

Out of my right eye, sight has returned,  
It is back to 20/40.  
By 3:30 PM last Thursday, I could not see anything out of it.  
A retinal tear had allowed vitreous fluid to get behind the retina,  
Lifting it off the eyeball and detaching the macula  
(an irregularly oval, yellow-pigmented area on the central retina,  
containing color-sensitive rods and the central point of sharpest vision).  
What I saw was a wavy, fluid motion in the eye and an increasing loss of sight.  
Once diagnosed, the doctor numbed my eye and, using cryotherapy (a freezing technique)  
Froze the area around the tear in the retina,  
Scaring the area, causing it to reattach at that point.  
He then removed about 1200 micro liters of fluid from the eye,  
Replacing it with a gas, creating a bubble in my eye.  
After testing the pressure and adjusting it by removing a bit more fluid,  
I was told to cant my head and hold it in that position  
(fortunately it was to the left, a position natural to me).  
This included sleeping.  
The hardest and most uncomfortable part of this past week  
Has been the exhaustion from not sleeping well or soundly,  
Trying to hold my head in one position throughout the night.  
The bubble is still in the eye, though reduced in size;  
It should be gone by next Wednesday or Thursday.

I do not know the damaged to my vision,  
There will be some.  
The eye will continue to repair itself  
For the next 2 to 4 months.  
There will be some loss of sight,  
As of today, straight lines are wavy  
And everything is darker.  
We'll see how this progresses (as it were).

I have come to deeply appreciate two things this past week:  
One, I would not have my vision without the help and work of other people.  
From physicians and their assistants through to friends who have transported and prayed,  
I would be blind in one eye without them!  
Two, Jesus spent a lot of time inviting us to see what there was to see;  
Listen to the first words Jesus spoke in John's Gospel: "Come and see."  
Attend to Jesus frequent observations about eyes: if you have them, use them.

I know that I cannot see without others vision and visioning with me!  
It's personal, the detachment happened to me;  
But it was not private, never, ever private.  
So, thanks to all who have helped me see.  
I look forward to seeing you and seeing God with and through you!

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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