

## **Bishop's Road Show – Feb. 5, 2010**

### **The Season of Epiphany**

Dear Friends:

Some one once said, **“let it snow, let it snow, let it snow...”** The 8 – 12 inches that has been predicted for the Wheeling area has just begun to fall. Some where around 11:30 a.m. big fat flakes of snow started to fall. By noon it had all turned to rain and now it seems to be a mix.

Your Synod Council was scheduled to meet tomorrow but we postponed that meeting as the I-79 corridor is now predicted to receive 10-18 inches of snow. When we have a new date I will alert you so that you can pray for the work of your Synod Council.

Last weekend I was due in Beckley but we were cancelled out due to the weather. Sunday I am due in Hurricane at Cross of Grace. All we can do now is wait and see what this major storm is going to do.

Next week I am scheduled to be in the Synod Office on Tuesday and Thursday. Friday I have scheduled a flight to Atlanta, GA so that I can participate in Seminarian Kyle Hayes Service of Ordination at 7 p.m. Then I am to return to Wheeling for a celebration of Pastor David Westphal's 25 Anniversary of Ordination. I seek your prayers for a weekend free of snow. Saturday night there will be a celebration dinner and Sunday we will mark his anniversary with one worship service at Zion Lutheran.

Seminarian Hayes begins his ministry at St. Johannes Lutheran Church this Sunday. The Service of Installation will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday Feb. 21. We invite the pastors and people of the I-79 Corridor to attend this service.

Pastor Matt Holbert will begin as pastor of Grace Lutheran, Fairmont, WV on Feb. 17. The Service of Installation is set for Feb. 28 at 7:00 p.m. Please note the later than usual time for worship. For both of these services the color of the day is purple for all who will participate and robe.

Pastor Ron Schlak has e-mailed me seeking prayers of peace for his father-in-law, Vickie's father, Mr. Robert Slusser Sr. A few weeks ago Mr. Slusser had a heart attack. He was discharged a few days later and Vickie and her siblings took turns caring for him. When he seemed well enough to be on his own, his children went back to their own homes and families. Then on Monday, Feb 1 he suffered a major stroke and was taken back to the hospital. He has since been discharged again, this time to a nursing home close to his own home. Vickie traveled to Indiana again yesterday (Feb 4) and believes he has had another stroke. She and her brothers are keeping watch over their dad at the nursing home. They have decided to keep him there rather than send him back to the hospital. I invite your prayers for the Slusser family and the Schlak family.

The Memorial Service for The Rev. Charles Rampp that was scheduled for this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. has been postponed to Friday, March 5 at Evangelical Lutheran, Frederick, MD again at 3:00 p.m. Many of our congregations in the Eastern Panhandle were blessed by the ministry of Pastor Rampp.

Yours in our Lord's service,

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