

Sun Prairie

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I can't tell you how many times I've been asked about retirement over the past couple of years. I was starting to wonder if it was a nice way of prodding me along toward moving on. Maybe it was the fact that I mentioned that I'm now on Medicare and collecting Social Security, or that I'm just a little forgetful lately. So, I want to share my heart with you regarding my role as pastor of Sun Prairie and challenge you to pray.

Over the last couple of years, Dee and I have been praying that God would begin to prepare the next pastor of this church and also begin to prepare the congregation for that next pastor. Over the last couple of months, I have asked the Deacons and Deaconesses to begin praying that same prayer. We've also been discussing how best to make that future transition.

At the same time, I am letting everyone know that if it's God's will and the desire of this congregation, I have a goal to continue serving until I'm 75. I recently turned 68. At that time, Dee and I, and the leaders at Sun Prairie would determine (with God's help) if it's time to back away or to continue full speed ahead. It is hard for me to even think about this because I love my role here and you are all our family. But because we love Sun Prairie so much, we want what is best for this church. That's why our leaders are beginning to talk and pray about "transition".

A pastoral change after such a long tenure is often difficult for the new guy. For that reason, the leadership is beginning to look at different options of how we might make such a transition as smooth and healthy as possible, so that the church continues to flourish and have a strong gospel impact on our communities.

That is why I'm asking you to pray. Pray for wisdom for our church leaders. Pray for my own health, mental acuity and energy as I continue to serve. Pray for continued financial strength of this church to be ready for such a transition. Pray that God would be preparing our hearts to receive a new pastor and pray for the preparation of the next man that God has already appointed to lead us. Finally, pray that God would bring spiritual revival to our communities in these days. I love you all and look forward to years of serving as your pastor.

Pastor Mark

LORD, our Lord, how magnificent is
your name throughout the earth!

Psalm 8:1a



October

Saturdays at 7:00 am
Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Sundays
Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 am
Worship at 10:30 am

Wednesdays
9:30 am. Women's Bible Study
6:00-6:30 pm: Supper
6:45 pm: Adventure Club, MS & HS Youth Group
7:00 pm: MS & HS Youth Group, Men's & Women's Bible Studies

Sunday October 4th
Worship with James Scott preaching

Wednesday October 7th
8:00 pm: Deacon Meeting

Saturday October 10th 9:00-11 am
Discover Sun Prairie Seminar

Monday October 12th
Youth Grades 6-12 to Thunder Road and The Banquet

Sunday October 27th following Worship
Potluck and Quarterly Business Meeting (south side ladies serve)

Ascribe to the LORD the
glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the
splendor of his holiness.

Psalm 29:2

Birthdays



1 Dee Dickson
1 Brayden Richardson
2 Justin Brunsvig
3 Casey Aus
4 Jesselyn Seaton
5 Stephanie Holland
5 Angie Pulse
5 Clara Garcia
9 Jan Johnson
12 Karl Knudsen
12 Wyatt Olson
13 Eli Buus
13 Cheryl Lewis
14 Andy Kinzley
15 Ada Holland
15 Maria Buus
16 Teresa Johnson
18 Sydney Heumiller
19 Lyle Johnson
22 Christian Palmquist
23 Isaac McCormick
27 Alexis Schock
27 Harper Osterberg
28 Dennis Weidler
31 Baron Coffey



Anniversaries

1 Karl & Deanna Knudsen
5 Dan & Megan Palmquist
6 Andy & Dani Kinzley
7 Norman & Mary Rae Peterson
7 Eddie & Christie Wobig
8 Phil & Angie McCormick
8 Tanner & Mallory Iwan
29 Cesar & Jackie Garcia

