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The Sound of Silence

Dear Friends in Christ,

For over sixty years, Redeemer Lutheran Church in Rockford, Illinois has broadcasted live their Sunday morning worship service. Over the years, Redeemer has reached those who cannot attend church due to illness or work as well as those preparing to attend their own services. The Word of God has been proclaimed over the airwaves and Redeemer will never know how many were truly reached.

But for all the good the radio broadcast has done, it has also taught some bad lessons. For example, in radio, you don't want the phenomenon known as "dead air." "Dead air" or "silence" is an indicator that something is wrong, that the broadcast isn't working right. And silence is an invitation to change the channel. In order to combat this silence, Redeemer's broadcasts included a narrator to describe what's happening in the liturgy. We also slightly altered the service to remove the moments of silence. For in radio, the sound of silence is deadly.

But for the Church the sound of silence is golden.

Silence is a gift from God. In Ps. 46, God cries out to His people, "Be still, and know that I am God." (Ps. 46:10 ESV) Be still. Be silent. Be at rest before God so that you might learn about Him. This psalm presents God as a refuge – a place of rest – from the times of trouble, He is our fortress against the cares of this world. He is our rest in busyness.

And so the Church rejoices in times of stillness, of silence. In the liturgy of the Divine Service there are moments that call out for silence. In the beginning of the service, we have a moment of silence to reflect upon our sinful nature. Silence is used before, during, and after our prayers to focus our thoughts on the needs we bring before God.

But silence isn't just for during worship, it should be part of our daily lives as well. I know, these days it's hard to find "silence". In our lives that are filled with busyness it doesn't seem like there's time for silence. There's work and school, sports and music lessons. House work and yard work fill our leisure time. And if we have a moment to "rest", we fill it with things that need to get done but that we never have time to do.

Yet we all have this need for rest. It's built into our very nature. After God finished creating the heavens and the earth, He rested on the seventh day. And He blessed that day of rest and gave it as a gift to His creation. Remember the Sabbath day. Remember the day of rest. A time to get away from the slavery of being busy, and remember the rest that we all have in Christ Jesus.

The good news for us as Christians is that we're not bound to a specific day for rest. As a congregation we've set aside times for us to gather together around God's Word, but in our individual lives, that day of rest could be any day. For some of us, it's Sunday, or Saturday. My day is Monday, but whatever day it is, it's a time away from our regular routines. It's a time to think about, meditate on, and enjoy the things of God.

And so as we enter into this busy time of year, let us not forget to "be still" before the Lord. Silence is a gift from God...a chance to listen to God. And so, by His grace, may we set aside a portion of our day to listen to God.

In Christ Jesus,
Pr. Michael

Bake Sale Fundraiser

Join us on Sunday, November 30 and help support the driveway fund! Fellowship is sponsoring a bake sale and also the sale of dishes and glasses that we do not use in the kitchen to help raise funds for the driveway. Please help by donating your bake goods that morning. Also, please put a price on the item that you are bringing.

50 + Dinner

October's 50+ Dinner will be on Friday, November 21st, at 6:00 PM at Atria's in Wexford. Please sign up by Sunday, November 16th if you can join us. We would love to have more people join us and that includes singles and couples!! Please use the sign up that is posted in the hall on the bulletin board. Hope to see you there!

UUMC Food Pantry

As the holidays approach please remember to donate pantry items generously as we support Unionville United Methodist Church's food pantry. Quite often phone calls are made to our office requesting a helping hand in the form of a meal. We are so proud to be able to say that we are a collaborative partner in the effort to help local families put a meal on the table when they may have otherwise been unable to do just that. Thank you in advance for your giving spirit and your willingness to reach out to those in great need. Please consider donating the following items: Soup; canned pasta; toilet paper; toothpaste; cookies; canned fruit; mustard and ketchup. THANK YOU!

POP Annual Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 21st, following the Sunday morning worship service. We will be having a traditional Christmas dinner with turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, and rolls. If you would like to contribute a dessert please bring pumpkin pie and/or whipped cream. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we can plan accordingly. Deadline for receiving your reservation is Sunday, December 14th. It will be a free will donation dinner. Unfortunately we ***will not be able to accommodate walk-ins*** on December 21st.

A Message from Altar Guild

With change comes confusion. We will admit, the flower situation has been a bit confusing. But we have finally straightened it out. There is no way around the fact that we must cut down to one larger arrangement of flowers. We can't order two arrangements at any time due to cost.

There will no longer be two lines for ordering flowers on the order list that is posted on the bulletin board. Only one family can order flowers per weekend. It will just not work any other way. We are sorry if this means you cannot have the weekend of your choice. So try to get to the list early to put your name in the desired date that you wish to dedicate flowers. If that date is taken, perhaps the previous or following weekend can be chosen. Once again, we are sorry if this inconveniences anyone, but in all fairness, it is the best we can do under the circumstances and are truly sorry if some of you are disappointed. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Volland or Sandi Morgan.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Carol Helkowski	3
Tara Dulski	7
Darryl Gunther	7
Pamela Licht	10
Peter Humphrey	13
Dustin Parker	14
Joleen Mesing	16
Betty Haffely	18
Brendan Doerr	19
Joan Coe	28
Matthew Parker	28
Beau DeThomas, Jr.	30
Joan Doerr	30
Kaitlyn Schultz	30

Baptismal Birthdays

Jennifer Ciccone	
Carol Helkowski	
Dan Helkowski	
Rich Clayton	
Tom Shively	1
Abigail Miller	1
Cathy Goble	4
Lorena Hamara	8
Joslyn Mesing	12
Tammy Eckstrom	16
Karl Borgman	20
Carole Alberts	27
Tara Dulski	28
Betty Haffely	30

Anniversaries:

Ben & Michele Davis	4
Bob & Barbara Blank	21
Charles & Joan Coe	21
Ross & June Shively	26
Milt & Christie Scott	30

Servants in Ministry

Greeter

2-OPEN

9-Ruth/Avis Miller

16-K. Voland/R. Eckstrom

23- OPEN

30- OPEN

Reader

2-Mary Podeszwa

9-Joleen Mesing

16-Doug Eckstrom

23-Jeff Doerr

30-Kathy Osten

Acolyte

2-Tyler Borgman

9-Cole Skuse

16-Cade Skuse

23-Matt Osten

30-Jase Wilson

Altar Guild

Amy Wilson &

Carol Helkowski

Audio Visual

2-K. Ormiston/D. Eckstrom

9-S. Fatschel/M. Gremer

16-L. Gunther/D. Gunther

23-J. Ciccone/K. Ormiston

30-K. Ormiston/M. Gremer

Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following members & friends in your prayers:

- The Humphrey family for the loss of Peter’s grandfather
- The Taylor family for the passing of Betty Happel (Jean Taylor’s mother)
- Prayers of support for Sue Szabo’s mother who is having difficulty transitioning into assisted living
- Prayers of encouragement for Lanaya, granddaughter of Joe and Karen Meinert
- Continued prayers of healing for Chuck Taylor, Sue Szabo, Carl Blank, Zelda Parks, Carol Helkowski and Willis Voland’s sister Betty Ann
- Margaret Rombold, Milt Scott, and Twila DeThomas’ stepfather battling cancer.

The Lutheran Hour—November Sermon Schedule

November 2-"**Blessed in Hard Times**"

During hard times, God is still with you and at work for you. (Matthew 5:1-12)

November 9-"**God is Not Against You**"

Christ's work on the cross shows that God is really on our side and wants what is eternally best for us. (1Thessalonians 4:13-18)

November 16-"**S.O.S... Call Upon Jesus**"

God's SOS brings real lasting hope and rescue, an SOS that shows us our Savior. (1 Thessalonians 5:9-11)

November 23-"**Clean - And Thankful**"

Thanksgiving is not just a made-up holiday; it's an attitude that is the key to life. (Luke 17:11-19)

November 30-"**Watching and Waiting**"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Christians serve God and their neighbors as they watch and wait for Christ's return. (Mark 13:33)

News from the Ahlmans serving the Lord in Germany

Be confident and unflinching, fear not and do not let yourself be alarmed!

-1 Chr. 22.13b

Those were the words of mandate from David to Solomon, having prepared the arrangements for the construction of the Temple in Jerusalem. That's right, that was a mandate (yes, there's that word...again), not a "charge." This Temple building business was not something that was "up to Solomon to 'git it done;'" rather, it was a gift of authorization to Solomon to receive a certain place among the people of YHWH, and thus to act in particular ways in actually building the Temple, which was something for which David (not Solomon) had entirely prepared and was ultimately responsible. The Chronicler takes great pains to ensure that you, the reader, know all of this and you simply don't argue with the Chronicler (if you do, you'll lose).

The Christian life is not a life of charges from God; rather, one of mandates from Him. It's not a matter of 'getting' it done," but of being given authorization to act in particular ways. It's not a matter of making do with what you've scrounged up, but rather finding yourself in a situation where God has prepared everything for something for which He's ultimately responsible. It's not a matter of acting in accordance with fear, but rather, in accordance with promise, and doing so entirely with confidence and joy.

It's not up to you; it's up to God, and He puts you in place to participate in all of it.

~Christopher Ahlman

Candy For Our Troops

Not sure what to do with your extra Halloween candy? Donate it to our troops overseas. Along with other donated items, care packages will be shipped to men and women serving overseas in all branches of our armed forces.

Collection of items will take place at the following locations beginning on November 1, 2014 and will continue until packing day on December 5, 2014:

Caring Place in the Cranberry Township Municipal Bldg
X-Cel Gymnastics, Cranberry
English Lutheran Church, Zelienople
Siri's School of the Performing Arts, Harmony
Family Sports Center, Butler
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Freedom
Hope Lutheran Church, Cranberry

In addition to candy, our troops request the following items:

Black and white crew socks, powdered drink mixes, books/magazines, toiletries/hygiene items, small toys for children (like kids meal toys), small stuffed animals (like Beanie Babies), CD's/DVD's, stationery, snacks (granola/protein bars, microwave popcorn, etc.)

Please add notes/letters/pictures of thanks and appreciation with your donations – our troops love any and all correspondence!!!

All ages are invited to join us for packing night!

December 5, 2014 6:00 PM

English Lutheran Church

200 E. Grandview Ave.

Zelienople, PA 16063

Our largest hurdle with this project is the cost of shipping. Packages are now \$15.90/box. Please consider sponsoring 1 box. Checks can be made payable to English Lutheran Church with Candy For Our Troops in the memo field and mail to 200 E. Grandview Ave.,

Zelienople, PA 16063. For more information, or to learn how you can help, please contact

Jennifer Kaufman at 724-766-0817 or mjkjlk@zoominternet.net

Mrs. Shuttleworth & Miss Nikki's Preschool News

Happy Fall to everyone! The leaves are falling and we all know what that means...winter is on its way! We are not ready for the snow at all! All the children have settled into a daily routine and are keeping us very busy! Time sure does fly! We are having so much fun with them and they are all very eager to learn! Although their favorite time of the day is of course SNACK TIME!!!

We are happy to report that all eight of our caterpillars turned into beautiful Monarch butterflies and each class got to set them free! The kids were so excited to watch this amazing transformation take place!

Our Bible lesson was The 10 Commandments. The kids loved the song. They rocked it out with the microphones and guitars.

3 YEAR OLD CLASS The three year olds are also working hard on their alphabet books. They love story time and circle time when we sing our songs. We talked about: Growing pumpkins, Fall changes and the many shapes of Halloween! The firemen from Big Knob came for a visit and talked about fire safety. We got to ride in a fire truck too!

We are having such a great time with these young threes. They are so innocent! I love that!

4 YEAR OLD CLASS The four year olds topics for the month were: Fire Safety, Growing Pumpkins, Fall changes and Halloween!! We are working hard on our alphabet books and number books. We are also trying to master our cutting skills. It is only October and everyone is doing a great job! They will have it mastered by January. The four year olds took a field trip to Big Knob Fire Station! We learned all about fire safety and got a tour of the station. Lots of neat stuff! Then we went on a ride in a fire truck with sirens and horn in full force! It was awesome!

Mrs. Shuttleworth & Miss Nikki

Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila's Preschool News

**All your children shall be taught by the Lord,
and great shall be the peace of your children. –Isaiah 54:13**

Welcome Fall!! The month of October was chocked full of teachable moments. First, continuing on from last month, both classrooms were thrilled to welcome the Monarch butterflies in their classroom habitats, which were released into the wild right outside our door.

October was Fire Safety month. Our three year old classes received a special visit from Big Knob's own Fire Chief and his fire engine to learn some fire safety tips. Our four year old classes took a field trip to visit the Fire Department and learn fire safety. The highlight of the visit was meeting the department's mascot "Hydro", a four month old Dalmatian puppy.

We added three new letters to our writing skills this month; **A**, **O**, and **H**. During letter **A** week, we focused on Autumn and the changes occurring outside. Letter **O** week was a discussion about October as we started creating Halloween arts and crafts. In addition, all the preschool classes took a field trip to Yeck's Farm and enjoyed a hayride as well as choosing a pumpkin to take home. Finishing out the month we focused on the letter **H**. The letter **H** represented Halloween and the fun costume party we had just in time which took place on October 30th & 31st. A special "THANK YOU" goes out to the wonderful parents for making this a fun and safe time for our students.

All the preschool staff here at Prince of Peace would like to wish you and your families a safe and fun Halloween.

Our Bible lesson during the month of October was borrowed from VBS here at Prince of Peace. "*Big, Bold, Powerful God*" was the upbeat song all the classes performed during our mornings at Chapel. The students sure rocked this song because we supplied them with inflatable guitars and toy microphones. We had lots of parents, friends, and neighbors come to watch Chapel this month. Thank you to all who attended. During class time we taught the students that God is our "ROCK". All things are possible with a strong foundation and believing in our one true God. God is a strong force and through him; all this are possible.

We are having a very positive reaction to learning which does make our job easier. We love the inquiring minds of each and every blessing in our classes.

Blessings to you and Yours,

Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila

November 2014

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st ANNUAL PRINCE OF PEACE CHRISTMAS DINNER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP						1 6:30 Holy Communion
2 All Saints' Day 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	3	4 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	5 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> Pr. Michael @ Eastern District Professional Workers Conference Willow Valley, PA </div>	6 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	7	8 6:30 Holy Communion
9 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	10	11 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	12 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 Council Mtg.	13 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	14	15 6:30 Holy Communion
16 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	17	18 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	19 11:00 Bible Study	20 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	21	22 6:30 Holy Communion
23 Last Sunday of the Church Year 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	24	25 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	26 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Thanksgiving Service	27 Happy Thanksgiving!	28	29 6:30 Holy Communion
30 1 st Sunday of Advent 9:00 SS Class 10:15 Holy Communion BAKE SALE to benefit Parking Lot Fund						