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*Grace to you
and peace
from God
our Father
and the Lord
Jesus Christ.*

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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR FISHER

Romans 1:16-17(ESV) ¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

On October 31st, 1516 it will be 499 years since Rev. Dr. Martin Luther penned his 95 statements and famously attached them to the door of the castle church at Wittenberg in Electoral Saxony. Dr. Luther was born November 10th, 1483 into an average middle class German family. His father was a successful and pragmatic businessman who wanted his son to have a good education and career. So, young Martin entered the University of Erfurt law school at the wishes of his father and received his master's degree in 1505, but he was unhappy with his circumstances.

Unexpectedly, when returning to the university after a trip home, Luther encountered a severe thunderstorm and a lightning bolt struck near him. In terror of death and divine judgment, Luther cried out, “St. Anne, help me! I will become a monk!” Or so the story goes.

As we know Martin survived the storm and true to his word Luther entered the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt in 1505. Although Luther dedicated his life to the disciplines of the monastery, he still felt uncertainty and doubt about his salvation. He regularly engaged in fasting, flagellation (whipping yourself to show contrition for sins), and confession, but still he experienced

continual deep spiritual despair from guilt from his sins. To distract him from his depression, Luther's supervisor, Johann von Staupitz, ordered that Luther pursue a degree in theology. So, after being ordained as a priest, he started theological studies at the University of Erfurt in 1507.

At the University of Erfurt, Luther was exposed to the popular humanist ideology. His studies were influenced by the dominant philosophy of returning “Ad Fontes” (“Back to the source) that is, the original texts in each area of study. For theologians like Luther, that meant the Hebrew and Greek texts of the Bible. After receiving his doctorate in theology in 1512, he became professor at Wittenberg University. For Luther, this became a period of intense study. He prepared and gave lectures on Psalms (1514–15), Romans (1515–16), Galatians (1516–17), and Hebrews (1517–18). It was in his study that Luther encountered the words of **Romans 1:17: “The righteous shall live by faith.”** According to Luther himself, “Here I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates.” This marked the turning point for Luther.



While professor at the University of Erfurt, Luther also was priest at Wittenberg's City Church. During this time, the popes were often more concerned with political questions than with the duties of their office as supreme governors of the Roman Catholic Church. They led wars and were more interested in their position as princes of the territory of the church state and the enlargement of their political powers. Wars and huge building projects like St. Peter's Basilica in Rome were costly, and so the raising of money

An indulgence is piece of paper stating that the owner's sins were forgiven. Unfortunately, there were some in the church who took advantage of the poor in the selling of these indulgences. John Tetzel, a Dominican monk, was notorious for this practice. When Tetzel came to a town near Wittenberg to peddle these indulgences, Luther responded by posted his Ninety-five Theses, or propositions, condemning this practice and other abuses within the Roman Catholic Church at that time, these theses were intended to begin a debate among theologians of the Church. Printers soon grabbed up his theses and had them translated into German and many other languages of Europe. Soon it seemed everyone knew who Rev. Dr. Martin Luther was and joined in the debate.

The Roman Curia, at the time was quite hopelessly corrupt, and had no interest in having a debate, they wanted Luther and his concerns to go away. Because his theses were cutting into the money that was being raised to pay for the construction of the grandest Church Christendom had ever seen to honor the graves of Saints Peter and Paul in the city of Rome. But Luther couldn't be silenced.

Luther was judged a heretic by Church official and excommunicated by the pope himself. Luther was summoned for trial before the secular authority, Emperor Charles V (he was seventeen when Luther nailed the Ninety-five theses), at the Diet of Worms in 1521. Through his study of God's holy Word Luther was fully convinced that he was correct and would not stop teaching that salvation was by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, and he knew that this was, in fact what the Church had anciently taught. So, Luther refused to recant his writings in his famous words: "I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not retract anything. I cannot do otherwise, here

I stand, my God help me, Amen." For Martin Luther, the problem was deeper. It was not primarily the morality of the clergy, nor even its incompetence, but rather how the Church thought and taught about salvation that got him interested

in the reform of the Church. He ultimately wanted to convince the Church of its errors, thus reforming its doctrine.

The Lutheran movement grew and spread like wildfire. Nine years after the monk stood all alone at Worms, numerous princes and representatives of the free cities stood before the same emperor at Augsburg on June 25th, 1530. They proclaimed their faith in the words of the Augsburg Confession. They indicated they would rather suffer martyrdom than lose the precious Gospel of the sinner's free justification, a doctrine which had brought such consolation to them and the people in their lands. Have a blessed Reformation Day!

God bless,

Rev. Joseph M. Fisher (Heb. 12:1-2)

Church Council Meeting minutes from 5-12-2016

Attendance: Scott Densow, Judy Frank, Pastor Raffa, Jerome Sommers, Mary Schwittau, Fred Leffin, David Boehlke, Suzanne Stadelmayer

Pastor Raffa opened with prayer

Minutes from June meeting were approved

Elders Report – no report

Trustee Report – given by David Boehlke

Phone in elevator needed to be repaired

The basement windows at the Fisher residence are being replaced

The pouring chalice is in need of repair

The bulletin board will be moving to a new location

Board of Education – no report

Pastors Report – given by Pastor Raffa

16 children are in catechism classes

New bulletin format will provide additional family/personal instruction

Two additional areas in the new bulletin – “The Family Affair” and “Liturgically Speaking”

Bulletin board will be moved for additional announcements

Support has been approved for Taylor Brown in continuing her education at Concordia Theological Seminary

VBS evening for challenged individuals was attending by two families and a St. Johns representative

St. Johns is considering partnering with Pilgrim for the next VBS evening for challenged individuals

Additional topics

Voters meeting will be held on October 30th at 1pm in the fellowship hall

At the October voters meeting the following positions will be available: Vice President, Secretary of Voter Assembly, Board of Education, Church Council (1 seat), Trustee (2 seats), Elder (2 seats) – if interested in any of the positions listed please contact any member of the Church Council, Pastor Fisher or Pastor Raffa

Motion passed to adjourn the council meeting

Pastor Raffa closed with prayer

Respectfully Submitted – Scott Densow

BAPTISM

We welcome Arya Kay Willa Farmier, daughter of Joshua and Jacinda to the family of Christ. Arya was born April 28, 2016 and baptized on September 4, 2016.

WE WELCOME TO PILGRIM

Kristin Thimmig. Kristin joins us from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sheboygan Falls.

COAT DRIVE

We will be hosting a Coat Drive for the Clothing Bank at Hope Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, during the Month of October.

Please bring in **clean** coats that are in **good shape** for the Coat Drive. All sizes are welcome. There will a Box set up for the donations.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of the following items for the food pantry. Please bring them in and place them in the Blue Barrel in the Narthex.

Toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex type tissue, ketchup, mustard, Coffee, regular and instant, Jams and jellies (no grape please), Cake mixes, Pie filling.

As of right now we have enough pasta and pasta sauce.

PILGRIM SAINTS,

If you know the whereabouts of any of these members or a means to contact them, please let the Pastors know. Thank you

Mr. Daniel Schulist

Miss Tammy Hames

M/M Scott Lange & Family

Mrs. Samantha Boylen

Mrs. Amanda Taylor

Miss Jana Herron

Mrs. Janene Becker

Jennifer Lehmann

Mr. Barry Kopeschka

Mr. Michael Herron

Mrs. Mary Becker

Karen Krysewski

Mrs. Janine Loveland

Ladies Guild/LWML--- We will meet on Tuesday, October 18th at noon. Please bring your own salad or sandwich. Hostesses will provide dessert and beverages. All ladies of the congregation are welcome! This year, Pilgrim

is hosting the Zone Fall Rally on Saturday, October 22. Registration begins

at 9:00. Our guest speaker will be Trish Kagerbauer from A Place of Refuge.

The following is a list of their many needs for our ingathering

Refuge House Needs: Cleaning Products, Bathroom Tissue, Paper Towels, Lysol Spray, Aluminum foil, Plastic storage bags.

Food Pantry: Mac & Cheese, Hamburger Helper, Chicken Helper, Rice a Roni, Canned Spaghetti O's and ravioli, Angel Hair Pasta, Lasagna noodles, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Ready to Eat Soups, chicken broth, Canned Veggies & Stewed tomatoes, Gravy, Pop tarts, Ramen Noodles, peanut butter& jelly, Drink mixes— fruit drinks, cocoa, Popcorn, Crackers, Quick bread, cake, cookie & Brownie mixes, Instant pudding, Frosting and cake decorations.

Baby Needs List: Infant and newborn diapers Diapers, sizes 2 & 3, Baby sleepers (girl), Infant socks, Infant clothing, Pacifiers (new), Baby Shampoo, Baby wash, Baby lotion, Baby powder, Baby wipes.

Other Needs: Gas cards, Car seats all sizes, Laundry detergent, Women's Toiletries such as shampoo, deodorant, lotion, Store Gift cards.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN MUSIC DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE

Fri. Oct. 7 7:30 pm. Sampler Concert-Family Weekend

Tues., Oct. 18 7:30 pm. Guest Piano Recital – Kirill Gliadkovsky

Fri. Oct. 28 7:30 pm. Pops Concert

Sun. Nov. 13 3:30 pm. Selah & CUW Civic Chorale Choir Concert

Sun. Nov. 20 3:30 pm. Christ the King Celebration

Fri & Sat., Dec. 2 & 3 7:30 pm. Christmas at Concordia**

Sun. March 26 3:30 pm. Kammerchor Concert

Fri. Apr. 7 7:30 pm. University Band & Jazz Ensemble

Sat. Apr. 8 7:30 pm. The Symphonic Wind Ensemble & Chamber Orchestra

Sat. Apr. 22 7:30 pm. Selah & The Chapel Choir Concert

Sun. Apr. 23 3:30 pm. The Chapel Ringers & CUW Civic Chorale

Sat. Apr. 29 3:30 pm Milwaukee Festival Brass Celebrating Dr. Menchaca's 25th Anniv. at CUW

Sun. Apr. 30 3:30 pm. the Alleluia Ringers

Admission for all concerts is \$8 for adults, free for 17 and under, with the exception of Christmas at Concordia. ** Christmas adult tickets are \$15. All tickets must be reserved for this concert. Email music.department@cuw.edu or reserve on the automated ticket line 262-243-4243.

Sunday School

The 2016-2017 Sunday School year began Sunday, September 11th. We sang several hymns and familiar Sunday School songs. This was followed by our classroom activities where we are studying Old Testament Bible Stories.

Our teachers and assistants this year are:

Early Childhood (3& 4 year olds):

Mrs. Julie Raffa

Kindergarten:

Mrs. Diane Swanson (Sunday School Supt.)

First and Second Grade:

Ms. Ginny Schober and her daughter Sarah

Third and Fourth Grade:

Mrs. Nancy Rosenthal

Fifth and Sixth Grade:

Ms. Brittany Virchow, Mr. Jonathan Hokana,

Ms. Becky Virchow

Seventh and Eighth Grade:

Mr. Paul Grosskreuz

During October our stories will include:

Deborah (Judges 4-5), *Gideon* (Judges 6:11-7:25), *Samson* (Judges 16), *Ruth* (Book of Ruth), and *God's Servant Samuel* (1 Samuel 1-3).

If your child/children are not currently attending Sunday School please know that they are welcome at any time. Registration forms are available.

SILENT AUCTION - Now -October 16, 2016

We will continue to have a combination of raffle, bid and priced items at our Silent Auction.

Raffle Tickets are \$2.00 a piece or 6 for \$10.00. & \$5.00 a piece or 5 for \$20.00 for certain items.

All proceeds will go towards Pilgrim's debt reduction. If you are able to help with set up, ticket selling or clean up, contact the church office 334-0375 or Norma Benz at 334-4274.

Included in the raffle are " Be a part of the excitement! Live the journey and Own the Future with a ticket package to a 2016-2017 Milwaukee Bucks game! Mineshaft Gift Certificates and A Sharp Microwave oven, A signed Pacers Football, 4 One Day Passes to any Disney Park at the Florida Disney World Resort. Plus, so much more!

PILGRIM DIRECTORY

The dates for the Pilgrim Directory Photo shoot are, December 30, 31, and January 6-7 2017. If those dates do not work for you, please contact Jeff Barger at 262-338-9822 to set up a time to do your photo shoot. We are looking to have 100% of the Pilgrim members involved in this so our Directory is complete. Forms are available on the page 11 of the Newsletter in the Church office. or the Narthex. Please return completed forms to the Office. Sarah will schedule your appointment for you.

IMPORTANT If you have moved or changed your phone #, or someone in your family has, ***please***, contact the Church office with the updated information.

IN OUR COMMUNAL PRAYERS

All servicemen at home and deployed, especially Isaac Wirtz (son of Rev. Nick Wirtz) who is stationed in Baghdad.

Lord God of hosts, stretch forth Your almighty arm to strengthen and protect those who serve in the armed forces of our country. Support them in times of war, and in times of peace keep them from all evil, giving them courage and loyalty. Grant that in all things they may serve with integrity and with honor; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For the sick.

Father of all mercy, You never fail to help those who call on You for help. Give strength and confidence to Your [son/daughter] in [his/her] time of great need that [he/she] may know that You are near and that You uphold [him/her] with Your everlasting arms. Grant that, resting on Your protection, [he/she] may fear no evil, for You are with [him/her] to comfort and deliver [him/her]; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For our Seminaries, especially the Ethiopian Lutheran Church and Seminary

O God, through Your Holy Spirit You illuminate the minds and sanctify the lives of those whom You call to the work of pastors and teachers. Look with favor upon this seminary for the instruction and formation of those who are to serve in the sacred ministry of Your Church. Bless those who teach and those who learn that they may apply themselves with ready diligence to the knowledge of Your Word, which alone is able to make us wise unto salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please print legibly as this is going into the directory. Fill out form completely. Thank you

FAMILY NAME _____

FIRST NAME _____

SPOUSE'S FIRST NAME _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES _____

CURRENT ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIPCODE _____

2nd ADDRESS (if applicable) _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIPCODE _____

HOME PHONE # (if applicable) _____

CELL PHONE # _____

Email address (if applicable) _____

Please list your choice of date and time for your photo shoot. Number of people in picture _____.

Dates available are. December 30 or December 31, 2016

Times available are between 8:00 am and Noon, and again from 12:45pm to 4:00 pm.

1st choice _____

2nd choice _____

3rd choice _____

Please check here if you are interested in ordering prints _____

You will be contacted with your appointment time.

Thank you

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Robert Selzler
Suzy Schober
Linda Mejchar
- 3- Tom Benz
Shaun Olson
Michael Schwittau
Jenny Vickerman
Daniel Virchow
Sadie Stoecker
- 4- James Strohmeyer
- 5- Robert Baerenwald
Jim Stadelmayer
- 6- David Fellenz
Jerry Sullivan
Becky Ruppier
Allen Latall
- 7- Kevin Smith
- 8- Michael Loomans
Susan Kleinke
Megan Ringgenberg
Kevin Hoffman
Carolyn McAfee
Elyse Taylor
- 9- Marge Legate
Alexandrea Herron
Nicole Kabitzke
Andrew Tinlin
- 11- Barbara Jennrich
Kristin Thimmig
- 12- Matthew Klumb
Kassandra Franke
Jayden Rauch
Jayden Guillaume
- 15- Kyle Knollenberg
Kaitlyn Loomans
Lauren Oppermann
Dan Schulz
- 16- Betty Fezatt
Susan Gabor
- 17- Austin Weber
- 19- Eileen Mueller
- 21- Rebecca Hodge

- Roger Kossert
Ruth Kohler
- 22- Mark Schauland
Joseph Heger
Cara Schmidt
 - 23- Elaine Kuenzel
Barbara Soat
 - 24- Beth Gatzow
 - 25- Dorothy Kroll
 - 26- Aspen Westphal
Jami Held
 - 27- Landon Kirkland
 - 28- Janette Mullins
 - 29- Nancy Torre
 - 30- Karri Johnson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1- Glen & Vicky Schnabel
Jeff & Karri Johnson
- 2- Neal & Evelyn Schleif
- 3- Scott & Wendy Franke
Fred & Margene Leffin
- 5- Dennis & Susan Kleinke
- 8- Richard & Karen Spiering
- 10- Jody & Paula Merkel
- 13- Richard & Caryn Lewandowski
- 14- David & Evelyn Carey
- 17- John & Carol Heger
- 18- Mark & Nancy Rosenthal
- 23- Mark & Mary Schauland
- 26- Patrick & Connie Gliniecki
- 27- Orville & Janey Heckendorf
- 28- Terry & Bonnie Mowery
Corey & Abby Janssen
- 29 - Ed & Nancy Kleinke
- 30- David & Beth Brehm

DAILY LECTIONARY

This outline is a devotional reading plan that covers the entire Sacred Scriptures each year. The selections are based on ancient models and are generally in harmony with the liturgical church year. The average reading is three chapters daily. The lectionary is in accordance with Martin Luther's suggestions: "But let the entire Psalter, divided in parts, remain in use and the entire Scriptures, divided in lections, let this be "Preserved in the ears of the church". Also: "after that another book should be selected, and so on, until the entire Bible has been read through, and where one does not understand it, pass that by and glorify God."

OCTOBER'S READINGS

- Oct. 1** Jonah 2: 2-9
Jeremiah 32-34
- Oct. 2** Psalm 114
Jeremiah 35-37
- Oct. 3** Psalm 115
Jeremiah 38-40
- Oct. 4** Psalm 116
Jeremiah 41-43
- Oct. 5** Psalm 117
Jeremiah 44-47
- Oct. 6** Psalm 118
Jeremiah 48-50
- Oct. 7** Psalm 119: 1-8
Jeremiah 51-52
- Oct. 8** Psalm 119: 9-16
Lamentations 1-2
- Oct. 9** Psalm 119: 17-24
Lamentations 3-5
- Oct. 10** Psalm 119: 25-32
Ezekiel 1-3
- Oct. 11** Psalm 119: 33-40
Ezekiel 4-6
- Oct. 12** Psalm 119: 41-48
Ezekiel 7-9
- Oct. 13** Psalm 119: 49-56
Ezekiel 10-12
- Oct. 14** Psalm 119: 57-64
Ezekiel 13-15
- Oct. 15** Psalm 119: 65-72
Ezekiel 16-18
- Oct. 16** Psalm 119: 73-80
Ezekiel 19-21
- Oct. 17** Psalm 119: 81-88
Ezekiel 22-24
- Oct. 18** Psalm 119: 89-96
Ezekiel 25-27
- Oct. 19** Psalm 119: 97-104
Ezekiel 28-30
- Oct. 20** Psalm 119: 105-112
Ezekiel 31-33
- Oct. 21** Psalm 119: 113-120
Ezekiel 34-36
- Oct. 22** Psalm 119: 121-128
Ezekiel 37-39
- Oct. 23** Psalm 119: 129-136
Ezekiel 40-42
- Oct. 24** Psalm 119: 137-144
Ezekiel 43-45
- Oct. 25** Psalm 119: 145-152
Ezekiel 46-48
- Oct. 26** Psalm 119: 153-160
Daniel 1-3
- Oct. 27** Psalm 119: 161-168
Daniel 4-6
- Oct. 28** Psalm 119: 169-176
Daniel 7-9
- Oct. 29** Psalm 120
Daniel 10-12
- Oct. 30** Psalm 121
Hosea 1-4
- Oct. 31** Jonah 2: 2-9
Hosea 5-7



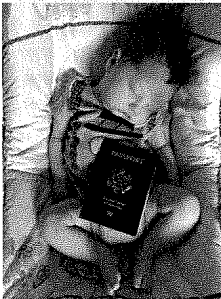
~Mission and Mercy~
The Preus Family in the Dominican Republic

August-September 2016

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Dominican Checklist:

- 1. Birth to Baby
- 2. Baby's Birth Certificate (Apostilled)
- 3. Baby's Passport
- 4. Baby's Medical Checkup (apostilled)
- 5. Mom and Dad's Marriage Certificate (apostilled)
- 6. Apply for Baby's Visa
- 7. Apply for David & Jenny's FBI Criminal Background Check



The visa should be processed and in our hands by Friday, September 23rd. As soon as we receive it, we will order our tickets for Santiago and start packing. Our hopeful departure date is October 4th. We pray for a smooth transition, safe travels, and a happy arrival in our new home!



¡Beunas Noticias!

Good news from the Preus family! On July 25th our seventh child, Andreas Robert, came into the world. Mom and baby are well. Andreas was saved by God's grace through water and the Word on August 1st. We are overjoyed at the richness of God's mercy towards us. As we prepare at last for our departure to the Dominican Republic on October 4th, we continue to thank God for your prayers and support! The Lord bless and keep you all!

Jesus Loves Children!

Everyone seems to know that there's a special connection between children and angels. Each night before we put the kids to bed we pray: "Let thy holy angel be with me that the wicked foe may have no power over me." And when they barely survive daily catastrophe we gasp: "Thank God for guardian angels! And it's true. Our children have angels who watch over them.

Jesus says: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 18:10). And, again, to make it perfectly clear how much He loves children he says: "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). That is to say, if their angels are always in the presence of the Father, then why should our little children not have perfectly free access to the Son, the "one mediator between God and man" (1 Tim. 2:5)?



The value of children is seen most clearly in the fact that God himself became a little child. He became one of us: a child, a boy, a man. He offered His life up to God's eternal justice as the one availing sacrifice for sin in order to buy back children who had been taken by the devil and sold under the slavery of sin. Jesus' incarnation, life, death, and resurrection teach us the real value of children. And we hold on to this value our whole lives as Jesus daily forgives us our sins and keeps us by the power of His Holy Spirit in the one true and saving faith to the end.

When we learn about Jesus, we learn how valuable our children are and what's best them. Jesus says: "It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire." How much better is it to enter into heaven without an Xbox 360, without having made every single soccer practice, without having all the material stuff that gets in the way of raising our children and bringing them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord? Offending children and causing them to sin means depriving those baptized in Jesus' name of God's Word. If nothing else, then, we give them the gospel and pray that they may grow in faith today, tomorrow, and all the way to heaven.

Of course, we fail a lot as parents. And even when we fail, God does not. He continues to love us. He remains Himself—a tender Father, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love (Psalm 103:8). He loves us in spite of our sinful nature and daily sins. He sends His angels to refresh us. For the sake of Jesus, His Son, His invitation always stands: "Let the little children come to me!"





Prayer Requests

Give thanks for the work that is already being done in the Dominican Republic by the grace of God.

Pray for the pastors, deaconesses, and the entire missionary team currently working in the Dominican Republic, along with their families.

Pray for the Preuses as they make final preparations for their relocation to Santiago.

Pray for mission and mercy to abound in the Dominican Republic and throughout the world.

Support Our Work

Share this Newsletter with friends and family.



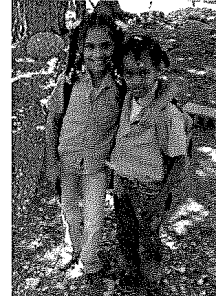
<https://www.facebook.com/Preus.Dominican> and check out the Latin American facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/LCMSLAC>

Support our mission work financially. (See bottom right.)



Mission and Mercy

What is the church? Martin Luther writes: "Thank God, even a seven year old child knows what the church is, namely, holy believers and sheep who hear the voice of their Shepherd." The church is properly understood not by what it does but by what it receives. And that is why our primary task as missionaries is to talk about Jesus and His great mercy towards sinners. And then we are privileged to talk about all the things God is able to accomplish through us to improve the lives of His saints and others in our community who need our help. What a blessing it is to be served and to serve!



Reflections from Home...by David

Life has certainly shifted to the fast track ever since our little Andreas was born. I'll get straight to the details. A quick update on our kids:



Hans is a good son and the best oldest brother anybody could ask for. Andreas barely has to let out a peep before he steps in to help. Rebekah and Lena are sweet and studious and expressive young ladies. They have made some very close friends in the neighborhood over this past year whom they will miss very much when we leave! Rolf is a very curious, inventive boy, full of humor and always ready for adventure. The older boys enjoy playing with their neighbor friends, and Søren (though he appears to be a mere tag-along) is possibly the instigator of all the boyish goofiness, and

he lives for all the action. Leif seems to have adjusted well to his replacement as the "baby" of the family, although he is every bit a two year old and therefore likes to literally play "with" Andreas, so we keep a close watch on the both of them.

Jenny is keeping up with the fast pace, managing the house, supervising the action, homeschooling the kids, and much more. I am still plugging away at my dissertation, helping with housekeeping tasks, and doing odds and ends before we wrap things up for our departure. We enjoy our family walks through the seminary and will miss this little haven in St. Louis, but are very excited and ready to get onto the mission field. We thank God continually for all of you, and we are blessed to have your prayers and your support!

¡Que Dios les bendiga!

Your prayers, encouragement, and financial support have been a service to us and to the Lord who sends us. Lord willing, next time we will be writing from the mission field. God give us strength and faith to complete the task before us! God bless you all!
In Christ's love,

Rev. David Preus

To support our work financially, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or LCMS. Include "Preus-Dominican" in the memo line. Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website at www.lcms.org/preus.

FRIENDSHIP WALL HANGING

Make this with — and for — a special friend.

What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- Tape
- Acrylic paint (red, blue, green)
- Paintbrushes
- Permanent marker
- Twine
- A friend



What you do:

1. Trace a palm-sized heart in the center of the paper. Cut out the heart to use as a stencil.
2. Cover the cardboard with foil. Tape the heart stencil in the center.
3. Fill in the heart "hole" with red paint. Let dry. Remove stencil.
4. Cover your hand with blue paint, and make a handprint to one side of the heart. Cover your friend's hand with green paint and have him or her make a handprint to the other side of the heart. Let dry.
5. Write "FRIENDS" at the top.
6. On the back, tape twine to make a hanger.



Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship.

What does he do for his friends?

Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.

1. Better than; rhymes with *crater*: _____
2. Opposite of hate: _____
3. Opposite of yes: _____
4. Three minus two: _____
5. Not _____ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: _____
6. To place something down; rhymes with *say*: _____
7. Opposite of up: _____
8. Opposite of death: _____
9. Best buds: _____

" _____ has _____
 _____ than _____: to _____
 one's _____ for one's _____."

JOHN 15:13, NIV

Answer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13, NIV