

The Casserole Bite

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Running Out of Serenity

A friend writes, “I have officially run out of enough serenity to accept the things I cannot change. There isn’t enough stinkin’ serenity to be found right now. Maybe this is a supply chain thing. I don’t know.”

Of course, her note made me smile, but, like most humor, there is a lot of truth behind it. Two years of a pandemic brings about just that kind of fatigue and frustration. Even if you haven’t lost someone you love, your own health, or a job you needed, you’ve still faced extra restrictions, more challenges, difficult choices. Sometimes, all of us “run out of serenity.”

Postponing a couple of training events till summer has caused me to “run out of serenity.” That’s a small thing but ongoing learning is critical to long term success.

Thirty years ago, Peter Senge popularized the idea of the Learning Organization. Organizations last because they keep learning and growing. This is true for giant corporations or small church teams. For this reason and many others, it has been a serious disappointment to us at Faith Partners Nebraska to have to postpone learning experiences like “Hold on to Your Hat” last week and the Team Training we planned for early February.

We will go on, naturally. We have Quarterly Team Networking on February 22 & May 17, 6:30-8 online. We’re also planning to do Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP) trainings for May. We’ll “Hold on to Our Hats” on June 11 and do Team Training August 11 and 13.

Whether the pandemic hits us in big ways or small, it will cause us to “run out of serenity” from time to time. I guess that’s when we need to borrow some from our God. Rumor is that God has plenty and doesn’t even need to be paid back.