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



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Dear Partners in Christ-centered Ministries:

"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead" 1 Corinthians 15:20. Boy, do we need to hear that again and again as signs of the End are visible. Whether it be End Times, Thanksgiving, Advent and so on, we have been given a ray of hope to sink our teeth into and keep us focused. With the condition of our synod and churches and lives this God-given, Christ-earned hope is necessary to keep at the forefront of our minds and hearts for without it we are simply spinning our wheels; yet with this hope we are never out of the ballgame, so to speak. Our God can do incredible things through us ... keep in mind the incredible thing He has done for us through His own Son. With much that can keep us down, let us look up to Christ who has taken on the curse of sin and come out the Victor and who has passed on the victory to us that we might live in light of it as well as pass it on through the proclamation of the Gospel. To that end, until the End, we live and work ... thanks be to God – Christ is arisen! Be thankful, dear friends of Christ. God help us show our thanks.

**Prayer Subjects:**

Priority Giving for the support of God's work, especially in light of the fiscal issues our schools have  
 Reasons to be thankful even during difficult times

The health and safety of those who govern our nation, down to the local level

"...he hears the prayer of the righteous" Proverbs 15:29

**REMEMBER THIS...Repeated**

2006 Congregation Mission Offering Intentions will be asked for come January of 2006. For those who run a July to June year (for example), take the number you have proposed for the first half of 2006 [January – June] and then add to it the number you might plan to use for the next budget cycle [July – December]. Congregations ought to have received the information which takes you through the submitting process step by step. It is new this year. **Ideal way is electronically to Synod** (the way to download the form and send it back is in the packet). Next way: hard copy of parchment form to Synod. Third: fax to Synod (414-256-3899). Again, all this is in the packet. Original parchment form is for your church bulletin board. We would like to see all 145+ congregations respond. Questions yet? Contact me as noted above. THANK YOU AHEAD OF TIME...they are trickling in!

**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). Be prepared: this newsletter will have to be sent out by email only come next year to save on postage. You can receive it directly or receive a copy from the church office as each church is being sent a copy. Your role of highlighting segments of it and encouraging financial support of our ministries remains the same. Thank you for work!

God's peace is yours through Jesus.

Pastor Jonathan Kolander