

Bishop's Road Show – The Third Week of Epiphany

January 27, 2010

Dear Friends:

Within our Pastors Continuing Education Event I announced the following three notes of sadness. I will announce these in the order of our hearing.

Sunday morning, January 24 retired **Pastor Charles Ramp** died. Pastor Ramp was rushed to the hospital early Sunday morning with pneumonia and possible congestive heart failure. According to his wife Francis, Charley was flirting with the nurses in the Emergency Room before being taken for tests. Shortly after he was taken from the ER he was pronounced dead. Pastor Ramp has struggle with dementia for a number of years. He served as an Interim Pastor for many of our congregations in the Eastern Panhandle. A memorial service will be announced and held in a few weeks.

Sunday evening, January 24 **Ed Wolf**, spouse to the Synod's Secretary, Marjorie Wolf, died of an apparent heart attack. Ed has served this synod primarily in the area of worship. He was a professor of music at West Liberty University prior to his retirement. He has been a long time choir director at Edgwood Lutheran Church. There will be two viewings today and one at 10:00 a.m. at Edgwood Lutheran Church tomorrow morning preceding a worship service celebrating the gift of life at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Beth Westphal officiating.

Early Sunday morning, Pastor David Twedt received a phone call from a physician in South Dakota informing him that his father, **Harvey**, died sometime during the early morning hours of Sunday, January 24. It seems that he walked outside during the night, slipped and fell on the ice and snow, and was unable to return to the house. David's brother Philip found him around 6 a.m. on the ground about 30 feet from the house in the fetal position. He died of hypothermia. The funeral will be Saturday, January 30.

I invite your prayers for the Ramp, Wolf and Twedt families. We give thanks for the gift of life that God has graced these families and for the gift of new life that we share in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Yours in our Lord's service,

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