

From Pastor Joe's Desk...

What a week, what a weekend! Things were just humming along at church this week. Wednesday night dinner and activities were running along with Veteran's Day recognition. Cyndi had several of our military members come in uniform so that the children could see and hear about their experiences and reasons for serving. Thanks to the men who came and shared. And thanks to all of our men and women who are serving or have served in our armed forces. God calls us to serve in our vocations, whatever that may be. You all make our country what it is and for that we thank God and you.

Celebrate Recovery this week was awesome, as it usually is. Newcomers and those who are more experienced shared a great meal, some insightful teaching from Alice, good music and sharing. I talked with several people about finding a church home and a couple more about Jesus in general. Good stuff!

The children's Christmas practice is coming along with parts being assigned to several of the singers. The leaders are fantastic and the kids were singing their lungs out.

"Come and have breakfast," Jesus said. We enjoyed our meal together, doing things a little different in the SNA and the traditional services. Because Jesus called the disciples to sit and eat, we served the Lord's Supper in tables. It brought us together at the altar where Jesus served the most important meal of our lives, His body and His blood, for the forgiveness of sins and life eternal.

The congregational meeting went relatively smoothly with decisions made about budget adjustments. As we feel the crunch, we need to be good stewards of God's gifts and at the same time, walk in the faith that God provides our daily bread. It's really an amazing place to be, kind of between a rock and The Rock. What do you do with that?

Keep in mind those who are serving here and abroad. Also, don't forget the families as they are apart from each other -- the Beaches, the Olson's, the Elmore's, the Betts', and probably others that I'm forgetting right now. Let's be sure to share the love that God has first given us. Because God loved us, therefore, we love others. And as it says in 1 John, let us not love with only words but with our actions as well.

God's peace and see you Wednesday for a little bite to eat along the way.

Pastor Joe