

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

As I pen these few paragraphs, the Labor Day weekend is upon us. Public schools will all be in session and football games will be filling the airwaves. Fall weather should soon be upon us.

August was a rather busy month for the church. We instituted our Wednesday dog walk on the beach at 10:00 am. It seems as though each week someone new is joining the group, what a unique and wonderful idea.

We also started to hand out the Invite Cards. There are currently two types. The first is a half-page and the second is a quarter page. It is fun (instructive) for me to see how people are using the cards and how even community members want to help us with our use of these cards. I find it exciting to see that members, friends and even community members want to share the word about our church.

October Craft Fair preparations seem to be going well. The men have been asked to come up with a few items to sell for lunch. These might include bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, homemade style apple sauce and desserts. Please give your ideas to Pastor or Ruthie Fisher. If there is interest, an early evening meal might be possible as well. We might even add something like spaetzle and sauerbraten.

In early September, I will be going to California hopefully not just for family business, but also for a bit of vacation. If you would like to get a hold of me please call the "church cell phone" number (541) 614-4492 (old house landline converted to a cell number) I will be checking the number daily.

In mid-September our Wednesday Bible Class is going to take on a new and rather important subject, the use and abuse of social media. We will look at how social media is changing our secular culture but also how it is impacting the religious and spiritual lives

of people in America. It is no longer just the young people using social media, but middle aged and senior citizens as well.

We will want to remember the many families who have relatives that are extremely sick and also those other people who are going through various changes in their lives. These changes could include change of job, health and living conditions.

May God continue to bless us as you are empowered to reach into the community with the power of the saving Gospel. My hope is that each one of us has a special person who we are praying will begin or have a closer relationship to our loving God.

Serving Our Risen Savior Together,

Pastor John A. Westhafer

