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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Typically or traditionally August is the month that begins to bring us to the end of our Summer Vacations. Although Labor Day next month is often viewed as the "last hurrah of Summers," August is the time to begin getting ready for the new school year. I would like to say that the world is getting back to normal, but as the old joke goes, "what is normal?" It has been wonderful to see our church attendance getting back to what it was before the pandemic, and although I do not know how many are continuing to view our services online, I do believe one of the positives (if I may be so bold as to speak about a positive coming out of a pandemic) is that we were pretty much forced into the online streaming of our service, and we will continue to do so. Certain online services are not the ideal way of worship, but it has served well, and our prayer is that it will continue to be a way for those unable to be in Divine Service, as well as, those browsing the internet and looking for some bit of spiritual inspiration to be able to come into contact with our congregation and learn what it is that we believe, teach and confess.

For some reason over the past couple of months, I have been reminded over and over again of something in my own prayer life, and that is the lack of simply being thankful. Perhaps we all know how it is, our prayers commonly are filled with more petitions for our needs and wants, at least for what we believe to be our own needs and wants. We find ourselves failing in our prayers of giving thanks, in all things, continually (1 Thes. 5:17-18). Even in times of struggles, such as the pandemic, I too need to remind myself of Paul's words, "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). I am also reminded of Jeremiah's words, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

No matter what is happening in our world, in our own lives, we have the certainty that God is with us, watching over us, ruling over us, interceding for us and at the same time He is right here with us working all things out for the best, and that best is according to what He knows is best according to His good and gracious will. Although we may not always see God's hand nor understand His plans or what is happening, we can have this confidence that whatever will be will be because of His great love for us. So as I remind myself, I will also encourage you as Paul does, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:4-7).

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!

08-03 Ray Reed
08-05 Sylvia Christy
08-07 Gayle & Hannah Bogs & Anne McIlhany
08-09 Lillian Hill
08-10 Jessica LaShomb
08-11 George Nelson & Bill Pali
08-12 Lorna Sentesi
08-14 Angie Mendez
08-19 Becky Mendez
08-24 Kim Christy
08-31 Joshua Bogs



Baptismal Birthdays

08-03 George Gentes
08-06 Carolyn McCorquodale
08-10 Hannah Bogs
08-11 David Reese
08-15 Brent Harvey, Jonathan LaShomb, & Richard
Maximus LaShomb
08-19 Richard LaShomb

08-20 Ean Cowger
08-24 Chris Aikman
08-25 Dale Haude
08-26 Dixie Garrett
08-27 Andy Montemayor
08-30 Gayle Bogs
08-31 Will Gentes



Confirmation Anniversaries



08-07 Jarod Christy
 08-11 Elaina Albarez &
 David Reese
 08-25 Don Cornman

Wedding Anniversaries

08-05 Dan & Marsha Pierce 22 Years
 08-06 John & Mary Tautenhahn 44 years
 08-13 Richard & Pat LaShomb 61 years
 08-17 Dalhardt & Rose Goebel 36 years
 08-20 Gary & Carolyn McCorquodale 44 years
 08-25 Curtis & Sharon Gace 48 years



Holy Days and Holidays in July

August 15th - St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord
August 24th - St. Bartholomew, Apostle
August 29th - The Martyrdorn of St. John the Baptist

From the Board of Trustees

If you see something in or around the church that needs to be repaired or that you feel needs attention, please notify someone from the Board of Trustees and we will look into resolving the issue.

~Thank you

Texas Confessional Lutherans

Fellow Lutherans please save the date:

- **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.

ESL Classes



**English as a
Second
Language**

Classes begin again August 17th and will be every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 7pm. If you have any questions or know of someone who could benefit, please get in touch with Pastor Mendez

Thank you!

It is with mixed emotions that I write to you today, as I have accepted a job offer from a friend that I just couldn't pass up. I prayed about it and came to the conclusion that it is what's best for me & my family. I wanted to take the time to thank the elders and Pastor Bogs for the opportunity to work at St. Matthew for the last four years. It has been a pleasure serving them and you as a congregation. I am grateful for having had the chance to work with such an incredible group of people. May God continue to bless you all!

~Cindy Doty

Secretary Position Opening

Our current secretary has been presented with a job opportunity outside of the church that she cannot pass up. We are now in need of a new secretary. The position is part time, Mon. thru Thur. 8 am to 1 pm. We will be taking applications/resumes ASAP as her last day will be August 12th. If you are interested or know of anyone that is interested, please contact Pastor Bogs for a Job description.



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