

Another Word June 10, 2025

To our family and friends of King Road Christian Church

I apologize that this latest "Another Word" is a couple of weeks behind schedule. After returning from our trip to visit with Betsy, André, and of course Sammy, we returned home with rather harsh colds. In fact, during the past few weeks my mind has been basically empty. Ok Dale, I can hear you saying, "So, what else is new? It's always empty!" Well, Donita and I are on the mend, and feeling much better. Thanks for your prayers. And a big thank you to Brad Williams who filled in so we could get some time away to spend with our families.

It is such a blessing to see the stained-glass "Last Supper" once again gracing God's church. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to it becoming a reality. And a special thank you goes out to the families of Bud Strine and Carol Imhoff whose memorial funds allowed this project to be completed.

For some reason, the screen on the left in the sanctuary has been turning off during our services. To correct this problem, we have purchased 2 new tv's and will have them installed, hopefully in a couple of days.

I would like to continue our Bible study series "Christian Beliefs," beginning on Tuesday, July 1. 10:30 am and 6 pm There are 6 lessons to go. I will have a sign-up sheet posted in the gathering area. If you need a large print version, make a note beside your name.

We will be looking at pivotal moments from the book of Acts over the next few weeks. This Sunday will be Psalm 8 and Acts 5:27-42, and June 22 will be Psalm 42&43 and Acts 7:55- Acts 8:3.

Please offer prayers for Ken Bee, Marcia Galloway, Bev Zimmerman, and Jan Herrmann. Let us be in prayer: Gracious and loving God. With praise on our lips, we give glory and honor to You. We thank You for listening to our joys, concerns and fears. Guide us through the ever-changing cycle of life. And allow us to see opportunities to reach out to others in ways that will touch their lives and bring them closer to You. Please hear our prayers for those in need of faith, hope, and healing..... And may we always serve as we walk in Your presence. In Jesus' most Holy Name, Amen.

Some of you know that I love to cook. I like using tried and true recipes, but also experimenting with different spices, flavors, and ingredients.

I was making a large pot of beef vegetable soup a while back. In fact, I was trying to come close to the flavor of my Grandmother's soup I remember having as a child. My soup was tasting pretty good, but it just needed something else. Just a pinch of something.

I decided to add just a pinch of salt. That was it! That small pinch magnified and rounded out the flavor of the soup, and I dare say it could have rivalled even Grandma Gorham's.

Salt. For thousands of years, salt has been a needed and necessary mineral in every day life. It provides flavor and preserves food. It also, in

the right amounts, adds needed nutrients to our bodies. It also creates thirst, thirst that instructs us to hydrate our bodies.

In the book of Matthew, Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth.” He goes on to say that if salt loses its saltiness, it just needs to be thrown away. Matt 5:13

So, if we are salt, we need to act like salt or we end up flavorless. What do I mean? I think Jesus was telling those during the Sermon on the Mount and us, that we can add flavor to others by helping them enjoy life. We also can help others by standing with them in their darkest of times, preventing a spoiled life. And we can, by telling the good news of Jesus, help others thirst for the truth.

And all of this can be done just the way I added salt to my soup. A pinch here, a kind word there. Giving a needed embrace. Standing with someone in despair. Telling of God’s unlimited love.

These are the positive effects we, as followers of Jesus can have on the world around us. So, don’t be afraid to shake a little salt around, even over your shoulder. You may never know who it may fall on, but you will always know you helped add a little spice to the life of others.

In His Peace,

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