"View From My Window" by Pastor Everhart

I'm a pastor. To me pastoring is being with people in their greatest times of need. Recently I got a call from a hospice chaplain that a lady in a nursing home was in her last days. It weighed on my heart to get her husband in to see her one last time. He doesn't have a car and the nursing home is in Shippensburg. I called his house early on Monday morning to see if he wanted to go see his wife and I learned that she had passed away at about 3 a.m. that very day. It kind of sickened me that I hadn't acted sooner but the weekend had been so full. As it turned out he had other offers to get him there but he simply wasn't able to cope with it at that time. Now he accepted the ride in order to say goodbye to her remains. We got to the home shortly before the cremation society was due to pick up the body. As I stood beside him while he said goodbye I realized that this would be his final opportunity to see her. As the finality of it all settled in I reached out to steady his quivering frame fearing he was about to collapse. As we prayed there in that little room the presence of the Lord became very real. Can you imagine what a privilege it is to represent the Lord in moments like that? It also creates a bond between you and the people you minister to. Although you may have been friends with the folks before you walk with them through a time of loss or great struggle you come out the other side as part of their family. Often people think they're "bothering" a pastor so they don't call for a word of prayer or to ask him to come. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Pastors: Joel Everhart & LeRoy Bunker

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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.

This Week at NLA:

- Monday, 6:30 pm Board Meeting
- Wednesday, 7 pm Bible Study, Royal Rangers, Girl's Club, Rainbows & Nursery.
- Fri-Sun, Bible Quiz Camp.

Coming Soon:

- Bible Quiz teams are now forming: We need a number of coaches to help with everything from quizzing to registering quizzers. There's a job for anyone who wants to be a part of this exciting ministry. See Alina Dusharm if you are interested in participating.
- * Water Baptismal Service September 27th: if you have put your faith in Jesus but haven't been baptized yet a sign up sheet is at the Welcome Center.

Thank you 1) Everyone who participated in the All Staff Meeting last Sunday evening! 2) Deb Flickinger for the brownies. 3) Our Policies & Procedures team for doing a boring job very well: Pastor LeRoy, Wanda, Alina & Greg.. 4) Our Children's Church staff for being so awesome. A woman who started attending just recently said her kids ask everyday if its Sunday yet so they can come to church again.

Sunday, August 9, 2015

- <u>9:00 am</u>: Sunday School! Classes available for all age groups.
- <u>10:00 am:</u> Morning Worship Service
 <u>Sermon:</u> "Delighted & Deleted" Ecclesiastes 1
 <u>Children's Church</u> age 3-6th grade: Please be sure to check your child in and out at the desk outside the CC room.

***After this morning's service the Children's Church Store will be open in the Café following the service.

• 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. Invite them



Ladies, ladies, ladies: Linda Shinners & Rene Burgard are tak-

ing names for the upcoming Ladies Retreat November 11-14.

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.