



just a thought

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For the week of June 17, 2010

Coaching Clinic: What Trinity Is All About #4.

A few nights ago I got out on Koontz Lake about an hour before sunset. Hardly anyone else was out on the water, the surface was almost like glass, and the skiing was awesome. After skiing, a hot shower, and a slice of strawberry pie, we headed into Walkerton.

Walkerton is the small town in St. Joseph County where I spent the last three years in high school. Sharon and I drove slowly through the town. Everything looked a little smaller.

I drove by the tennis courts where I was standing the day a friend, Roger, walked up with the newest LP by The Beatles: Sgt. Peppers' Lonely Hearts Club Band. I drove by the Youth Building where I'd go to dances and hear bands like Nickel 98 or the Stingrays. I drove by the medical clinic where I used to shovel the sidewalks of snow (my Dad was one of the partners). And I drove by the field where our football team did "two a days" in August. I can still hear the voice of the coach. He is still with me.

God's intention, I believe with all my heart, is that Trinity is a fellowship where every member is in ministry. The role of the pastors and our staff is more about coaching than doing.

Oh, there are a few key pieces of kingdom work you all need for our staff, Pastor Lore and me to do. There are some functions you all need for us to take care of, but most of what God wants us to do is to coach you as you serve as God's salt and light show.

Some churches are like a baseball game where most of the players sit in the dugout watching a few play the game. God intends for the church to be a fellowship where everyone is in the game. Everyone has a role in ministry. Everyone serves. Sort of like the neighborhood parade in San Diego where everyone is invited to participate - not to sit on the curb

Weekend Message

Sermon: **BHAG: New Math, 1 God**

Scripture: [Ephesians 4:4-6](#); [John 14:11-21, 25-3](#)

See you this weekend. We're seeing some new faces at Trinity as people come and see if we might be the faith family they have been looking for. Invite a friend to join you in worship.

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Weekend Services

Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:45 &
11:00am

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm

and just watch.

How did Jesus spend most of his time? He spent most of his time coaching, discipling, his twelve friends so they could tell others the Good News and heal. Then, he sent them out!

Ephesians 4:12 is a key verse in all of this. Paul says the role of pastors and teachers "is to equip the people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."

I've been thinking about this whole coaching thing since the great John Wooden passed away, and Sports Illustrated printed a cover story about his extraordinary life. I've been thinking about this whole coaching thing since I slowly drove past the field where I used to practice with my teammates, and the field where I first suited up. I've been thinking about this whole coaching thing as I consider how God is going to call some of you out to serve during the Clergy Leave that is ahead.

Trinity is a serving place. It is a community where our leaders and pastors are all about coaching others as they step out to serve, share, and heal. We have people like Amy Matherly and others who will help you find just the right place to serve!

Have you found your place? We can help. We may start right with the basics. John Wooden used to show his players how to put their socks on for practice! He began with the basics. We may begin with the basics but we can help you find great and deep joy in walking with Jesus as a servant!

What we've got going on here is a coaching clinic!

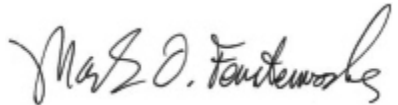
Thanks and Blessings to Jacob Kisor.

Please also surround Jacob Kisor with your prayers. He has recently graduated from Bethel College, is getting married later this Summer, and will be moving to the Terre Haute area. We have been blessed by his friendship, faith, leadership and music. Join us in worship this weekend as we bless Jacob during our Saturday at 5:30 service and our Sunday at 11 gathering.

God is good - all the time!

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Blog Stuff

Check in on my blog site. There are articles about all sorts of things...
markfenstermacher.blogspot.com

We are, at Trinity, a community of Jesus followers called to Making followers of Jesus Christ that will change the world by...Growing in God, Growing Together and Growing in Service. You can find out more about us by calling our office at 574-294-7602 or visiting our web site at www.3umc.org.

"Come as you are" worship is Saturday @ 5:30 and Sunday morning at 11:00 (drums, guitars, bluejeans and stuff). Spirited worship that is more traditional, and includes the music of choirs and instrumentalists, is Sunday at 8:45. There are Sunday School classes for all ages 10:00 - 10:50.

Childcare is provided during all services, and during our Wednesday evening mid week experience called Trinity Night Together.

DO NO HARM.
DO GOOD.
STAY IN LOVE WITH GOD.
(Three simple rules for a Wesleyan way of living.)
