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Hey friends,

I have a question. Really lots of them. Faith in Christ hasn't answered them all. In many ways, faith and life in the world have only led the number of questions to grow. Have you had that experience too?

I give thanks that we have a wonderful community of faith where questions, doubts, and challenges can be shared together. I am so excited that in these next few weeks we'll be exploring the letter of Hebrews in a sermon series: "Deepening Faith: Exploring Doubts, Challenges, and Questions."

As we dive deeper, there's a wonderful intro to the letter of Hebrews by Eugene Peterson:

"It seems odd to have to say so, but too much religion is a bad thing. We can't get too much of God, can't get too much faith and obedience, can't get too much of love and worship. But religion- the well-intentioned efforts we make to 'get it all together for God can very well get in the way of what God is doing for us...That's when it's time to read and pray our way through the letter to Hebrews again, written for 'too religious' Christians."

(Eugene Peterson, The Message: Devotional Bible)

While we may not see ourselves as 'too religious', I am thankful to share in a letter that can help us connect with the experiences of so many thoughtful folks who have withdrawn from the faith community and from folks they see as 'too religious'. This is among many other blessings we'll no doubt discover in greater depth together.

Looking forward to exploring a deepening faith and sharing more in the life of the congregation & wider community together. Friends, may the love of God and the love of the church bless you and build you up this week! Hope to see you again real soon.

Joy and courage, Ryan

Men, come on over for the Men's Breakfast this Saturday, August 6, at 8:00 AM for a great time of fun and fellowship while enjoying home cooked food.



Ladies' Night Out

Ladies Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 9, at 6:15PM at Long Horn Steakhouse. Please call Karla Horrell or the church office to reserve your spot!

Blessings for Back to School This Sunday at the 10:30 Worship Service



This past Saturday, July 30th, 17 youth enjoyed an outing to Walther's Golf & Fun. Laser tag was the highlight of the evening with plenty of food and laughter for all.

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