

UPDATE #44
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- “The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.” Psalm 46:7

- Luther’s Morning Prayer

“I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.”

- Administrative Pastor Call Meeting.
 - Thanks to our Ministry Council for their work in seeking a way to extend a Call in a timely fashion.
 - Seth Gutkowski outlined a couple possibilities for how to proceed:
 - If there are still limitations on the size of groups that are able to gather, we might consider making use of several locations on our campus (Church, Worship and Event Center, Gymnasium, Dining Hall) for simultaneous meetings for a presentation from our Call Committee and for questions. A vote could be taken at that time.
 - If we are not able to meet even in that way, Council might determine that it is necessary to disseminate information ahead of time about the committee’s recommendation, allow time for comments and questions, and then have a referendum on the recommendation from the committee.
 - If you have a question, comment, or suggestion, you may make those by mailing or delivering a note to the church office or by emailing church@stlorenz.org All comments will be directed to Seth Gutkowski for sharing with Ministry Council.
 - Council anticipates making a decision one week from today: Monday, May 18th.

- Thoughts and Prayers
 - Birth of a son to Jill and Tyler Kirkpatrick
 - Margery Knoll’s 80th birthday on May 8
 - Eugene and Sharon Bierlein’s 50th wedding anniversary on May 9
 - Illness
 - Frank Rittmueller, at a rehab center

- Larry Dinsmore, battling cancer
 - Dorothy Kueffner, prayers for continued healing
 - Wally Engel, prayers for continued healing
 - Grieving
 - Family and friends of Donald Babcock
 - Family and friends of Katherine Rohn (Mother of Mikel Rohn, sister-in-law of Irene Engel and Irma Nuechterlein)
 - Church Workers
 - Josh Swartz
 - Pastor Bill Tucker
 - Pastor Jon Walla
 - Charridan Wascher
- Baccalaureate Service.
 - 3:00 on May 17th
 - On-line and Channel 191 only
 - Greetings from local pastors
 - Readings by graduating seniors from community congregations
 - Songs by St. Lorenz praise teams and Dr. Hyslop
 - Message about trust
- “Is God Good? The Problem of Suffering” Bible study is attached to this email.
 - C.S. Lewis: “Talk to me about the truth of religion and I'll listen gladly. Talk to me about the duty of religion and I'll listen submissively. But don't come talking to me about the consolations of religion or I shall suspect that you don't understand.”
- May we help you? Call 652-6141 or write church@stlorenz.org
 - We have 24 “runners” who will happily run errands for you.
 - Prayer assistance is also readily available. We have 50 people who are eager to pray for you. Email nanzee1@aol.com or call or text 818-497-3843. We can also forward requests sent to the church office.
 - Stephen Ministers can provide a listening ear and much more. Contact the church office.
 - CrossRoads Counseling Ministries can be reached at 652-0764 to access telephone sessions or video conference sessions.

- Worth repeating:
 - Tell someone about these broadcasts.

 - Tell someone about our Runners (or make use of them yourself). They will gladly:
 - Pick up groceries or prescriptions
 - Deliver a Portals of Prayer
 - Other pick-ups or deliveries as requested
 - Pick up offering envelope at your home and deliver to church office

- Our Frankenmuth city leaders are doing an outstanding job of gathering information and ways to help. Please check these web sites for updates and resources:
 - www.frankenmuthcity.com
 - www.frankenmuth.org
 - www.muthserves.com