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VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

By Pastor Tom Boeck



MISS YOU!

¹⁷ But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, ¹⁸ because we wanted to come to you—I, [*Pastor Tom*], again and again—but Satan [*and the Coronavirus*] hindered us. ¹⁹ For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? ²⁰ For you are our glory and joy.

[italicized words added by Pastor Tom and NOT in original text]

1 Thessalonians 2:17-20

This pandemic has taken its toll on all of us in one way or another. And yet, I am always struck by how God uses difficult situations to help us grow closer to Him. Yes, it seems that every time life has difficulties, we turn just a little more quickly to our loving Father who provides for us in all things. I pray that that has been the case for you during this strange time in our history.

I find that I have spent more time in prayer and looking to scripture for direction. In the current situation, there just aren't many people with enough experience to actually know how to manage things and to know what to do, specifically. Yes, we have had the pleasure and pain of watching everyone from our public officials, to the local shop keeper, to our own family members, including ourselves, attempting to navigate these uncharted waters. And as we move forward with our lives, it becomes more obvious than ever that God has the answers. God knows what needs to happen and He knows how to care for us.

What a great opportunity this has been

for us to reassess our lives. We can more clearly see now, than ever, how important our relationships with people are. We are also seeing new ways to grow closer to our Lord and Savior as we seek Him in prayer and in His word. If you haven't taken advantage of this time to seek God, I encourage you to give it a try. You'll be amazed at what He can do in your life!

Sharon and I are really missing all of you. We feel a little gyped that we were unable to see so many of you toward the end of this season before you had to head back north, but we certainly eagerly await the opportunity to see you all again next year. For those of you who are year 'rounders, we look forward to being able to gather again to see you. Even though it may be awhile before we can hug again, or even to shake hands, it will be nice to see you face-to-face once again. We know how the apostle Paul felt in the passage above as he sent his best wishes to those of the church in Thessalonica.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you as a congregation for making me your pastor. It has been my privilege to serve you as the associate for the past two years, and I appreciate the love and support that you as a congregation have extended to Sharon and me.

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I believe that God's timing is always perfect, and as such, the church council's vote in March to change my position from associate to pastor placed me in a position to be able to work more closely with our amazing staff to deal with all of the challenges that pandemic life has dealt us. Your continued support has allowed us as a church to be able to serve our community in spite of social-distancing obstacles and we have made a difference in the lives of people who have been harmed by this disease.

Thank you for all of your support and encouragement. The emails and cards that you have sent to encourage the staff and me have been greatly appreciated! I look forward to continuing to serve God, this community, and this congregation as we work together to build God's kingdom and to share the gospel with those who do not yet know Him! Happy Mother's Day!

"For you are our glory and joy!"

-Pastor Tom, *Pastor-Marco Lutheran Church and Sharon*

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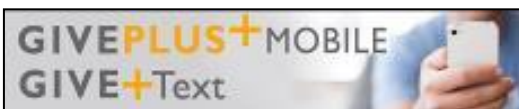
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Paula Caltabiano	14-May	Steve Spang	22-May		
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Contact the church office to sign up!

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