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Grace and Peace to you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

 Summer is here! We made it to Memorial Day weekend. Perhaps some of you will enjoy a cookout or attend a parade as we remember those who gave their lives in defense of the country. We take a day out to remember the sacrifice given.

 As a Christian that is what Sundays are to us, a memorial, but not of death but of life. We worship on Sundays as a memory and celebration of Christ coming out of the tomb! It is why we gather early on Sundays and begin our week with Christ.

 During the summer months I know many of you will be busy traveling and taking vacations. As Christians though, our faith doesn’t end during the summer months. Keep up with worship this summer. If you are going to be gone, take a devotion along with you. Also while prayer is probably already a central focus of your life, take extra time out to pray and give thanks to God for the many blessings we are allowed to enjoy throughout the year.

 Otherwise, knowing that we have been redeemed and are part of God’s family and His baptized children, do take time out this summer to enjoy God’s creation.

God’s blessings to you this summer!

Pastor Brian

P.S. A couple of notes: as we go through the summer months I’d like to once again invite anyone in the congregation to submit hymn requests to me. If there is a hymn that we haven’t sung as often as you’d like, please let me know and I will put it into the summer schedule.

 Also, if you are gone this summer for a few weeks at a time, and you give weekly offerings, we do encourage you to give and ‘make up’ those offerings when you return. We are doing well for our budget so far this year and we want to try to keep it up this summer.

 **NEWS AND NOTES:**

* **FAITH SHARING TIPS** (from the Evangelism Committee): Share what motivates you. The person who dies with the most toys still dies. The person who lives with Jesus still lives. Luke 12:15: “Watch out…against all kinds of greed. Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”
* **OUR GIVING:** Needed each week: $2,574. Received: 4/30 $1,392; 5/7 $2,810; 5/14 $3,064; 5/21 $1,755. As of 5/21/17 we are -$3,331
* On Sunday, June 4th, a **FUNDRAISING BRUNCH WILL BE HELD FOR NAOMI BYTNAR** (granddaughter of Ron & Judy Seibert). The monies collected will be given to the family to help pay the many financial challenges facing them. Men’s Club will match donations up to a total of $1,000. Please make checks payable to Chapel of the Cross. By doing so we can present them with one check that would include your donation and matching funds.
* Don’t forget **SCRIP** cards during the coming weeks. This is a great way to buy gas, groceries, fast food, gifts, etc. and benefit our Building Program at the same time. Orders are due the last Sunday of each month. Also, don’t forget to save your **TIMERS** **RECEIPTS**. Shawn Voss has generously offered to pay 5% to Chapel (just like Scrip). An envelope marked “Timers Receipts” is on Pastor’s desk by the Scrip orders bin.
* When you make a purchase on **Amazon.com**, pick Lutheran Chapel of the Cross as your charity and 0.5% of your purchase will be donated to church. **The web address is: smile.amazon.com.** Check Lutheran Chapel of the Cross, Mt. Pleasant, as your charity and continue on as usual placing your order.

Items for the July Crosswords need to be submitted by June 18th.