

Suggested Focus for each Month

These themes have their origins, mostly, in the lections for each month. They have the capacity for exploration as part of the Sunday sermons, and/or study groups, Sunday bulletin articles, etc.

December

Jesus in our midst - Advent and Christmas - Incarnation

January

Jesus for all people – the Epiphany season – revelation to the Gentiles

February

Jesus knows our trials and temptations - Lent, self sacrifice

March

Jesus confronts/challenges us – the Lenten Gospels of Jesus in conflict with the religious leaders' expectations; the dichotomy of light and darkness – choosing for God or against; the paradox of dying seed bringing forth life

April

Jesus reveals new life - Easter, the resurrection, the life of eternity

May

Jesus calls us to be love – the post-Resurrection dialogues; Pentecost and the gift of Jesus' ongoing presence; Trinity – the community of love on which we model our lives as church and people

June

Jesus goes beyond our limitations – Corpus Christi – Jesus gives us his very body and blood; Jesus surprises us – the parables of the Kingdom

July

Jesus provokes questions – the miracles and encounters with Jesus cause those around to question "who" he is?

August

Jesus the bread of life – the Gospels are from the Bread of Heaven passages from St John

September

Jesus the fount of Creation - (using the Creationtide material)

and/or

Jesus the healer – in relation to the Gospels

October

Jesus calls us to follow

November

Jesus, King of a Kingdom?