



The Harvest is Plentiful

(Inspired by Matthew 9:35-38)

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Interim pastors are akin to traveling harvesters, in that we come in to help with the reaping of what someone else sowed.

Much reaping is taking place these days at Peace Lutheran Church – Deshler, and it is a joy to behold.

On October 19, eight young people affirmed their baptism on this morning, and the verses they chose to remember that day attest to the depth of their faith and their formation. Six fifth graders have been prepared for First Holy Communion on Reformation Sunday, October 26. Thanks be to God for each of them, for their families and especially to Rev. Phil Nielsen who has been preparing them for this from the day of their baptism. These young people are already laborers in the Lord's harvest as they witness in daily life to their peers and their elders.

On Mission Festival Sunday, November 9, we will hear from Vance Blackfox, a laborer in the mission field at Oaks Lutheran Indian Mission in Oklahoma. Then, on December 7, Rodney Hinrichs will be with us with an update on Pastor Paul's ministry in Ghana. Vance and Pastor Paul are both planters and harvesters in places you and I may never go in person, yet together, with prayer and provision, we answer Jesus call to go into the fields in his name.

Thanksgiving Eve and Day, Stacey Duensing, another harvest worker-in-formation will be home among us. She will preach at both these services. Let us give thanks and continue to pray for her ongoing formation at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan.

In the meantime, I continue to make the interim circuit – and I give thanks for the warm welcome I have received here as your interim pastor. What others have planted over decades continues to blossom and grow here, and I can't wait to see what the Lord will plant and grow here for harvest seasons to come.

Building on the word from St. Paul in I Corinthians 3:6 –

Some will plant, others will water, still others will harvest. God will give the growth.

*Glory be to His holy name: Father, +Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

In Christ's service,

Pastor Cathi



Pastor Cathi sharing "Jesus Time" with Preschool