

Pastor Randy's short devotion for February 24th:

“But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is within me.” (Psalm 131:2)

Most of us in Northern Iowa and Minnesota have just experienced two snowstorms. Along with the snow, the wind was blowing and there was time of freezing rain in parts of Iowa making the road ways slick. It was enough to have school canceled for two days and some people stayed home from work as well. As long as there is electricity to keep the water running and the furnace running, and we are safe at home, we have come to appreciate a blizzard. The blizzard actually forces us to stop and slow down. We can't get to school or to work. We can't go anywhere. It is a time to slow down, have some family time playing games together. A time of rest as our busy schedules keep us going, going and going. We may think of taking a rest, but our schedules demand that we keep going so we get everything done. But when the blizzard comes, we can rest. We can calm and quiet our souls. Our Lord invites us to rest in his loving arms every day. Every day, the Lord invites us to take our load of our shoulders, like taking a coat off and hanging it up on a peg, then rest in the Lord's loving arms. The Lord is faithful to you as one who provides and protects. The Lord quietly listen and reassures you that He is present. Take a rest in God's arms.