



Pastor Enno's Weekly Message

Dear Friends,

It was nice. We had a Cook County Ministerial meeting yesterday at Bethlehem Lutheran, ELCA. Six pastors showed up and two others were out of town but said they are interested in creating something. We are meeting again next month to see where we, as the pastors, and we, as the universal church, can come together. I heard that the main two things that churches did together in the past was the Good Friday Service and the Baccalaureate service. We may just meet monthly to share news and support each other. We may begin again the revised common lectionary text study. We may take up the organization of the Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light for Cook County. There are options and willingness for us to come together.

This is wonderful! Our world is finding new ways to keep away from each other and sow division. Some of that comes from within the Church. Here, we are proclaiming that we have more in common than we have differences. Christ binds us together, and it is good when kindred (brothers and sisters in Christ) live together in unity.

Are there differences in our churches, our theologies, and views of the world? Absolutely! However, to treat each other with respect and to have compassion for one another is our highest calling. I am hopeful that we can find even small ways to be together in fellowship, serve the least of these, and maybe even find some common ground in justice issues.

May the seeds of kindred unity planted in our hearts bear good fruit.

Peace

