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## Temples of the Spirit

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

One of several Christian bands that I enjoy is *Tenth Avenue North*. In the forward to their album, *Cathedrals*, *Tenth Avenue North* cleverly stitches together the themes and titles of several of their previous albums and songs, in which I have found a great deal of meaning. They also did a remarkable job of painting the Christian life and part of what it means to be a church both as an individual and as a community. Since the season of Pentecost centers on the subject of the Holy Spirit and what it means to be church, now seemed like a good time to share their words. I hope you will take the time to read the following words and digest them. Think about the kind of community being described and how we can all grow to be more and more the kind of church that promotes, encourages, and extends the kind of openness, support, and healing described not just for us, but for everyone.

From the cover of *Cathedrals*, by Tenth Avenue North  
(Bold text added to indicate titles of their Albums)

*We don't know where this group of songs find you, but we have some hopes for where they'll lead. First, we want you to know the love of God is **over you and underneath** you. At the heights of your purity, He went higher. At the depths of your depravity, He went lower. He brings down the proud and lifts up the broken. His love is here. He is by your side. He holds your heart through thick and thin, joy and pain, gain and loss. There is nowhere you can go He is not. May that get in you. May the **light meet the dark**. May you realize you are more than your mistakes. He is strong enough to save you, and you don't have to save yourself. Which means, among other things, you can take your masks off and let the light in. This is where the healing begins. There is healing from trying to prove yourself, freedom from trying to be your own savior, and freedom to admit your struggles. After all, we are free to **struggle**, but we are not struggling to be free. And if you get that, then you can begin to be honest. You can admit you feel like losing. You can open up when you feel worn. And best of all, as Philippians 1:30 reminds, we can struggle together.*

*Together.*

*Made in the image of the trinity, we are made for community. We are made to bear each other's burdens. We are made to reflect the joy and otherness of the divine relationship. We weren't meant to live this life alone. "No man is an island," John Donne famously mused, and so that is our hope. We pray this collection of songs would lead us off our islands of isolation and help us sail by the stars of God's promises to the shores of communion. Together we will taste and see God for who He is, and as we do so, we will become His **cathedrals** on the earth. We will become the dwelling place of His spirit and a sanctuary for sinners.*

*May you come to know what we have just begun to understand and what Martin Luther surmised so long ago, "the milk maid has just as holy as a calling as the clergy." In other words, wherever you go, if you are in Christ, you bring Him with you. There is no such thing as a secular place, because wherever you are, you have the sacred inside. All the earth is holy ground.*

*May you feel the weight of His glory with every step you take, for we are His cathedrals.*

Cheers,  
TENTH AVENUE NORTH

In Christ,

*Pastor Eric Schoeck*

## MEMO TO ASSISTING MINISTERS

**BEGINNING JUNE 1, POSTCARDS WILL NO LONGER BE MAILED TO REMIND YOU OF WHEN YOU ARE SERVING AS AN ASSISTING MINISTER.**

**YOU WILL STILL RECEIVE AN ASSISTING MINISTER CALENDAR IN YOUR MAIL BOXES EACH MONTH AND THE SAME CALENDAR WILL BE ON THE BACK OF THE MONTHLY CHURCH CALENDAR IN THIS NEWSLETTER.**

**THE ASSISTING MINISTER CALENDAR THAT IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL CONTINUED BE POSTED THERE.**

**QUESTIONS: PLEASE SPEAK WITH BECKY OR A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

## JUST WALK ACROSS THE ROOM SHOE DRIVE

Bring a pair (or more) of gently used shoes to the Pentecost Potluck on June 4. They will be donated to the St. Paul Clothing Center. This drive is sponsored by Thrivent Financial.



## PENTECOST POTLUCK

**Please join us on Pentecost Sunday for a Potluck in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Education Hour/Sunday School. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex to volunteer to bring food.**



## CLOTHING CENTER

The St. Paul Clothing Center has served the community for over 30 years by providing free clothing to those in need. Currently the Center serves over 1700 households. And the need is growing.

The Center accepts donations of clothing,, linens and other small household items. The director and volunteers sort, hang, size and display the clothing to provide a comfortable atmosphere for clients to shop. Clothing sizes range from infant through adult.

Volunteers work mornings and evenings as well as during shopping hours. Clothing drop-off is during these hours. There is a drop off shed as well. Clients learn about the Center through newspaper ads, flyers, client referrals, and referrals from other organizations and churches in Porter County. Volunteers are from St. Paul and other community churches.

Donations of larger items and furniture may be arranged. Call the Center so the staff may match an item with a client. Sponsoring families or individuals during Christmas is also done at the Center. For more information or to volunteer, contact Louise Tucker, Manager at 462-0074.

## THOUGHTS FROM THE DEACONESS

### "Roots"

The tree was perfect. The branches provided just the right amount of shade for the sunroom. In the summer, the room was at least ten degrees cooler than the outside air. One spring, about one fourth of the tree had no leaves. The next year almost half was empty and a huge branch broke off. The tree doctor was called. The tree was dying. It was strangling itself to death. While the location of the tree was great for the sunroom, it wasn't great for the tree. The tree had been planted in a low spot that collected water. The roots had never gone deep into the soil. They had stayed toward the top so they wouldn't be drowning in water. Without strong deep roots, the tree died.

As with any plant, if the roots aren't secure, the plant won't grow. It is the same for us. St. Paul, in his letter to the Colossians, wrote, "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." (2:6-7) If our roots aren't deep in Christ, we won't grow in our relationship with Christ and we won't bear fruit for those who don't know Christ.

Over the past month at FMLC, we have learned about spreading the good news of salvation to those around us. We have met in small groups, listened to sermons, and been fed from the Lord's table. All of this has enabled our roots to grow more deeply into Christ. But if roots are to stay deep, they must keep being fed and not drowned by the distractions of life.

Summer is here with vacations and different routines. Maybe Sunday morning worship will be easier to skip after a late Saturday evening with friends. Maybe the small group could just be ignored for a month or two. Maybe the devotional book begun in May is just laid aside.

Deep roots in Christ are needed for the work of the kingdom. And deep roots happen when we, the tree that bears fruit, are fed from the Lord's table, from the Bible, from fellowship with other Christians.

Best Wishes to our members celebrating birthdays this month:

Marj Elam	June 2
Payton Smith	June 2
Paul Grossnickle	June 10
Gabriel Beagley	June 12
Inge Nimtz	June 22
Jay Gottleber	June 23
Lynn Underwood	June 24
ran Marton	June 25
Donald Underwood	June 25



### ***FMLC'S WOMEN'S LUNCH***

*Please join us at Pesto's Restaurant on Wednesday, June 7, 11:30am. All Faith Memorial ladies and their families and friends are welcome!.*

*You're Invited!*

### **STUFFED ANIMAL MINISTRY**

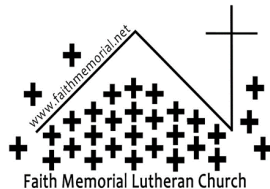
Pastor Dave Graef (Deaconess Becky's dad) has a Stuffed Animal Ministry. New or gently used stuffed animals are given to shut-ins, children, or anyone who needs this comfort. If you would like to help with this, please put a new or gently used (no battery operated) animal in the box in Becky's office. Thank you!



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Peanut butter & jelly, spaghetti sauce and noodles, cereals, canned fruit and fruit juice, oatmeal, ramen noodles, flour, sugar, paper goods and household items such as toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, laundry detergent and diapers... these are just some of the items that the Care Committee is collecting for Hilltop Neighborhood House.

There is a complete list in the Narthex, or you may call the church office at (219) 462-7684. Items should be deposited in the grocery cart at church, or you may always drop them at Hilltop's location: 554 Locust St., Valparaiso.

**FAITH MEMORIAL WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

The Day of Pentecost, June 4, 9:00am Holy Communion  
The Holy Trinity, June 11, 9:00am Holy Communion  
The Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 18, 9:00am Holy Communion  
The Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 25, 9:00am Morning Prayer  
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, July 2, 9:00am Holy Communion  
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 9, 9:00am Morning Prayer  
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 16, 9:00am Holy Communion  
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 23, 9:00am Morning Prayer

