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I'm hoping that all of you had a wonderful "Fall Break" and that Homecoming Week was delightful, also. May the rest of the semester go well for you, also. Don't forget that next Monday, October 24th, is Table of Plenty at Zion Lutheran Church here in town. This will be a wonderful opportunity to help feed the hungry in the area.

Not long ago I read the following passage from Paul's letter to the Romans, "*Do not conform yourselves to the pattern of this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind. Then you will be able to judge what is God's will, what is good, pleasing, and perfect.*" (Rom. 12:2) It seems to me that passage is contrary to what we normally do. We seem to pattern our lives a lot from what we see people around us do, especially those we consider our friends. We want to be more like them. That is all right if they pattern their lives from what God calls us to do – "*what is good, pleasing & perfect*". Yes, if we renew ourselves with God's Word we will be transformed, and we can transform the world around us.

I urge you to take time daily to see from where you **do** pattern your lives. Do you use God's word (Scripture) to help you pattern your life? Do you spend time praying over God's word? God is willing to help you in any way that you need. So ask God for help, and try to follow His way throughout your life.

God bless you!

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