

Bishop's Road Show – The Season of Pentecost

August 20, 2010

Dear Friends,

This brief note is coming to you for two reasons.

First, it is to announce that in deed I am back from a brief four days of vacation. I am in the Synod Office today and will be traveling to St. Paul, Aurora, WV and St. John's, Red House, MD on Sunday. From there I will be traveling to Charles Town for the Service of Installation for Pastor Lee Brumback and St. Thomas Lutheran Church. As a reminder, we do invite the clergy and laity of the Potomac Conference to join us in this 4:00 p.m. Worship Service. I will be staying in the Eastern Panhandle over Sunday night and driving home on Monday.

Next week will find me in the Synod Office on Tuesday. Wednesday I will work at home until 10:30 a.m. and then travel to Gettysburg Seminary as I am part of the review process for the President of the Seminary. Thursday I will probably work at home.

Friday, August 27 – Thursday, September 2 Terry and I will be on vacation. No cell phones. No lap tops, just rest and travel.

This is a long way around saying that if you need to speak to me or meet with me that today, Tuesday and next Thursday are your best bets. I will return to the Synod Office in Friday, September 3.

My **second** reason for writing to you is to **seek your prayers**. Seminarian Peter Suwak experienced some bleeding and pain about 3 weeks ago. He was nearing the end of his Clinical Pastoral Education events for the summer. It was discovered that he has a growth on one of his kidneys. As I write this note, Peter is being admitted to Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh. His surgery is scheduled for today at 1:30 p.m. He has high hopes that he can recover from this surgery and begin seminary classes by mid-September. I invite your prayers for Peter and his wife June, for a rapid recovery, a healing and for this growth to benign.

I pray that your summer is going well and that you have found some rest from the hectic pace we can create for ourselves.

God's blessings, + Ralph