

Let's not merely say
we love each other;
let us show the truth
by our actions.

1 John 3:18 NLT

May 24, 2020

From the Pastors

Greetings church family,

Is anyone feeling a little "change fatigue?"

We all know that change is inevitable in life. But what is one supposed to do in times like these when change is more rapid and the future less predictable than ever? It certainly places tremendous strain on the part of us that wants to maintain reasonable order and routine in our lives. These anticipated life patterns are what make many of us feel most comfortable and at rest in life.

Just the other day, as we thought we were finalizing some "new plans" for how we could minister to our youth, a new announcement was released. This time it was happy news! We have been waiting for things to progress to a time when we can responsibly start meeting together in some careful capacity. While I'm excited for the potential that this week's

announcements have for connection, a part of me felt a little tired of the change (and regretful of all the time spent figuring out how we would do things before the announcement).

This morning as I did my personal "internal check-in" (prayerfully considering where I am at with God and with myself) I realized my relationship with change is telling me a little bit about my connection with God and my desire to be in control. Hebrews 13:8 states that, "Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever." Does my perspective on change reflect that I believe this is true? Am I rattled by circumstance or at peace in my relationship with Him? I wonder if the "change fatigue" I feel is a natural part of my growth (growing pains), in learning to trust God more fully. How about for you?

- Pastor Steve

This morning the Winkler and District ministerial had a conference call with our MLA and Health Minister Cameron Friesen. A number of things regarding Covid 19 regulations were clarified specifically for churches. It was confirmed that large gatherings, where people have prolonged exposure to each other, will likely not go forward until at least September. In June, smaller indoor gatherings will increase to 25 and outdoor gatherings to 50.

If you are open to the possibility, we encourage you to consider how you may want to meet with other church people to have church viewing parties, bible studies, family fun times, and other ways of gathering in your homes or yards over the summer. The church leadership is continually discussing options for meeting together that would be fair and doable, and we will keep you posted. Have a great weekend!

- Pastor Sean

