**Summer Preaching Rotation Includes Fisher/Bygland Parish in the Northern Lights Ministry Collaborative**

Summer is a time for vacations, family reunions, weddings, and a few other weekend events. Pastors also take advantage of time off which often leads to pulpit supply needs. There being a limited number of pastors available for pulpit supply in our region, we at times struggle to fill the need.

Pastor Gregory Isaacson (Trinity), Pastor Mike Ozaki (First Presbyterian) and Pastor Gretchen Enoch (Fisher/Byland) have joined efforts to allow for a rotation of pastors in a preaching schedule that provides a few Sundays off for each pastor while also bringing a change of voice in pulpits.

This also gives people some options for worship attendance. If you’re at the lake, join us for an 11:00 am service at Trinity Point on Maple Lake south of Mentor, MN. Be sure to bring a few lawn chairs in case the weather allows us to do Beach Worship outside. If you’re in Crookston, you can join us for a 9:00 am service at Trinity or sleep in a bit and worship at 10:45 am at First Presbyterian. Fisher/Bygland parish combine for one service at 9:00 am and alternate worship spaces each Sunday starting at Fisher Lutheran on May 26.

The future of rural ministry is dependent upon congregations working together to address the needs of our communities. The summer of 2024 will have a pastor in every pulpit each Sunday so everyone can have time to enjoy summer activities and give God thanks and praise each week.

**Rev. Gregory Isaacson**

Pastor Greg grew up in Kittson County, Minnesota. He graduated from Moorhead State University in Moorhead, MN with a degree in Accounting and Business Administration and was the Hallock, MN Branch Manager for American Federal Savings Bank. Heeding the call to ministry, he attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN and has served churches in the Minnesota towns of Clarissa, Ada, Bemidji, Afton, and Crookston. He is passionate about rural ministry and collaborative processes that bring congregations together. He is married to Kristen and they have a son, Karsten, a senior at the University of Minnesota.

2024 Summer Preaching Schedule TLC 10:45/TP 11:00 FB 9:00/FPC 10:45 Off

May 26 (Memorial Day Weekend) Mike Gretchen (Fisher) Greg

June 2 Gretchen Greg (Bygland) Mike

June 9 Greg Gretchen (Fisher) Mike

June 16 Gretchen Mike (Bygland) Greg

June 23 Mike Gretchen (Fisher) Greg

June 30 (Independence Day observance) Greg Mike (Bygland) Gretchen

July 7 Greg Gretchen (Fisher) Mike

July 14 Mike Greg (Bygland) Gretchen

July 21 Gretchen Mike (Fisher) Greg

July 28 Mike Gretchen (Bygland) Greg

Aug 4 Greg Mike (Fisher) Gretchen

Aug 11 Gretchen Greg (Bygland) Mike

Aug 18 Mike Greg (Fisher) Gretchen

Aug 25 Greg Mike (Bygland) Gretchen

Sept 1 (Labor Day Weekend) Gretchen Greg (Fisher) Mike