

Pastor Brian's  
Mid Week Message  
July 8, 2020

**"GET A MOVE ON!"**

*Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1*

You may have heard...we're moving. The day is fast approaching for us to relocate from Venice to Gulf Cove, a site much closer to Trinity Lutheran Church of SW Florida. When we moved to SW Florida some two and a half years ago the Lord led us to our current home up in Venice and gave us wonderful opportunities to serve and many blessings in doing so. A number of those blessings He used to bring us to TLC some eight months later, and to our call as pastor and wife. We can see that this was His will for us. I hope and pray that you see it that way as well. Now, we believe, the Lord has called us to be on the move again. We so look forward to being in a place that allows us to more easily gather and spend time with you in worship, study, service and fellowship, along with the opportunity to welcome all of you into our home, something we love to do. That's not really possible at our current residence due to the distance and the reality that there is no place for people to park. We'll be taking possession of this new home next Wednesday, the 15th of July, and then moving our stuff in over the course of the next several days. I used the above Scripture reference in Genesis because it seemed to be apropos. Not that I would think to compare myself to Abram (Abraham) or that our move is anything near the upheaval that he and Sarai his wife had to deal with. But I do believe that the Lord calls us to move from one place to another on occasion to accomplish His will for us. Had we not moved from Jacksonville, FL to Spokane, WA back in the year 2000 I might never have become a pastor in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, let alone the pastor here at Trinity. Looking back the circumstance that brought this about clearly demonstrates the hand of God being present in it all along the way. I can honestly tell you, and I think Kay would to, that moving is not something that we generally look forward to doing. It's a lot of work! (Kay would say to that, it's a lot of work for her, not necessarily for me) This will be the 6th time we've moved from one house to another, but only the first time that it has been local. Typically, when we move...we MOVE...going from one side of the country to the other. It's very heartwarming and so much appreciated to hear all of the offers to help. We plan to take you up on them. As we close on the house next Wednesday, we have set aside Thursday afternoon (July 16th) for cleaning. That starts around 1:00pm if you'd like to join in the fun. The next day our larger furniture will be moved down for us, and we'll be hauling the more reasonably sized stuff down over a few days. If you have a truck and you'd like to assist in that we won't turn you down either. The address of the new place is 3138 Holcomb Road Port Charlotte, FL 33981. It's up almost to the north end of the Gulf Cove development just north of the Church.