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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Nine eleven is no longer just a number. 9/11 is no longer just a date. Whether written or spoken, 9/11 has become an event indelibly engraved on the hearts and lives of all Americans. Who doesn't remember exactly where they were and what they were doing ten years ago when, on September 11, 2001, 19 al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four passenger jets and intentionally crashed two planes into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, killing everyone on board and thousands of those working in the buildings? Although one plane crashed into the Pentagon and another into a Pennsylvania field, it is the collapsing of the Twin Towers that will always haunt us.

All told, nearly 3,000 people lost their lives on that day. What did we learn? Some would say we learned to take terrorism more seriously that day. Some would say that we learned to increase security in public places. Some would say that we learned that we are no longer safe. There is truth in all of these, especially the last one.

We have been lulled into thinking that, with all of our science, technology, and military might, the United States of America is safe from all danger and threats, both from within and without. Although we may have suspected this not to be true all along, 9/11 completely shattered that illusion. More science, more technology, and more military might will not and cannot change that.

The thought of complete security based on our own efforts is not a new one. Isaiah chastised the people of Israel for doing just that: "Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, who rely on horses, who trust in the multitude of their chariots and in the great strength of their horsemen, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel, or seek help from the LORD." (Isaiah 31:1) Sinful humanity has always relied on its own effort to be safe and has always found itself to be unsafe.

What shall we do then? Shall we wring our hands pessimistically? Hide under our beds in fear? Completely give up? No, not at all. We CAN have security, but it is to be found in a different source and is to be defined differently.

By God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ, we are in relationship with the Creator and Preserver of the universe. The LORD is stronger than any terrorist group, any military weapon, or any worldly problem. In Him, we can find the lasting security which we desire. Psalm 46 says, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging...The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress." (Psalm 46:1-3, 7)

Does this mean we will never be injured by terrorists simply because we trust in the Lord? No. Does this mean that we will always have social, financial, and military success because the Lord is on our side? No. It means much more than that. While we may suffer in this world due to the effect of sin, we are eternally secure. Because Jesus has defeated sin, death, and the devil by dying on the cross, we are safe from this unholy trinity, as well as anything it can throw against us. The victory guaranteed by Jesus' resurrection from the dead is our victory as well.

As we commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11 and remember those who died in that awful tragedy, do not fear for your safety. Because of the One who died in an awful tragedy on a cross 2,000 years ago and rose victoriously from death to life, you are safe and secure for all eternity.

In Christ,

Pastor Steven R. Schlund

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Everyone who went and helped at Deaf Camp.
 Everyone who worked at the fair booth.
Laura Brandt, Annn Nimmick, and Barb Going, from Trinity, who made phone calls and contacted people from the fair booth who indicated they would like to be contacted.
All of the ladies who helped make pillowcase dresses for Africa.
Cascade County Thrivent Chapter Board for sponsoring a night at the Voyager's ball game.
All of the ladies who go to Benefis Skilled Nursing Center, Park Place Nursing Home, Bee Hive Home #4 and Highgate House for hymn singing and devotions every month.
Gloria Creek, Val Martin, and Kathy McIntosh for playing the organ during our worship services.
All those who volunteer to teach Sunday school, Bible class, and midweek classes.
Idell Croskrey 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.
Jerry and Jody Geist and Angelika Fisher for cleaning the church.
All of the ladies who stay after and clean the kitchen after Bible study.
Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.
Cindy Greenwood for decorating the bulletin boards.
 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.

LWML

- ♥ **Thank you to everyone who donated school items that were sent to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Cullman, Alabama.** Thanks to Diann Stevens for organizing this project.
- ♥ **The Central Zone Fall Rally will be held at St. Paul Lutheran in Lewistown on Saturday October 1.** Sylvia Adams, Central Zone delegate, Johanna Stinnett, Young Woman Representative, and Rev. Justin Herman, Montana District Junior Counselor, will be the speakers about their adventures and misadventures at the National Convention in Peoria, Illinois earlier this summer. The service project they have chosen is The Pregnancy Care Center in Lewistown, a pro-life charity committee to support mothers in a crisis pregnancy. Their wish list **includes infant sleepers, diapers, wipes, baby t-shirts, receiving blankets, baby shampoo, washcloths and towels, etc.** Plan now to attend!
- ♥ **Our next meeting and Bible study will be Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m.** All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come.
- ♥ **The Fall LWML Retreat will be at Cane Ridge West in Lincoln on September 23 and 24.** Registration costs \$50 and forms are in the latest *Montana Missive* or in the church office.
- ♥ **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.
- ♥ **Thank you Marge Johnsten and Diane Steffens who volunteered to act as co-presidents for Peace's local LWML.** Thank you **Becky Schlund and Janet Kempf** for volunteering to act as co-vice presidents. Thank you **Val Martin** for volunteering as secretary and **Linda Aguiar** for volunteering as treasurer.

Family Night

We will begin Family Night again on Wednesday, September 14th with a potluck at 6:00 PM. The theme for the potluck will be pizza. There will be Bible Study for all ages, beginning at 6:30 PM. Adults will be introduced to the Bible Study themes for the year. Youth will meet their teachers and be introduced to their class materials for the coming year. The time will end with closing devotions.

Ladies Bible Study Schedule

Tomatoes are ripening faster than you can eat them, students are back at school -- it must be September! With autumn approaching FRIDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASS will resume. Plan to join them as they begin a new topic of study. They will meet September 9th, 16th, and 30th from 1 - 3 pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Ave So. Assisted Living Ministry with hymn singing and a devotion will be held at the following locations and dates. Ladies will meet on Tuesday, September 13th at 11 am at the Bee Hive Home at 2328 15th Ave So. On September 23rd the group will meet at 11:45 am at Five Loaves Coffeehouse & Bakery at 4117 2nd Ave North for a no host lunch before going to Highgate House at 3000 11th Ave So from 1:30 - 2:30. Come and join the group as they lead residents in singing familiar hymns!



September Anniversaries

Sept. 3	Darrell and Cindy Greenwood
Sept. 4	Scott and Lisa Rubino
Sept. 6	Russ and Val Kraenzel
Sept. 8	Ernie and Judy VanVleet
Sept. 9	Lucas and Tina Wayman
Sept. 10	James and Susan Knoll
Sept. 16	Kevin and Cathi Cline
Sept. 18	Ken and Brenda Rubino
Sept. 19	Richard & Charlene Schotthey
Sept. 24	Scott and Ann Clutter
Sept. 27	Jason and Brook Gerard
Sept. 29	Robert and Angela Fletcher
Sept. 30	Lyle and Joan Sivumaki

Baptismal Anniversaries

September 1	Tara Onstad
2	Evelyn Henselin
4	Jill Keil
4	Kris Heppner
7	Jessamy Blomgren
8	Kathlina Carlsen
8	Nancy Crestoni
9	Joe Furr I
9	Meghan Magnuson
12	Jennifer Scanlon
12	Kevin VanVleet
15	Maria Kirkpatrick
16	Karl Mueller
19	Elsie Huss
20	John Sivumaki
20	Ken Steinke
21	Gabriel Jensen
22	Melissa Weaver
24	Paul Rubino
25	Rustin Kraenzel Jr.
26	Kaden Talley
29	Scott Rubino
29	Karin Steinke



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

John Birkholz
Patsy Zvara

Our members who are away serving in the military are **Justin Talley, Kurt Mueller, Michael Lewis and Jacob Meierhoff.**

We pray for comfort for the family of **Jo Flom** who died Friday, August 26.

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans For Life

“We must be willing to make the sacrifice and rearrange our lives to welcome that unanticipated beautiful new baby. We must pay the price in time, energy, and often money, to care for that sick, elderly person. We must pay the price in time and energy to care for that child with Down syndrome. We must pay the price of work, money, and effort, to teach, proclaim, and enact laws that defend life. But, dearly beloved, with the price paid there come great rewards.” *Rev. Don Richman, Lutherans For Life International Representative – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org*

Adult Inquirers’ Class

Adult Inquirers’ Class will begin on Sunday, September 11th and will run for approximately 12 Sunday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. The course covers the basic teachings of Christianity through the use of the Bible and Luther’s Small Catechism. Welcome to attend are people who want to know what the Lutheran church and our congregation believes and practices; people who desire to become members of Peace Lutheran Church; and people who want to review what they learned in confirmation class. There is no obligation to become a member after completing the class. If you would like more information or know of someone who might be interested in receiving an invitation to this course, talk to Pastor Schlund.

Membership directory changes

Please make note of these changes in your membership directory.

John and Karen Birkholz new address is 1501-2 23rd Street South, 59405.

Their phone number is 315-1840

Jennifer Drummond’s address is 18263 SE Addie Street, Milwaukie, OR 97267

Finances

The year to date budgeted amount through July 31, 2011 is **\$93,676.73**. What was given through July 31, 2011 is **\$81,053.22**. **We are short \$12,623.51**. Our Mission Commitment to the District has not been met for several months and is behind 5,250.00. The amount in **Lutheran Church Extension Fund** as of July 31, 2011 is **\$31,687.78**. **LCEF loan balance as of July 31, 2011 is \$91,105.75.**

