

Bishop's Road Show – part One – July 15, 2010

The Season of Pentecost

Dear Friends:

It is my sincere hope to send to you two Road Shows today. This first one will list up-coming events for which I invite your prayers. The later part of this Road Show will include another in our series of “Why stay?” messages. The second Road Show will detail the actions of Synod Council from their July 10 meeting.

First I invite your prayers for many events that will take place on Sunday, July 18. I will list these events in the order that they will occur. **St. Mark, Clarksburg and Pastor Linda Muhly**, have completed nearly one and a half years of intentional interim ministry together. Sunday, following worship their will be a congregational meeting in which the members of St. Mark's will decide whether or not to extend a regular Call to Pr. Muhly to serve as their pastor.

St. Paul, Huntington will say farewell and Godspeed to **Pastor Brian Nunnally** who has served St. Paul's as a part-time interim and welcome **Pastor Jennifer Obermueller** as their new pastor. Pr. Nunnally concludes his ministry at Christ the King today. Pr. Obermueller and her husband Andy should be driving to Huntington today or tomorrow and moving into a rental property prior to Sunday's service.

Around noon on Sunday, **St. Timothy's Lutheran Church** and I will be involved in a consultation prior to their second vote to leave the ELCA. After the consultation, the members of St. Timothy will cast their ballots and they will be counted in fellowship hall while we await the results.

At 4:00 p.m., **Pastor Ian Reid** will be installed as the new pastor at **First, Parkersburg**. Pr. Reid comes to us from Lancaster, PA and the Lower Susquehanna Synod. I encourage all of the pastors of the Ohio-Kanawha Valley Conference to bring their robes and green stoles to join us in this festive celebration.

I further remind this conference that next Sunday, July 25 that the **Rev. Jennifer Obermueller** will be installed as the new pastor at St. Paul's, Huntington at a 4:00 p.m. worship service.

Therefore I invite your prayers for these four events for Sunday, July 18 and for this service of Installation on Sunday, July 25.

My travels have me at home today and tomorrow working in my home office today and probably half of the day on Friday. On Sunday I will rise early for the drive to St. Timothy's where I will participate in the worship service. After the consultation at St. Timothy's I will participate in the Service of Installation for Pr. Reid.

Next week, I will be off on Monday. Tuesday I will travel to the Synod Office and work there about half of the day. I will then travel to Christ the King, Barboursville to meet with their Council to establish their interim time without a called pastor. On Wednesday I will meet with Pr. Nunnally to conduct his exit interview and later that morning meet with Pastor Jennifer Obermueller. Wednesday afternoon I will drive home. Thursday I will work half of the day at home and then in the afternoon have my annual appointment with my Doctor.

As I conclude this section of the Bishop's Road Show I do so noting that below my signature line is another in our series of "Why Stay?" articles. This one is written by the Rev. Wiliam Ridenhour, pastor of First Lutheran, Wheeling.

God's blessings,

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