



NOTES FROM PASTOR JIM, YOUR TRANSITION PASTOR Sunday, March 11th

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:

- **The Listening Sessions** with Pastor Beth Marie Halvorsen are going well. We have had four of them to date with a total of 34 persons participating. I strongly encourage those of you who have not yet attended one of these to sign-up for the one at 9:45am or 12:15pm next Sunday, March 18. See elsewhere in this worship folder for a description of what these Sessions are about.
- **The Gospel text for the coming Sunday is the focus at our Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer** Lenten worship. The text will be read (John 12:20-33 this week) followed by silence for meditation. Then questions I am asking of the text will be shared followed by silence. That same text will be the topic of conversation at the Thursday morning Bible Study. It will also be the sermon text for the next Sunday's message. Let's allow these words of Jesus to sink deeply into our beings and then shape our thinking and behaving in the world.
- A new Sunday Adult class, led by Pastor Jim, begins today in the library/conference room upstairs (#203) at 9:45 a.m. It is entitled "**Reformation 2017: Re-fermenting the Church.**" The class will NOT meet next Sunday (March 18) due to a Listening Session. Classes resume on March 25th and continue on April 8, 15, 22. See elsewhere in this folder for details.
- Pastor Blair Lundborg, Assistant to the Bishop in our Synod, and I met with **the new Call Committee** this past week for the first time to begin the journey of moving forward. The transition process was shared and discussed in detail. Due to Spring Break, the Committee will not meet next week. They resume deliberations on Thursday, March 22. Please keep them in your prayers and do respect the need for confidentiality in their deliberations.
- **My office hours this week**, barring an emergency or a need for pastoral care in the community are **Tuesday**, noon-5pm; **Wednesday**, 3-6pm; **Thursday**, 11:30-4pm; and

Saturday, noon-3pm. I work from “home” on Friday and Saturday mornings in sermon and class preparation and am available at other times by appointment. The quickest the best way to reach me is via my cell phone (208-571-6309) with a text or a call. I check emails only sporadically during the day (jamesggrunow@gmail.com). You may call me anytime any day after 6am and before 10pm. Incidentally **Vicki’s cell phone number is 208-514-6582** in case any of you would like to make contact with her.