



ilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 4

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OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 5/7

General: 16,713.00
Walther Theological Seminary: 100
Christian Sharing: 100
Lutheran World Relief: 50
CDs: 5
Total: 16,968.00



CONGREGATION and PKC/PYC ACTIVITIES

Activities are subject to change/cancellation.

5/10 Mother's Day

Ladies Guild CONGREGATION DINNER. Warren Catering will provide the meal. **Postponed but will be rescheduled.**

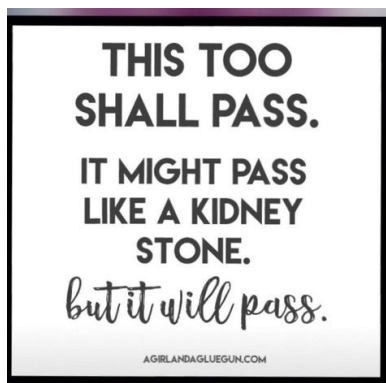
7/10 New Life Pregnancy Center "Life of the Party Auction" has been rescheduled to this date. More information coming.

10/11 Lutheran Heritage Foundation Presentation. Only ONE worship service at 9 a.m. After the service we will break for coffee, milk and donuts. 10:30 The LHF presentation for adults and also Sunday School classes.

If God is for us, who can be against us?
Romans 8:31b ... ESV
Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.
1 Cor. 16:13 ... ESV

During this time of "Secure in Place" we ask that you call first, 877-2444, before coming to the church.

- 1. To be sure someone is here.**
- 2. So we can make arrangements to assist you keeping social distance in mind.**



ELECT EXILES

1 Peter 1:1: *“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.”*

The opening words of 1 Peter remind us of what happened to the first Christians: “exiles” - dispersed - experiencing persecution. However they were God’s elect. Though they were experiencing upset and confusion, nothing was happening to them apart from God’s will and design. They were the “elect exiles.”

Peter writes, *“If necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith...may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”* (1 Pet. 1:7-8) Would it not be correct to say that we’re getting “a little” flavoring of that at this time? Feeling exiled from public worship and study? Placed in a situation that gives us opportunity to examine the value of what we have taken for granted? Longing to be together around Word and Sacrament?

The Word of God through Isaiah is ours.

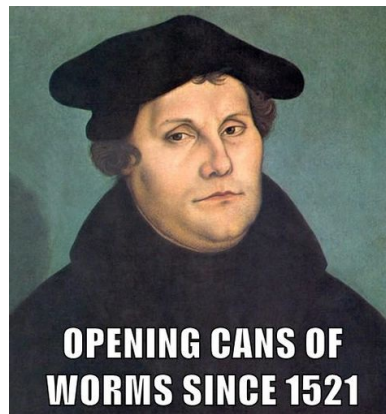
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters (not “if” but when) I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire (not “if” but when) you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy one of Israel (the church - us - Gal. 3:7), your Savior.” (Is. 43:1b-3)

Love and Blessings in Christ,
Your Pastors

MITE OFFERINGS for May go to **Lutheran World Relief**. **During “Secure in Place time” call the church office 877-2444 to let me know you need a mite box. I will arrange to leave it in the mailbox for you.** Pilgrim members, women AND men are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. When your mite offering box is full, return it to the church office at your convenience. Thank-you.

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/1 Robert Larson
- 5/2 Wayne Buesking; Carol Goebel
- 5/3 Morgan Brown; Tye Gensler; Mike Norris
- 5/4 Braden Thornton
W Brian & Amy Cassell 19 yrs
- 5/5 Larry Sutherland
W Stan & Lani Mierek 58 yrs
W Terry & Bonnie Propst 42 yrs
W Gary & Brenda Workman 41 yrs
- 5/6 Larry Henrichsmeyer
- 5/9 Rich Lanier; Vicki Schroeder; Emily Scott
- 5/11 **W** Rick & RaeAnn Campbell 47 yrs
- 5/12 Jerry Ellis; Debbie Perkins; Charlotte Schum
- 5/13 Tim Block; Cheryl Friend; Vicky Lueck; Richard Rotz
- 5/14 Brenda Hardy
W Gary & Bev Winchester
- 5/15 Landon Thompson
- 5/16 Violet Bean (95)
- 5/17 Doris Teela
W Mike & Robin Williams 34 yrs
- 5/18 Kyle Phillips
- 5/19 RaeAnn Campbell; Ron McCoy
- 5/20 **W** Tim & Lesley Ellison 25 yrs
- 5/21 Norma Cooper
- 5/22 Amy Carlen
- 5/22 **W** Dean & Shirley McMillen 5 yrs
- 5/24 **W** Gene & Linda Snyder 57 yrs
- 5/25 Scarlett Moore
- 5/26 Jeff Bomball
- 5/27 Kim Letterly; Debbie Ripple; Davis Wegmann; Lynette White
- 5/29 **W** Bill & Amy Robinson 16 yrs
- 5/30 Ruth Ann Thompson
W John & Rita Mickler 50 yrs
- 5/31 Parker Kilzer; Lois Ruwe (99); Brenda Workman



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