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Opening Thoughts:

At times St. Paul seems out of touch with reality. He writes to the Thessalonians, “Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Rejoice always? Give thanks in all circumstances? How can we? Why should we? Is a terminal illness an occasion for rejoicing and giving thanks? Does financial hardship inspire in us thanksgiving? Don't the devil's accusations displace the joy that might otherwise fill our hearts?

Paul explains—“this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” You are in Christ. You have been baptized into Him. He abides in you through His Word. Through His Supper He is in you and you in Him. And because you are in Christ, who redeemed you by His death on the cross and His Easter exit from the tomb, there is cause to rejoice and give thanks--always. Your sins are forgiven. Treasures in heaven await you. Your lowly body will be changed to be like His glorious body. You will live forever in that place where there is no more death or mourning or crying or pain.

Those blessings are yours in Christ whether you're rich or poor, healthy or sick, in your prime or quickly approaching death. Rejoice always! Give thanks in all circumstances! How? Why? In Christ!
Rev. Kent Tibben, Board of Directors Chair

Prayers for CID Missions

The Central Illinois District thanks all our congregations for their mission prayers and support for the district's 19 missions. This month please pray for Redeemer Lutheran Church, Peru. Pastor Patrick Henry and the members of Redeemer are the only LCMS presence in an area of over 35,000 people (Peru, LaSalle, Spring Valley, Princeton).

“Worship for Shut-Ins”

(WFSI) is a 30 minute Lutheran television worship service. It includes the readings for the day, prayers, and a Lutheran pastor delivering a message that is one-on-one to the viewer. Also included are up to four choir selections. Each program is closed captioned for the hearing impaired. Those in the Champaign-Urbana area get Worship for Shut-ins out of Ft. Wayne over Cable TLN. It is also available over WCIX Springfield (Mynet49) at 7:30 on Sundays. If anyone has additional information regarding this program, please let us know so that we can share it with others.

LCMS Church Information Center :

Have a question about The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or its theology? Do you need help navigating the LCMS website or finding resources for your church? The LCMS Church Information Center is here to help. The Church Information Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Central Time with trained staff who can answer your questions or put you in touch with the person who can. Next time you need an answer or resources, call the LCMS Church Information Center at 888-843-5267 or send an email to infocenter@lcms.org.

Camp CILCA: Schedule a School Assembly or Chapel

We can lead a chapel service or an all-school assembly. February, March & April dates are preferred. We can do a chapel service as well as a brief PowerPoint presentation afterward to share information about the camp. To schedule us for a School Visit or Chapel, please contact Pastor Dave Bueltmann at 217/487-7497 or 217/691-1252.