

## TWO (MORE) THINGS...

### *A Message from Pastor Banke*

I hope you have taken the time to do two things: **re-read** Pastor Glen's first page with thanksgiving and **pray** for the Egertsons as they head for a ministry in the mountains.

Then do two more things: **First** – mark the date and time of the farewell event for them on your personal July 10<sup>th</sup> calendar. We want to share their joy at being with us these years and their sense of calling to their new ministry. **Then** -- watch for a letter that will give "additional details." Please! What are these details? Read the letter when it arrives.

Oh, and two more things: **remember** to pray each day for God's blessing on the work of our staffing committee. They are asking God's guidance as they match needs with the best ways to meet those needs at Salem. Then **remind yourself** that staff positions (whether pastors, associates in ministry, music ministers, school teachers, or principals) all are to equip us for OUR ministry in the world, not to do our work of ministry for us. We need the best of all possible teams to work together, hand-in-hand as we say, so that we can all become what we already are: the church within our homes, within the school and within the congregation...**and finally the church sent out as servants to the world.**

While the work of the staffing committee goes on, Bishop Dean Nelson of the Southwest California Synod will suggest interim pastoral or associate in ministry help. When the committee concludes its work, a call committee will address those recommendations in a call document. Only the congregation through a formally designated call committee can initiate the process of interviewing eligible candidates and finally extending a call.

Are their two more things? Yes: **give thanks** for so many gifts at Salem: that two of our members are *Pastors Emeritus(i?)* -- *John Hodde and Ed Busch*, and that they are willing to help; for the work of *Kirsten Perry, Regina Reed, Lauri Egertson and all the youth* as they continue unabated their summer plans; for the *endowment gifts and interest* that continue to grow and have enabled a \$3,000 mission gift beyond our normal benevolence budget to the new free medical clinic at the Methodist Church. And then: **make plans** to be part of the ministries that use El Camino Pines as a retreat (or is it "advance"?). So, men, mark your calendars NOW for the Men's Advance the last weekend in September. I'm sure Pastor Glen will have mountainous projects for those who arrive early on Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>! So we end where we began...giving thanks with Pr. Glen on a mountain. ...with him, Pr.Dale

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