13
	17	Relationships	Mk 10:1-12
May	24	Another Way	Mk 9:33-37, 10:35-45

	31	The Wind	Mk 13
September to November, 1998			
Sept.	6	Freedom Attempted	Genesis 3
	13	Freedom Given	Exodus 2, 5, 12, 15
	20	Freedom Defined	Deuteronomy 5
	27	Freedom Celebrated	Joshua 3, 4
Oct.	4	Self Rule	Judges 2
	11	King Rule	1 Samuel 7, 8
	18	A Divided Kingdom	1 Kings 12
	25	A Foreigner Meets G-d	2 Kings 5
Nov.	1	Pictures of G-d's People	Amos 6, 7
	8	Questioning G-d	Psalms 73
	15	A Darkening Horizon	Jeremiah 19, 21
	22	A New Horizon	Ezekiel 37
	29	A New Day Dawns	Nehemiah 8, 9
March 5 to May, 1999 based on John			
Mar.	7	In the Beginning	John 1:1-1-8
	14	Who is He?	1: 14-51
	21	Starting Over	3: 1-21
	28	The Thirsty Stranger	4: 1-42
April	4	Called by Name	19: 16-30; 20:11-18
	11	Doubting Love	20: 19-29
	18	I Am the Bread of Life	6: 1-59
	25	I Am the Light	8: 12-59
May	2	Strange Guests	12: 23-43
	9	Servant Ambition	13: 1-17
	16	friends of Jesus	15: 11-17
	23	The Spirit Comes	14: 15-26
	30	Marked by G-d	17: 1-24
June to August, 1999 based on Genesis			
June	6	G-d Created	Gen. 1
	13	Creation Continues	Gen 2
	20	Conflict	Gen 4
	27	The Flood	Gen. 6:5 - 9:17
July	4	The Call	Gen. 11:27 - 12:9
	11	G-d's Commitment	Gen 15
	18	The Testing	Gen 22
	25	A Family Story	Gen. 25
Aug.	1	Brother Troubles	Gen 27
	8	Two Meetings	Gen 32:3 - 33:17
	15	Family Troubles	Gen. 37
	22	Good Times and Bad Times	Gen. 41
29		Revenge!	Gen. 44 - 45:7

March to May, 2000 - I & II Corinthians

March	5	The Gospel in the City	1 Cor. 1
	12	The Gift of the Spirit	1 Cor. 2
	19	He Loved Us	1 Cor. 4
	26	Discipline	1 Cor. 5
Apr.	2	Sex	1 Cor. 7
	9	What About Others	1 Cor. 8
	16	Jesus as Lord	1 Cor. 12
	23	Resurrection	1 Cor. 15
	30	Love	1 Cor. 30
May	7	Differences	II Cor. 2
	14	One Spirit	II Cor. 4
	21	Generosity	II Cor. 9
	28	Living in the Truth	II Cor. 13

June to August, 2000

June	Philippians 1:12-30; 2: 1-13; 3; 4: 4-20
July	Ephesians 1: 1-14; 2; 4; 5 - 6:4; 6: 10-24
Aug.	Colossians 1; 2: 6-19; 3: 1-17; Philemon

March to May, 2001

March	4	Lent 1	Acts 1
	11	Lent 2	Acts 2
	18	Lent 3	Acts 3, 4
	25	Lent 4	Acts 5
April	1	Lent 5	Acts 6, 7
	8	Lent 6	Acts 8
	15	Easter	Acts 9
May	6		Acts 13
	13		Acts 15
	20		Acts 16
	27		Acts 20

June to August, 2001

June	3	Rehoboam	I Kings 12
	10	Elijah	I Kings 17
	17	Elijah	I Kings 18
	24	Micaiah	I Kings 22
July	1	Amos	Amos 2
	8	Amos	Amos 4: 2-5; 5: 20-24
	15	Hosea	Hosea 1: 2-9; 2: 1-4
	22	Hosea	Hosea 11
	29	Micah	Micah 3: 9-13; 6: 6-8
Aug.	5	Isaiah	Isaiah 6: 1-12

12	Isaiah	Isaiah 7
19	Doom!	Isaiah 5
26	The End!	II Kings 17

December 2001 to February 2002

Dec.	2	Advent 1	Isaiah 49
	9	Advent 2	Isaiah 11: 1-9
	16	Advent 3	Isaiah 40: 1-11
	23	Advent 4	Isaiah 9:2-7
	30		Isaiah 42: 1-9
Jan.	6	Epiphany	Isaiah 60: 1-3; 61: 1-4
	13		Isaiah 55: 1-9
	20	Anabaptist Sunday	Isaiah 58
	27	Christian Unity Sunday	Isaiah 65: 17-25
Feb.	3		Ruth 1
	10		Ruth 2, 4
	17	Lent 1	Jonah 1, 2
	24	Lent 2	Jonah 3, 4

June to August, 2002

June	Psalms 1, 19, 42, 23, 121, 82, 113, 78
July	Psalms 104, 8, 32, 67, 96
August	Proverbs 3; 4; 6; 15: 1-8; 17: 1-10; 19:17; 22; 23: 1-11

December 2002 to February 2003

Dec.	1	Elizabeth and Zechariah	Luke 1: 5-66	Advent 1
	8	Mary	Luke 1: 26-56	Advent 2
	15	Joseph	Matt. 1 18-25; 2: 13-23	Advent 3
	22	Mary	Luke 2: 1-20	Advent 4
	29	John the Baptist	Matt. 3; 11: 2-10; 14: 1-12	
Jan.	5	Rich Young Man	Mark 10: 17-27	
	12	Mary and Martha	Luke 10: 38-42; John 11: 20-32	
			Week of Prayer	
	19	Pilate	John 18: 31-38; 19: 1-16, Anabaptist Sunday	
	26	Peter	Luke 22: 31-34, 54-62; John 21: 1-22	
			Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	
Feb.	2	Barnabas	Acts 4: 36, 37; 9: 26, 27; 11: 22-36; 15: 36-41	
	9	Paul	Acts 26: 12-29	
	16	Timothy	Acts 16:1-5; Phil. 2: 19-24; 1 Tim. 1:1-3; II Tim. 1: 3-5	
	23	Priscilla and Aquila	Acts 18: 1-4, 24-26; Rom. 16: 3,4; I Cor. 16:19; II Tim 4:19	

March to May, 2003 based on Mark

March	Mark 1:9-26; 2:3-17; 4:36 - 5:13; 6: 1-13; 7: 1-15	Lent 1, 2, 3, 4
April	Mark 11: 1-18; (Family Sunday) 14: 12-25; 15: 21-37; 16: 1-8; 5: 22-42	Lent 5, 6 Easter Sun.
May	7: 24-37; 8:27 - 9:7; 9: 14-29; 10: 37-52	

September to December, 2003

Sept.	7	Labour Day	James 1: 1-18
	14		James 1: 22-27; 2: 8-17; 5: 13-16
	21		James 3
	28		James 4
Oct.	5	World Communion	I Peter 1 - 2:10
	12	Thanksgiving	I Peter 2:11 - 5:10
	19		II Peter 1: 1-15
	26		II Peter 3
Nov.	2	Reformation Sunday	I John 1 - 3:10
	9	Peace Sunday	I John 3:11 - 4:21
	16		I John 5
	23	In Memoriam	2, 3 John
	30	Advent 1	Jude

SERMONS PREACHED AT NUTANA PARK MENNONITE CHURCH 1987 to 2009

1987	Oct.	God Loves Our World	Deut. 10:16-19; Prov 3:7-9; Gen 1: 27-31; 4:8
	Nov.	We Protest!	Hab. 3; Rom 5:1-11; 1 Peter 3:15
		The Church in G-d's World	2 Cor. 8:9
		Prepare Your Hearts	Rom 8:1-9a; Ps 51:15-17
		G-d's Glory	Is 53:1-3; Heb. 1:1-3; Jn 1:14-18
		Where is He that is Born King of the Jews	Mt 2: 1-11
		Accountability and Work	
1988	Jan.	Unlikely Beginnings	Ex. 2:1-10; 1 Cor. 1:27-29
	Feb.	Unlikely Grace	Ex. 2:11-22; Mt. 4:18-22
		Unlikely Meeting	Ex 5:1-8; Lk 23:8-11; Rev. 13:2, 4 5, 7
	March	Unlikely Freeing	Ex. 14:10-18; 30-31; Acts 13:17, 81, 37-38
		Family Connections - World Mission Sunday	2 Cor. 8:9
		Unlikely Love	Ex.19:1-6; Heb 12:22-24; 1 Peter 2:9
	April	Sunsets into Sunrise	
		A Grounded Faith	1 Cor. 15:1-4
		Unlikely Caring	Nu 14:10-20; 2 Peter 3:9
		Unlikely Leader	Deut. 24
	May	Promise Keeping	Baptism Sunday 1 Peter 3:18-22; Rom. 5:1-6
	June	Insects and Us	
		Naming G-d	
		Protecting G-d	Gen 1
	July	Knowing G-d	Ps 46; Is 30:15
		Knowing G-d	Job 42; Ps 25
	Aug.	Using G-d	Job 1:6-11; Ps 50:1-6
		Loving G-d	Deut. 6:1-9, 10-12, 13, 17-19; 11:1
1988	Sept.	Loving G-d	Deut. 6:4,5; 11:11, 12; 20:19; 22:6,7
		Worshipping G-d	Rom. 12:1,2; Lk 17:7-10

	Oct.	A Life for New Reasons	Lk 12:22-32; Rom. 12:1,2
	Nov.	Geometry of Peace	2 Cor. 5:14-20
		Four Letter Words	First Advent Mt. 2:1-11; 1 John 3:1; Jn 3:16
	Dec.	Hope: Another Four Letter Word	Rom. 5:1-5; Eph 4:4-6
1989	Jan.	Pioneer of Faith	Lk 2:41-52; Heb. 2:10; 12:1,2
		A King as Servant	Is 42:1; Lk 3:15-17, 21-22; Eph 3:4-6
		The G-d We Praise	Ps 100; Jn 13:1-15
		The King's Proclamation	Lk 4:16-30
	Feb.	The King's Coronation	Lk 9:28-36
		The King's Forgiveness	Lk 13:1-9; Ps 103
	Mar.	The King Searches	Lk 15:1-8
		The King Lives	Lk 24: 1-10
		The Ancient New Hope	1 Peter 1:3
	Apr.	Whom Does the King Want	Ps 67; Acts 15:22-29; Jn 14:21-27; Rev. 21:22-26
	May	Making Promises (Baptism)	Gal. 3:26-28
		Receiving the Promise	Acts 2:39
	June	The Extravagance of G-d	Ps. 100; 1 Kings 8:41-43; Lk 7:1-10
		The Extravagance of Love	Lk 7:36-50
	July	The Extravagance of the Kingdom	Lk 10:10,11; 1 Kings 21:1-3
		Many People Becoming G-d's People	Eph 2:13-16; 4:12-16
		The Extravagance of Doing Nothing	Ps 139:13-18; Lk 10:38-42
	Aug.	Bottom Line Theology	Lk 12:13-21; Ps 28
		Family Identity	Mt 26: 26-29; Is 49:1
	Sept.	A Calculated Faith	Lk 14:25-33
	Oct.	Names in G-d's Village	2 Tim 1:1-5
		Reforms in G-d's Village	
	Dec.	G-d Visits the Village	Is 2:1-5; Mt 24:36-44
		G-d Stays in the Village	Is 7:10-14; Mt 1:18-23; Rom 1:1-7
1990	Jan.	Jesus: The Model for Giving	Phil 2:3-8
		Sanctify Them in the Truth	
	Feb.	St. Philip	
		Does Jesus Make Sense	
	Mar.	No Longer Trapped	John 9
		No Longer Victims	John 4
	Apr.	No Longer Earthbound	Jn 20:1-9; Col. 3:1-4
		No Longer Fragmented	Lk 24:13-31
	May	Citizens, Immigrants and Prophets	Eph 2:12-19
		Divine Connections	1 Peter 2:4-10
		Divine Presence	Jn 14:15-21; Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
	June	Divine Extravagance	Gen 1:29-31; Mk 12:1-9; 15:33-37
		Divine Mission	Mt 10:24-33
1990	July	Divine Invitation	Mt 10:34-42
		Divine Accountancy	Mt 13:44-52; Ex 3:13-15

	Aug.	Divine Word More than Symbol	Mt 14:13-21 Gal. 3:26-28
	Sept.	Divine Profits Yes and No	Mt 16:21-27 Mt. 21: 24-32
	Oct.	Ecumenism is a Verb Covenant and Offering (communion) Reformation is a Verb	Phil 4:1-9 Rom 3:21-27; 12:2
	Nov.	Peace is a Verb Scripture: Witness and confession	Mt 5:21-24, 44; 6:33 Lk 1:1-4
	Dec.	The Gentle Witness The Gospel According to Luther A Continuing Witness	Is 40:1-11 Lk 2:25-40
1991	Jan.	The Universal Witness Baptismal Sunday (of Jesus)	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:1-9; Mt 2:1-12 Gen 1:1-5; Ps 29; Mk 1:7-11
	Feb.	Wasting Love	Lk 15:11-32
	Mar.	Waiting Love Awakened Love	Lk 15:11-32 Mk 16:1-8
	Apr.	Doubting Love Healing Love	Jn 20: 19-31 Acts 4:8-13
	May	Family Love (baptism) Family Speech	Eph 2:17-22; 4:1-6 Joel 2; Acts. 2:1-11
	June	Principles of People The Kingdom: Barriers are Down	Mk 2:23 - 3:6 Mk 5:21-43
	July	The Kingdom: Come to be Sent Faithfulness Rooted in Christ	2 Sam 7:18-29; Ps 132; Eph 1:1-10; Mk 6:b-13 Eph 3:14-21
	Aug.	The Kingdom: Call to Unity The Kingdom: Community Ethics	Eph 4:1-6 Eph 4:25 - 5:2
	Sept.	The Kingdom: Power Politics	Mk 9:30-37
	Oct.	The Kingdom: Called to See	Mk 10:46-52
	Dec.	More to Come Both-And	Lk 3:1-6 Lk 2:41-52
1992	Jan.	Epiphany: Beginnings	Jn 2:1-11
	Feb.	Epiphany: Invitation	Is 6:1-6; Lk 5:1-11
	Mar.	Where is Authority Light of the World	Lk 4:1-13 Is 60:19-22; 1 Jn 1:5-7; Jn 8:12
	Mar.	Lent: The Identity of G-d	Ex 3:1-15; Lk 13:1-9
	Apr.	Lent: Seeing Myself Easter: What Happened Easter: Called to Live	Lk 18:9-14 Lk 23:56 - 24:12 Rev. 1:4-8; Jn 20:19-31
	May	Follow Me Easter: A New Word	Rev. 5:11-14; Jn 21:15-19 Rev. 21:1-6; 13:31-35
1992	June	Pentecost: A New Order The Kingdom: Small Beginnings	Gen 11:1-9; Ats 2:1-21 Mk 4:26-32

		G-d With Us	Jn 16:12-15; Rom 5:1-5
July		Is There Good News	Gal. 2:11-21
		Rules and Freedom	Gal. 6:1-6
Aug.		Barriers are Down	Col. 1:18-28
		Rebuilding	Col. 3:1-11
Sept.		A Working Theory	Heb. 12:28 - 13:8
		Tourists or Pilgrims	Heb. 12:18-24
Oct.		G-d's Invitation (to eat)	Hosea 6:1-6
		G-d's Temdermess	Hosea 11:1-9
Nov.		Saints of the Most High G-d	Dan 7:1-3; 15-18; Eph 1:11-23; Lk 6:35
Dec.		Small Town Politics	Micah 5:2-6; Lk 2:8-15
		The Two Decrees	Lk 2:1-20
		Safety in Unlikely Places	Mt. 2:13-15; 19-23
1993	Jan.	Faithfulness	Gal. 5:22-26
		Unlikely Beginnings	Is. 49:1-7
	Feb.	A Story About a Garden	Gen 2:4-3:7
	Mar.	A Story About a Trip	Gen 11:27-12:9
		A Story About a Son	i Sam 16:1-13
	Apr.	A Story About an Invitation	Matt 28: 1-10
		A Story About a Beginning	Acts 2:37-47
	May	G-d's People	1 Peter 2:4-10
		G-d's Intent	Acts 1:1-14; 1 Peter 3:22
		G-d's Presence	Acts 2:1-21
	July	Room for a View	Is 55:8-13; Psalm 137:1-6
	Aug.	A New View	Is 55:1-8
		A Wide View	Is 55:1-8
	Sept.	Finding Sanctuary	Heb 10:19-25; Matt 10:1-8
	Oct.	Of a G-d Nearby	is 55:6-9
		Of a G-d Most Just	Ez 18:1-4, 25-32
		Of a G-d of Trust	Jer 31:29-34
	Nov.	Of a G-d of Care	Is 64:1-8; Lk 1:50-55, 11:1
	Dec.	Now He is New	Lk 2:1-20
1994	Jan.	The G-d of Water	Ps 29; Gen 1:1-5; Mk 1:9-11;
		Prayer in New Community of Faith	
		The G-d Who Sends	Gen 11:27-12:9; Matt 28:16-20
	Feb.	The G-d of the Mountain	Ps 50:1-6; 2 Cor 4:3-6; Mk 9:2-8
		The G-d of Wanderers	Mk 1:9-15
		Second Word from the Cross	k 23:39-43
	Apr.	G-d of the Surprised	Mk 16:1-8
		G-d of Proclamation	Acts 2:1-14; 1 Cor 11:26
1994		G-d of Change, G-d of Promise, G-d of Invitation	Acts 3:12-26
		G-d of Community	

May	G-d of Families God of Children	Gen 29:16-30 Mk 10:13-16; Ps 139:13-18
June	Peace: A Hard Word Respond: A Hard Word	2 Cor 5:16-20 2 Cor 6:1-10
July	The Disciples' Prayer	Matt 6:9-13
Aug.	'In Heaven' Hallowed be Your Name	Matt 6:9-13; Mk 12:1-9 Ex 3:13-15; Matt 6:9
Sept.	Your Kingdom Come	Mk 1:14,15; Matt 13:31, 6:9, 10
Oct.	Give Us Daily Bread Forgive Us Our Debts	1 Cor 11:23, 24; Matt 6:9-11 Matt 6:9-12
Nov.	'Forgive as We Forgive' Remember	Matt 6:12; 18:23-25 1 Cor 11:23-26
Dec.	Free Us Power in an Unlikely Place	Matt 6:13 Lk 4:18, 19; 2:14-16; Matt 6:13
1995	Jan. Hope - Forever We Mean It	1 Tim 4:10; Matt 6:13 Lk 18:1-8; Matt 6:13
	Feb. Who Is This? The Paradox of a Disciple	Matt 21:1, 7-10 Jer 27:5-10; Lk 6:17-26
	Mar. What is Truth? My G-d, Why? Is it I?	Jn 18:34-38 Mk 15:25-34 Jn 14:12; Mk 14:12-19
	Apr. What Shall I Do With Jesus? Whom Do You Seek? Do You Love Me?	Matt 27:11-31 Lk 23:50-24:12 Jn 21:9-17
	May Part of the Family What Do You See?	Rev. 7:9-17 Rev. 21:10-26
	June Sent by G-d The Circle Gets Bigger	Jn 15:26, 27; 20:19-22; 3:8 Lk 7: 1-10
	July '... and Bigger' The Circle's Centre How Big is the Circle?	Lk 7: 36-50 Lk 9:51-62 Lk 10:25-37
	Aug. Life in the Circle Priorities in the Circle	Lk 11:1-13 Lk 12:13-21
	Sept. Hearing Voices	1 Sam 3:1-19
	Oct. Hearing Invitations	Lk 15:1-10
	Oct. The Tenth Man Hearing the Word	Lk 17:11-19 Jer 31:31-34; Rom 3:21-28
	Nov. Hearing the Storm Hearing the Call	Matt 7:24-27 Lk 19:1-10
	Dec. The G-d of All Nations The G-d of Liberation G-d of the Unthinkable	Is 2:1-5 Is 52:7-10 Is 7:10-16
Oct. - Nov., 1995	RC Clergy Days	We're Not in Control
1996	Jan. G-d of the Chosen	Is 42:1-9

		Hospitality of Communion	Eph 2:13-18
		The G-d of Foolishness	1 Cor 1:10-18
Feb.		The G-d Who Reveals	Matt 17:1-9; 2 Peter 1:16-18
		The Power of Options	Matt 4:1-11
Mar.		The Power of Acceptance	Jn 4:1-42
		The Power of Life	Jn 11:1-45
April		The Power of Tears	Jn 20:1-18
		The Power of Doubt	Jn 20:19-29
May		Marked by G-d	Jn 13:34, 35; 17:6-11,20-23
		Commissioned by the Spirit	Jn 20:19-23
June		Sent by Jesus	Matt 9:35-10:8
		Kingdom Courage	Matt 10:24-31
		Kingdom Hospitality	Matt 10:40-42; 25:40, 45
July		Kingdom Exuberance	Matt 13:31-33; 44:48
Aug.		Kingdom Provision	Matt 14:13-21
		Kingdom Persistence	Matt 15:21-28
Sept.		Kingdom Priorities	Matt 16:21-28
		Embracing Change	Ps 78:67-72
		Words, Words, Words	Matt 21:28-32
Oct.		The Tenth Man	Lk 17:11-19
		Whose Image?	Matt 22:15-22
Nov.		Which Commandment?	Matt 22:34-40
		Feeding the Hungry	Matt 25:31-36
Dec.		There's a Storm Coming	Mk 13:24-37
		Words Made Real	Jn 1:1-14
1997	Jan.	G-d Chooses	Eph 1:3-14
		The Church's Mission	Acts 2:41-47
		Good News	Mk 1:14-20
Feb.		Knowing for Sure	Mk 9:2-9
		A Temptation	Mk 1:9-13
Mar.		A Challenge	Jn 2:13-22
		A Puzzle	Jn 12:20-33
		Another Puzzle	Jn 20:1-11
May		Loved, Called, Sent	Is 6:1, 8; Rom 8:14-17a
June		Small Beginnings	Mk 4:30-34; 2 Cor 5:10-14, 17, 18
		Big Beginnings	Job 38:1-11; Mk 4:35-41
July		Remembering, Proclaiming	Mk 6:6-13; 1 Cor 11:23-26
		Tragic Beginnings	Mk 6:12-29; 1 Cor 3:11
		Obscure Beginnings	Jn 6:1-15
Aug.		Satisfying Beginnings	Ex 16:14-18; Jn 6:24-34; Is 55:1,2
		Thankful Beginnings	Jn 6:53-60; Eph 5:15-21
		Traditions and Beginnings	Mk 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-33
Sept.		Breaking Barriers	Mk 7:24-30
1997		Confessional Barriers	Mk 8:27-38
Oct.		Receiving G-d	Mk 10:13-16

	Following G-d	Mk 10:17-27; Deut 6:4, 5; Lev 19:18
	Loving G-d	Mk 12:28-34
Nov.	Waiting for G-d	Is 25:6-9
	Waiting for Jesus	Lk 21:25-36
Dec.	Waiting for Good News	Lk 3:7-18
	'The Word Became Flesh'	Jn 1:1-14
	Searching for Jesus	Lk 2:411-52
1998	Jan.	Hymn from the Throne Rev. 21:1-7; Lk 3:21,22
		Hearing it Again for the First Time Lk 4:14-22
	Feb.	G-d's Benediction Lk 6:17-26
	Mar.	G-d Chooses Lk 4:1-13
		The G-d Who Waits Lk 13:1-9
		The G-d Who Cares Is 43:14-21
	Mar.	The G-d Who Lives Lk 24:1-12
	Apr.	The G-d Who Comissions Jn 20:19-23
	May	The G-d Who Knows Our Name Jn 10:22-30; Rev. 7:9-17
		The G-d Who Stays Jn 14:23-29
		The G-d Who Adopts Rom 8:14-17
	June	The G-d Who Calls Lk 9:51-62
	July	The G-d Who Sends Lk 10:1-20
		A Tale of Two Sisters Lk 10:38-42
		There is Still Room Lk 14:15-24
	Aug.	Counting Stars Gen 15:1-6
		What's in a Name? Lk 13:10-17
	Sept.	What's It Cost? Lk 14:25-33
		Is the Lord Among Us? Ex 17:1-7
	Oct.	A People in Exile Lam 6:1-6
		The Lord Gave Deut 26:1-11
	Nov.	Whose Side Are You On? Eph 1:3-14
		What Comes Next? Lk 21:5-19; Ps 98
		Looking Beyond Col. 1:11-20
		Come, Let us Walk in the Light Is 2:1-5
	Dec.	Of Angels and Shepherds Lk 2:8-20
		What About Herod? Matt 2:13-23
1999	Jan.	A New Light Matt 1:1-12
		Praying the Beatitudes Matt 5:1-16
		Names Jn 1:35-42
		Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Matt 1:23; Rom 8; Rev 21:3
		Words About the Cross 1 Cor 1:17-31
	Feb.	Whom Do You Believe? Matt 4:1-11
		What Do You See? Jn 9
	March	Eating in the Open Ps 23
1999	April	G-d Came Back Matt 28:1-9; Jer 31:3,4
	May	Witnesses Acts 1:6-14

		Be Prophets	Num 11:24-30; Acts 2:1-4
June		You're Sending Whom?	Matt 10:1-10
		Who Belongs?	Matt 10:40-42
July		An Invitation	Matt 11:28-30; Rom 7:21-25a
		What Do You Really Want?	Matt 13:31-33,44-47; Rom 8:31b-36
Aug.		A Gospel Potluck	Is 55:1-5; Matt 14:13-21
		The Door is Open	Is 56:1-8; Matt 15:21-28
		What to Do---and Why!	Rom 12:;9-21
Sept.		Church and State	Rom 13:1-10
		How High Can You Count?	Rom 14:5-12; Matt 18:21-35
Oct.		Ours or G-d's?	Matt 21:33-34
		Invitation to Dinner	Matt 22:1014
		A Personal Word	1 Thess 2:1-8
Nov.		Getting Ready	Matt 25:1-13
		G-d and Us	Lv. 19:1,2, 5-18
		Watch!	M 13:24-37
Dec.		Two Questions	Lk 1:26-38
		Home	Lk 2:1-7
		From Manger to Temple	Lk 2:22-40
2000	Jan.	About Words	Jn 1:1-18
		Invitation to Faith	Mk 1:7-11
		LTS	Ps 67; Gal 1:11-24
	Feb.	A Strange Story	2 Kings 5:1-14
	Mar.	A Lenten Journey	Mk 1:9-15
		A New Story	Mk 1:14-20
		What is a Building For?	Jn 2:13-22
	Apr.	Does G-d Care?	Jn 12:20-33
		You Can't Hold On	Jn 20:1-18
	May	Being Strange and Loose	Acts 8:26-39
	June	The Church Carries On	Acts 1:14-26
		We Are Not Alone	Rom 8:14-17, 26-27; Jn 14:15-18; 15:26; 16:13-24
		Tough Questions	Mk 4:35-41
	July	To Be Named	Mk 5:21-43
		What's Success?	Jn 6:1-15
2000	Aug.	Give Us This Bread	Jn 6:24-35
		A Gift	Jn 6:35, 41-51
	Sept.	A Good Name	Lk 5:20-35; Prov 22:1
	Oct.	Prosper for Us the Work of Our Hands	Ecc 2:3-11, 8:15, 9:7-10; Ps
90:17		It Was Very Good	1 Tim 4:1-5; Gen 1:31
		Vision is More Than Seeing	Mk 10:40-52
	Nov.	A New Way to Worship	Rom 12:1, 2, 9-22
		"... the Communion of Saints"	Is 25:6-9; Rev. 21:1-6
2000	Dec.	Exiles at Home	Jer 33:14-16; Lk 21:2536

		Listening to a Misfit	Lk 3:7-20
		What's a Gift?	Lk 2:1-20; 2 Cor 9:15
		A Different Way	Matt 2:1-12
2001	Jan.	Whom Do You Want?	Lk 3:15-22
	Mar.	Bread	Lk 4:1-13
		Response to Love	Lk 13:1-5
	Apr.	Blinded by Tears	Jn 20:1,2, 11-18
	May	We're Not Alone	Jn 4:22-29
	June	What do You Expect?	Acts 2:1-13
		G-d With Us	Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15
	July	Who is G-d?	Lk 11:1-13
		The Outsider I	2 Kings 5:1-15b
		The Outsider II	Lk 10:25-37
	Aug.	The Outsider IV	Ecc 2:20-23; Eccus 11:19, 20; Lk 12:13-21
		Another Outsider	Lk 13:10-17
	Sept.	When the Foundations Tremble	Is 24:18c-20b, 54:10; Jer 4:23, 24
	Oct.	At the Gate Beautiful	Acts 3:1-7
		G-d Did What?	Lk 18:9-14
	Nov.	Sacred Writings	2 Tim 3:14-17
		The Earth is the Lord's	Ps 24:1,2
		In Life and in Death	Lk 23:33-43
	Dec.	Luke 1:46, 47, 52-53	
		Some Gift, Some Grace	Lk 2:8-20
		What's Bethlehem	Matt 4:12-23
2002	Jan.	At Last!	Is 42:1-9; Matt 3:13-17
		A Healing Community	I Cor 12:7-10; James 5:13-16
	Feb.	As the Deer Pants Lent 3	Jn 4:3-15
		Stones to Bread	Matt 4:1-10
	Mar.	Only Through Prayer	Mk 9:17-31
		What About Death?	Jn 11
		Getting There	Jn 20:1-18
	Apr.	On the Road (Again)	Lk 24:13-35
	May	He Ascended Into Heaven	Acts 1:6-14
		"All" Includes You	Joel 2:26, 29; Acts 1:13, 14; 1 Cor 12:13
	June	Recognize Anyone?	Matt 9:35-10:7
	June	Who's Coming for Dinner?	Matt 10:40-42; Rev 3:20
	July	Partners in G-d's Work	1 Cor 3:5, 8-11
	Aug.	The Call	Ex 3:1-15
	Sept.	What's Normal	Rom 11:36 - 12:8
		Life Together	Phil 2:1-13
	Oct.	Which King?	Matt 21:33-43
		You Are the Hope...	Ps 65
	Nov.	A Great Multitude	Rev. 7:7-19
2002		Waiting is a Verb	Jn 1:1-4, 19-28

	Dec.	What Are You Waiting For? Christmas is Politics Called to Joy	Lk 1:26-38 Is 9:2-7 Is 61:10,11; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:28-38
2003	Jan.	Boundaries The Call Caleb	Gen 1:1-5; Ps 29; Mk 1:4-11 Jn 1:43-51
	Mar.	Baptism and Beasts	Mk 1:1-15
	Apr.	The Ordinary I Believe in the Resurrection	Mk 16:1-8 Jn 20:19-31
	May	Any Evidence?	Ps 22; Jn 15:1-8; 1 Jn 4:7-16
	June	Listening and Speaking Worship in Troubled Times What Are We Good At?	Rom 8:22-27; Acts 2:1-11, 42; Jn 16:12-15 Ps 2; Acts 4:23-35 2 Cor 8:1-15
	July	So What is Important?	Mk 6:1-13
	Aug.	Getting Your Fill Good Joy	Jn 6:24-35 Eph 5:15-21; Col 3:15-17
	Sept.	A Good Name The Kingdom is Serious Stuff	Prov 22:1,2 Mk 9:38-50
	Oct.	Dandelions and Sparrows A Call	Matt 6:24-35 Mk 10:46-52
	Nov.	Two Small Coins This is Our G-d The Last Word	Mk 12:38 - 13:2 Is 25:4-9; Rev 21:1-6 Jer 33:14-16; Lk 21:25-36
	Dec.	Baby Talk	Jn 1:1-4, 14; Heb 1:1-4
2004	Jan.	What Are You Looking For? New Wine	Jn 1:10-18 Jn 2:1-11; 1 Cor. 12:1-11
	Feb.	Outsiders Saying 'No'	Lk 4:16-30 Lk 4:1-13
	Apr.	Home The Church in Worship	Jn 20:1, 11-13 Rev. 1:4-10a
	May	Speaking to G-d What Do We Want?	Rom 8:14-17, 26, 27 Jn 17:20-26; Rev 22:12-14, 16, 17
	June	More to Come But	Jn 16:12-15; Rom 5:1-5 Lk __:51-62
	July	What's It Look Like? Taking Risks	Lk 10:1-12 Lk 10:38-42
	Aug.	Security Blanket No Quick Fix	Lk 12:13-21 Lk 12:32-40; Heb 11:29 - 12:2
	Sept.	What is G-d Like? The Six Brothers	Lk 15:1-10 Lk 16:19-31
	Nov.	He Has Rescued Us Divine B & E	Col. 1:13-20; Lk 23:38-43 Is 2:1-5; Matt 24:36-46
	Dec.	Spoken By a Son	Heb 1:1-4
2004		A Choice of Kings	Lk 1:46-55, 2:1

2005	Jan.	Outsiders Were There First	Matt 2:1-12; Eph 3
		Another Outsider	Acts 10:34-43, 11:13-18
		Get Real	Matt 5:1-12
	Feb.	What Do You Want?	Matt 4:1-11
	Mar.	Let Him Go!	Jn 11
		Breakfast Time	Jn 21:1-14
	Apr.	Name-Calling	1 Peter 2:2-10
	May	All Generations	Ps 90:1, 148, 12, 13; Acts 2:17, 18
		Talking About G-d	Ps 33; Matt 28:16-20
	June	United With Him	Rom 6:3-11
	July	Like What?	Matt 13:31-33; 44-52
		New and Old	Matt 13 (esp 52)
	Aug.	Walk Where?	Matt 14:22-33
		I Don't Belong	Is 56:3-8; Matt 15:21-28
		Like Us	Ex 3:13-15; 1 Cor 1:18-31
	Sept.	Getting Along	Matt 18:21-35
		Don't Ask, Peter	Matt 18:21-35
	Oct.	Let's Party	Mtt 22:1-14
	Nov.	Sharing Watering Holes	Gen 26:17-22
		We Are Home	Eph 1:15-23
		For Those Who Wait	Is 63:16 - 64:8a
	Dec.	A Fierce Light	Jn 1:6-8
		Good News	Num 6:24-26; Lk 2:8-14

SERMONS PREACHED AT ABERDEEN MENNONITE CHURCH, 2006 to 2013

2006	June	All in the Family	
		Wanted, Safe Trusted	Eph 1
	Oct.	On the Road with Jesus	Mk 10:35-45
		On the Road	Mk 10:46-52
	Nov.	On the Road	Mk 12:28-31; Ruth 1:1-18
		Sharing Watering Holes	Gen 26:17-22
		The Singing Church	Rev 1:4-9
		"The Communion of Saints"	Is 25:6-9; Rev 21:1-6
	Dec.	A Bunch of Love	1Thess 3:11-13
		Advent is Imagining	Mal 3:1-4; Lk 3:1-6
		A Choice of Kings	Lk 1:46-51, 2:1
2007	Jan.	Finding the Right Place	Is 60:1--6; Matt 2:1-12; Ps 72:1, 2, 10-13
		Breaking Walls	Eph 2:;12-22
		Beginnings	Eph 1:19-22; 1 Cor 3:10, 11
		What's Your Reaction?	Lk 4
	Feb.	You Are Called	Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15: 1, 2; Lk 5:1-11
		What Do We Really Want?	Ps 1; Lk 6:17-26
2007		LTS	

	Choose!	Lk 4:1-13
Mar.	Come!	Phil 3:20; Lk 13:31-35
	Stay	
	Accept	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
	Love	Lk 15:11-32
Apr.	A Locked Door	Jn 20:19-31
	Taking Monday Seriously	Jn 21:1-14
	Who is Jesus?	Jn 10:22-30
	Open Doors	Acts 11:1-18
May	Doors Open Wider	Acts 16:9-18
	A Door to Freedom	Acts 16:16-34
June	An Open Door to G-d	Jn 16:12-15; Rom 5:1-5
	G-d's Intent	Lk 7:11-17
	G-d's Open Table	Lk 7:36 - 8:3
	The Outsider I	2 Kings 5:1-15b
	Outsider II	Lk 10:25-37
Aug.	An Evaluation	Lk 1:13-21
	The Gift	Lk 12:32-40
	Why Read the Bible?	Jer 1:1-10
Sept.	G-d's Guest List	Lk 14:1, 7-14
	Marks of the Church	Ps 15:1-6; Heb 13:1-6
	Jesus Came to What?	Lk 15:1-10; 1 Tim 1:12-17
	Tough Story I	Lk 16:1-8
	Tactical Ministry	1 Cor 9:19-23 (LTS)
	Tough Story II	Lk 16:19-31
Oct.	A Place at the Table	Lk 17:3-10
	Bringing Stuff to Worship	Deut 14:22-29
	Keep At It	Lk 18:1-8 (Pleasant Point)
	Unsettling Grace	Deut 10:12-19; Lk 18:9-14
Nov.	Up a Tree	Lk 19:1-10
	Of Life and Death	Lk 20:27-38
	Built Together	Lk 21:5, 6; Eph 2:19-22 Knox United
Church		
	Want to Be a Saint?	Daniel 7; Lk 6:20-31
	In Life and in Death	Lk 23:33-43
Dec.	The Messenger	Is 11:1-4; Matt 3:1-8
	A Message	Is 35:1-10; Matt 11:2-11
	A Promise	Is 7:10-16; Mat 1:18-25
	Back to Normal?	Matt 2:13-23 (NPMC)
2008		
Jan.	A Light	Is 60:1-3; Matt 2:1-12
	Who Is Jesus?	Jn 1:29-42
Feb.	Is It I?	Matt 26:20-22
	What Do You See?	Matt 17:1-9
	Who Is Your G-d?	Matt 4:1-11
	My G-d, Why?	Ps 22; Matt 27:45-50

2008	What Shall I Do With Jesus?	Matt 27:11-31
Mar.	Who Is This?	Matt 21:7-10
	Maundy Thursday	
	The King of the Judeans	Matt 27:37
	Do You Love Me?	Jn 21:7-19
Apr.	The Proper Use of Stones	Ps 31:1-3; Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:4,
5		
May	Because of Easter	Acts 17:16-34; 1 Peter 3:15
	The Promise is to All	Acts 2:1-21
	I Am With You Always	Matt 28:16-20
June	Another Mountain Speech	Matt 7:21-29
	Matthew is Called	Matt 9:9-13
	From Disciples to Apostles	Matt 9:3 - 10:8
	Living as Disciples	Matt 10:24-30
	A Cup of Cold Water	Matt 10:40 - 11:1
July	Kingdom Extravagance	Matt 13:1-9
	Forgive	Matt 13:24-30
	A Seed	Matt 13:31-33
Aug.	Changing Names	Gen 32:22-31 (NPMC)
	Who is Jesus?	Matt 14:22-33
	The Woman with Good Legs	Gen 24
	A Powerful Welcome	Matt 15:21-28
	Well, Who Is Jesus?	Matt 16:13-20
Sept.	Being the Church	Matt 18:15-20
	Jesus Way	Matt 20:1-16
	Have This Mind in Your	Phil 1:1-11
Oct.	What Is G-d Like?	Matt 21:33-39
	Let's Party	Matt 22:1-14
	Remember	Deut 8:1-18; Ps 24
Nov.	Looking at G-d	Rev. 7:9-17 (Bethany)
	Peacemaking: Some Stories	Matt 5:1-12
	Kingdom Life	Matt 25:14-30
	We're Not the First	Rev. 7:9-17 (In Memoriam Sunday)
	We Are Home	Eph 1:15=23
	Awake!	Is 63:1; 64:1-4, 8; Mk 13:24-37
Dec.	Word and Flesh	
	Wilderness as Home	
	Waiting for More	
	G-d With Us	
	The Call	
	After the Shepherds - Part I (From Manger to Temple)	

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2009	Jan.	After the Shepherds - Part II	Matt. 2: 1-12
		Hear Anything?	1 Sam. 3:1-10; Jn 1:43-45

2009	Feb.	Hear Anything?	Jonah 3:1-5; Mk 1:14-20
2009		What's Your Day Like?	Mk 1: 29, 30
		More Than Healing	Mk 1:40-45
		What do You See?	Mk 9: 2-9
	Mar.	Forgive Them (Lent 1)	Lk 23:32-38
		With Me (Lent 2)	Lk 23: 39-43
		Here is Your Mother (Lent 3)	Jn 2:1-5; 19:25-27
		Why? (Lent 4)	Mk 15:32-34; Psalm 22:1-5
		A Just Man	Mt 117-25 (LTS)
		I Thirst (Lent 5)	Jn 7:37; 19:28
	Apr.	It Is Finished (Lent 6)	Jn 19:28-30
		Maundy Thursday	Jn 13:1-15
		Into Your Hands	Lk 23:46
		He is Risen	Mk 16:1-8
		Room for All	Jn 20:19-29
		What's for Supper?	Lk 24:33-49
	May	A Poem of Trust	Psalm 23
		One of Us	Acts 8: 26-40
		He's Our Friend	Jn 15:9-17
		All	Eph 3:13, 19
	June	Mennonite Ecumenism	Eph 3:18, 19 (PCE)
		Our Family	Rom 8:12-17; Ps 29
		G-d's Kingdom	Mk 4:26-34
		Who Then is This?	Mk 4:35-41
	July	Three Stories - but the Same	Mk 5:21-43
		Plan A and Plan B	Mk 6:1-13
		Called and Sent	Mk 6:30-34, 53-56
	Aug.	Why Be Good?	Eph 4:25-5:2
		A Church at Worship	Eph 5:15-20
		Stand	Eph 6:10-20
		A Look at Another Early Church	James 1:17-27
	Sept.	Crossing Boundaries	Mk 7:24-37
		Who IS Jesus?	Mk 8:27-38
		Who's On First	Mk 9:30-37
		G-d's Kingdom	Mk 4:26-34 (Bethany Manor)
	Oct.	All Welcome at the Table	Mk 10:2-16
		A Strange Way of Showing Love	Mk 10:17-22
		The Lord Gave	Deut. 26:1-11
		The Story of BB	Jer 31:7-9; Mk 10:46-52
	Nov.	Where is the Church?	Mk 12:38-44
		Wishing to be First	Mk 10:35-45
		Stones are Forever	Mk 13:1-11
		G-d: Our Beginning and Our Ending	Isaiah 25:6-9; Rev. 21:1-7
		G-d Speaks Through Jesus (Adv 1)	Lk 21:25-36
	Dec.	G-d Speaks Through Isaiah (Adv 2)	Lk 3:1-6
		G-d Speaks Through John (Adv 3)	Lk 3:7-18

2009		G-d Speaks Through Elizabeth (Adv 4)	Lk 1:39-45
		G-d Speaks Through Angels and Shepherds	Lk 2:8-20
		G-d Speaks Through Jesus	Lk 2:41-52
2010	Jan.	God Speaks Through Wisemen	Mt.2:1-12
		Whom Do You See?	Lk 3:15-22
		You Are the Body of Christ	I Cor. 12:12-31
	Feb.	Why Worship?	Isaiah 6:1-13
		On a Mountain	Lk 9:28-36
		Tempted	Lk 4:1-13
		Lament	Lk 13:31-35; (19:41,42)
	Mar.	Repent	Lk 13:1-9
		Found	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
		Anointed	Jn 12:1-8
		Parade	Deut. 8:1-3; Lk 19:28-40
	Apr.	Maundy Thursday	Jn 13:1-16
		Watching	Lk 23:26-49
		Risen	Lk 24:1-12
		Serve! Sing!	Rev. 1:4-8
		Surprise: a Lamb!	Rev. 5
		Surprise: a Shepherd!	Rev. 7:9-17
	May	G-d With Us	Rev. 21:1-6
		The Church Begins	Acts. 2:1-6
		Surprise: a City!	Rev. 21:1-14, 22; 22:1-5
	June	Whom do You See	Lk 7:36-8:3
		Crossing Boundaries	Lk 8:26-39
	July	The Kingdom is Here	Lk 10:1-11; 16-20
		Starting Over	Amos 7:7-17
	Aug.	A Gift	Lk 12: 32-40
		An Unsettling Jesus	Lk 12:49-56
		Have You Heard G-d Call	Jeremiah 1:1-10
	Sept.	Who Is On Your Guest List	Lk 14: 1, 7-14
		A Seeking G-d	Lk 15:1-10
		A Shocking G-d	Lk 16:1-8
	Oct.	What is the Church Like	Lk 17:1-10
	Nov.	Jesus: a Different Way	Lk 19:1-10
	Nov.	How Do You Read Scripture	Lk 16:19-31
		A King on a Cross	Col. 1:13-20; Lk 23:33, 38
		G-d Speaks Through Time	Mt 24:36-44; Rom 13:11-14
	Dec.	G-d Speaks Through Scripture	Rom 15:4-13; Mt 3:1-12
		G-d Speaks Through Hard Times	Mt 11:1-11
		G-d Speaks Through a Carpenter	Mt 1:18-25
		G-d Speaks Through the Word	Jn 1:1-14
		G-d Speaks Through the Son	Heb 1:1-4
2011	Jan.	On a Journey	Mt 2:1-12

2011	A Different Journey	Is 42:1-4; Mt. 3:13-17
	Starting the Journey	Jn 1:29-42
	Sharing the Journey	Mt 4:12-23
Feb.	Instructions for the Journey	Mt. 5:13-20
	Living the Journey	Mt 5:21o-37
	A New Road for the Journey	Lev. 19:1, 2, 18; I Cor. 3:10,
11		Mt. 5:38-48
	Lifestyle on the Journey	Is 49:14-16; Mt. 6:24-34
Mar.	A Vision on the Journey	Mt. 17:1-9; II Peter 1:16-18
	I Am the Bread of Life	Jn 6:35, 48-56
	I Am the Light of the World	Is 60:19-22; I Jn 1:5-7; Jn
8:12		
	I Am the Door	Jn 10:1-10
Apr.	I Am the Way	Is 40:3-5; Jn 14:1-7
		Jn 9:1-8, 35-38
	I Am the True Vine	Is 5: 1, 2; Jn 15:1-11
	I Am the Good Shepherd	Ezekiel 34:8-16; Jn 10:11-17
	I've Got to Try Harder	Jn 13:1-17
	When I Am Lifted Up	Jn 8:24, 28; 12:32, 33
	I Am the Resurrection and the Life	Jn 11:17-27
May	Drink of Me	Is 44:3, 4; 55:1; Jn 4:13,14; 7:37,38
	So What	I Peter 1:21,22; Lk 24:13-35
	Want to See G-d	I Peter 2:4,5,9,10; Jn 14:1-14
	If You Love Me	Jn 14:15-21
June	Jesus Prays	Jn 17:1-11
	Prayer and Proclamation	Acts 2:1-21
	Big Deal!	Mt 13:1-8
July	What's Your Religion Like	Mt 11:16-30
	We Are Not Alone	Mt 28:16-20
	What's the Hurry	Mt 13:24-30
	So That's Pentecost	Rom 8:22-39
	A Party	Is 55:1-3; Mt 14:13-21
Aug.	What's Your Religion Like	Deut 30:11-14; Rom 10:5-15
	A Powerful Story	Mt 15:21-28
	Logical Worship	Romans 12:1,2
	What a List!	Romans 12:9-21
Sept.	About Work	Gen 1:26-28; 2:4b-9; 3:17-1
Oct.	An Old Idea, A Good Idea	II Cor. 9:6-15
	A Poem About G-d	Psalm 65
	Which Commandment	Mt. 22:34-40
	Being the Church	Mt 23:1-12
Nov.	The Kingdom of G-d	M. 25:1-12
	Encourage Each Other	I Thess 4:13-5:11
	A Lot of People	Rev. 7:9-17
	There's More	Is 64:1,2; Mk 13:24-37

2011	Dec.	John the Baptizer: Repent Paul: Congregational Life Mary: A Baby The Kindness of G-d	Is 40:3-5; Mk 1:1-8 I Thess 5:12-22 Lk 1:26-38 Titus 2:11-14
2012	Jan.	Walking with G-d Walking with G-d Love Me, Care for My People What is G-d Like? Healing	Mk 1:4-15 Jn 1:35-51 Jn 21:15-17 (Mark Kleiner's ordi Jonah 3:1-10 Mt 3:13-17; 4:23-25 (OSL)
	Feb.	A Full Day G-d's Way Who is Jesus Testing (Lent 1)	Mk 1:21, 22, 29-30 II Kings 5:1-15b Mk 9:2-9 Mk 1:9-15
	Mar.	Rejection (Lent 2) Dignity (Lent 3) Glory (Lent 4) Anquish (Lent 5)	Mk 8:27-38 Jn 2:13-22 Nu 21:4-9; Jn 3:14-21 Jn 12:20-33
	Apr.	Power (Lent 6) Jesus' Signs (Maundy Thursday) The New Family (Good Friday) Surprise! Beginning Again Saved, Sent, Blessed The Lord is My Shepherd	Ps 118:26-29; Mk 11:1-11 Mk 14:22-25; Jn 13:1-7 Jn 19:17-20, 25-27 Mk 16:1-8 Jn 1:1, 20:19-31 Lk 24:36-50 Psalm 23
	May	On a Desert Road In a Soldier's House We Are Not Alone	Acts. 8:26-40; Is 56:3-5 Acts 10:1-5, 44-48 Jn 14:16, 15:26, 16:7-11
	June	Becoming a Family Where Do You Stand? Parables Called to Reconciliation	Rom 8:12-17 Mk 3:20-35 Mk 4:26-34 2 Cor. 5:17-6:2
	July	There Was a Woman Strength Through Weakness A Stretching Exercise From Wells to a Temple More About Church	Mk 5:24-34 2 Cor. 10:1, 12:1-10 Eph 1:3-1 Eph 2:11-22 Eph 3:14-21
	Aug.	I Am the Bread of Life	Jn 6:24-35
	Aug.	I Am the Bread of Life Being the Church Finally	Jn 6:35, 41-58 Eph 5:15-20 Eph 6:10-20
	Sept.	This is the Bible Two Healings Walking with Jesus Accepting Jesus Being the Church	Song of Songs 2:8-13 Mk 7:24-37 Mk 8:27-38 Mk 9:30-37 Mk 9:38-50

2012	Oct.	Creation and Thanksgiving What Must I Do? Called to be Servants Call Him Here	Gen 1:26-28, 2:7, 18-22 Mk 10;13-22 Mk 10:32-45; Jn 18:33-37 Mk 10:46-52
	Nov.	Love G-d and Your Neighbour The Earth is the Lord's What Do We See? Servant and King	Mk 12:28-34 Psalm 24 Mk 13:1-13 Mk 20:32-45; Jn 18:33-37
	Dec.	Redemption is Drawing Near Beginnings: Forgiveness Repentance A Baby A Light A Mother	Lk 21:20-35 Malachi 3:1-6; Lk 3:1-6 Lk 3:7-16 Micah 5:2-5a; Lk 1:39-55 Jn 1:1-18 Lk 2:41-52
	2013	Jan.	Who is Jesus? Whom Do We Look For? The Sign of Wine Today
	Feb.	Who is This Jesus? What does G-d Want? Why Are You Sleeping? Who Is My Neighbour?	Lk 4:21-32 Micah 6:1-8 Lk 22:46 Lk 20:25-37
	Mar.	What is Truth? My G-d, Why? Whom Do You Want? Lord, Is It I? Who Is This? Where is He Born King of the Jews? Whom Do You Seek?	Jn 18:34-38 Mk 15:25-34 Mt 27:15-23 Mk 14:12-19 Mt 21:1, 7-10 Mt. 2:2, 27:27-42 Lk 23:50 - 24:12
	Apr.	Do You Love Me? Worship is Risky Who Are These? What's Heaven Like?	Jn 21:9-17 Rev. 5:6-14 Rev. 7:1-17 Rev. 21:1-6
	May	Another Vision Knowing Jesus Being Church	Acts 16:6-15 Lk 9:28-43 Acts. 2:1-28
	June	A Story About Two Men	Lk 7:1-10
	June	Being A Christian Seeing Double A Strange Story	Rom 5:1-5 Lk 7:36-8:3 Lk 8:26-39
	July	A Community of Peace Who Is My Neighbour Following Jesus The Spirit of Truth	Lk 10:1-12 Lk 10:25-37 Lk 8:51-62 Jn 26:12-15
	Aug.	G-d's Tenderness	Hosea 11:1-8

	Want a Gift	Lk 12:32-40
2013	Faith	Heb. 11:1, 29 - 12:3
	A Daughter of Abraham	Lk 13:10-17
Sept.	Who's on Your Guest List	Lk 14:1, 7-14
	Being a Disciple	Lk 14:25-33
	What's Your G-d Like	Lk 15:1-10
	There Was a Rich Man	Lk 16:1-13
	There Was Another Rich Man	Lk 16:19-31
Oct.	Marks of the Church	Lk 17:1-10
	Giving Thanks	Deut. 26:1-11
	A Story of Two Toll Collectors	Lk 28:9-17
Nov.	A Son of Abraham	Lk 19:1-10
	A New Beginning	Lk 20:27-38
	What Stone Do You See	Is 65:17-25; Lk 21:2-19
	Being the Church	Eph 1:11-14
Dec.	A G-d Who Speaks	Mt 24: 36-44
	G-d Speaks to a Prophet	Mt 3:1-12
	G-d Speaks to a Prisoner	Mt. 11:1-11
	G-d Speaks to a Carpenter	Mt.1:18-25
	G-d Speaks Through His Son	Heb 1:1-3a
	On the Run	Mt 2:13-23