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There are many aspects of my work that I could reflect on with you tonight, but I want to take some time just to talk about Pastoral Care. As you know, the Pastoral Care Ministry Team leads the pastoral care throughout Covenant. The linchpin to all of this is the Pastoral Care Coordinator Elder currently filled by Cora Vink. Pastor Kevin and I work closely with Cora to identify how best to use our time in the care of the needs throughout the congregation. Crisis times such as the recent series of funerals means that we spend extra time focused in on these situations. Other times we can schedule in bringing Lord's Supper to the Insiders. And throughout the year we continue with pastoral situations ranging from pre-marital counselling, to mental illness struggles, to illness (cancer, depression, surgery, dementia), to life changes (career, retirement, new child, graduating from school). And sometimes we visit with people just because. Just because we want to know you. Just because we want to hear stories of people whose lives are going well and experiencing God's blessing. Just because we see you every Sunday and we want to know you better than a hand-shake by the door.

What it means is that there are people in the congregation with whom we walk closely for a season, some for a specific decision, and some for long-term concerns. Please don't ever hear from us that we are too busy. Each of you is important to us because getting to know you helps us to be better leaders and preachers. We will make time for you if you want to talk or just get to know us better. We welcome that because even in a simple coffee-klets we are enjoying the communion of the saints.