

“I waited patiently for the Lord...” Ps. 40:1a

Waiting patiently is a skill generally learned the hard way. Here at St. Paul's we had a nice visit with Pr. Krebs and his family this past weekend, and now we simply have to wait. True, waiting for Pr. Krebs is not exactly the same thing as waiting for the Lord, but the Lord does and will work through Pr. Krebs, either here or there, so even though already have people serving in pastoral ministry here, waiting to get a response to our call requires the same kind of patience.

Pr. Krebs did email us this morning to say he has not made a final decision yet but that he still intends to stick with his original timeline of deliberations, which means he will announce his decision a week from Sunday, on Sept. 26th. We will announce it here at the same time, which means the Saturday evening crowd will not know his answer, but the Sunday morning crowd will. Whether the answer leads to excited preparations or a return to the drawing board and more patience required from us, we know God will be with us.

In his email, Pastor Krebs did say this:

As far as our visit last weekend is concerned my family and I had a wonderful, if exhausting, time. The congregation members we met and interacted with were wonderfully open and welcoming, we really felt like we were wanted and it meant a lot to us. The school and church are amazing, the staff of both were very easy to talk to and were themselves inviting to all of us.

So you are to be commended as a congregation when viewed through the fresh eyes of a pastor. In my mind his words are doubly encouraging because they show he is a pastor with the wisdom and discernment to agree with my own assessment of this congregation. That will make it a lot easier to work with him should he accept the call!

Please continue to keep the Krebs family in prayer as well. I moved here with children, two of whom were about the same ages his two children are now, so I know how momentous such a move can be. It is much to ponder from their side of things. Since I know you are the congregation that he only suspects you are, I trust you will be praying for all concerned.

In Christ, Pastor Speckhard