

June 22, 2016

Dear friends in Christ,

Yes, I have done some crazy things as the rector of St John's. Walking from Stevens Point to Wausau for the 150th anniversary comes to mind. Or walking to Mosinee. Now playing a summer solstice day of golf. I finished around 8:30 last night, after beginning at 5 am. I want to thank the staff at Greenwood Hills that helped make it possible. So here are some results from the day:

Total holes played: 90
Number of birdies: 5
Number of pars: 25
Number of lost balls (approximately): 10

Here are some other thoughts on the day:

It was great to play with Steve Miller, Ron Alexander, Roger Sommi and Lee Hanks. Each came out for part of the day, and it was fun to play with each. There is nothing like a round of golf to spend time to talk about life, family, even golf. Thank you guys!

I played with one tee for 90 holes. Amazing. I wish I could say the same thing about golf balls!

My best round of 18 holes was my last, when I shot an 83. My five 18 hole scores in order were: 85, 85, 93, 92 and 83. Don't know where that last bit of energy and focus came for that last 18.

I generally don't use golf balls found on the course. It is the one time in my life where I become a Calvinist. Once lost, it is predetermined the ball will be lost again, and I don't want to be the one to be using it when it does get lost (this of course leads one to believe that he or she is not responsible for lost balls which is both frustrating and freeing). Yesterday, over 90 holes I did use a few golf balls I had found along the way (by the way what is Banker's Bank? They lost a lot of balls the day before in a tournament) and sure enough, those balls seem to find their way into the woods faster than ones I had purchased. Just goes to show, you can take your theology anywhere!

Finally, it is apparent to me after yesterday that while I am generally a moderate person in most things, I do have my moments. See my opening line to this email. With that in mind, I am grateful to all of you for indulging me from time to time, and supporting me. And today, it is back to building bulletins and studying assigned chapters for our book study. And maybe planning for the next great adventure!

Enjoy the day!
Fr David

