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"For Christ's love compels us..." 2 Corinthians 5:14*



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Dear Fellow People Whom Jesus Died and Lives Again For:

"Peace be with you" Jesus told His disciples as it is recorded for us in John 20. We need to hear those words just as much as the disciples back then needed to hear them. We too have doubts, maybe not the same ones they had, yet we have real struggles of our own to contend with ... personally and on the church scene. It is easy to look inward to work through these struggles but as the words above remind us we need to look not at self but at Christ who has put us in the leadership positions we currently serve. His peace is here to guide us. His peace is here to provide balance. His peace is here to reassure us that despite human failings there is one area for sure that is not going to fail for the victory has been won already. Jesus died and He lives again so we can be sure through thick and thin things will work out ... there is peace of mind and heart knowing this. Forgiven and at peace, God keep us focused on the work before us – even if it may seem like an up hill struggle currently. He lives and so do we!

The Enclosed News From The WELS

This month focuses on WELS outreach efforts together with other areas of ministry which keep us on task as a Synod when it comes to carrying out our Lord's Great Commission. Enjoy!

Please pass along a copy to the person appointed in your congregation to be the WELS Representative so information can be highlighted as necessary at church meetings. Thank you for your cooperation!

Welcome New Congregation Representatives:

Please pass on the enclosed newsletter to the powers that be in order to be copied for congregational reading. This newsletter, together with some other helpful information, can be downloaded from Bethlehem-wels.org. Go to the "CCFS News..." link on the home page (far right corner). Your role of highlighting segments of it and encouraging financial support of our ministries remains the same. Thank you for work!

Synod Planned Giving Information

Pastor David Dolan is our new district WELS Planned Giving Counselor focusing in on Direct Gifts to WELS as well as Mission Partners work. You can reach him at 800-827-5482. You can contact another new counselor to our district, Mr. Neil Scriver, if you would like information regarding Estate Planning or Making a Will. You can reach him at 414-256-3888. These two men have some great tools to help individuals and congregations use well the gifts God entrusts to us while on this side of heaven.

Your soul is a treasure too -
God's peace is yours through Jesus.

Pastor Jonathan Kolander