**Food for thought:** *Very truly, I tell you, the one who believed in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father, I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything I will do it.* - John 14: 12-14

In this text, Jesus is looking ahead to his death, resurrection and ascension. He is preparing the disciples for the time when He will no longer be physically living among them on the earth. The purpose of Jesus’ ministry to God’s people, is to teach us how to living with and among one another faithfully. His mission is to teach us how to be like Him.

As “little Christs” we are called to do good works as well, out of love and faithfulness to God and one another. Just because Jesus cannot be seen walking among us, does not mean that His presence is not here on earth. By our faith in Him and the power of God, great wonders can and will still be done on earth even in Christ’s physical absence.

As we are moved by the Holy Spirit to help and pray for one another, Christ is with us. The power of God is revealed in us as we reach out to one another in need. Many more works may be done by our hands, but only in the name of Jesus Christ our risen Lord and Savior.

**\*\* The building was cleaned by ServPro on May 13th & 15th. The air was tested, again, on May 16th and the new air quality numbers came back very good. Thank you all for your patience and help as we have been dealing with this matter. You are welcome to go about using the building as usual.**

**Removal of the front- right pew and communion cards-** In case you haven’t noticed… at St. Peter, the front pew on the right side of the sanctuary, in front of the pulpit, has been relocated to the choir loft. The council decided that this would create a safer and more comfortable space in the front as we come forward for communion. Also, for anyone sitting in that during a worship service or funeral can get a sore neck as they look up at whoever is in the pulpit, because it was so close. It also couldn’t be counted as a full pew when considering seating numbers for a wedding any large service, because only the first three people closest the aisle could see what was happening in the center front. No final decisions have been made as to where this pew will be placed.

You will also start to notice the communion cards disappearing at St. Peter. Communion cards have lost their purpose. Tickets are not required in order to receive communion, nor have they ever been, and attendance does not to be taken either. Instead, you will find cards for which you may write your prayer request or refer names of those who are need of a Stephen Minister. These new cards may be placed in the offering plate or given directly to the pastor as you leave worship.

**FRB Garden-** In the beginning of May, cold weather seeds were planted in the garden and our hope is to get plants in by the end of May. The city has decided to have the “official” farmers market time in Garnavillo on Fridays from 5-7:30. So, on any given weekend from June through September, you may see our produce stand in the park on Friday evening or Saturday morning or sometimes maybe both. Come and check it out!

**Refugee Sunday-** June 22nd has been designated as Refugee Sunday in the ELCA. During our worship on this particular Sunday, we incorporate some things to teach us about the presence and the needs of the refugees among us, as well as to help to remember that these are God’s people no matter where they live.

**Seminary Mission Opportunity-** A group from Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls has taken on the task of updating 10 on-campus student housing units at Wartburg Seminary. This group is asking for volunteers of all skill levels to help with the work. Since this service opportunity is so close to us, how can we pass it up? I am hoping to get a group of at least 5 people to down for a day or two or four, how ever much time you have, to help with this project either during the last week of June or the second week of July.

This group has secured funding for four houses. However, after those four houses are completed, the project may come to a stand still until further funds can be raised for the remaining six houses. You can find more information on this mission opportunity in this newsletter. Please, contact if you have any interest at all in helping with this project.

**August TLC Project-** This coming August, the Ministry and Outreach committee of St. Peter will be holding a worn out sneakers collection. We want you to bring all your old and worn out tennis shoes to the church and we will send them off to ground up and recycled into surfacing for athletic fields. So, this spring and summer as you are cleaning out your closets or buying new shoes in fall for back to school, DON’T THROW THEM AWAY, bring them to church! We will recycle them ☺

Peace & Blessings,

Pr. Hillary