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Troubling Times

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this, we are experiencing troubling times. There is a growing Islamic state in Iraq and Syria that is beheading and crucifying those who do not surrender to their authority and beliefs. For two weeks, riots and looting have occurred in Ferguson, Missouri following the shooting of Michael Brown. Food prices have been soaring, for some staples like bread, pasta and eggs over the last decade the minimum increase has been 40% and gasoline has risen at a whopping 158%. And let's not forget the recent outbreak of the Ebola virus, a disease that kills between 50% and 90% of all infected.

Life seems to be getting tougher and tougher. What ought a Christian to do? Well, here are some thoughts.

We pray: God desires us, commands us, to call upon Him in the day of trouble (Ps. 50:15). He promises to deliver us, to save us. We pray for those who are suffering, who are being persecuted that God might rescue them and comfort them. We pray for peace, that healing of bodies and souls might occur.

We pray also for our enemies. Even more than a Christian who is suffering, those who do not yet know God need our prayers. Standing apart from the Lord, unrepentant of their sins, they face His awful wrath. We pray, that God might work in their hearts, transforming their lives as He has already done with ours. We pray that God's kingdom come, so that all men might be ruled by not by their own desires, but by the will of God.

We act: The words of Christ, His actions, clearly teach to serve those in need. We serve Him by serving those around us. Here at Prince of Peace, our most predominant way that we do that is through the First Trinity giving and the United Methodist food bank in Unionville. This summer our VBS aided a sister Lutheran congregation through Lutheran Disaster Relief. But we can do this in individual ways as well, donate blood, purchase supplies, and volunteer our time. Jesus said that "all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35 ESV)

Finally, **we hope.** What we're experiencing was predicted. Jesus said there would be wars and rumors of wars, brothers would turn against brothers. In the book of Revelation, it is revealed that there would be disease and starvation, and a massive increase in the price of food. These things that we are facing are simply the signs that we live in the last days. There is nothing that our God does not know or control. And He has promised that soon, our Lord will return and make all things new.

What do we do in troubling times? We confess as King David did:

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord (Ps. 23:1-6 ESV)

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor Michael

Prince of Peace Sunday School

Come join us Sunday mornings starting on September 7th at 9AM for a new year of Christian learning and fellowship! Look for your Sunday School forms in your mailbox and on the Narthex table, after completing them please return to Jeff Doerr or email your name(s) and the class you will be attending to: jeffdoerr@zoominternet.net.

Prince of Peace RALLY DAY!

Join us on Sunday September 7th following worship service. We will enjoy our annual Pot Luck under the pavilion, The main course and refreshments will be provided, we are asking for salads, side dishes and desserts. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the water fountain. Please indicate which dish you would like to provide on the sheet. THANK YOU!

God's Master Work

On September 4 the Ladies' Thursday evening Bible study will begin Part 3 of **God's Master Work – Poets, Prophets, and Promises**. Below is a schedule for the classes that will take us up to a break from Thanksgiving until after Christmas. We are learning so much and thoroughly enjoying our time each week doing a survey of each book of the Bible. We'd love to have you join us for all the books or maybe just one or two you're interested in. Hope to see you there!

SEPTEMBER: Sept. 4–Job; Sept. 11–Psalms; Sept. 18–Proverbs; Sept. 25 – Ecclesiastes

OCTOBER: Oct. 2–Song of Solomon; Oct. 9–Profile of a Prophet (an intro to the Old Testament prophets); Oct. 16–Isaiah; Oct. 23–Jeremiah; Oct. 30–Lamentations

NOVEMBER: Nov. 6–Ezekiel; Nov. 13–Daniel

Kidz Klub

POP's youth group will be starting back on Tuesday, September 2! Please remember to wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes. Our schedule for the evening is as follows:

6:30 – 6:45	Opening Prayer
6:45 – 7:05	Dinner
7:05 – 7:45	Games
7:45 – 8:15	Lesson
8:15	Closing Prayer

For more info, see Jennifer Ciccone (Jennifer_ciccone@hotmail.com) or Eric Bendekovic at (ebendekovic@aol.com). Thank you!

Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 11, 4-8 PM at HAVEN I, 112 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023

For your Enjoyment: German Band, Hayrides & For your Appetite: German-Themed Menu

For your Kids: Face Painting, Bouncy Castle and much more

For your Curiosity: Bus Tours of Saxony Farms, Haven I Open House

Zambelli Fireworks at 7:45 PM

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Lawrie Borgman	2
Joseph Meinert	4
Betty Wunnenberg	4
Mary Dietrich	10
Dan Bretheim	10
Alicia Fessides	14
Timothy Nord	15
Lynn Gunther	17
Alice Davis	22
Joslyn Mesing	25
Larry Weimer	25
Ron Doerr	27
Jennifer Ciccone	29

Baptismal Birthdays

Faye Brockmiller	
Carol Helkowski	
Tom Merkle	
Edna Gaertner	1
Erik Doerr	3
Linda Weimer	8
Brittany Young	13
Ruth Rose	14
Trevor Mesing	15
Betty Wunnenberg	22
Adriana Ciccone	29
Maggie Dietrich	29

Anniversaries

Mike & Joanie Gremer	3
James & Helen Nord	20
Ed & Sandi Morgan	28
Doug & Tammy Eckstrom	29

Servants in Ministry

Greeter

7-Stephan/Mirka Fatschel
 14-Doug/Tammy Eckstrom
 21-George/Joleen Mesing
 28-Robin/Brittany Young

Reader

7-Doug Eckstrom
 14-Ron Doerr
 21-Tom Sigler
 28-Mary Nuerge

Acolyte

7-Kyle Borgman
 14-Matthew Osten
 21-Connor Ciccone
 28-Sophia Fatschel

Altar Guild

Linda Weimer/Robin Young

Audio Visual

7-D. Gunther/K. Ormiston
 14-K. Ormiston/M. Gremer
 21-S. Fatschel/D. Gunther
 28-J. Ciccone/K. Ormiston

Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following members & friends in your prayers:

- Sue Szabo, recent knee surgery
- Carl Blank, problems with his arm
- Beau DeThomas' niece, Alexis, diagnosed with Bell's Palsy
- Sandi Morgan, recent throat surgery
- Willis Volland, health concerns
- Kimberly Singleton, recent surgery for melanoma
- Zelda Parks, broken shoulder
- Carol Helkowski
- Prayers of encouragement for Lanaya, grand-daughter of Joe and Karen Meinert
- Willis Volland's sister Betty Ann, health concerns
- Sandy Majors, Rose Reiley, Margaret Rombold, Milt Scott, Twila DeThomas' stepfather, Philip Forsyth, battling cancer.

A Prayer Request box has been placed in the Narthex area where you can submit prayer requests for Pr. Michael to review.

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat is going to be bigger and better than ever this year!! The festivities will be held between 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 27th. There are many ways to help before the event, the day of the event or both. We're looking for committee members. If you are interested, please see Tammy Eckstrom.

The Lutheran Hour—September Sermon Schedule

Unless otherwise indicated Rev. Seltz is the weekly Lutheran Hour Speaker. Please note WJAS now has a new airing time of Sunday morning at 7 a.m. on 1320AM

September 7 -- "Teeny, Tiny Crosses"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Jesus bore the weight of the cross and all of our sin. How big is the cross God calls you to carry? (Matthew 16:24-26)

September 14--"That's Just Who God Is"

The journeys of St. Paul teach us how God's message of grace has been translated so that all might believe. (Footsteps of St. Paul, part 1) (Acts 2:1-39)

September 21--"Rome: The Gospel Comes to Law and Order People"

God used the Roman legal system to bring the Apostle Paul and the Gospel message to Rome. (Footsteps of St. Paul, part 2) (Acts 28:11-16, 28-31)

September 28--"Athens: The Gospel Comes to the Center of Learning"

Jesus is Wisdom personified. He redeems us from sin and the world's futility. (Footsteps of St. Paul, part 3) (Acts 17)

Food Drive

Please continue to support our partnership with the Unionville United Methodist Church Food Pantry by bringing in your non-perishable food items such as cereal, soup, mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, etc. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Parking Lot Fund

In January 2011 the Church Council, with the assistance of our Thrivent Financial representative, Chuck Taylor, allocated a portion of the generous gift bequeathed by Hilda Roeck in her last will and testament to an investment with Thrivent. Interest rates were very low and it was felt that by investing in the Thrivent Moderate Conservative Allocation Fund we could improve the rate of return. So \$20,000 was invested!

As of June 30, 2014 the value of that investment had grown to \$24,000. Council realized that we are blessed to have this "good news;" and, further recognized the need to start putting monies aside for the repair of the parking lot (especially the driveways). Therefore, shares in the amount of \$3,855 were redeemed on July 1 and the proceeds are the "seed monies" for the Parking Lot Fund.

It is almost certain that the costs to properly repair just the driveways will be significantly greater than the \$3,855. At the present time, Bill Hewlett (Chair of the Properties Board) has invited contractors to submit proposals. Also, Council has NOT made any decision on further fund raising to pay for the work that is required. In the meantime, **prayerfully consider using the Special Designation Gift envelope in your packet to support the Parking Lot Fund.**

Jennifer Ciccone, Chair of the Stewardship Board

LWML 2013 – 2015 MISSION GRANTS

Mission Goal: \$1,830,00.00

1. Training K-O Comfort Dogs for LCMS Chaplains	\$ 30,000
2. Lutheran Children's Books for Southeast Asia	\$ 72,000 *
3. Training Indigenous Pastors & Deaconesses- Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN	\$100,000
4. Rebuilding Nord Est Haiti Lutheran School	\$100,000 *
5. Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Schools, Winnebago Tribe, Nebraska	\$ 58,553
6. ICAN-Serving At Risk Children with learning needs	\$100,000 *
7. Native American Outreach Training Center Fairbanks, Alaska	\$ 95,000
8. Strengthening and Expanding Campus Ministry	\$100,000
9. Worship for Shut-Ins	\$ 80,000 *
10. Preparing Leaders for a Diverse World Concordia College, Selma, Alabama	\$ 50,000
11. Voice of Care Ministry to Developmentally Challenged	\$ 50,600 **
12. Christ-Centered Tutoring through Rebecca's Garden of Hope (RGOH)	\$100,000 *
13. Student Scholarships for MOST Ministries Mission Trips	\$ 20,000
14. Building Homes and Hope in Haiti	\$100,000
15. Support for Lutheran Public Radio	\$ 40,000 *
16. Christian Education Support for Children-India	\$ 85,000
17. Mission Outreach at St. Paul Community Lutheran Church-Pontiac, Michigan	\$ 65,559 *

* Grant partially paid ** Grant paid in full

Check the latest updates for mites received and grants funded at www.lwml.org

September 2014

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	3 11:00 Bible Study	4 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	5	6 6:30 Holy Communion
7 13 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion Rally Day	8	9 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	10 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 Council Mtg.	11 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	12	13 6:30 Holy Communion
14 14 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult 10:15 Holy Communion	15	16 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	17 11:00 Bible Study	18 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	19	20 9:00-11:00 Mens Club 6:30 Holy Communion
21 15 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult 10:15 Holy Communion Explorer's Club	22	23 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	24 11:00 Bible Study	25 7:00 Choir 7:00 Ladies Bible Study	26	27 6:30 Holy Communion
28 16 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	29	30 6:30 Kidz Klub 6:45 Comrades of Christ	30 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Elders Meeting			