

The Periodic...

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER...

I wish to begin this little issue of the Periodic with a few 'thank-yous'. While this year began with some challenges our Lenten, Easter and Pentecost seasons have been a great blessing. Thanks to our prayer teams who fight constantly for us in the heavenly realms, hold St. Timothy's up before the throne of God seeking peace, healing, grace and protection as well as for his continuing abiding presence with us as we strive in our weaknesses to serve him. Thanks to Lois and the choir for all your work to help us enter into His presence every week. It seems each week the music increases in beauty. Thanks to those who help make sure everything is in place and is wonderful each and every week. I know many of you have increased your commitment and service and we could not be what God wants us to be without you. Thanks to those who reach out in Christ's love and care for and visit our sick, our elderly and those who just need a visit, you are the hands of Christ's healing. Thanks to those who help us grow in our faith and our understanding of God by hosting and leading home groups and bible studies. Thanks to those who are an outreach into our North Shore community volunteering in any number of places to make this an even better place to live. Thanks to those of you who have care of our littlest disciples, week after week loving them and teaching them to be more like Jesus. Thanks to our leadership team, you are a prayerful, discerning and wise group to serve with; you are a real joy and blessing. And finally thanks to each of you in the St. Timothy's family for your ongoing support and contributions of your time, your talent and your treasure. You are the beloved of Christ.

Amen.

SUMMER CHURCH

This past Sunday we kicked off summer and our summer series, "Quite Unlike Me", with a wonderful pancake breakfast and joint service with Sutherland. Of course the quote of the week goes to young Thomas who upon seeing me sitting in the front row just as we were about to begin asked in a 'stage whisper', "Ken! Why are you wearing a ladies dress?" If you want to know why we are doing this 5 week series that is exactly why.

This week we will explore the Contemplative Tradition, the deep gazing into the loving heart of Jesus. Next week we examine the Charismatic Tradition and the power of God's Spirit of healing and renewal. After that it is the Social Justice Tradition, striving for justice and seeking to love those who Jesus loves. Our final week we will

Naome Uwamahoro

You remember Naome right? She was our guide in Rwanda who visited us last fall.

After prayer and consultation with the parish, council has decided to invite Naome to come over to study at Regent College. This is a step her bishop believes will help her to help them greatly over the years.

Council has agreed to dedicate a portion of our give budget, from each of the next three years to help make this possible. As a church our contribution will be about \$15,000 (approximately \$4000, will come from 2011's give budget). This will only be done on the condition that we can secure the other \$15,000 from other people, groups and churches. So your prayers are appreciated. (Please note none of this is new money, it is simply an allocation of money already received and budgeted).

examine the Evangelical Tradition and the importance of the proclamation of the good news. None of these traditions work in isolation and all are needed in our lives if we are to truly be his disciples, so let's see what we can learn from them.

One of the things we want to do this summer is to try and give all our volunteers a little bit of a break before the fall hits. So in light of this we are going to simplify our services a little, especially in August. Our August services will be more 'family friendly', the children will remain with us in the service, I will do a little teaching on Communion each week, since they don't usually get to be a part of it, and we are going to try to make the services under an hour.

