

A physician called me this morning . . . on his own;
It was my eye doctor, calling after I made an appointment for Thursday.
I have never experienced this.
Oh, I've called doctors plenty of times over the years
With numerous appointments made and kept.
But this was a first, where the doctor actually found my cell phone number,
Called to check on my symptoms.

You see, I've got bad eyes;
It was in the genetic make-up,
Got 'em from my Dad (and generously passed this gene on to my kids).
I could not see the chalk board in third grade:
We were seated alphabetically and *Wehrenberg* was stuck
In the back of the room on the right side.
It was fuzzy – the blackboard – and I frequently got in trouble
For talking in class as I would ask those around me what had been written.
Soon my parents were brought in to address this disruptive activity,
Resulting in an eye exam and eyeglasses for the rest of my life.
Ever since, the eye doctor – every single one I've seen –
Talks to me about my vision:
Flashing white lights and dark after images.
These would be signs of a detaching retina.

13 years ago I saw those signs at a lunch meeting.
Less than 24 hours later, I was in surgery to reattach the retina.
Well, I started having visions again this past week in the other eye;
So, I called to make the appointment.
I was quite surprised to answer the phone less than five minutes later
To hear the eye doctor asking about the symptoms.

I am off to Ames for an exam,
Thankful for the work that can be done to preserve eye sight.
I am also aware of how much I depend on my eyes to get me through every day.
And I hear Jesus commenting on seeing and hearing;
Inviting us to "Come and see."
These are the first words he speaks according to the Gospel of John!
Come and see – a more precious invitation could not be offered.
It is the call to enter into a relationship with Him and through him with God.
Come and see! It is who we are,
Spirit-sent into the world to share in God's grace and glory.

I appreciate that invitation a bit more I I prepare to head to Ames
For my appointment and whatever results from it.
Come and see! Sundays with

Grace University Lutheran Church at 8:30 or 10:30 AM and/or 6:30 PM.
University Lutheran Church of Hope at 8:30 and 10:30 AM
Trinity Lutheran Church (at Augustana's Chapel) at 8:45 or 11 AM.

Peace, friends

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