

From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Now that summer vacation is over and children are back in school, it seems like summer has decided to make a final grand effort and give us some glorious, sunny days. If you are anything like me, you are probably remembering the many chores left undone on your to-do list from spring, and get to work with no excuses.

I have noticed that some of the trees already have that brighter shade of green and the pale flush of bronzed amber that herald the fiery fall colors yet to come. At Mills Riverside Park small groups of people combine a board meeting with a picnic and a ball game, enjoying these splendid days of late summer.

In the church we are ready to start the upcoming season. There will be new member classes and renewed Sunday School activities. The Adult Forum will also be energized by a new format. One Sunday we will offer a Bible Study, another Sunday a member will talk about their work and their activities, often they serve the greater community, a third Sunday we will deal with mission topics and one Sunday we will discuss topics presented by the VPR radio show featuring Krista Tibbits. As always, since none of this is written in concrete, there might be some changes or adjustments.

I do hope and pray that some of you will feel called to serve as a Sunday School teacher. We have been blessed with an increase in young children (and what a wonderful gift that is) and are still looking for people who enjoy spending time, getting to know, and teaching our children. Please talk to me if you have any questions about serving in this capacity.

Last year we made a real difference in the life of some subsistence farmers and a village when we provided the funds for farm animals and a village fish pond. This year we would like to provide a village with a clean water supply. In many parts of the world children die because of drinking polluted water and the water supply is often miles away. This year, let's work together and make a difference once again, not only in our own community, but in a village across the globe.

Peace and blessings to you,

Pastor Dagmar