

New

That is what is sticking out all over the place

New semester

New classes

New president

New year

New people and places to prayer over

New bible study on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 AM

New Tuesday soups

New recommendations from a 4 year review

New campus pastor

New students

New

I hear old words

From a prophet of Israel

Sounding forth:

*“Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand new.*

*It’s bursting out. Don’t you see it?”*

This would be an invitation from Isaiah

I confess I don’t often look for God’s hand in the new

I’m more inclined to note it as interesting, a coincidence

(And I’m probably too comfortable – Isaiah spoke to a people in captivity)

Yet, this past year

Has occasioned newness that is of God:

The openness of Grace and Hope pastors to explore campus ministry connections

The congregations of Hope and Grace receptivity to students

The gracious gift of Kate Reuer

The arrival of Mercy Seat on Sunday evenings in Dinkytown

The 4 Year Review approving the directions taken

The U’s reps approving the next step for a campus ministry addition at Grace

Wow

Okay, maybe God has a hand in this

Maybe, just maybe, God is doing a new thing

That is ready to burst out

Maybe we need to be alert

Be present

We have been alerted, our presence is requested, gather with our sisters and brothers in Christ:

**Grace University Lutheran Church at 8:30 or 10:30 AM and/or Lautum at 6:30 PM.**

**University Lutheran Church of Hope at 8:30 and 10:30 AM – Mercy Seat at 5 PM**

**Trinity Lutheran Church (at Augustana’s Chapel) at 8:45 or 11 AM.**

Peace, friends

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