

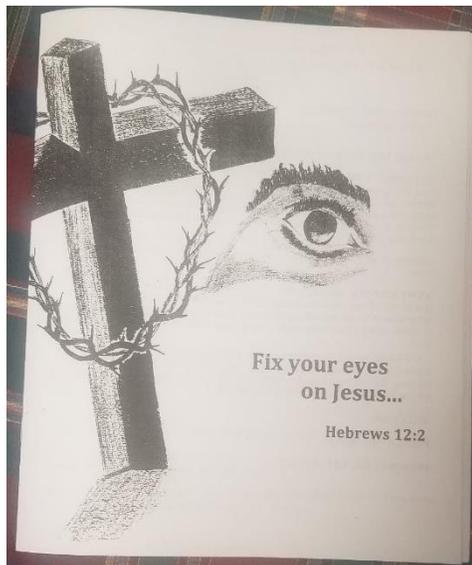
Vicar Nathaniel Brown's Journey

March 2020

What a month March has been! This month has flown by for me. Sadly, with the epidemic of COVID-19, I was kept from visiting a member in a nursing home. I can understand why it exists, but it is terrible that it happened. With more and more events closing every day, I have been wondering how Christians should be thinking and talking in the midst of this. I have seen two main reaction in the world about this, either people are saying that it isn't that bad, or they are in a panic, and stockpiling on some items. I don't think either response is godly. This is a serious issue, but at the time of writing this, it isn't as serious in the Midwest as it is elsewhere in the world. We as Christians don't have any need to panic, because if this disease, or any other disease takes us from this life, we have a certain hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. That doesn't mean we shouldn't be cautious about what is happening, but panic is not helpful, and for us, it is not needed.

I have also been doing all the Lenten midweek services at Trinity. The theme I found and picked was Eyes on Jesus, taking a look at St. Mark's Passion account through the eyes that were around Jesus, and how all of them were wrong, and where our eyes should be on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. It has been a wonderful series to preach, and I pray that it has been well received as well, especially with the epidemic we are currently facing.

It is a shorter newsletter, but I pray that the topic was worth reading. As you know, my address for the year is **Vicar Nathaniel Brown, 109 West Saint John Street, Girard, KS 66743.†**



Prayer List:

- For all people, that they may come to the knowledge of Christ and so be saved.
- For all our leaders, that the rules they enact may lead us to quiet and dignified lives.
- That the Church may be strengthened in her mission.
- For the Seminary students in St. Louis and in Ft. Wayne, that they may be able to serve His people faithfully.
- For all those affected by the Coronavirus epidemic, and for all people working to protect others through this.
- For all pastors and professors that they may be faithful in their service to the Church and to the Scripture
- For all graduates that they may be strengthened in faith as they transition to a different vocation.
- For the saints of Trinity Lutheran in Girard that they may teach me how to be a faithful pastor.

If you have prayer requests, or want to talk, please send them to me! My email is brownn@csl.edu, and my address is: 109 West St. John St. Girard, KS 66743