



This Sunday: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

I would like to take the next few weeks to answer questions about the Interim time.

Our second installment from Pastor Collier.

Why don't pastors stay very long?

Sometimes they do, and sometimes they don't.

I have followed pastors who stayed 2 years, and pastors who have served in one place for 33 years. It depends on the gifts of the individual pastor, the needs of the congregation, and the prompting of the Holy Spirit. There is no simple formula to determine how long a ministry will last.

A first Call will often only last 2 to 4 years, long enough for the pastor to acquire some experience and confidence in their ministry. Then they are ready for a larger and more challenging Call. This second Call may last 5 to 8 years, or may last 15 to 20 years. The history of Christian ministry may show us what may happen, but not what will happen every time.

For me, the answer says more about the gifts of the pastor than anything. My gift is to help congregations in a time of transition, serving for 6 months to 2 years. That is why I serve in Interim ministry. Other pastors gifts are to serve for longer times in one place. We all depend on the Holy Spirit to guide us into the churches and ministries that we are best suited for. Most pastors enter into a church intending to stay for a long time.

Pastor Collier



Call Committee Update



This is our first report on the status of the call for a new pastor. First and foremost, we ask for your prayers and input as we move forward. It is our goal to meet weekly and to update you each week in the Weekly Bread and Church Bulletin.

We have met with Bishop Froiland for guidance/directions and we have met this week to develop a survey. We meet again next week to finalize that document. The survey will be in your hands by the end of next week. We intend to have different ways for you to respond. This survey will help us match our needs with prospective pastors gifts. **It is absolutely vital that you respond, we would like a 100% response.** We need to have a response quickly so we can develop our congregational profile.

Your call committee invites you to contact any of us with your concerns and/or recommendations.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

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Men's Homeless Shelter Meal

St. Martin's will again be serving the evening meal for 80-100 people at the Men's Homeless Shelter at 6:30 pm on Thursday, February 13. Volunteers are needed to make food (main dish, salad, and dessert) and to serve. We are usually done about 9 pm. There is a sign up sheet located in the narthex. Contact Doris Fish at 203-5160 if you have questions.



2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast



This Sunday, Feb 2 from 8 am to 12 pm. Boy Scout Troop 87 and the Knights of Columbus will hold their 2nd Annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast at St. Francis Xavier Fellowship Hall. The breakfast supports the local Boy Scout Troop with equipment needs for their fun outdoor activities. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3 children 5-11, free for children

under 5. Come and enjoy all you can eat pancakes on Super Bowl Sunday! Any questions, please contact Mike Kalvin at 798.1041 or mkalvin@yahoo.com

Sign Up for the Mission Trip

Limited spots available, be sure and sign up soon for the Mission Trip to Moore, Oklahoma on June 28 - July 6. In May 2013 an F5 Tornado plundered through this area leaving devastation. This trip will be a life changing experience for all. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. Please contact Tim Knipfer at timmyk65@yahoo.com with any questions.



If you have a 15 passenger van that can be utilized for this trip, please contact Tim.

Quilting Group Request



The quilters are in need of fabric for the beautiful and warm quilts they donate so generously. No knits, polyester, wool or corduroy, all other materials are appreciated.

Middleton H.S. Choral Booster Country Breakfast

The Middleton High School Choral Boosters invite you to attend the 20th Annual Country Breakfast this Sunday, February 2, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the MHS Student Center located at 2100 Bristol Street. Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Seniors/Children (10 and under), and can be purchased at the door. The breakfast is not only for enjoying wonderful pancakes, but for enjoying the incredible high school talent showcased all day long from four MHS choirs, and individual solos and ensembles from some of your own students including Haley Joyce. Check out the schedule posted at <http://tinyurl.com/mrmielke> to see when your favorite MHS singer is performing! Don't forget the silent auction! All funds benefit the MHS choral music program. Stop by before or after church services! Your support is most appreciated!



Church Calendar for February 2 - February 8

Sunday, February 2

7:45 a. Choir Practice S
8:30 a. Traditional Blend Worship
9:45 a. GIFT Christian Ed FH
10:15 a. New Rhythm Worship
12:00 p. Crafting Group FH

Monday, February 3

9:00 a. 4K Kids Arrive
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
7:00 p. Soul Purpose S

Tuesday, February 4

9:00 a. 4K Kids Arrive
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
6:30 a. Men's Bible Study
7:00 p. Boy Scout Troop 87 FH

Wednesday, February 5

9:00 a. 4K Kids Arrive
10:30 a. Staff Meeting
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
6:30 p. Confirmation Power Night S
6:30 p. Call Committee L
7:30 p. Choir Practice MR

Thursday, February 6

9:00 a. 4K Kids Arrive
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
6:00 p. New Rhythm Band Practice S
6:30 p. Sr. High Youth Group YR
7:00 p. Women's Bible Study L

Friday, February 7

9:00 a. 4K Kids Arrive
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart

Saturday, February 8

9:00 a. Council Retreat L & FH
9:00 a. Overeaters Anonymous LL



S—Sanctuary; L—Library; B—Building; _MR—Music Room; FH—Fellowship Hall; CR—Choir Room; OS—Off Site; N—Nursery; PG—Prayer Garden; GLC—Gunderson Life Center; YR—Youth Room; LL—Lower Level Classroom

Worship Participants for Sunday, February 2



Presiding Minister Pastor Rich Collier
Accompanist & Musicians (8:30) Jan Doyle
(10:15) Soul Purpose
Song Leaders (8:30) Jason Niebuhr
(10:15) Soul Purpose
Lectors (8:30) Lois Weiland (10:15) Ann
Houck
Communion Assistants (8:30) Lois
Weiland (10:15) Ann Houck, Dave &
Michelle Phaneuf

Ushers (8:30) Bob & Redgy Nelson (10:15) Kay Meier & Kathy Graedel
Acolytes (8:30) Owen Roenneberg (10:15) Ashlyn Phaneuf
Jr. Usher (10:15) Valerie Niesen
Nursery Veronica Kurr
Counting Team 1
Altar Guild (8:30) Deb Wipperfurth
(10:15) Kim Mahaffey
AV (8:30) James Hartung (10:15) Paul Schluter
Coffee Jeannie Hering-Schumann

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