COMMON GROUND

Our intramural football team is not the best football team on campus and actually our only win was on a forfeit. But this Saturday we had our first practice and though we still lost on Sunday we played much better. There are several people on our team who have played very little football and are still learning the game. But I have been extremely pleased with how these individuals have listened and done what is asked of them to make us a better team. They have the very important quality of being teachable. This reminds me of James 1:22, which says, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." Every semester, every month, everyday, we should be learning and growing. Second Corinthians 5:17 says "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.!" We should put on the new self, one that follows the teaching we have learned from Christ, the Bible, and other believers.

A few weeks back in Bible study I made the comment that the best way to learn was from the school of hard knocks. I was corrected by someone who said that the best way to learn was by being told or watching others as an example. My point was that lessons are really driven home when we go through the pain of making a bad decision. My counterparts well-taken point was that we can save ourselves a great deal of pain by listening and being taught by others.

I hope that you are teachable in your classes, your social life, as well as in your spiritual life. I hope that you will reflect on whether or not you are a teachable individual. I hope that you will take some time to pray, thanking God for what he has taught you this semester, and praying that He will open your heart and make you more teachable in the future.

God Bless,
David

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Singing at Christ Lutheran: We will meet at the Office Sunday April 21st at 9:45am. We will practice our songs and head over for their 10:30 Worship Service. After Worship we will pay for your Lunch.

Denali Hike: On Saturday, April 27th, we will meet at the Office at 1:30pm and go to Denali to hike around and have fun! Please bring snacks and a water bottle. The cost of the trip is \$5 plus whatever you spend when we stop to eat. (figure \$10)We will return around 1 pm.

<u>Finals Care Package Preparation</u>: On Sunday, April 28th, We will meet at the Office at 5pm to put together the Finals Care Packages. We will order pizza when the work is done!

<u>Baccalaureate:</u> On Sunday, May 12th, we will present our Baccalaureate Worship Service in Schaible Auditorium. Please meet in Schaible at 9:15am and we will practice our music and prepare for the service at 10am.