



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Messenger

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Paul's Saints,

The change of seasons is here! You wouldn't know it with the warm weather. So Autumn is here, the fields are being emptied of the harvests and the tomato processing plant on Main Street has that smell of stewed tomatoes. I like this time of year because the cool evenings and the chance to walk or ride my bike.

What do you look forward to? I ask this because I have been thinking of many things myself lately. The kids are getting bigger, and birthday plans are in the works for both Grayce and Matthew. I have shared some thoughtful conversation with several friends about the future and what it holds. What comes next, and what is important. So many changes and events, things to plan and things that will just happen with the course of life. I wonder how to get the most out of these moments.

Getting the most out of a moment is not as easy as it seems. Perspective and joy, thankfulness and peace, are something you have to invest in. Prayer in the many moments, discipline to look up and around and what God is bringing your way, to grasp what blessings are before you.

Matthew 6:33&34 tells us: *33But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

Seek first the kingdom, seek first being right with the Lord, seek righteousness, and let God fill you with his contentment. Put your hope in the Lord first and perspective and joy, thankfulness and peace, will follow. Trust the Lord, seek the Lord first. This isn't a promise that everything will be perfect or go how you want it, but it is about how Our Lord has things under his control. We can trust his promise to take care of us, love us and by the Holy Spirit walk with us through the struggles and many joys of life.

Enjoy the many Changes of seasons with the Lord,

Pastor David Hardin