

From the Pastor

You may remember a few years ago when Snoopy, the loveable beagle in the *Peanuts* cartoon, had broken his left leg. Hundreds of people wrote letters to Snoopy or sent sympathy cards. Snoopy himself philosophized about his plight one day while perched on top of his doghouse and looking at the huge white cast on his leg.

“My body blames my foot for not being able to go places,” he says. “My foot says it was my head’s fault, and my head blames my eyes . . . My eyes say my feet are clumsy, and my right foot says not to blame him for what my left foot did . . .”

Snoopy looks out at his audience and confesses, “I don’t say anything because I don’t want to get involved.”

Here at Celebration, we have people serving in diverse roles--[Sunday school teachers, greeters, vocal and bell choir members, members of the stewardship team, etc]--as God has gifted each of us. Each and every one of is absolutely essential to the task of working with God to bring in His kingdom. You are important, no matter what role you play.

General Dwight Eisenhower once rebuked one of his Generals for referring to a soldier as “just a Private.” He reminded him that the Army could function better without its Generals than it could without its foot soldiers. “If this war is won,” he said, “it will be won by Privates.”

And that’s true of any army--especially that army which is the church of Jesus Christ. Each and every one of you is precious to this community known as Celebration Lutheran Church and we need each of you to offer your talents to making this church all that God means for it to be!

As St. Theresa of Avila once said: “Christ has no body now but yours . . . No hands, no feet on earth but yours . . . Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world . . . Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good . . . Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world . . . Yours are the hands . . . Yours are the feet . . . Yours are the eyes . . . You are His body.”

My family in the faith, YOU are Christ’s body.

YOU are the hope of the world.

And it is time for YOU, to lift up YOUR wings, and fly!

See you in worship!

Pastor Fogle