# The Epistle

# July 2020

### St. Paul's Lutheran

From the desk of Pastor Rohde:

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Rev. Roger Rohde Office Hours: M & Th 8:30 – 11:30 1-574-209-0306 (H)

Rev. Neil Wonnacott Office Hours: W & F 8:30 – 11:30 1-574-301-9291 (H) Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with mixed emotions that I inform you of my intent to retire as your administrative pastor beginning December 1, 2020. This is truly a very difficult decision to make, but I believe it is the Lord's will for St. Paul's Congregation and for my personal life. This has not come easy. I have spent months in prayer about this decision and have been led by the Holy Spirit to ask you to release me from God's call as your pastor.

It has truly been a privilege to serve you and serve with you during my time here. We have had some great celebrations and witnessed God's hand at work in numerous ways. God has been with us in some very good and some very difficult times. He has always been faithful and worked out all things for our eternal wellbeing.

When I accepted the call to be your pastor back in 1981, I was just a young man who still had so much to learn. I am still learning and growing, but I can honestly say you have wonderfully ministered to me and with me, so that our faith in Christ has increased, we have developed our gifts and talents to serve the Lord, and we have cared for one another's physical and spiritual needs. I am especially mindful of this as you were there during my son's serious automobile accident and Jeri's illness and call to eternal glory. You will always have a special place in my heart.

In my closing weeks with you, you will begin a process to evaluate, review, and reorganize the ministry of this congregation. Our circuit visitor, Pastor Galen Drawbaugh will be of great assistance to you. The Lord has promised that He would send His Holy Spirit upon you to guide your ways that you may continue to do the Lord's work as you have faithfully done for almost 175 years.

As for me, I will also let the Holy Spirit guide me into the next chapter of my life. I know that it is important for the welfare of this congregation that upon my retirement I make a clean break from you as your pastor. This means you will not always see me at all kinds of meetings and other church activities. I will no longer be your pastor, but I will remain your brother in Christ.

Let me close with the words of the Apostle Paul as they express my feelings: "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy

because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this,

that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:3-6).

Christ's peace be with you, Pastor Roger Rohde

Lessons In Stewardship: Make a Difference

An old man was walking on the beach when he saw what he thought was someone dancing. When he got closer, he saw it was a young man reaching down and picking up something and gently throwing it into the ocean. When asked what he was doing, the young man answered, "Throwing starfish in the ocean." When the old man asked why, the young man replied, "The sun is up, and the tide has gone out, and if I don't throw them back, they'll die." The old man then told this young man of the futility of his efforts. "Don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach, and starfish are all along it? You can't possibly make a difference." After throwing another starfish into the ocean, the young man said, "It made a difference for that one."

We live in a very sinful and corrupt world were the multitudes are lost because they are without Christ. Satan makes us feel that we cannot make much of a difference in such an overwhelming situation. This is why it is important for us to pay attention to the words of Jesus in John chapter 15. There Jesus speaks of going after the lost person and bringing him to Jesus. Jesus tells us that there is great joy in heaven when a sinner repents. Go then and make an eternal difference in other people's lives by bringing them the truth of Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen Savior.

<u>THE DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST EPISTLE IS JULY 21st!!!</u> Epistle articles, comments, ideas may be deposited in the epistle box in the Narthex mail slots or better yet e-mailed to Deb Burcham at dburcham@stpaulsbremen.org. I appreciate all of your articles, ideas and comments!

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Operating budget fund balance as of June 18, 2020- \$71,500 This amount represents over 5 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries. April operating budget fund donations - \$42,783 and April operating budget fund spend - \$44,684.

I want to thank the congregation for all the well wishes, cards, and drive by's on my 90th birthday. "Thus far has the Lord helped me" 1st Samuel 7:12. Hank Kiefer

Dear, great, wonderful, joyful, and blessed people of St. Paul's: Thanks to all of you who sent cards, and drove by and honked your horns and wished Hank Kiefer a great and joyous and blessed 90th birthday on June 13. It was a day that we will cherish in our hearts and lives for the rest of our days, as a gift from our Lord. Thanks to our Lord, and blessings and peace and hope and joy forever to all of you in Christ our Lord,

In Christ, The Kiefer Family

# Questions and Answers

#### with Pastor Micah, Robin, Samuel, Liza, David, and Lydia Wildauer

This informal interview presents a great view into the life of the Wildauer family while they lived in Togo. We are thankful they are here with our St. Paul's family and wish them God's blessings.

What do you miss about Togo?

(Answers are from youngest to oldest)

\*Lydia, age 3: I miss restaurants, the Wes family, the Robertson family, my bike, little puppy-daddy bring little puppy home and I touch it and pet it.

\*David, age 5: I miss my Paw Patrol puzzles, our books, the Christmas tree that we had there, the McDermotts, the Robertsons, the Wes family, my bike, our dogs, our ducks, the guardians, the house helper, Pastor Gaugert, I don't think there's anything else.

\*Liza, age 7: I miss my baby dolls.

\*Samuel: age 9: I miss playing with the Wes family.

\*Robin: I miss the simplicity of life, the families at the seminary, and our house helper.

\*Pastor Micah: I miss being in the classroom.

What do you like about the USA (or Indiana or Bremen)?

L: I love my cousins!

**D:** We have different legos, another marble track, new marker boards, Darth Vader (who "lives generously"), we have bikes here too, we have games, and our cousins are here, we can go jumping, swimming, and play at their playground. We can put out our trash here and watch the truck come and get it. My brother and sisters are here and that God is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**L:** I like that cousins are here.

**S:** I like the tasty food.

**R:** I like having family nearby, cooking dishes I haven't cooked in years, and driving on nice roads.

**PM:** Bremen is my hometown.

Name some favorite foods in Togo that are unlike American food.

L: Pintade is yummy in my tummy! Beignets (donuts) are yummy in my tummy too!

**D:** Ragout (African yams in a tomato based sauce), fufu (pounded African yams into a play-doh like substance with a spicy sauce). I loved the food, but I can't think of anything else.

L: Pintade (guinea fowl) and donkey meat.

**S:** Fufu, grilled pintade, grilled chicken, donkey liver, donkey tacos.

**R:** Rice and beans with an African sauce, fufu, pintade, and donkey meat.

**PM:** Alloco (fried plantains) and attieke (kasava root)

How is the church service/worship in Togo different from worship at St. Paul's?

L: I like to dance to music at church in Togo. Aunt Heidi sings in choir at church (St. Paul's).



**D:** There's French instead of English, benches instead of pews, drums instead of an organ.

L: The kids choir sings in a procession with the cross.

**S:** They sing in French in Togo.

**R:** A church service in Togo is long, sweaty, and dusty! St. Paul's is short, cool, and clean.

PM: Some congregations meet under large Mango trees because they don't have a building yet.

Describe a school day for us.

**L:** Just play with David.

**D:** Playing in the school building, instead of just the house. Sometimes someone brings a chicken during school and we watch them butcher it.

L: On normal school days, I learned the States and to read.

**S:** We walk out to our school building and Mama teaches us.

**R:** Our school days start out with family prayers in the house. After breakfast, we walk out to our school building. David and Lydia play with school toys or outside. Sam and Liza trade off time with me and independent work. After about 2 hours Liza joins the younger 2 playing or washing clothes with our house helper, while I work with Sam until lunch time. We eat lunch, have an hour rest time, and Catechesis with Daddio. School's out around 3pm, and it's time to play around the house or walk across the rocks to the Wes's (another missionary family).

**PM:** After prayers and breakfast with family I leave to teach at 8:30, followed by chapel at 10, and another course at 11:15. Everybody takes a 2 hour pause and then students come together for language courses in the afternoon. Since I don't teach languages, I catechize my children in the afternoon. The seminary study day concludes with a catechetical vespers service at 5:00.

What is the biggest challenge in returning to the USA?

L: I dunno.

**D:** That we had to go away from our toys.

L: I had to leave my baby dolls behind.

**S:** Our biggest challenge is riding in a small car.

R: The Evacuation! We had a day and a half to leave Dapaong, to plan our trip, buy tickets, get things in order in Dapaong, pack everything up that we wanted to bring back with us, say a couple good byes, but literally only a couple, we didn't get the chance to say goodbye to anyone at the seminary. We came to a lot of check points due to Covid that didn't want to let us through while on our way to Lomé and had to stop and stay at a hotel about 3 hours north of Lomé. A couple hours after we arrived in Lomé the next day, we learned our flight was cancelled and we'd have to wait 2 extra days in hopes of catching the next scheduled flight, not knowing rather it would happen or not. Thankfully we did fly on the next flight scheduled and didn't have any more problems, except for a cancelled flight in Newark, but that was actually nice because we were able to get a couple extra hours of sleep in Newark. And looking back, it was nice to have a couple extra days in Lomé to rest before flying across the Atlantic with 4 little ones.

**PM:** Adjusting to online communications with fellow teachers and leaders in Togo has been very challenging.



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We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing. Colossians 1:3-6a

Revs. Rohde and Wonnacott, and the saints of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Greetings to you in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. The above words of St. Paul introduce his letter to the Colossians which clearly expresses the divinity of Jesus and the Gospel which is proclaimed throughout the entire world. It is the eternal Gospel which is preached even to this day for our life and salvation.

Over the past few months, our day to day lives have changed and questions about how we are to respond to situations have caused much confusion. A buzzword of the daily news is "uncertainty" which is a play word of the devil. He likes to use uncertainty to create fear or cause one to become introspective or withdrawn. Thankfully, our God speaks words to us that are certain and clear, a solid foundation for our present and future. It is the Father's love for us in Jesus which turns us outward toward our neighbor in love and charity. It is the Gospel which compels us to carry this certainty of salvation and everlasting life to our neighbor through our daily vocations. This is why the mission of the Church is always the pure preaching of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the body and soul and the administration of a real and present Lord in the Sacraments for the forgiveness of our sins. Jesus Christ crucified and risen for us is our true comfort.

This certainty is proclaimed not only here at St. Paul's but continues to be proclaimed in Togo where my family has been serving. We have received news from Togo that congregations will be opening soon as well as schools so that the current academic year can come to a completion. This also includes the final trimester at the Lutheran Center for Theological Studies where I have been serving as a professor though I will not be returning at this time. Continue to pray for the pastors, professors, students, and the faithful so that the fruits of the Gospel may continue to grow throughout the world. Thank you for your congregational prayers for the mission as well as your ongoing financial support given for this great work.

I would also like to thank the members of St. Paul's for their kindness and generosity poured out upon my family while we have been in Bremen due to the coronavirus. We have been well supplied with many material blessings while waiting for further news of our future service. You have been equally encouraging to our mental and spiritual well-being. My family will continue to remember you in our prayers as the Gospel is proclaimed in this community through the Divine Service, the Lutheran day schools, and respective vocations of each member.

Christ's peace be yours in abundance,

Rev. Micah Wildauer & Family



#### **Board Briefs:**

#### **Christian Education:**

In 2020 our Sunday School will continue to send \$75.00 each month to a mission.

#### July Mission of the Month: Bremen Holy Walk

According to the Bremen Holy Walk Facebook page, it is the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bremen Holy Walk.

"The Bremen Holy Walk is a reenactment of God's Holy Night, the night Jesus Christ was born. Go back in time and start your journey of love. Over 250 volunteers bring Bethlehem and God's Holy Night to life."

This year the Bremen Holy Walk is set for December 11 & 12, 2020. Watch for more information in local news outlets.

# <u>Children's Sunday School</u> and <u>Adult Bible Class</u> will resume in the church/school on <u>July</u> **5,2020**. This is in accordance with the State of Indiana Covid-19 five-stage program. However, we ask that everyone would observe the following guidelines:

- 1. Please use hand sanitizers located on tables in the church Narthex and School Entrance.
- 2. Face Masks are encouraged, but optional.
- 3. Children, Grades Pre-K through Grade 7, are to be <u>dropped off</u> and <u>picked up</u> in their assigned classrooms by parents (guardians).
- 4. Individuals or family units (including Grade 8 Confirmands) who attend Adult Bible Class are asked to social distance in the Bethany Room, similarly to what we do during church services.

We apologize for inconveniences this may cause, but we want to be respectful of the health concerns of all who are attending. Hopefully, things will get back to "normal" soon!

#### **Classroom Locations:**

Pre-K through Grade 1 Nazareth Room (Pre-School hallway)
Grades 2-4 Gd. 4/5 Classroom in the school
Grades 5-7 Gd. 6-8 Classroom in the school

Adult Bible Class Bethany Room (Dennis Sienicki will continue is

Bible Study on Apologetics.)

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." Psalm 119:10

#### **Church Office:**

New members: William, Jamie, Lillian, Rebecca, Jessica & Rachel Rogers Confirmands: Alexia Cannon, Thomas Harman, Kaia Podlin, Lillian Rogers &

Avery Wildauer

**Deaths:** Shirley Cremeens & Dan Miller

#### **Parish Fellowship:**

BAKERS NEEDED! Even though we're not making a meal for Hope Ministries we would like to provide them with enough desserts for at least one day. If you would like to bake something in a disposable pan or provide store bought treats please drop them off inside Pastor

Wonnacott's porch on Friday, July 24 by 5:00pm, or he can pick them up. He would like to deliver them to Hope that same day.. Thank you for your generosity!

#### **School Board:**

Tuition expenses for school families are on going! In an effort to help our school families with school related expenses St. Paul's has **2 opportunities** for families to apply for scholarships. First, families with students in K-8 grades may apply for an **SGO (The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana) Tuition Scholarship**. During the 2019-2020 school year, \$7,100 in Scholarships to St. Paul's came from this source. Secondly, St. Paul's has a **Church Scholarship fund** for preschool students who qualify and also for any K-8 student who does not qualify for an SGO scholarship but needs assistance. In the 2019-2020 school year approximately \$6,745 in Scholarship money came from this fund.

As a congregation we have 2 opportunities to help St. Paul's students! You may use your church envelope to donate to the Church Scholarship (Tuition Aid) fund and/or you may also check out and donate to St. Paul's SGO fund by going on line to Lutheransgo.org. If you have any questions regarding SGO, give Curt Nielsen a call at 248-1529.

As this school year has ended now is the time to think about helping students who will come to us in the fall!

#### **Stewardship:**

The Board of Stewardship continues to share information about the CHARITABLE AND SERVICES AGENCIES envelope. This month our focus is on Camp Lutherhaven and Lutheran Institute of the Deaf in Detroit.

**Camp Lutherhaven** is a year-round outdoor ministry center that since 1949 has been dedicated to creating adventurous, faith building experiences for children, youth, adults, and families. Opportunities include summer camp programs, retreats, outdoor education, and facility rental. Our carefully chosen staff, along with a program that includes recreation, God's Word, group activities, Christian fellowship, worship, personal growth, and of course tons of fun, combined to create an unforgettable experience.

Camp is located amidst the rolling hills of Northeast Indiana. It is blanketed by a hardwood forest of oak and hickory, and resides on the shores of Lake Muncie. It is a place of adventure, growth, fun and refuge.

The mission of Camp Lutherhaven is to reach out with the love of Christ by providing the setting and resources to strengthen the faith of individuals and complement the ministry of churches.

The **Lutheran Institute of the Deaf in Detroit** is involved in providing opportunities of ministering to the deaf. The mission of this organization is to share the good news with deaf people through fellowship and leadership training. The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod has enjoyed a long and fruitful ministry among deaf people, showing the good news of God's love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ with those whose primary mode of communication is sign.

#### **YOUTH NEWS and NOTES**

We have all been impacted in one way or another over the last few months due to the Coronavirus pandemic, and the Youth Group was no different, as we had to cancel various planned events. With restrictions around gatherings and activities being lifted in Indiana, our Youth Board has gone to work in plans to re-engage our Youth in opportunities for fellowship and service.

For the third quarter (July – September timeframe), we are planning:

- A KICKBALL EXTRAVAGANZA to Kickoff New Youth Group Activities (date / time to be determined)
- New service opportunities for our Youth both at Church and in the Community
- Wednesdays in September = Game Nights!
- And more ....



In the weeks ahead, we will publish more information in our Sunday bulletins, the Youth bulletin board at Church, and through other channels. If there are any questions, please contact Andy Wildauer at (801) 707-3399.

**Altar Guild:** Attendant for July is Kay Miller.

Altar Flowers in July:

5

12

19

26 Larry & Beth Enders

The Altar Flower Chart for the 2020 Liturgical Year is hanging in the Narthex (North side), just outside the altar guild room door. Please look it over and sign up for flowers.

## SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

e-mail: schools@stpaulsbremen.org

#### St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Statement

By faithfully proclaiming God's saving grace through God's Holy Word, Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation will enable its members to grow stronger in their relationship with Jesus Christ and share with others the Good News of salvation.

#### **School Mission Statement:**

By faithfully proclaiming God's saving grace, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran School will help children grow in their relationship with Jesus as we prepare them academically, socially, and emotionally for life in this world.

### **School Purpose:**

The purpose of St. Paul's Lutheran School is "to provide a nurturing environment for education that develops the full potential of its students for life-skills and service to the Triune God."

The SCHOOL THEME for the 2020-2021 school year is <u>SENT TO SERVE</u>. It is based on Matthew 20:28. "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..."

## St. Paul's Lutheran School announces new Principal and Teacher

St. Paul's Lutheran School – Bremen is pleased to announce the naming of its new principal and new teacher for the 2020-2021 school year.

Mark Wildauer has been named Principal and will also teach  $6^{th}$ ,  $7^{th}$  and  $8^{th}$  grades at the school. Mark has been on the St. Paul's Staff for the past 5 years teaching  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$  grades. Mark is active in the Bremen community as a coach for youth sports and has also served as Athletic Director at the School. Mark resides in Bremen with his wife Heidi and their 5 children.

Jamie Rogers will be joining the St. Paul's Staff this fall teaching 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Jamie moved with her family to Bremen one year ago and most recently taught in the Bremen Public Schools. Jamie resides in Bremen with her husband Bill and their 4 children.

St. Paul's Lutheran School is located at 605 S. Center St., Bremen, Indiana and provides a Christ centered curriculum and emphasis for students in Pre-School through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Small class sizes gives the opportunity for each student to receive individualized attention to allow them to grow academically, emotionally and spiritually. If you would like to know more about St. Paul's or schedule a visit, you may contact the School at 574-546-2790 or at schools@stpaulsbremen.org. Website is www.stpaulsbremen.org.

# Letter from the Principal June/July 2020

I hope and pray that each of your families is enjoying your summer thus far. I wanted to use this opportunity to reach out and update school families about some of the upcoming changes for the 2020-2021 school year. As you can probably guess, there will be some modifications that we will need to make as a school, to address the Covid-19 virus, and to continue our goal of providing an excellent Christian education to your students, in a safe environment.

As many of you know, I love sports! I enjoy coaching, watching my kids compete, and seeing all of the progress that students make from day 1, to the last day of the season. One of my favorite sports is basketball, and we are blessed here at St. Paul's to have two excellent basketball coaches. Coach Foster and Coach Wildauer strongly believe in teaching the fundamentals of basketball, specifically dribbling. While dribbling does not score points for your team, it is an essential skill that helps your team achieve their goal. On a well-coached team, there is a plan for executing a play, but the team must react and make changes quickly, to benefit the team and score. This year, we will constantly be "dribbling." Our teachers, students, and parents will be paying extra attention to the details and fundamentals of the classrooms, to make modifications for good health and safety practices. My hope is that within a short time, we will come accustomed to "dribbling" with our covid-19 recommendations, and we will be able to adapt quickly to further changes that may come in the fall months with changing state recommendations, and opportunities to simply do things better here at St. Paul's.

Having a well-devised plan in place does not reduce our flexibility. Instead, it will help us react to new developments and practices, be prepared for changes to our school plan in regards to Covid-19 developments, and know that the staff will be regularly reviewing and revising our practices to be better at battling this pandemic, while educating students at school.

I am excited to announce that our 2020-2021 school theme is "Sent to Serve". This is based on the scripture verse from Matthew 20:28 which reads, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Our ministry here at St. Paul's Lutheran School will continue on **Monday, August 17th**, as we resume classes here at our school campus. There will be "Welcome Back" school wide meetings (dates to be determined) that will take place before the first week of school, which will allow staff to introduce themselves to students, educate parents and guardians about the safety precautions that we are taking to minimize the spread of Covid-19, and allow parents and students to ask questions and collaborate together. I hope you are looking forward to the 2020-2021 school year as much as I am!

In everything, to God be the Glory! Mr. Mark Wildauer, Principal

#### **Postings from Preschool**

We're halfway through summer and planning for class in the fall, God willing. If you are interested in preschool for your child, or know of someone with a preschool-age child please call the school office or contact one of the preschool teachers- Kelly Thornton or Christie Wonnacott. We offer a well-rounded Christian education as we strive to share the love of Jesus with the students and guide their instruction according to God's Word, preparing them for the school years ahead.

# July Devotion: "The Affairs of Men!"

Psalm 33:12-15; 18-22 - Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; He sees all the children of man; from where He sits enthroned He looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, He who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. ... Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love, that He may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy Name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

On the birthday of the U.S. of A., we could spend a lot of time speaking about things right and things wrong in our nation. We could talk about present leaders who are trying and those who have given up. Instead, I would like to share some facts which have mostly been forgotten. For example:

- 1. Did you know shortly after breaking with England, the Continental Congress voted to buy and import 20,000 copies of Scripture for the people of the new nation?
- 2. Patrick Henry was the firebrand of the American Revolution: Did he say:
- a. "I regret I have but one life to give to my country"?
- b. "We must hang together, or we will all hang separately"?
- c. "Give me liberty or give me death"?

If you selected *C*, you did well. Now the bonus question. Finish the quote. (Pause.) Most folks can't do it because the

rest of what Henry said is no longer taught. This is what he said, "An appeal to arms and the God of hosts is all that is left to us. But we shall not fight our battle alone. There is a just God that presides over the destinies of nations. The battle, sir, is not of the strong alone. Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death."

You should also know Henry wasn't talking about some generic god or nebulous deity.

How do I know? I know because Mr. Henry told me. In his will Henry wrote, "I have now disposed of all my property to my family; there is one thing more I wish I could give them, and that is the Christian religion. If they have that, and I had not given them one shilling they would be rich; and if they had not this, and I had given them all this world, they would be poor." No doubt about it, the man had a gift for words.

Now this is the point where I'm supposed to say, "Sure wish we had people like Patrick Henry around today." Well, I'm not going to say that because I can't. The truth is I have met many men and women who remain committed to the Savior, who has rescued their souls from damnation.

They may not have Henry's flair for words, but the sincerity of their hearts cannot be questioned. They love the Lord who first loved them, and they faithfully share the Savior with their children. So, in this land of freedom, the Savior's story of salvation will always be told through all generations.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, for many years the Holy Scriptures have been attacked by puffed-up people. Today that attack is joined by those who would write You out of all history. May they realize their errors, so they may introduce their household to Jesus, their Savior and Lord. In Jesus' Name, I ask it. Amen.

In Christ I remain His servant and yours,

# Pastor Ken Klaus