



NOTES FROM PASTOR JIM, YOUR TRANSITION PASTOR
Sunday, April 1st

In this column each Sunday I will be sharing some personal news, reflections about this time of transition we are in, and highlighting what is and will be happening in our congregational life these days. So here goes this week:

- **Welcome to Easter worship.** It is not a one-day affair—Easter worship continues for 6 more Sundays right up to Pentecost on May 20. We will be using Setting Three in EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP and sharing the Easter greeting each Sunday. I will also be using an Easter Eucharistic Prayer to consecrate the bread and wine of Holy Communion which will invite your participation. The Gathering Rite will also be varied each week.
- We not only blessed 100+ quilts in the last Sunday's worship—**we blessed the quilters as well, all 16 of them.** Here are their names if you missed us last Sunday: Ruby Reviere, Jane Markle, Ruth Cox, Becky McCleary, Joyce Miller, Nina Zoch, Sue Noggle, Julie Paisley, Marianne Schmidt, Judy Samuelson, Edith Erling, Louise Duppstadt, Jan Wright, Jane Anderson, Peggy Mann, Beverly Curtice. Add Ellen Cumbie to this list. She has helped to raise money to ship these quilts all over the world. Join with me in giving thanks for the compassionate ministry of these sisters in Christ.
- **Here is a Call Committee update in case you missed it last week.** The Committee has met three times to date—3/6, 3/22, and 3/26. They have gotten to know each other a little better; elected Kevin Yendell as their Chair; decided to interview in the near future Pastor Eric Youngdahl for the position of pastor at House of Prayer; worked on tweaks to the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) prepared by the previous Call Committee; and began formulating questions to be asked in the upcoming interview. Please continue keeping this Committee in your prayers, especially this Thursday evening when they meet at 6:30 p.m.
- I am asking your patience and commitment to **our new way of scheduling worship ministers for Sunday worship.** We have a few glitches to iron out along communication lines. But please make every attempt to find a substitute for a particular Sunday task if you are unable to perform it. We do need more worship ministers especially for the 11 a.m. service—Projection and Sound Board Operators, Ushers, and Assisting Ministers. Let us (Eli and me) know where some glitches still exist.
- I will attempt to keep **similar office hours this week** as in past weeks: —**Tuesday**, 11am-3pm; **Wednesday**, 3-6pm; **Thursday**, 11:30-4pm; **Saturday**, noon-3pm. Barring an emergency or a need to do pastoral care in the community, I should be in the office and available. I am available at other times as well by appointment. A reminder—the quickest way to reach me is by text or call to my cell phone—208-571-6309. I check emails (jamesggrunow@gmail.com) only a couple times a day.