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The Order of Service Continued...

The Prayers

The Apostle Paul wrote, *“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”* (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

This passage gives the spirit of what the church has intended for the General Prayer, also called The Prayer of the Church. This prayer is designed to, “rise above small, local, and selfish considerations” (Luther Reed). In other words, this is a time of prayer on behalf of the Church at large. To that end, many LCMS congregations today base their prayers on ones prepared by the Commission on Worship. In this sense, the petitions truly are universal and prayed by the Church at Large.

It goes beyond praying only for the sick in the congregation. It is a broad ranging prayer that includes the great commission goal that the Word may be preached to the strengthening of God’s people and salvation of the lost. Without careful consideration it is easy to let this prayer slip into becoming only a grocery list of parochial needs rather than breathing the spirit of Saint Paul’s words above.

As far as its positioning in the worship service, the Prayer is closely tied with the offering and singing of the offertory. We offer up gifts, the praise of the offertory, and our prayers. More could be said in regard to its placement, but let me speak to another practical consideration. How do we stop our minds from wandering in prayer? It can be hard enough not to wander in our own prayer, let alone following someone else’s prayer! This is part of the reason the prayers are often broken up with words like, “Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.”

When I have followed another person who is leading a prayer, I have found it helpful to focus on a thought or phrase of the person’s prayer and bring in my own quick petition on the subject. Perhaps I will repeat a phrase the other person is praying and give a quick “amen” or “Lord, have mercy.” See what works for you, but don’t let Satan and your flesh steal community prayer from you. Don’t surrender so that you simply bow your head and let your mind drift. Join in and breathe the spirit of the Apostle Paul’s words!

The Offering

How often have we heard, “all the church cares about is money?” To such a person, the Offering becomes an opportunity to rationalize his hostile attitude. The Offering isn’t really meant for such a person. As a matter of fact, it has been my experience that giving doesn’t come by way of the new convert either. Offerings spring out of the deep—the deepness of abiding in Christ’s grace. When people mature in Christ, offerings can flow more freely. Indeed, the Christian offers his whole life up to God as a response to His mercy (Romans 12:1-2). The Offering only makes sense when seen in the light of Christ. When Christ holds the strings to open my heart, He will in time hold the purse strings as well.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Peck

IN THE WORD

ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HEARING GOD'S WORD BESIDES IN CHURCH???

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR 8:45 am

ADULTS – meet in the Fellowship Hall
Study on the book of "Revelation"

Why does everyone get so worked up about the Book of Revelation?...yes, it is Revelation, not Revelations. It is singular, not plural. Whole doctrines and churches are based solely on so called, "End Times" stuff and this is their lens through which the entirety of Scripture is viewed. Well, if you are caught up in the Left Behind frenzy and want to learn what the Book of Revelation is really about and have that ridiculous doctrine purged from your mind, or if you just want to see Jesus and the hope that we have in Him instead of that nonsense, come to the Adult Bible Class on Sundays at 8:45 am. Believe me, before we are done, you too will be praying, "Amen. Come Lord Jesus."...

MID WEEK BIBLE STUDY

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING 10AM



SUNDAY SCHOOL –8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

The fall session began Sept. 20, 2015 using the CPH Fall series "Growing in Christ"

Preschool

Kindergarten through 3rd grade

4th through 8th grade

High school - Pastor Peck's class

Mini Choir and Youth choir

Will meet after the church service at approximately 11:00 a.m. Mini choir meets first for about 15 minutes.

ALL children welcome

SO many opportunities to hear God's Word!



STEPHEN MINISTRY



Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for others, listen to others, and speak the Good News about access to God through Jesus Christ. The task of the congregation is to refer the people we know who can benefit from having a Stephen Minister. In our congregation, the way that you ask for a Stephen Minister for yourself or that you refer someone else is to contact a Stephen Leader who coordinates assigning Stephen Ministers to care receivers. If you are requesting Stephen Ministry for someone else, please be sure to get his or her permission first. The Stephen Leader will contact the potential care receiver to see whether that person could benefit from having a Stephen Minister and assign a Stephen Minister if that is appropriate. Our Stephen Leaders are Judy Kugler, Eady Broscheit, and Joe Broscheit. When a crisis happens, make use of their ministry.

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ADULT CHOIR WANTS YOU!!



Adult Choir is accepting new members!
Please join us on Wed. nights from 7:00 to
8:30!

As it is the business of tailors to make clothes, and of cobblers to mend shoes, so it is the business of Christians to pray.

Martin Luther



Reformation

Worship

October 25, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Scripture Alone

Grace Alone

Faith Alone



Why do we have Reformation Sunday?

Born in Eisleben, Germany, in 1483, Martin Luther went on to become one of Western history's most significant figures. Luther spent his early years in relative anonymity as a monk and scholar. But in 1517 Luther penned a document attacking the Catholic Church's corrupt practice of selling "indulgences" to absolve sin. His "95 Theses," which propounded two central beliefs—that the Bible is the central religious authority and that humans may reach salvation only by their faith and not by their deeds—was to spark the Protestant Reformation. Although these ideas had been advanced before, Martin Luther codified them at a moment in history ripe for religious reformation. The Catholic Church was ever after divided, and the Protestantism that soon emerged was shaped by Luther's ideas. His writings changed the course of religious and cultural history in the West. The Ninety-Five Theses is widely regarded as the initial catalyst for the Protestant Reformation

The background to Luther's Ninety-Five Theses centers on practices within the Catholic Church regarding baptism and absolution. Significantly, the Theses rejected the validity of indulgences (remissions of temporal punishment due for sins which have already been forgiven). They also view with great cynicism the practice of indulgences being sold, and thus the penance for sin representing a financial transaction rather than genuine contrition. Luther's Theses argued that the sale of indulgences was a gross violation of the original intention of confession and penance, and that Christians were being falsely told that they could find absolution through the purchase of indulgences.

In addition to his criticisms of indulgences, Luther also reflected popular sentiment about the "St. Peter's scandal" in the 95 Theses:

Why does not the pope, whose wealth today is greater than the wealth of the richest Crassus, build the basilica of St. Peter with his own money rather than with the money of poor believers?

The 95 Theses were quickly distributed throughout Germany and then made their way to Rome. In 1518, Luther was summoned to Augsburg, a city in southern Germany, to defend his opinions before an imperial diet (assembly). A debate lasting three days between Luther and Cardinal Thomas Cajetan produced no agreement. Cajetan defended the church's use of indulgences, but Luther refused to recant and returned to Wittenberg.

On April 17, 1521 Luther appeared before the Diet of Worms in Germany. Refusing again to recant, Luther concluded his testimony with the defiant statement: "*Here I stand. God help me. I can do no other.*"



Lutheran Women In Mission - LWML

**LADIES OF WHEAT RIDGE LUTHERAN--
PLEASE COME TO LWML!**

*We have a Great Roster of Activities for
the 2015-2016 year!*

- October 18th – MITE Sunday
- 25th – Chili Cook-off
- November 8th – Supper for CU Boulder Luth. Chapel
- 14th – LWML meeting 9 a.m. at church
- 15th – MITE Sunday
- Angel Tree collection – Brandon House
- December 2nd – Advent by Candlelight Event
- 13th – Annual Cookie Walk/ MITE Sunday
- January 16th – LWML meeting 9 a.m. at church
- 17th – MITE Sunday
- February 14th – LWML Sunday Brunch/MITE Sunday
- 17th – Lenten Soup Supper
- March 12th – LWML meeting 9 a.m. at church
- 13th – MITE Sunday
- April 17th – MITE Sunday
- Gifts from the Heart Project
- Girls’ Night Out
- May 14th – LWML meeting 9 a.m. at church
- Election of officers
- 15th – MITE Sunday

**LWML Sets 2015-2017 Mission Goal
at \$2 Million!**

Delegates to the 36th Biennial Convention of the LWML this past summer in Des Moines adopted a \$2 million mission goal for 2015-2017. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 19 mission grants as men and women respond in prayer and offerings during the next two years. LWML chose to support the following mission grants, pledging their support with prayers and mites (offerings) given over the next biennium:

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| --Clean Water and Evangelism Ministry | \$50,000 |
| --Disaster Response Trailers | \$80,000 |
| --Cancer Care Packages—Phil’s Friends | \$50,000 |
| --Renovation of JEM Seminary Buildings | \$120,000 |
| --Redeeming Life Maternity Home | \$100,000 |
| --Hope and Healing to the Navajo People | \$75,000 |
| --Outreach in Refugee Camps-Lebanon | \$72,000 |
| --Health Families | \$60,000 |
| --LCMS Global Seminary Initiative | \$100,000 |
| --Training Teachers and Leaders | \$100,000 |
| --Opportunities in Uganda | \$100,000 |
| --“In Their Hands and Upon Their Hearts” | \$50,000 |
| --“We Are God’s Workmanship” | \$32,500 |
| --Bringing the Gospel to the Lost Sheep of Israel | \$100,000 |
| --Helping Hands Initiative | \$100,000 |
| --Deaconess Training | \$90,000 |
| --Lutheran Youth Corps | \$25,000 |
| --Providing Hope for Detroit | \$100,000 |
| --Rosa Young Academies | \$14,063.94 |

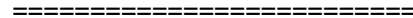
Your Mites Touch Lives

Do you realize what an impact your mite offerings have in the world? Are you aware of how many lives are being touched by the grants that the LWML supports?

A former LWML national president, Jan Wendorf, reports, “In Tanzania in 2013, I saw first-hand the work of the Lutheran Malaria Initiative, which was an LWML grant from 2011-2013, and we met people who were alive because of LMI which provided nets to cover their beds to keep out malaria-carrying mosquitos; people who now could hear the life-giving Word of God. Helping distribute quilts (a different grant from 2009-2011) to those who had few possessions reinforced that act of service done by so many of our supporters.”

Those mites used for \$2,000,000 in grants DO make a difference!! Please share this news with everyone you know! The time is NOW to let people know about the grants and how they, too, can participate.

NEXT LWML MEETING – November 14



Mite Sunday

October 18th the Big Mite Box will be at the refreshment table to receive your donations. Won’t you please consider dropping your coins (as the widow in Jesus’ example in Luke) into the Mite Box? The Mite Box is out all the time, just in case you forget on Mite Sunday. All paper money is accepted too! Take another Mite box home and fill again!

The LWML ladies of Rocky Mountain District are already looking ahead to the DISTRICT CONVENTION June 10-12, 2016 at the Antler’s Hotel in Colorado Springs. Ingatherings to collect quilts for our VA hospitals, and goodie boxes to ship to soldiers overseas will be gathered. So watch for that! These conventions are SO uplifting— let’s see how we can help our ladies get to that convention!



FEED THE FUTURE

Steven's Elementary School volunteers will again bag up food for the school children to take home... otherwise many of these needy children would go without food over the weekend. CAN YOU HELP?? The location has moved across the street from Reed Street to 7101 W. 38th Ave. at Stevens Elementary. The group from Wheat Ridge usually works the first Thursday of the month beginning at 8:30. If you need a ride, call Martha Broscheit. You can go any Thursday, or every Thursday as fits your schedule; that would help immensely. They need help all month.

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms (1 Peter 4:8-10 NIV).

FOOD DRIVE

It's time again to help out the Action Center with food donations. Grocery sacks will be handed out October 4th with a suggested list of items requested. Food will be collected for five weeks. Canned food in keeping Thanksgiving in mind is welcomed for the Action Center to make up baskets for the holiday. All non-perishable items are welcome, including paper products. Thank you for your help. When you've put in whatever you can, please place your bags under the mailboxes.

