

June 18, 2021

Dear Friends,

This is my 67th weekly letter since March 13, 2020. I wrote it a week in advance of the retreat I am now on. Pulling away quarterly for rest and prayer has helped me to centre and recentre on Christ these fifteen months. One book I brought on retreat is by Mark Buchanan: *Spiritual Rhythm: Being with Jesus Every Season of Your Soul*. Life has its seasons. As the Wisdom writer puts it: "There is a time for everything..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1) The premise of Buchanan's book is that with each season comes specific activities that are fitting to it. He asks, "Are we living in rhythm with the season we are in?" Some of you have expressed that the events of the past fifteen months have destabilized you and you find yourself in a season of doubt. May I suggest that there is fruitfulness that can happen through doubt? If you are looking for a guide on that front, Gregory Boyd offers companionship through *Benefit of the Doubt: Breaking the Idol of Certainty*. Please tell me if you read it.

Sunday Online Worship Gathering at 10 a.m.

This Sunday, we have the privilege of hearing from Jesse Duncan on Galatians 3:19-4:7. This text has a beautiful description of who we are through Christ: "Because you are [God's] sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out 'Abba, Father.' So, you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir." I hear intimacy, and dignity, and hope.

Please [contact the church office](#) for a link to the meeting.

*Please join the Zoom meeting after 9:30 a.m. to avoid problems entering.

For this week's scripture readings and other announcements, go to [Sunday's bulletin](#).

Sunday School for grades 4-6 (June 20 at 11:15 a.m.)

Please reach out to our [pastor of family ministries](#) for a link if you wish to 'send' your child to Sunday School (grades 4-6) at 11:15 a.m. This is the last day before a summer break.

Next Prayer Gathering: June 22 at 11:00 a.m. (Note the time change.)

You may [send your prayer requests to the prayer team](#) and we will remember you as we meet on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

I took a sneak peak at today's [daily readings](#) and I think it is great to let the psalmist help us keep seeing the big picture: "Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." (Psalm 19:1-2)

May the Strength of God pilot us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Host of God guard us
Against the snares of the evil ones,
Against temptations of the world.
May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us,
Christ be over all!
May Thy Salvation, Lord,
Always be ours,
This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.
(St. Patrick's Prayer)

With love and prayers,

Pastor Kerry Kronberg (with the whole team)