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If God Should Take A Vacation

In the 2003 movie, “Bruce Almighty”, God (played by Morgan Freeman) decides to go on a weekend vacation and turn the control of the universe over to Bruce Nolan (played by Jim Carrey). Would you be okay with this – Jim Carrey running the universe? Heaven help us! Regardless of who He picked as His substitute, how would you feel about God taking a vacation from all of His responsibilities?

In the movie, it was, of course, a disaster. In the span of just a few hours, the world, under the control of Bruce Nolan, was falling apart. Imagine if the God decided He needed a vacation from us because he had something more fun or better to do. Would you miss Him? Maybe not, but you would miss the things that He does. Martin Luther said something to the effect that if God were to withdraw His loving care from us for just an instant, we would be wiped out. The universe would collapse and all of us would be dead instantly. I think we could all agree that it’s not a good idea for God to take a vacation.

As we begin the season of summer when many of us will be taking vacations, is it a good idea for us to take a vacation from God because we need a break and have better things to do? By that, I mean being gone so many times on the weekends that we are unable to gather together with other Christians to hear the Word of God and receive our Savior’s body and blood in the Holy Sacrament; engaging in so many leisure activities that we take a break from reading and studying the Word of God together with other Christians; or visiting with so many friends and family across the state and country that we have no time to visit with God and pray to Him.

The results of our vacation on our faith life may be equally as disastrous as a vacation by God would be on our physical life, although perhaps not as immediate. Faith never fails because of one missed worship service or one week without Bible Study. Rather, it gradually erodes due to lack of contact with God. An occasional missed worship service here. A skipped Bible class there. Soon, taking a vacation in our faith life occurs more frequently and extends from summer into the winter. By the time a person has lost their faith in gradual increments, they don’t realize that they have.

God never takes a vacation. He is always by our sides to care for us and all that we need. He never falls asleep at the wheel, but is always alertly paying attention to our needs. In Psalm 121, the psalmist writes, “[God] will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper;...The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.” The Lord cares for the needs of our body in providing us with food, clothing, shelter, and many other wonderful blessings. More importantly, the Lord cares for the needs of our souls in providing houses of worship where we can go and worship. He provides pastors to preach and teach His Word year-round. He provides fellow Christians to gather with us and to encourage each other in our faith life. The Lord will keep us safe and secure, body and soul, now and forever.

So, enjoy your vacation time this summer. My wife and I will enjoy ours. But let that vacation be only a break from the physical grind of everyday life and never a vacation from God. If you’re going to be out of town, you can find the nearest sister congregation by going to the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod website (www.lcms.org) and look in the upper right hand corner for the link to “locators.” If you’re going to be a way from civilization in general and not near a church, you can still find rest in the Word of God wherever you are. Pick up a copy of “**Summer** Worship For Travelers” brochure and a copy of “Portals of Prayer” and be sure to take them and your Bible with you. You will be able to feed your spiritual life wherever you are. You will return physically and spiritually rested.

Happy vacationing!

Pastor Steven R. Schlund

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Everyone who came and baked and/or helped with the Quad Circuit Pastors Conference.
All those who participate and help with the worship service at Highgate House on the first Sunday of each month.
All of the people who have offered to serve the Lord as officers for Peace Lutheran Church.
Gloria Creek and Val Martin for playing the organ during our worship services.
All those who volunteer to teach Sunday school, Bible class, and midweek classes on Sundays and Wednesdays.
Matt Schlund for changing the banners and paraments.
Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.
Everyone who has donated treats for our fellowship time.
All of the men who volunteer to usher.
Angelika Fisher for cleaning the church.
All of the people who stay after and clean the kitchen after Bible study.
Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.
This list is not inclusive. Please accept our apologies if we have missed giving you credit for serving the Lord in any fashion. We know that the Lord knows your service to Him.

VBS canceled

Vacation Bible School will not happen this year due to lack of teachers.
We will try again next year.

LWML

- ♥ **Our meeting from May 20 has been moved to Monday, June 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come!. We will finish our Bible study and have election of officers. Remember your Mite Boxes!
- ♥ **During the month of June, we will be collecting items to be given to Helping Hands down at First English Lutheran Church.** Their wish list includes **shampoo, hand soaps (bars), toothbrushes, tooth paste.** Please bring any of these items and we will be sure they are taken to Helping Hands at the end of June. Thank you, **Val and Loretta,** for organizing this project.
- ♥ **Our planning meeting will be Monday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m.** All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and participate in the planning of the coming year’s activities and servant event projects. Many new and exciting ideas will be talked about and planned!
- ♥ **Remember to bring your new soap for Soap Sunday on the second Sunday of each month.** Soap collected will go to Lutheran World Relief. Thanks for your continued support.

Echoz Baby Bottles Campaign

“Life is Precious. Fill a bottle for Life. Pick up a bottle, fill it with change, bills or a check. Bring it back to the church on Father’s Day – **June 16.** A little change makes a big difference.” Bottles are available from the table in the hallway.

Ladies Bible study schedule

Here comes summer! Tourist season is upon us! That means Bible study for the FRIDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASS is in recess until fall. However, Assisted Living Ministry continues. Come and join them on a summer's day when they gather for hymn singing and a devotion at the following locations. Ladies and gentlemen will meet Tuesday, June 11th at 11 a.m. at Bee Hive Home #2, 2816 15th Ave So. The no host lunch will be Friday, June 21st at 11:45 a.m. at the Bar S Supper Club, 5100 North Star Blvd. Afterward many will go to Highgate House, 3000 11th Ave So.

The schedule for July for Assisted Living Ministry will include the Bee Hive Home #2 visit will be Tuesday, July 9th at 11 a.m. The no host lunch will be held on Friday, July 19th at 11:45 a.m. at the Black Bear Restaurant, 1420 Market Place Drive, then on to Highgate afterward. If you have company, bring them along! Share the fellowship and joy!



June Anniversaries

- June 12 William and Ruth Rozokat
- June 14 Tom and Connie Croskrey
- June 17 Andrew and Kelsey Schlund
- June 23 – Gary and Carol Lindstrand

Baptismal Anniversaries

- June 1 Dennis Nivens
- 3 Maverick Meierhoff
- 7 Dylon Bilskemper
- 7 Christian Bilskemper
- 11 Jennifer Lewis
- 12 Linda Aguiar
- 14 Angela Fletcher
- 16 Alicia Fletcher
- 16 Bernie Schaaf
- 18 Phyllis Schaaf
- 20 Toni Nivens
- 23 Meagan Croskrey
- 27 Marge Johnsten
- 28 Becky Schlund



July Anniversaries

- July 1 Tyler and Hunter Denning
- July 5 Pat and Helen Lewis
- July 15 Arnie and Betsy Wirth
- July 19 Ben and Shirley Coe
- July 23 Lyle and Tara Onstad
- July 30 Dennis and Toni Nivens
- July 31 Steve & Becky Schlund

Baptismal Anniversaries

- July 1 Andrew Onstad
- 2 Shirley Coe
- 3 Mason LaPlante
- 7 Richard Schotthey
- 8 Nolan Croskrey
- 9 Ezekiel Bilskemper
- 10 Natasha Meierhoff
- 11 Helen Lewis
- 16 Matthew Schlund
- 19 Eric Fletcher
- 19 Jan Neiffer
- 20 Elizabeth Allen
- 20 Pat Lewis
- 23 Beate Neumann



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

- Tami Birkholz**, Karen's sister-in-law who is battling a rare skin tissue disorder
- Michael Drummond** – Lupus
- Rev. Mark Grunst** of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
- Connie Juden**
- Rev. Erich Kaelberer** - ALS
- Wallace Martin**, Mitch's brother under Hospice Care
- Dorothy Neuman**
- Jane Nicolaus**, cancer
- Ed Ostlund**, waiting for heart valve replacement surgery in Billings

One member who is away serving in the military is **Michael Lewis**.

Deaf Camp 2019



Members of Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf are hosting camp from **August 22 through 25, 2019** at Trinity Lutheran Camp in Bigfork, Montana. The cost for those who want to come and enjoy time at the camp is \$75 per person. For those who want to come and hear God's Word and participate in Bible study, morning and evening devotions and Worship, the cost is \$30 per person. Registration forms are in the church office. Please register and pay by August 14, 2019. Plan now to come and join the fun!!

Deacon for June is Mitch Martin.

Ushers for June

- June 2----- Arnie Gidlow
- Gary Link
- June 9----- Arnie Wirth
- Greg Franczyk
- June 16----- Lyle Onstad
- James Onstad
- June 23----- Tyler Denning
- Jared Dudden
- June 30----- Darrell Greenwood
- Pat Lewis

Summer Worship For Travelers

Are you going to be traveling this summer and far from a church on a Sunday morning? Pastor Schlund has prepared a brochure called *Summer Worship For Travelers* which you can take along with you on your trip. It has a brief order of worship from *Lutheran Service Book* and a listing of all the Bible Readings for the summer months. Take one with you for the times you can't be in church this summer. Copies are on the table outside the Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf office.

Offering counters needed

We are in need of people to volunteer to count the offering after services. Usually we ask people to commit to a month at a time. The process is simple and is all computerized. If you are interested in helping count the offering after services for a month or so, please contact Treasurer Arnie Wirth.

Church Work Day

The Board of Directors has decided to have a church cleaning day at least one evening each month. They decided to try the first Wednesday of each month. So beginning on

June 5th we will be meeting at 6:30 PM

to clean up outside and/or inside the church building.



We will be doing whatever needs to be done such as

cleaning ovens,
changing light bulbs,
mowing,
trimming,
picking up trash,
repairing what might be broken, etc.

Please join us for as long as your schedule will allow. If Wednesday doesn't work, we may try another day. If we need to meet more than once each month, we will do that too. Thank you for helping us make the Lord's House look loved and cared for!