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Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Mail or in person at 1337 W. 11th St., Tempe, AZ 85281
Church offices are open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR SPONSORS sign-up sheet for May is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or let Dorothy know which Sunday you can volunteer for: May signups that still **need sponsor** are: **10, 17, 24th, 31st**. Sign-up in the fellowship hall or Call Dorothy at 602-276-7076.

BY THE NUMBERS
April average Sunday attendance per service –67
April Adult Bible Study average attendance per class –8
April Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Worship Services –37 & 39

ARE YOU AWARE…that there is a monthly flower chart on the bulletin board? This chart is for sign-up if you would like to bring flowers for the altar for a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, church event, etc.) or if you would like to have flowers done by Pat Carlin. One bouquet would cost thirty dollars, and if someone wanted two matching bouquets, it would be sixty dollars. She could also do something in silk, or artificial if you would wanted special colors. You could Take it home or leave it at the church for further use, whichever you prefer. She would need at least a one week notice.

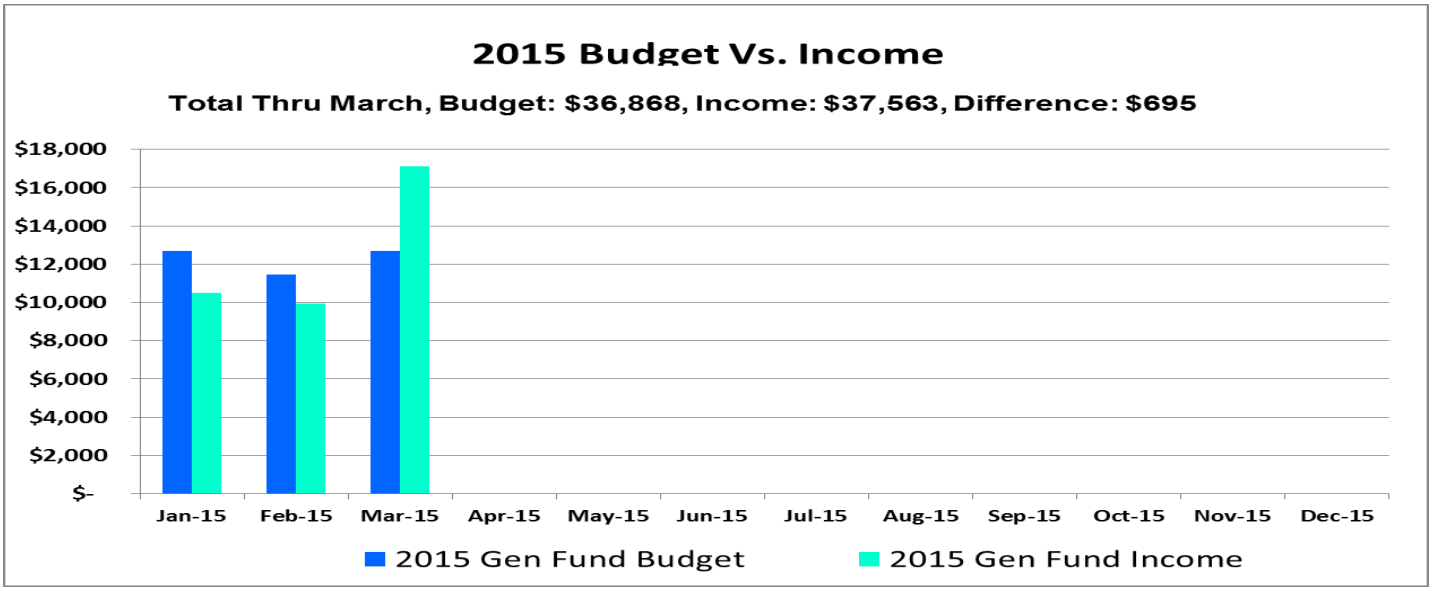
CONGREGATION PRESIDENT:

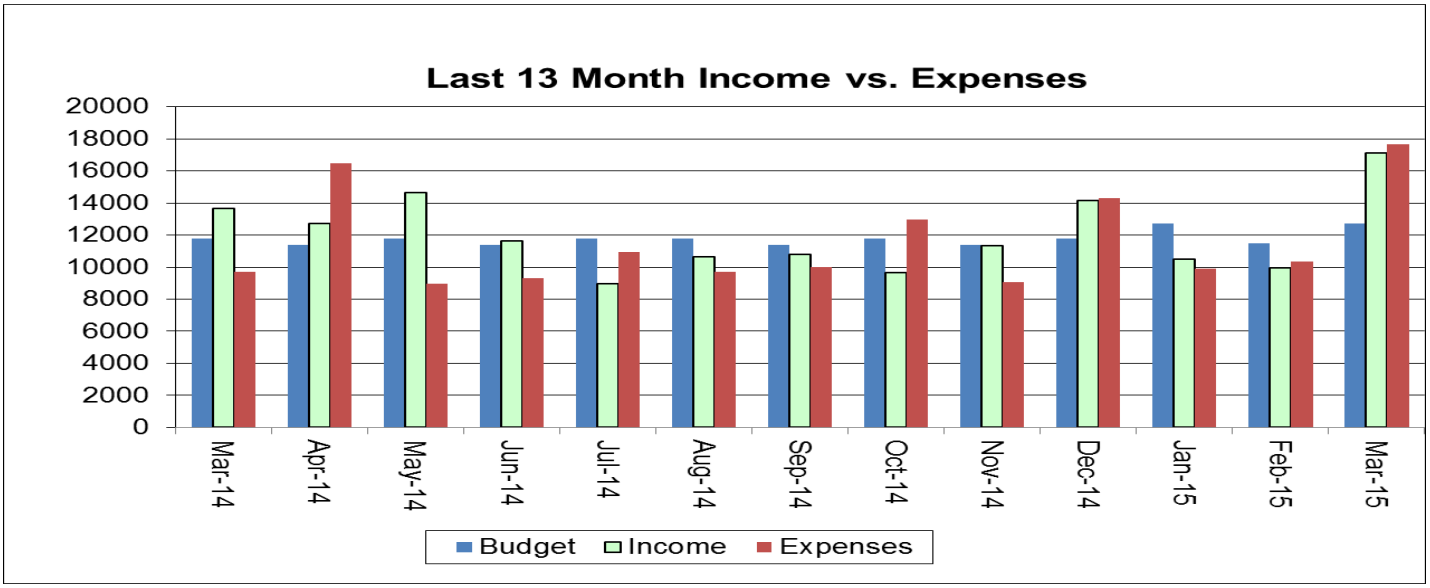
BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Office & Board Members
Highlighted members were reelected for new terms in 2015
Terms run from 1 June - 31 May

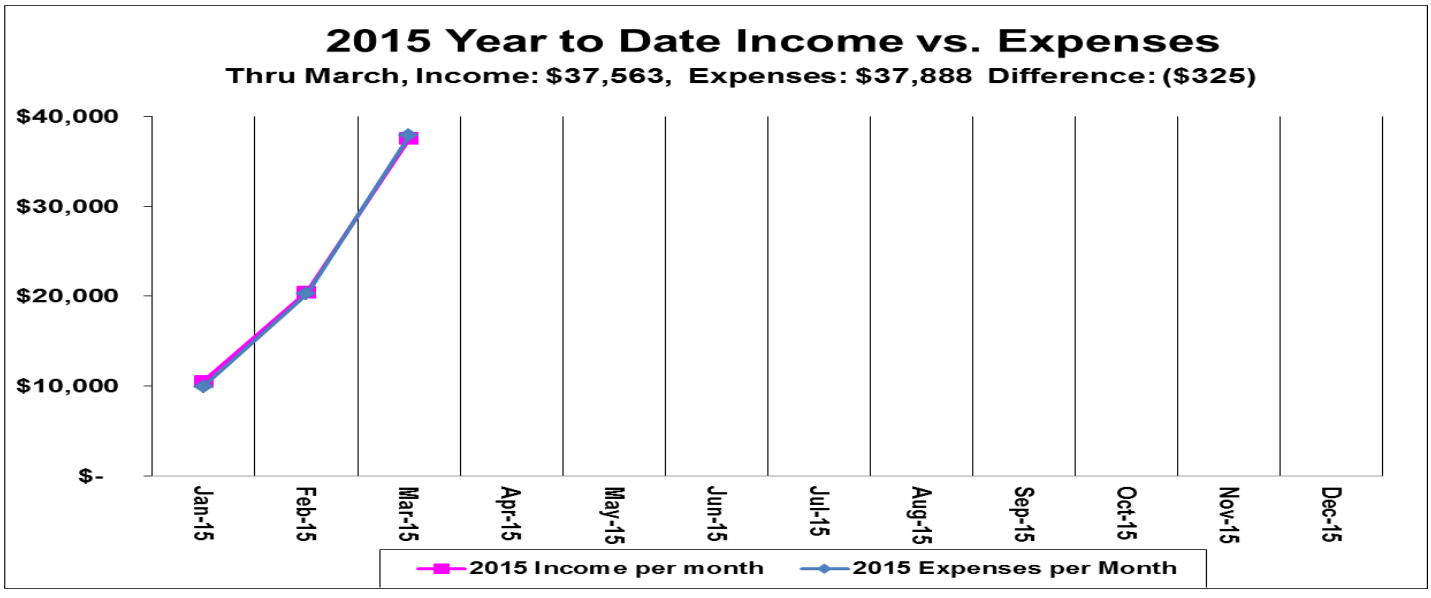
OFFICE	MEMBER
President	**Don Schumm (2017)**
Vice President	**Open**
Secretary	**Danielle Schumacher (2017)**
Financial Secretary	Jim Timm (2016)
Treasurer	Debbie O'Neill (2016)
BOARD	
Christian Education	*** Andrew Grant (2017)**
	Caryl Appeld (2016)
	Char Chamberlin (2016)
	Ashley Lacy (2016)
	Phyllis Schinke (2016)
Elders	* Skip McFadden (2016)
	Gerald Goschie (2016)
	Open
	Open
Finance	*** Jim Timm (2017)**
	Sandra Wardwell (2016)
	Joe Carlin (2017)
	Don Schumm (2016)
	Nancy Whittenburg (2016)
Stewardship	*** Gladys Meyer (2017)**
	Dorothy McShee (2016)
	Peggy Tapley (2016)
Trustees	*** Don Schinke (2017)**
	Joe Carlin (2016)
	Pat Carlin (2016)
	Skip McFadden (2016)
	Dorothy McShee (2017)
	Doris Reith (2017)
	Phyllis Schinke (2017)
	Peggy Tapley (2016)

* Chairperson
( ) Term expires

BOARD OF FINANCE:







STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

As God's stewards, we are to bear fruit that extends His kingdom and gives Him honor and glory. He calls us to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, provide hospitality to the stranger, clothe the needy, and care for the prisoner. An integral part of loving and serving God as faithful stewards is the serving others which includes welcoming guests, visitors and new members and make them feel that they are part of the Family of Christ. In the words of Jesus, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me." (Matthew 25:40). We are to comfort as we have been comforted (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

May we as His chosen stewards serve Him with what we have, what we are, and what He will make us.

Gladys Meyer

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The trustees have delegated the old preschool office (the room next to the cry room) as a temporary area for storage. If you have something that needs to be stored for a couple months please put the items in this room; we are trying to keep the other rooms free of clutter.

Thank you for all of your old printer, phones, small electronics, etc. to be recycled. These are sent to Planet Green and we have received anywhere from $5 to $30. We send them in usually every 3 or 4 months; the trustees would like to expand this program and dedicate **one Sunday a month to Planet Green Recycle day. on the first Sunday of the month for March it is March 1 and it will be April 5**. The recycle box will be in the Narthex; if everyone would bring their used items on that day we should be able to submit them once a month.

Pat & Joe Carlin, Dorothy McShee, Doris Reith, Don & Phyllis Schinke and PJ Tapley, Trustees

LWML PRAYER CHAIN

The Prayer Chain members here at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church are ready and willing to pray with or for you. Anyone who would like to join the Prayer Chain can be added to the list just by notifying Gladys Meyer.

All prayer requests are accepted and forwarded to the prayer chain members. Call your prayer requests to Pastor Misch, 602 582-7473 or 480 967-2660, or Gladys Meyer, 480 897-2236, geneglad@q.com, or anyone on the list: Caryl Appeld 602 414-0733, Maebell Beard 480 785-8657, Marsha Beetham 602 304-0603, Pat Carlin 480 802-5993, Char Chamberlin 480 831-7667, Ashley Conley 480 371-4633, Lucy Durham 602 881-1820, Natalia Goschie 480 892-4531, Ruth Lacy 1-816 500-5280, Bobbie Littou 480 491-5703, Mary McFadden 480 966-6027, Dorothy McShee 602 276-7076, Sandra Wardwell 480 967-4229, Nancy Whittenburg 480 893-6701.

A Monday Prayer is sent out to the Prayer Chain Members. This includes a mini devotion with a related prayer as well as prayer requests.

God welcomes your prayers. I Peter 5:7: "Cast all your anxiety on Him for He cares for you."

BSLC'S WOMEN IN MISSION (also known as the Lutheran Women's Missionary League)

The Beautiful Savior LWML will be hosting the annual Celebrating Christian Women event on Saturday, May 16th at 10 A.M. All BSLC women and guests are invited. We are also inviting the other churches in our Zone. This year's theme is 'Planting A Christian Garden'. A potluck luncheon will follow the program. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert 'from the garden' to share. Rolls, meats, and beverages will be provided. Please notify Gladys Meyer (480-897-2236, geneglad@q.com) or Sandra Wardwell (480-334-4176, s.wardwell@asu.edu) if you can attend! We will have devotions, music, and door prizes, too!

The Cap Makers continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 9:30 A.M. Twelve caps will be donated to the Maricopa County burn unit in May. Thank you to our makers and to those who donate the yarns they use!

The National LWML meets in convention June 25-26 in Des Moines, Iowa. The mite goal for the 2013-2015 biennium was surpassed; $1,849,178.96 was raised. Mite box donations are split between the District and National; District receives 75% and National receives 25%. BSLC members contributed $855.28 in mites during this period! Thank you!

We thank BSLC for supporting the work of our LWML at all levels, financially and by your participation in and donations to our activities. You are invited to take part in any and all activities at any time and to suggest activities for us!

"PLANTING A CHRISTIAN GARDEN"
MAY 16, 2015 -- 10 AM TO 1 PM

A PROGRAM AND POTLUCK LUNCHEON CELEBRATING CHRISTIAN WOMEN HOSTED BY BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN IN MISSION

BRING A SALAD, SIDE DISH, OR DESSERT FROM THE GARDEN TO SHARE (SERVES 6 TO 8). ROLLS, MEATS AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED.

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW MANY ARE COMING BY NOTIFYING:
GLADYS MEYER 480-897-2236, geneglad@q.com
Or
SANDRA WARDWELL 480-334-4176, s.wardwell@asu.edu
By May 10th

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
1337 W. 11TH ST.
TEMPE, AZ 85281
(On Priest between Broadway and University)

IFH (Internation Friendship House):

To BSLC
Thanks so much for helping us do our part. Every small contribution helped to reach the goal. Jane Boye for International House at ASU

Begin forwarded message:
Date: April 10, 2015 at 9:25:12 AM MST
Subject: Project COPE for HOPE Fest final week! (We are exceeding the goal!!)
From: The Faithful City <sanghoon@asu.edu>
To: The Faithful City - Sanghoon Yoo <thefaithfulcity@asu.edu>

Hello everyone,
Trust this email finds you all are well! Simply saying, SPEECHLESS!!! We are exceeding the goal (5000 personal collection items for HOPE Fest). At this point, we collected 6,526 shampoos and bars of soap.

Will share more later but we only have 5 more days to wrap up all collection drive. Let's finish strong and thank you all SO MUCH!!!

Pastor Sanghoon Yoo

Report on International Friendship House - First Quarter - The Ministry in January, February, and March
1. The average attendance was 5 for each month.
2. Our special events included: a hike in the McDowell Mountains, a hot pot dinner for Chinese New Year, a Seder dinner hosted by Jews for Jesus, Maundy Thursday Services and Easter Services.
3. Some of the personal ministry of the volunteers included visits to MJ and attending the visitation when he died.
4. Gary baptized Qin and Gloria in our home on January 4, 2015 with Ramon and Bill Buerger and Xian Liang (Qin's mom) and myself in attendance.
5. Gary married Jun Mi and Kankan Chin on March 20, 2015 in their apartment with Chinese students and several ASU staff in attendance.
6. Volunteers helped at the I Heart Faith Fair held on the ASU campus in February.
7. I sent prayers and praises to be included in the International Student Ministry newsletter and pictures of the baptism and wedding.
8. I attended the Best Practices Ministry Conference in Phoenix in February.
9. I met with Greg Fairow after I learned he is the director of all the Lutheran ministry at ASU for our church.
10. I am faithful in my reports to ASU on behalf of IFH and attended all the CORA meetings.
11. With the help of Beautiful Savior IFH collected 45 soaps and shampoos to be given to people who attend the HOPE FAIR held at Coors Field this weekend. The goal was 5000 and we did our part.

Our Ongoing Needs
1. We need volunteers to donate cooked meals for the students on Thursday The meals do not need to be fancy, a hearty soup, fruit, bread and maybe a dessert. We now have vegetarians joining us so we have been making two different entrees. We need financial contributions for food and rent, which is $300/mo. since I gave up space that had been reserved for IFH.
2. We can use flexible volunteers to help with conversations because sometimes we have more students who could use a one on one with someone and sometimes we have fewer students. The only real qualification is speaking English and I will train you.
3. We often need help with transportation. If you could drive a carload of students to an event, that would be helpful.

Praises
1. Holy Cross continues to support us.
1. We get donations from the LWMLs in Pine Top and Casa Grande.
2. We now have fewer students and there seems to be more interest in the Bible, so we discuss it more.
3. Our faithful volunteers.

4. We continue to stay in touch with our graduates who are still in the United States. 4/2015

Prayer Requests

1. Gloria graduates in May and needs employment, Lin will be doing an internship in Sunnyvale. Prayers for both of them.
2. Prayers for Greg, myself and all the volunteers and this ministry as we enter a new chapter.

Update for April through June

1. Under the umbrella of the Lutheran Ministry IFH will be able to have a presence on campus, not just across the street.
2. Greg will set up a meeting with the director of the International Students at ASU in May or June so that we can determine how we can work together.
3. Danielle continues to posting on Facebook. This in addition to flyers, emails and texting.
4. I want to commend Pastor Gary for continually staying in touch with students. Although Gary is in Blythe he remains the ministry's cheerleader and that has been a huge help to me.
5. I am speaking after worship at Holy Cross in April and have a meeting set with Pastor

Jane Boye, Director
International Friendship House at ASU

CAMP ALOMA NEWS

Great Mother's Day Getaway

If you are looking for a refreshing change this Mother's Day, look no farther than ALOMA. Mother's day is just around the corner (only 2 weeks away)! And if you are like the many, frantically searching for the perfect gift consider this: A weekend in the cool Prescott Pines, sampling wines from Arizona Vineyards, viewing the works of some of the best artists around Arizona, walking through the tall trees of Prescott's Courthouse Square by day, and sitting by the campfire of ALOMA by night. The 29th annual Prescott Fine Art and Wine Festival is always a favorite, and knowing that you can stay in one of ALOMA's cabins free of charge makes this one weekend you can't pass up. Call ALOMA today to begin this exciting new tradition for your family. *It is thanks to the donations of those who love ALOMA that we can offer our facilities free of charge!*

The Early Bird Catches the Worm

If your child or grandchild will be attending Camp ALOMA this summer, time is running out to take advantage of the early registration discount. The early bird discount applies to all those who sign up for camp before May 15th. Registration is easy thanks to our new web site, which was designed and created in donation by Virtual Impressions. The new website makes it easier than ever to sign your loved one up for an amazing adventure this summer in the cool mountain pines. Time is running out so visit campaloma.com today!

Samantha Solis

Thrivent Financial information

Thrivent Financial is changing the way it is helping organizations with funds. Matching funds for this year have been cut in halve and I look for them to be eliminated in the next two years. Now they are encouraging "***Action Teams***". Here is basic information on ***Action Teams***.

Action teams

Want to do something to strengthen your community? Think you can organize a team to help bring it to life in 90 days or less? If you said "yes" to both, submit an application to Thrivent and—once your idea is approved—you'll receive $250.00 in "seed money" to help cover promotional, production and material expense.

Need inspiration? Thrivent offers 101 "service projects" ideas. 101 ways to spark action in your community.

THE DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE AND THE RIGHT OF RELIGIOUS

The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, along with some 30 other religious leaders, today signed an open letter to those in positions of public service expressing a shared commitment to promoting and protecting marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

The letter notes, in part, that "at this significant time in our nation's history with the institution of marriage before the United States Supreme Court, we reaffirm our commitment to promote and defend marriage—the union of one man and one woman."

Read the letter, whose purpose, along with the breadth of its signers, shows that protecting marriage is important to a significant number of people and an issue of justice for all.

FREEDOM: REAFFIRMING A SHARED WITNESS

An Open Letter from Religious Leaders to All in Positions of Public Service

Released April 23, 2015

Dear Friends:

At this significant time in our nation's history with the institution of marriage before the United States Supreme Court, we reaffirm our commitment to promote and defend marriage—the union of one man and one woman. As religious leaders from various faith communities, we acknowledge that marriage is the foundation of the family where children are raised by a mother and a father together. Our commitment to marriage has been expressed on previous occasions, including the Letter of Shared Commitment and Letter on Marriage and Religious Liberty. This commitment is inseparable from affirming the equal dignity of all people and the necessity of protecting their basic rights.

The state has a compelling interest in maintaining marriage as it has been understood across faiths and cultures for millennia because it has a compelling interest in the well-being of children. Every child has a mother and a father, and every child deserves the opportunity, whenever possible, to be raised by his or her own married mother and father in a stable, loving home. Marriage as the union of a man and a woman is the only institution that encourages and safeguards the connection between children and their mother and father. Although this connection cannot always be realized and sustained—and many single parents, for example, are heroic in their efforts to raise their children—it is in the best interests of the state to encourage and uphold the family founded on marriage and to afford the union of husband and wife unique legal protection and reinforcement.

The redefinition of legal marriage to include any other type of relationship has serious consequences, especially for religious freedom. It changes every law involving marital status, requiring that other such relationships be treated as if they were the same as the marital relationship of a man and a woman. No person or community, including religious organizations and individuals of faith, should be forced to accept this redefinition. For many people, accepting a redefinition of marriage would be to act against their conscience and to deny their religious beliefs and moral convictions. Government should protect the rights of those with differing views of marriage to express their beliefs and convictions without fear of intimidation, marginalization or unwarranted charges that their values imply hostility, animosity, or hatred of others.

In this and in all that we do, we are motivated by our duty to love God and neighbor. This love extends to all those who disagree with us on this issue. The well-being of men, women, and the children they conceive compels us to stand for marriage as the union of one man and one woman. We call for the preservation of the unique meaning of marriage in the law, and for renewed respect for religious freedom and for the conscience rights of all in accord with the common good.

Sincerely Yours:

The Rev. Dr. Leith Anderson President National Association of Evangelicals
The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach Archbishop and Primate Anglican Church in North America

Dr. A.D. Beacham, Jr. Presiding Bishop International Pentecostal Holiness Church
The Rev. John F. Bradosky Bishop North American Lutheran Church
Rev. Mark Chavez General Secretary North American Lutheran Church
Clint Cook Executive Director General Association of General Baptists
Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone Archbishop of San Francisco Chairman USCCB Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage
His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios Archbishop of America President of the Holy Eparchial Synod Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
The Most Rev. Robert Duncan Archbishop Emeritus Anglican Church in North America Bishop, Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh
Rev. Dr. Ron Hamilton Conference Minister Conservative Congregational Christian Conference
Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison President Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
Rev. Bruce D. Hill Bishop Evangelical Congregational Church
John Hopler Director Great Commission Churches
Steven R. Jones President Missionary Church, Inc.
Imam Faizul Khan Islamic Society of Washington Area
Most Rev. Joseph E. Kurtz Archbishop of Louisville President United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
Most Rev. William E. Lori Archbishop of Baltimore Chairman USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty
Dr. Jo Anne Lyon General Superintendent The Wesleyan Church
Most Rev. Richard J. Malone Bishop of Buffalo Chairman USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth
Dr. Russell Moore President Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission
Dr. Gus Reyes Director Christian Life Commission, Texas Baptists
Rev. Eugene F. Rivers, III Founder and President Seymour Institute for Black Church and Policy Studies
Jacqueline C. Rivers Executive Director Seymour Institute for Black Church and Policy Studies
Larry Roberts Chief Operating Officer The Free Methodist Church – USA
Rocky Rocholl President Fellowship of Evangelical Churches
Rev. Samuel Rodriguez President National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference / Hispanic Evangelical Association
Bishop Gary E. Stevenson Presiding Bishop The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Dr. L. Roy Taylor Stated Clerk Presbyterian Church in America
His Beatitude, The Most Blessed Tikhon Archbishop of Washington and Metropolitan of All America and Canada Orthodox Church in America
Dr. Joseph Tkach President Grace Communion International
Rev. Dr. David Wendel Assistant to the Bishop for Ministry and Ecumenism North American Lutheran Church
Rev. Phillip Whipple Bishop United Brethren in Christ Church, USA
David P. Wilson General Secretary Church of the Nazarene
Rev. Paul Winter Elder Bruderhof Communities
Dr. George O. Wood General Superintendent Assemblies of God

LCMS OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT:

Sharing Christ's Gifts on Sunday

Sunday is not a Christian Sabbath nor is it an attempt to historicize the past. Rather, Sunday is the day symbolic of the continued presence of the risen Christ who remains active in our midst.

Sunday is the expression of all Christian liturgy — the result of which is what we become: the body of Christ, the oil of healing for the world, the sweet smelling aroma of prayers lifted before the throne of the Father.

Sunday is the first day. It is the day of primordial creation when God called all things into existence from nothing. Sunday is the beginning of all that will be in Christ. It is the day of light. Darkness and light forever separated by God. Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

Sunday is the day of resurrection, the inauguration of a new creation given through Christ's sacrifice, accepted by the Father, for the life of the world. Sunday is more than a little Easter; it is the symbol of the new age begun and completed in the paschal mystery.

Sunday is the day of Eucharist. In the eating of His precious body and the drinking of His sacred blood, faith grasps and appropriates to itself what the eye cannot see. In the Eucharist, the church becomes the Kingdom of God manifest in the world, so that the love of Christ would abound in acts of love and charity.

Sunday is the eighth day, the day of eternity beyond the weekly cycle, symbolizing the kingdom, which has no end.

Is there anything that Sunday doesn't mean? In the words of Robert Taft, "For the Early Church, Sunday was indeed everything. … It is the day symbolic of all days, for the purpose of all Christian liturgy is to express in a ritual moment that which should be the basic stance of every moment of our lives" (Beyond East and West, p. 52).

The Synod's seminaries prepare men to rejoice in Sunday, the day when they feed the lambs on the very bread of life. Pastoral formation holds at its heart the care of souls — soothing consciences and granting hope, life and salvation in Christ alone. Pastoral care rejoices to share these gifts in Sunday worship, a time when our lives and vocations are sanctified, where we are strengthened for this pilgrimage of life.

Join us this May as we celebrate the formation of faithful pastors through our Synod's seminaries.

To learn more, go to lcms.org/themes/may.

In Christ,

Rev. Bart Day
Executive Director, LCMS Office of National Mission

FROM PASTOR MISCH:

Knowledge:

I was at a senior music recital last month, and while I was listening to the young lady play her instrument I thought to myself, “That must be hard.” But how do I know if the music she was playing was hard or not? I do not know much about music. I have never been formally trained in the craft, and I definitely do not know the ins and outs of the instrument she was playing. What I knew was that this was a undergraduate senior recital. Because of that, I assumed that she knew what she was doing, and that the pieces of music she picked were challenging. All I knew was that the music sounded hard to play but that was it.

How often do we jump to conclusions with things that we have no clue about? I know I do that quite easily because the illusion of knowledge is everywhere now. I can search for something on the internet and get a plethora of information about it. I can become dangerous in any subject. Meaning, I know enough to make statements, but I don’t know enough to actually know what it is I am talking about. Do we find ourselves falling into that trap?

I remember sitting across from a middle aged lady who had a very haughty attitude about church and Christianity. I asked her about her story and she told me that she grew up going to church, and she said that she would go all the time. However, when she turned sixteen she left and never went back to church. What surprised me was she believed she knew enough about the church and Christianity that she felt confident to correct me about the Bible. She made a point to show me that she thought she knew what she was talking about. She didn’t and it was apparent to me that she did even care to learn. And here is the thing, there is nothing stopping us from learning about our God.

The goal of a Christian is not to get to heaven. That will come in time. The goal of a Christian is to mature as a follower of Jesus, and a way to do that is to grow in our knowledge of him. Knowledge that he does not hide from us, but knowledge that he gives to us through the Bible. Paul tells us that God gave us the means to learn about him “until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.” How do we get to that point? By knowing God and how do we know God? By being in his word. It really is that simple.

Pastor Misch