

Announcement on Pastor Luke's Sabbatical

The objective of any sabbatical needs to be to get away, to rest, to cease from work, to be refreshed. The purpose of the sabbatical is for the spiritual care and rest of the pastor, which inevitably leads to the spiritual care of the church. It is not a reward for the pastor from the church, but a sabbath for the pastor that should result in his greater effectiveness in ministry to the church.

Pastor Luke's sabbatical will include personal and family refreshment, study leave, and spiritual renewal. It will span 14 weeks, starting Monday, May 13 until Sunday, August 18. Two of those weeks he will be at Westminster Theological Seminary (WTS) for coursework as part of his Doctorate in Ministry, so technically the sabbatical is for 12 weeks, but he will be gone for 14 weeks including the time at WTS.

You are encouraged to not contact Pastor Luke during his sabbatical. His formal contact with the church will be through Ruling Elder Todd Doehring. If there are emergencies, Todd will reach out to Pastor Luke.

While we will miss Pastor Luke over the summer, we are at a good point in our church's history for this to happen. We have an associate pastor and six ruling elders. The key areas the elders will cover are preaching, pastoral care, and preparations for fall (the new school year).

The preaching will be divided amongst the elders, with Pastor Josué taking on the bulk of the preaching duty. Additional guest preachers will be brought in on occasion. Pastors Luke and Josué are working on shepherding groups. All members and regular attenders will be assigned to one of six shepherding groups, and the elder in charge of each group will be your primary contact for care, prayer, and any other needs. We will have more information on this in the coming weeks. With our Team structure entering its third year, we are well set up to plan and prepare for fall small groups, Sunday School classes, and the welcoming of students.

Please let any of the elders know if you have any questions about Pastor Luke's sabbatical.



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