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Dear friends in Christ,

During this Advent season, we are asking for people to look for signs. Signs of ending that create room for God to work anew, signs of hope that God is working amongst us. Here are some of the signs I have "seen":

- People coming together on Sunday, and truly enjoying each other's company. A sign of God's love working among us, making us one.
- Jacob Veldhuizen painting murals for the courtyard. A sign of God working through one person to tell a story, share a path. A sign of how each of us can be theologians and tell the story of God and his people in unique ways.
- The excitement and anticipation evident as cookie weekend approaches. A sign indeed! People working together, their work bringing joy to others, and in the end providing money for outreach projects in the church and larger community.
- A group of people I am presently working with to create a community discussion on how we treat one another. This group includes Christians from Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Evangelical, together with representatives from the Muslim and Jewish traditions. Truly a sign that when we look, we can see more things we have in common with each other than divide us.

Of course, there are also the signs like ongoing email that include pictures that draw me close to those who I love but live far away. Or the simple kiss in the morning or end of day that tells me without words that I am loved.

The commercial for a credit card company asks "what's in your wallet?" I don't think it's what is in your wallet that is important...it's what you see and how you see it. God is working in us and around us - are your eyes open?

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