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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last month, although rather inconspicuously as it was, on the third Sunday, normally our BBQ picnic Sunday, but this year our youth hamburger, hot dog picnic Sunday. This special Sunday marked our nineteenth anniversary as congregation and pastor making our time together the second longest of pastor and congregation in this congregation's 121 year history. As we begin another year together, as the Lord wills, I want to reiterate what I said on Pentecost Sunday, my commitment to you, the same commitment I made nineteen years ago. First, I commit to you that I will continue to pray for you, individually and personally. My usual habit is to begin my morning in prayer and scripture reading. Each morning I pray for a portion of the members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church personally, by name. I will also continue to pray for any special prayer requests you have made, including all those listed in our bulletin each week.

Second, I promise to continue to deliver the goods to you, that is, to continue to proclaim the Good News to you, and to administer the sacraments to you, to speak God's word of forgiveness to you. As you come here each Sunday, and on other days of worship and as you have need at other times, I promise to continue to share God's Word of comfort and hope with you.

Finally, I promise to continue to be an example to you, though a sinful example, and I will be an example by keeping my priorities straight. My priorities are first, my own personal relationship with God; second, my family, namely my wife and then my children; and third, my work as your pastor (At the same time a Pastor's family understands that there are times when a Pastor's work takes precedence over family activities). I continually pray that the Lord will give me the strength and ability to demonstrate these priorities in my life, and as I demonstrate them, I pray that you will make them yours.

And now, as I did nineteen years ago, and as I often do, and as I am recommitting myself, I will ask you to recommit yourself. I ask two simple things from you. First, I ask that you will continue to pray for me. Pray that the Lord will continue working through me to reach you as well as others. Pray that the Lord will continue work in me to keep me faithful, and to preach faithfully even to the point of death.

Second, I ask that you will continue to come to be given the gifts that God has to give to you through me making regular and diligent use of the Lord's

gifts. Come to divine service and Bible Class. Come often to be given the gifts the Lord has to give to you through me.

This month the Summer season begins meaning that many will be on vacation. Unfortunately, too often too many people have a tendency to be tempted to skip church during the Summer because they are on vacation and away and so forth. This tendency is one of Satan's ways of tempting you out of your usual habit to be in Divine Service hoping to break that habit. May I encourage you, as we hear God's Word, as we are given His gifts, to recommit ourselves to Summer divine service attendance with His help. God loves you so much, and He has so much He wants to give to you. Come and be given the gifts.

God's richest blessings.
In His Service,

Pastor Bogs
1 Cor. 15:3-5

Don't forget, if you miss a Sunday, you can read the sermon on my blog: <http://rabswritings.blogspot.com>.

Happy Birthday to You!



06-01 Lily Williamson
06-02 Devon Cowger
06-03 Dixie Garrett & Kaitlyn Christie
06-05 Brandy McCorquodale
06-08 Joe Michka
06-14 Mary Gibbs & John Tautenhahn
06-15 Daniel Pederson & Steve Roberts
06-17 Brent Harvey
06-20 Bob Langley
06-24 Justin LaShomb
06-26 Clay Lilley

Baptismal Birthdays

06-01 April Harvey & Leon Lilley
06-03 Eda Nitz
06-05 Dalhardt Goebel
06-12 Robert Sindlinger
06-13 Jess Clark & Lily Williamson
06-14 Anne McIlhaney & Jan Stayton
06-21 Naatah Mollel
06-28 Mary Gibbs



Confirmation Anniversaries



06-01 Leon Lilley
 06-02 Jami Gause & Jim Gibbs
 06-03 Gayle Bogs
 06-04 Marilyn Holland
 06-05 Shirley Coyle & Shirley Michka
 06-06 Dalhardt Goebel

06-09 Shawn Goss
 06-14 Nancy Baeza
 06-21 Steve Roberts
 06-22 Aileen Mercer & Lorna Sentesi
 06-24 Annie Mae Byars & Lillian Hill

Wedding Anniversaries

06-01 George & Carol Gentes (53 years)
 06-05 Rick & Nancy Arimond (51 years)
 06-10 Troy & Pamela Lilley (32 years)
 06-12 Larry & April Harvey (50 years)
 06-24 Paul & Jane Nitz (4 years)



Holy Days and Holidays in June

June 11 ~ St. Barnabas, Apostle
June 14 ~ Flag Day
June 20 ~ Father's Day & Summer Begins
June 24 ~ The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
June 29 ~ St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles

Texas Confessional Lutherans

Fellow Lutherans,
 Please save the following dates for TCL events:

- **July 22nd at 10 AM:** The next TCL quarterly meeting at Grace Lutheran Church in Brenham. The actions

taken at the District Convention will likely be discussed along with planning activities for our next Free Conference. A program committee chairman is still need if anyone would like to volunteer for that position.

- **September 10th and 11th:** The next TCL Free Conference will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in Brenham. Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Austin will be the speaker. His topic will be *Has American Christianity Failed?* If you would like to have a catered meal on Saturday at noon, please email me at robertlangeinc@msn.com and let me know so that proper arrangements can be made.

TCL has been inactive due to the Covid pandemic, but every effort to return to normal is being made. Please try to attend these upcoming events if possible.

From Pastor Mendez

John 17:4 KJV - I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

Mark 10:45 KJV - For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Glorify the Father through your calling as Jesus did

"I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do."

What glorifies God? Doing his work. Doing the work he has called you to accomplish. When Jesus came to earth, he glorified the Father by accomplishing the work he was called to. That work was to die on a cross and pay for our sin. Yes, Jesus had other tasks to accomplish, but primarily, Jesus came to die. *"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many"*.

How about you? What is your work that God has called you to do? This is how you will glorify God in the greatest way. You won't glorify God by doing the work he's called others to do, but by doing the work he's called you to do.

What is your calling? William Wilberforce was a gifted young politician in the British Parliament when he came to Christ at age 25. He thought he needed to leave politics and become a pastor. But a close family friend, the pastor John Newton, the converted slave trader who wrote "Amazing Grace," persuaded Wilberforce that God had called him to stay in government. So Wilberforce stayed, and God used him to end slavery in Britain and to do enormous good for the kingdom.

What is your calling? Ponder these:

- Howard Hendricks wrote, "Your career is what you're paid to do; your calling is what you're made to do."
- Frederick Buechner wrote, "The place that God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."
- John Ortberg stated, "American society does not talk much about calling anymore. It is more likely to think in terms of career. Yet, for many people a career becomes the altar on which they sacrifice their lives. A calling, which is something I do for God, is replaced by a career, which threatens to become my god. A career is something I choose for myself; a calling is something I receive. A career is something I do for myself; a calling is something I do for God. A career promises status, money or power; a calling generally promises difficulty and even some suffering – and the opportunity to be used by God. A career is about upward mobility; a calling generally leads to downward mobility."

What is your calling?

Ask God and keep asking until you know.

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		1	2 10am – Bible Class 7pm – Evening Bible Class	3 10am - Bulletin Cutoff	4 Church Office Closed	5
6 8:45am – Bible Class & Sunday School 10am - Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper	7	8	9 10am – Bible Class 7pm – Evening Bible Class	10 10am - Bulletin Cutoff	11 Church Office Closed	12
13 8:45am – Bible Class & Sunday School 10am - Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper	14	15	16 10am – Bible Class 7pm – Evening Bible Class	17 10am - Bulletin Cutoff	18 Church Office Closed	19 8am – Men's Breakfast 10am – Elder's Mtg 10am – Trustee's Mtg
20 Father's Day 8:45am – Bible Class & Sunday School 10am - Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper	21	22	23 10am – Bible Class 7pm – Evening Bible Class	24 10am - Bulletin Cutoff	25 Church Office Closed	26
27 8:45am – Bible Class & Sunday School 10am - Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper	28	29	30 10am – Bible Class 7pm – Evening Bible Class			