

## *"View From My Window" by Pastor Everhart*

I'm a counselor. I'm not a psychologist; I'm a pastor that asks the Holy Spirit to help me help people through some of the rough patches in their life. Rarely do I spend more than several sessions with any one person, couple or family. Often I'm their first last resort. They haven't been to a "counselor" yet and may even need to see a physician. If a person can get through those low moments of life they usually go on to live well. It's not unusual for anyone to have suicidal thoughts or feel as though their marriage is doomed or think they will never be able to adjust to a loss. Talking to someone else can help them see it for what it is: a season that will pass and when it does life will once again be worth living. Frankly, some people come to me because there is no charge and others just to say they've tried everything, "I even went to talk to the pastor about it but nothing helped." They were never really interested in change only in getting their spouse off their back or easing their own guilt. But for those who sincerely cry out to the Lord for help I believe we've seen some real miracles. Even if all we've achieved is peace of mind for a day - when you're in the middle of a crisis that can be a miracle in itself. When I shared in this column about preaching I said there are two elements to preaching well: preparation & desperation. In counseling there is no preparation other than years of experience with one's own struggles with life. Oh yeah, there's a lot of reading and studying that can be of some assistance too. But mostly you approach each crisis with a desperation that knows that if God doesn't show up - if the Lord doesn't speak - nothing of any value will happen in the session. I'm a counselor; chances are you are too.

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# Welcome! We're glad you're here.

## Announcements:

- ◆ No Sunday evening services in August.
- ◆ August 30, Sunday morning, 10 am: Family Worship, the kids will be in the sanctuary for the service.
- ◆ August 26, Wed, Hot Dog roast following the service.
- ◆ September 8, Tue, 11 am: "The Gathering" women's meeting.
- ◆ September 13, Sun, 5:30 pm Water Baptismal Class.
- ◆ September 27, Sun, 10 am Water Baptismal Service.

## This Week at NLA:

- ◆ Wednesday, 7 pm Bible Study, Royal Rangers, Girl's Club, Rainbows & Nursery.

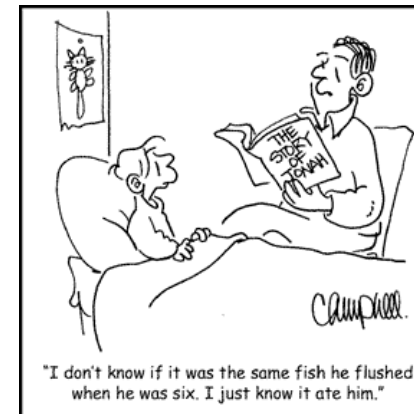
## Coming Soon:

- ◆ "The Gathering" women's ministry will be meeting every six weeks beginning on Tuesday, September 8th at 11 am.
- ◆ Reservations for motel accommodations for the Ladies' Conference November 11-14 are due by September 7th! Conference registration is due by October 19th.

**Thank you 1)** Emily Strine & Deb Mummert for hours & hours of work on our new financial software. **2)** Andrea Everhart for great work updating & adding to our website & Face Book pages. **3)** Our Children's Church staff for doing a great job while Wanda was getting in some much deserved vacation time. **4)** To the men meeting at 7 am on Sundays to pray for us all.

## Sunday, August 16, 2015

- ◆ 9:00 am: Sunday School! Classes available for all age groups.
- ◆ 10:00 am: Morning Worship Service  
Sermon: "Delighted & Deleted" Ecclesiastes 1  
Children's Church age 3-6th grade: Please be sure to check your child in and out at the desk outside the CC room.
- ◆ No evening services in August. Might be a great time to get together with other people in the church you've been meaning to connect with for a while.



Children's Church is looking to put together a basket of extra clothes of various sizes & seasons, boys & girls, to keep on hand in case a child is in need of a change during a ministry time (*accidents do happen*). If you have any clothes you wish to donate starting with size 3T to size 8T, please let Wanda know.