

Associate Pastor Report
Pastor Karl F. Rist
Hosanna Lutheran Church Council
10 August 2010

Pastoral Record – July 2010

Worship Leadership:		8 Sunday & Midweek Services
Pastoral Counseling:		2
Pastoral Visits:		4
Pastoral Care Contacts:		30
Ministry Team/Committee Meetings:		5
Staff Meetings:		3
Youth Events:	2 (two days as a volunteer “coach” at SportsLife by YouthWorks at Zumbro Lutheran)	
Continuing Education:	July 3-6	Family Camp at Good Earth Village, Spring Valley – “Get Out of the Boat”
	July 7-10	Lutherans Concerned/North America, Minneapolis – “Let Justice Roll”

Pastoral Comments

As I write this, I am concluding a week of ministry reaching out in service to the Denver community as a leader/participant in Hosanna’s YouthWorks 2010 mission trip. Together with Lisa Modry, Nancy Wales and me, our youth—seven Hosanna members and three friends from Rochester area congregations—have had a life-changing experience. Our theme for the week—from YouthWorks, the ministry organization coordinating our week of service projects, worship and devotions and cross-cultural immersion—has been “More...Less...”

More Jesus...less me. More courage...less fear. Less ego...more love. Less “do”...more “be.”

As I contemplate significant transitions in my own family life and the impact of those changes on my ministry, I am both encouraged and challenged by this theme: that the words I speak, the choices I make, the life I live and the gospel I proclaim might embody more and more Jesus in and through me. That I might live courageously and without fear—not for selfish gain, but out of love for the neighbor whom I am called to serve for the sake of the One who gave his very life for me.

In my conversation with the mutual ministry team in April, as I shared the news of the dissolution of my marriage with Anjanette and the restructuring of our life as a family—I expressed to them my core values through this time of transition. Briefly, I wish to share them with you now. They include:

Integrity...I am committed to my outward behavior & words consistently matching my inward morals & beliefs. As a minister of the church of Christ, I will practice holy living.

Transparency...I am committed to speaking the truth in love, so that the words I speak honestly reflect who I am and what I believe. I will be clear and direct in communication.

Mutual Accountability...I am committed to listening to your concerns as members of Christ’s body, and being responsive to your needs. Likewise, I will ask the same of you.

Healthy Boundaries...I am committed to maintaining appropriate limits of what is public and what is personal, what is shared openly and what is respectfully held close to the heart.

Together with the rest of our family near and far, Anjanette, Sela, Erick and I are grateful for the amazing support we continue to receive from you, our sisters and brothers in Christ at Hosanna. We thank you for your unfailing care and compassion for us in this time of transition. You continue to bring to us the light, hope and healing of Jesus. We are so grateful.

In Christ’s service, Pastor Karl F. Rist