

Pastor Albrecht's
Mid Week Message
Wednesday Oct 31, 2018

TIS THE SEASON!

Nearly 3,000 years ago King Solomon wrote; *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven"* (Ecclesiastes 3:1) All these ages later this truth is just as relevant to us as it was then...it's amazing how the Bible does that! Baseball season has just ended, football season is in full swing, and basketball season is just getting started. I'm not going to include hockey season, as ice reminds me of the winters that I've fled from. In the past few weeks the exploding variety in the license tags on the cars that are more and more crowding our streets and highways announces the beginning of another "season", one that will have us nearly doubling in population. And it's not just the roads, restaurants and grocery stores that are getting more crowded...the church is too. This past Sunday we had 116 people in worship, and more are arriving from the north even as I type this. That means some things are going to have to change. Quite obviously we are going to need to go to two Sunday morning worship services, probably sooner rather than later. In the meantime those of you who have the ability to do so I encourage you to be "creative" in how you park your car; a place out near or beyond the Memory Garden might well free spaces up for those who have a bit more difficulty in getting to the door of the building, and for our guests and visitors. As we move toward two worship services in November I also encourage you to join in the conversation as to what the best times might be. Last "season", with the times set at 8:00 and 10:00am, the ratio of attendance was about one quarter of the total in the early service, and three quarters in the later. Most Sundays that put the 10:00am attendance well over 100, which is very tight, both for seating and for parking. My opinion is that 8:00am may just be a little too early for many of us to get up, get ready, and get to church. Especially when the sun isn't rising until well past 7:00am. Starting the early worship at 8:30am should ease that difficulty for some, and could very well shift the ratio to more like one third early and two thirds late; with the later service commencing at 10:30am, leaving the full hour between for fellowship and community. The elders and council are already talking about what the best course of action is, and we would love for you to join in this conversation to share your thoughts on the matter. Oh, by the way, a church that is overcrowded? that's a pretty nice problem to have to solve!