



Pastor's Pen

Dear Risen Christ Family:

I pray that your summer is going well! Hard to believe we were just getting our feet wet as Minnesotans just over a year ago! Where does the time go? As I was going over the Scripture lessons for Sunday July 12th, the Epistle lesson was from Ephesians 1:3-14. A friend sent me the following that tied right in:

GOD: Angels, do you know what I was just thinking about? **ANGELS:** What were you thinking about?

GOD: Christians seem to have forgotten what kind of power they have available and the devil keeps on deceiving them! **ANGELS:** God, exactly what are you driving at? **GOD:** I have made my children in such a way that when the people of the world are sitting, they would be standing, when the world is standing, they will stand out, when the world stands out, my children must be outstanding and when the devil dares the world to be outstanding, my people will be the standards to be used! **JESUS:** They (Christians) are also forgetting the words in Ephesians 1:3.

GOD: Read Ephesians 1:3. **ANGEL:** PRAISE BE TO THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO HAS BLESSED US IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING IN CHRIST. So what do we do now since the end is almost near? **HOLY SPIRIT:** My Presence is still among men and I will teach and remind the Christians of all that we have discussed. I will also make sure that they pass this message on! **JESUS:** I will also keep on interceding for them & stand in for them even in their weaknesses. **GOD:** I will also make sure that I give to all those who ask of me, seek me and try to find me. The blessings I have promised them through My Son, Jesus Christ will be delivered to all those who discover that I, Jehovah, am ready to bless them! Not because of any special things they have done, but just because I LOVE THEM! **JESUS:** I will also give all My followers who are willing to pass this truth on, enough strength to carry on! **ANGELS:** We are all backing THE Oneness of the Godhead and even the devil cannot stop us! How funny! Christians are finally taking over and **DEVIL** (eavesdropping behind the gates): I hope you all heard! I will deploy more troops to make sure the Christians pray less, read their Bibles less, preach less and stay busy with trivial things....

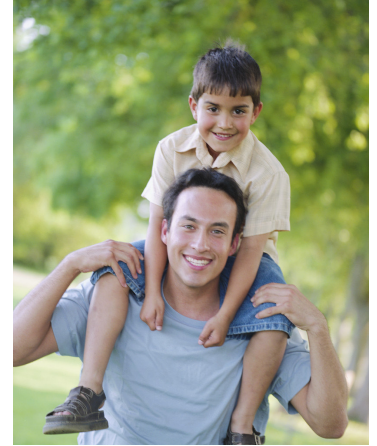
Our God wants to BLESS us big time. He has given us the WORD & SACRAMENTS to shower the rich grace of His Son into our lives so that we may experience those heavenly blessings NOW on earth! Let me remind you of the SUMMER CHALLENGE in case you forgot! Read the four GOSPELS and reflect on the life of Jesus. Read a chapter a day from the book of Proverbs and five Psalms a day and you will make your way through this precious portion of God's Word in the month of August. We also have OUR DAILY BREAD to go with the PORTALS OF PRAYER if you would like to use these fine resources as well! You will find these on the Kiosk or on the table outside Carolyn's office. Be blessed by God's Word.

GRACE TO YOU!

Pastor Chris

Mission of the Month—August Valley Outreach, Stillwater, MN

- ◆ Food Shelf
- ◆ Dawns Closet
- ◆ Emergency Fund



Kate Krisik from Valley Outreach will be here Sunday August 23rd during fellowship time. She would like to Thank us for our contributions throughout the years and to update us on the new ways Valley Outreach is continuing to serve our community.

Fellowship Luncheons August Theme - Fair Food



Something New—Fellowship Luncheons

The first of our proposed fellowship luncheon will be held on August 30th after the worship service. The Theme for this meal will be “fair food ”and in Minnesota that means food on a stick. Stay after the service and enjoy good company and food. Donations of salads and deserts would be appreciated or a freewill offering will be accepted. Contact Mike Prokosch (651)429-6750 for more details or with questions.

The next luncheons thru the end of the year are :

- *Sunday November 15th—Fall Festival Food*
- *Thursday December 31st (New Year’s Eve).*

中美聯誼會
Christian Friends of China



In August there will be a furniture assembly for the new students arriving from China. Please check the bulletins for the date and time. Many volunteers are needed. To volunteer or if you have questions please contact Paul Lieder (651) 653-3467 or Jerry Helander at (651)777-9720.



The Prayer chain

- Pray for those suffering the loss of a loved one.
- Pray for Sarah and Christopher Snyder as they begin their married life together
 - Pray for Robert and Ivy who will be married August 2nd, 2009
 - Pray for everyone who is recovering from illness or surgery
 - Pray for those suffering from addiction
 - Pray for those going through hardships
 - Pray for the health of RCLC's ministry
 - Pray for the health of CFC's ministry
- Pray for Nate, Molly and Teddy Ernst as they move to Alabama

A Memorial Service for Ken Veznor

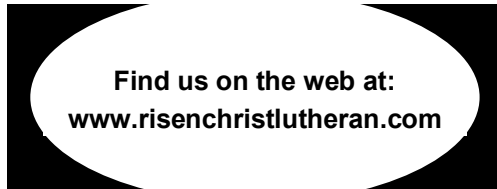
As many of you know Ken Veznor was a good friend of the Crowthers. Ken and his wife Harriet donated the pews for our church. A memorial service for Ken will be Held at our church on August 8th at 10:00 a.m.





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