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(I am now placing the "Reminders" section at the end of these notes. I am also sending out my notes for the live broadcasts as the primary content of the updates.)

Items from today's video update:

- "This is the day the Lord has made. . . .Let us rejoice and be glad in it."
- 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 angels be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen."

- Offerings this month have not taken as much of a dip as we might have anticipated. Thank you. I plan to talk tomorrow about our St. Lorenz employees and what we can do to support them. It is an important conversation and I hope you'll tune in.
- Something that has gotten lost in the shuffle to some degree. At its last regular meeting, Ministry Council extended a call to full-time service at St. Lorenz to two individuals. Council is meeting electronically tonight to extend another call to fill our last teaching position for the next school year. We do not announce immediately the names of those who have been called in order to give them the opportunity to inform people on their end first.

One Call extended last week was for a teacher and went to MacKenzie Drinan. The second Call was for a new position that is a combination of a some part-time positions with expanded duties in each of those positions. The position title is "Connect Worship Coordinator" and also includes Middle School Choir Director. That Call was extended to Bobby Cody. A brief history of what brought us to this:

- For some time we had been considering the desirability of having a Connect Worship Coordinator and we knew that Bobby could be an ideal candidate. However, we didn't consider it to be feasible for various reasons. Then some things happened that caused this discussion to take place in a more serious fashion:
  - Pastor Adams accepted the Call to Trinity Lutheran in Bend, Oregon.
  - Bobby Cody stepped in and volunteered to lead the Connect Christmas Choir in the absence of his mother-in-law, Brenda Sievert. Everybody who worked with him in that choir was extremely impressed. Several of them asked if it would be possible for Bobby to come here.

- Due to some internal shifting of staff responsibilities, we were in need of a Middle School Choir Director. Bobby is a trained and experienced choir director. This made it possible for us to be in a position to develop a full-time position.
- The final piece of the puzzle was when we received start-up funding from our St. Lorenz Foundation.

Ministry Council was made aware of the discussions that we had been having at their February meeting. More discussion and final action took place at the March meeting.

Council was very careful to follow our Constitution and By-Laws with both the Call to MacKenzie and the Call to Bobby.

Please join us in prayer for them, their families, and their current ministries as they deliberate on these Calls.

I'm attaching a helpful prayer resource from Family Life Radio. There's also a link on our Facebook page to Family Life Radio Facebook page.

Reminders:

- We are planning to have a live video update at 10:00 a.m. every weekday. It will be broadcast on Charter Channel 191, live-streamed on-line, and on Facebook Live.
- The live-stream can now be accessed simply by clicking on the "Worship" tab at the top of our church web site. We will be archiving those video updates at the bottom of the homepage under "COVID-19."
- To receive a notification that we are live on Facebook, please "Like" the St. Lorenz Lutheran Church and School Facebook page. For those of you who don't use Facebook, this might be a time you decide to make an exception.
- If you have a topic you'd like me to talk about, please let me know. You can just reply to this email to do so. Your reply is seen only by me. If you are having trouble reaching us through [church@stlorenz.org](mailto:church@stlorenz.org) (one person couldn't get that email address to work), feel free to email me: [mbrandt@stlorenz.org](mailto:mbrandt@stlorenz.org)
- 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](http://www.frankenmuthcity.com)
  - [www.frankenmuth.org](http://www.frankenmuth.org)

Thanks again for your patience and cooperation! We are truly blessed to have each other – and God – to be with in this time.

We continue to thank God for His faithfulness and the hope and confidence that gives us!W

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 BROADCAST WILL BE AT 10:30

Mid-week service will be broadcast at the usual times of 9:30, 5:00, and 7:00.s