

# Pastor Post

5/3/2018



## *Sunday, the Coming Sabbatical, & Beyond*

This Sunday (5/6) our church family will gather for worship at our normal 9:25AM, followed immediately by a shared 11AM potluck, & then we will convene around noon for a congregational meeting (non-members welcome). At the meeting, we will hear where we are financially regarding the “UpDo” fundraising campaign, make some stewardship decisions on some next steps for our facility, and bring new members into our church family.

*“God is too good to be unkind and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart”*

*Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)*

My sabbatical starts after the congregational meeting. I will be back in my study on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. During my sabbatical, please reach out to our elder team (Doug Hammes, Randy Pospisil, and Alex Steele) with your needs and prayer requests. Pray that Carrie and I “unstring the bow” and allow the LORD to work in our hearts and lives. Thank you again for this wonderful gift.

As mentioned in last Sunday’s sermon, when I look at serving at Cornerstone, I’m always thinking about the long haul. My eyes are on the spiritual growth hopes of our 5 year commitment to “Growing Up in Christ” (Broadcasting the Gospel, Maturing Saints, Equipping Leaders, and Planting Churches). I see UpDo as a wise step in this vision, giving us useful and hospitable space for disciple-making and leadership development. Would you pray about giving cheerfully and generously as we seek to update our space, pay down debt, and send money out the door to our mission partners?

I am excited to serve a church committed to advancing the Gospel locally and globally until Christ’s return.

## *Activities to Note*



### **Pastor Matt’s sabbatical**

(May 7-July 1)

**Next Sermon Series:** Jesus’ “I am” statements in the Gospel of John. (Randy Pospisil & Michael Biegler)

**The Central District EFCA Superintendent Cal Swan preaching June 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Family Picnic and Baptism Service – Sunday July 29 (baptism class July 15)**

### **Sunday School Update:**

There **will be** Sunday School Pre-K through Adults throughout the summer. Here are the few dates we will be taking breaks: 5/27; 6/3; 7/1; 8/5, 8/12. We’ll have our teacher training on August 19 and Fall Kick Off Sunday August 26.

If you want to join a small group at Cornerstone, please email [theelders@cornerstone-marion.org](mailto:theelders@cornerstone-marion.org)

*Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the LORD, because you know that your labor in the LORD is not in vain.*

*1 Corinthians 15:58*