



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church *Pastor Terry's Thoughts of the Week*

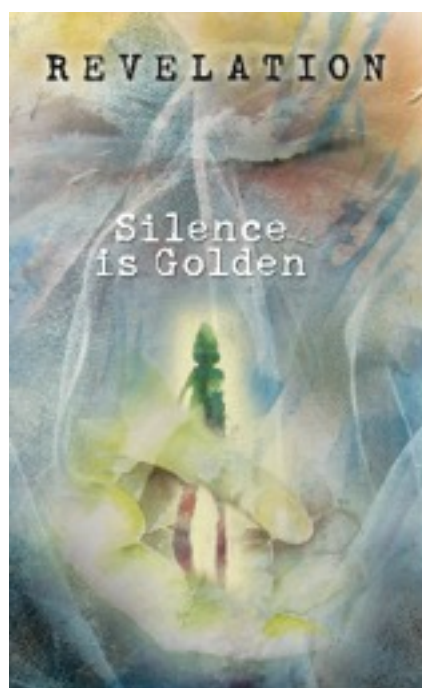
Silence is Golden

If you want to visit day camp, and you really should, go after lunch – it's quiet. It's the time when the counselors take a deep breath. But it's also true that after a morning of running around, doing crafts, snacking, computing and the like, everybody needs a quiet time.

We may not be in Day Camp, but we also need our quiet time – every day! If your days are like mine, I sometimes feel I never should have “retired”. I really believe that I'm busier now than when I was working outside the home. The big difference is, I'm only doing the things I want to do. I still have one big problem, though. I've never learned how to say “no”.

That's probably true for most of us who are busy. I knew one pastor who divided up his day into four parts – morning, early afternoon, late afternoon, and evening. He made sure that each day one of those “quarters” was kept free so that he could re-coup and re-group. Probably not a bad idea for all of us.

Now I want you to listen as I do not remain silent – as you know I seldom am. In our bulletin this week, you will see an “advertisement” for a luncheon which will support the Neighborhood Center Scholarship fund. Please take this invitation seriously. \$25.00 a head will not break us – and we get a good speech and a good meal to boot! And so you know there is good community support, the speaker has offered to make his



presentation at no cost to the center.

We have been blessed. Now it's time to continue to be a blessing to others. Thanks.

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