

June 11, 2020

Dear Hingham Church family,

As many of us return to the building for worship, we want to honor the fact that some of you will need to stay at home for a while yet. So we're continuing to put **worship services** onto our **website and Channel 14**. We're also delivering **DVDs as needed** to people who don't have internet or cable. If you'd like to have a DVD to be delivered to your home, please contact me by email (moberg101@gmail.com) or phone (715.212.3694).

What might Hingham Church look like if everyone was serving with their giftedness? **This Sunday** we'll wrap up our series on Giftedness by considering what it means to serve in a gifted church. You can read Ephesians 4:11-16 to prepare.

Who are the children in your life? **Next Sunday** is Father's Day. We'll be looking at Deuteronomy 6:4-9 as we think about the part we all can have in shaping the lives of the children in our life.

Please keep praying for the **Pastoral Search Team** (Cindy Vander Weele, Jess Dekker, Kelly Rogers, Steve Oppeneer, Steve Arentsen, Steve DeJong, Jeff Kolste). A potential candidate is coming for a **site visit**, where he and his family will meet with the PST and the Elders. This is different from the "candidating weekend," when a candidate is exposed to the entire congregation through Q&A sessions, meeting with groups, and preaching on Sunday morning.

It's been exciting to see the electricians on site running power lines for a new projector and **retrofitting the lights** on the platform and in the choir loft! You should be noticing a marked improvement soon!

Please be in Prayer for the Following People:

Faye Zimmer – Pray for continued healing for her ankle, hip and wrist. She is currently at Cedar Grove Gardens. Room #8. 920-980-9878.

Gloria De Groff – Multiple Sclerosis

Mike Heinen – Prostate Cancer

Sue Arentsen – Ovarian Cancer

Dave Scholten – Parkinson's disease. Currently at Cedar Grove Gardens.

Barb Veldboom – Parkinson's disease

Char Baumann – Breast cancer. Please pray for healing from her surgery site.

Delmar Hoopman – Currently in Hospice Care at Rocky Knoll.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kathryn Ver Velde & Eric Albrecht who will be united in marriage on June 13th. May the Lord be with them & guide them in the time to come.

Congratulations to Grace Geiken who will be celebrating her 93rd birthday on Tuesday, June 16th.

New address for Josh and Susan Cnossen Family: 10291 Hanna Lake Avenue, Caledonia, MI 49316.

The **Our Daily Bread Devotionals** are here. They are in the north and south entrances. If you would like one and cannot get to church please call Kris Mentink at 920-564-2879 and I will mail you a devotional.

Would you be willing to **Water Flowers** outside our church for a two-week period this summer and keep our church grounds looking beautiful? You can either sign up at the welcome center or call Shelly Dulmes at 920-254-5706.

We are looking for some fun, positive volunteers to help at **The Gathering Place** this summer and hopefully into the fall but will take summer only. Mondays and Thursdays are our greatest need. We are a social day program that works with adults with early to mid-stage memory loss. We play games, do projects, spend time outdoors and just enjoy some conversation with our participants. We are happy to have young adults help as well – ages 17 and older. We are following the CDC guidelines to keep everyone safe as we reopen. Home cooked meals are included. Hours are 8:30-3:00 but can be a half day. Please call 920-627-6847 or email carolb@stpaulfalls.com

Still amazed by grace,

Pastor Ken

Sermon Notes:

Giftedness – Serving in a Gifted Church

Ephesians 4:11-16

The degree of health in a body will be directly related to the working and interworking of its parts.

1. The Role of the Church Leader (v11-12)

2. The Goal of the Church Body (v13-15)

3. What it Takes to Get There (v16)

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT AND SMALL GROUP STUDY:

1. What's the healthiest you've seen this church? What was it like? Or, what's the healthiest church you've seen and how do you account for it?
2. According to Ephesians 4:12, who does the ministry? What is the role of the leaders? What are the dangers of a church in which the "paid professionals" do the ministry?
3. Discuss the spiritual gifts or offices mentioned in v11. Who are the present-day "apostles"? Who speaks prophetically to our culture? Know any evangelists? What aspects of the role of pastor and elder are hinted at in the last office mentioned?
4. If the word "prepare" or "equip" in v12 suggests repairing and preparing, can you think of some good examples you've seen? What was the result of that repairing and preparing?

5. If the goal is unity and maturity (v13-15), can you describe a time when you've seen those things well represented in a church? What was the outcome? Now flip the coin – have you seen a time of disunity and immaturity? What was that like?
6. What does v16 say it takes to get to unity and maturity? How can we move the body here in Hingham closer to that reality?