

Zion Lutheran Church • Fairbanks, Alaska

Pastor's Monday • June 7, 2007

When you get this, Judy and I will be on our way to Alabama for the Kuehnert family reunion via New Orleans. Pastor Kauth will be writing the Pastor's Mondays the next two Mondays but this I need to write.

The School Development Task Force met last evening and came to the consensus, after prayer and much struggle, that God's will for the Lutheran School is "not now." Information became available to us on Monday that made going forward with the School this fall unwise.

Please know that the School Development Task Force – those present at the meeting, are just as committed to the project as they have ever been! They feel that given the extra time, things can be done that can give a better look at the possible success of the school. The first thing that will be done is a scientific market survey to determine whether or not there is the necessary market for the kind of school we are planning in the Fairbanks area. The cost of this survey is between 6 and 7 thousand dollars, but will be well worth it, regardless of what the survey results are.

Also as pastor, I have two concerns. The first is general support of the school by the congregation. A Lutheran School must be supported by the congregation. I will be holding a series of small discussion groups on the Lutheran School. My second concern is a facility for the School. The Guiding Team's presentation at the congregational meeting was breath taking! How will God use us to provide a facility that will house the ministries (including a school) He has in mind for us?

My thanks to the members of the School Development Task Force and the work they have put in. They will meet again on Saturday, June 30, at 8:30 am. If you are interested in joining them or just sitting in to give your support or concerns, please come.

God's blessings to all of you.

Pastor Kuehnert