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Courage in teaching

I think that teachers are incredibly courageous people. Courageous may not be everyone's first image of a teacher, but how many of us non-teachers would go enthusiastically into a classroom of 30 third graders and try to teach them for seven hours? Are you courageous enough to do that?

Teachers are a group of people that do not seem to receive the recognition that they deserve yet they continue to do so much for the children who are placed in their classrooms. Sometimes they:

- ◆ Buy needed school supplies that may not be available.
- ◆ Come in early or stay late to meet with parents.
- ◆ Simply listen to one of their students when no one else will.
- ◆ Figure out a new way to teach a subject because one child just does not "get it."

They always give more than they get.

Working with young people – whether in a school or in a church – provides great challenges and great rewards. While different people place far different values on work, I think that a quality teacher and a quality youth minister are critical people in the lives of young people.

I received some sage advice about youth ministry from Anita Grue, Bethel's previous youth director. She said, "Make sure that the youth truly feel loved, wanted and needed." Anita did that during her time at Bethel. All the great teachers I have ever known did that as well. As I continue to be active in the youth ministry at Bethel, I will take Anita's words of advice with me.

Pastor John



Did you know?

Pastor John Swanson . . .

- ✚ Enjoyed watching the recent Olympics – especially hockey, skiing, snowboarding, figure skating, speed skating, bobsled and the luge.
- ✚ Has a favorite snack food – it's Funyuns®.
- ✚ Enjoys spending Saturday afternoons watching his son play hockey.
- ✚ On this winter's weather . . . Yuck! Way too cold! His plans for spring include biking, golfing and thawing out.

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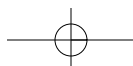
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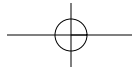
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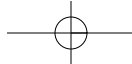
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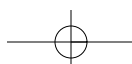
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2014 Sundays	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
March 2 . . . Transfiguration of Our Lord	Exod. 24:12-18	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matt. 17:1-9
March 9 1 Lent	Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Rom. 5:12-19	Matt. 4:1-11
March 16 2 Lent	Gen. 12:1-4a	Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17
March 23 3 Lent	Exod. 17:1-7	Rom. 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
March 30 4 Lent	1 Sam. 16:1-13	Eph. 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
April 6 5 Lent	Ezek. 37:1-14	Rom. 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
April 13 Palm Sunday	Isa. 50:4-9a	Phil. 2:5-11	Matt. 26:14-27:66
April 20 Easter Day	Acts 10:34-43	Col. 3:1-4	Matt. 28:1-10
April 27 2 Easter	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
May 4 3 Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
May 11 4 Easter	Acts 2:42-47	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
May 18 5 Easter	Acts 7:55-60	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 25 6 Easter	Acts. 17:22-31	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21

