

Dear Friends,

We don't have earthquakes, cockroaches, or hurricanes, but we do get snow and cold weather. I remember listening to the radio in the morning as a kid to see if school was closed. Now, because of the pandemic, most schools can have classes on Zoom or whatever web based program they use. No more snow days! Sometimes technology is not always good, it is very hard to get away. However, it is good to keep in touch while my wife is in South Dakota to be with her mother, we can see each other everyday. If there was only app for hugs...

Kileen and I have been here now over two years and we continue to fall in love with the people, the forest, and the Great Lake. The only difference between looking over the lake and looking out West of Aberdeen is the absence of grain bins and farmsteads/shelter belts dotting the horizon. We are grateful for all the opportunities we have had to explore the art and music scene besides nature. Pulling out of the driveway and looking down the hill to see Lake Superior still makes us pause and smile.

Because no travel is advised for today, I sit with the church's laptop on my comfortable coach with WTIP on the radio and as soon as I am done with the MailChimp, I will start a fire in the fireplace and start to work on next month's worship planning, newsletter, and tweaking this Sunday's bulletin for our Christmas Pageant. The snow is still coming down, but nowhere near the 46" that some weatherperson forecasted. (May have gotten that much up the trail or down closer to Duluth).

I look forward to the times to gather, the Christmas Pageant, the Caroling on Tuesday, the Winter's Solstice on Wednesday at North Shore Folk School, and our Christmas Eve service on Saturday. Hope to see you there.

Peace

Pastor Enno