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* “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. . . . I will fear no evil, for You are with me.”

Psalm 23:1 & 4

* Prayer in times of affliction and distress (LSB p. 317)

“Almighty and most merciful God, in this earthly life we endure sufferings and death before we enter into eternal glory. Grant us grace at all times to subject ourselves to Your holy will and to continue steadfast in the true faith to the end of our live that we may know the peace and joy of the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead and of the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.”

* Even though we cannot celebrate the National Day of Prayer together this Thursday, we encourage everyone to pray on their own and with their families in their homes.  Pray for our churches, leaders in government both nationally and locally, our first responders and military, education, family, business and media and for the wellbeing and safety of our nation and recognize our Heavenly Father’s guidance in our lives daily.

The theme of this year’s National Day of Prayer is “Pray God’s glory across the earth” and is

based on the verse Habakkuk 2:14 which says “ For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”

The National celebration can be viewed on line from 8-10 pm on Thursday, May 7th at the

following sites which will be doing live streaming video.  Those sites are Facebook Live, Daystar

and GODtv.  You can also visit the official website which is nationaldayofprayer.org for more information.

* Thoughts and Prayers
  + Birthday Eddie Rupprecht (86)
  + Anniversary Ralph and Eunice Weiss (68)

Virgil and Barb Diamond (60)

* + Health Chad and Howard Kuch (Recovering from COVID-19)

Noelle Fenske (Testing for COVID-19)

Frank Rittmueller

Dorothy Kueffner

Wally Engel

Roy Kaiser

Larry Dinsmore (Cancer)

* + Safety Kayla Schoenow (RN who is working with COVID patients)
  + Grieving Verna Veitengruber family

Donald Babcock family

* Thank you for Social Ministry Donations

Scott Mueller reports that $15,000 in donations has been received for Social Ministry and Coronavirus relief. Thank you for your generosity! A letter/report/thank-you from Scott is attached to this email.

* Psalm 46
  + v. 1 Echoes of this verse are also found in v. 4, 5, 7, 11
  + v. 2 The ancient words of Scripture always have contemporary application!
  + v. 4 Where is this city literally? Figuratively?
    - * Hebrews 12:22
      * Revelation 21:1-4, 22-27; 22:1-2
  + v. 5 Many battles were initiated at sunrise.
  + v. 6 Good or bad news?
  + v. 7 “Lord of hosts” = “Lord almighty” = “Yaweh Sabaoth.”
    - * 1 Kings 22:19
      * 2 Kings 6:15-17
      * Luther: “God calls Himself the God of the armies or of the hosts, that is, not only of the angels or of the spirits, but of the entire creation, which carries on warfare for Him and serves Him. . . . God created all these creatures to be in active military service.”
      * From “A Mighty Fortress:” “Ask ye, ‘who is this?’ Jesus Christ it is. Of Sabaoth Lord. And there’s none other God.”
  + v. 8 Good news or bad news?
  + v. 9 Isaiah 65:17-25
  + v. 10 Why does God have to tell us to be still and to know that He is God? Why “be

still”? (Hint: This is not a lullaby!) What does it mean to know that He is God?

* Ephesians 3:19
* May we help you? Call 652-6141 or write [church@stlorenz.org](mailto:church@stlorenz.org)
  + We have 25 “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](mailto: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](http://www.frankenmuthcity.com)
  + [www.frankenmuth.org](http://www.frankenmuth.org)
  + [www.muthserves.com](http://www.muthserves.com)