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Thank you,

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DEVOTION

I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain...

Philippians 1:23-24

Remain

Is your body worn out? How many of your friends already died? Do trips to the doctor and stays in the hospital now dominate your calendar? Has your world grown small—perhaps to the size of the inside of your home or to the size of your room? Do you wonder why the Lord doesn't just call it a day and take you to heaven?

If so, meet the apostle Paul.

By the time he wrote his letter to the Christians in Philippi, Paul had lived a very full life. For decades he had been on the move, proclaiming the gospel to a cynical and hostile world. By this time he had completed several major missionary journeys. Through those years he had been stoned and left for dead. He had survived multiple shipwrecks. He had survived multiple shipwrecks. He had been beaten with rods at least three times. He had been whipped at least five times. He had faced angry mobs. He had faced plots against his life. He had faced the

hardships of travel and the stress of constant danger. And through it all he had endured a serious physical problem—his “thorn in the flesh,” as he called it—that made his life even harder. And now he was in prison in Rome.

After so many years, so many miles, so many scars and broken bones, perhaps we should not be surprised at Paul’s candor when he simply said, “I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far.”

But then Paul went on to say something else. The gospel message of sins forgiven through faith in Jesus is the same message that empowered Paul to remember that his time on this earth was not about Paul. Rather, his time on this earth was all about Christ. With that in mind, Paul’s complete thought to his fellow Christians was this: “I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain.”

Think about that for a moment. At this point in his life, Paul was more than ready to be done with his work and go home to heaven. But because he was convinced that continuing his gospel ministry would be an advantage for his hearers, he was ready to remain.

Despite the hard years, Paul knew what a priceless treasure he had in Jesus. He knew the unspeakable joy of living every moment as a forgiven child of God. He knew the thrill of basking in the light of God’s undeserved love. Despite the many hard moments, Paul knew how God was using him to reach people with the message of salvation through Jesus. And so if the Lord needed Paul to remain a little while longer, that was all right with Paul.

The same holds true for you.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, I have been on this earth for many

years. I look forward to heaven. But I’m glad to serve to your glory, if you want me to remain a little while longer. Amen.

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SCHOOL NEWS

It was an honor and a pleasure for allowing our school children to lead the Reformation service on October 29th. The children did a wonderful job singing and reciting the story of Martin Luther and the Reformation. The First Quarter ends Friday, November 3rd. Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on Thursday, November 9th. Our students will be going to Michigan Lutheran Seminary on Friday, November 17th to see the play “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”. Our school is also hosting the Bay Area Lutheran League Girls’ Basketball Tournament on Friday, November 17th and Saturday, November 18th at St. John’s Lutheran School in Bay City. We would appreciate some help with serving concessions or helping sell tickets. A sheet will soon be located in the back of church with more information. We will not be having school from November 22nd- November 24th due to Thanksgiving Break.

Mr. Boileau

MLS NEWS

Blood Drive

The MLS Student Council is hosting a **BLOOD DRIVE on Thursday, November 9th, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.** If you are 16 years old or older, you may donate. You may select an appointment time from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. online at www.miblood.org by clicking

"Donate" & "Find a blood drive." Drop-ins are also welcome. Anyone 16 yrs* or older may donate! Please consider saving lives by donating!

Tri Valley Cardinals Youth Wrestling
 For ages 5 through 14. Practices are Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 6-7:45 p.m. at Michigan Lutheran Seminary. There will be an informational/registration meeting on November 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the MLS band room. Contact Josh Wakefield for more information or any questions. 989-992-6929 or jrwake10@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday December 14th, 6:00 p.m. for the Annual St. Bartholomew Christmas Party and Missions Auction.

All adult members of the congregation are invited to a night of food, fellowship, and fun. Bring your friends and neighbors and enjoy a delicious catered meal followed by silent and live auctions of interesting items big and small. Proceeds from the auction will help our church missions.

Sign up at church Nov 19 thru Dec 8th.

LADIES AID

Ladies Aid meetings will now be held at 6:30 p.m. with the exception of the St. Bartholomew Christmas Party which will start at 6:00 pm.

APPLE PIE SALE

It's that time of year again! The Ladies Aide will be selling their delicious apple pies! For \$10 you can purchase one (or more) of these treats. Orders will be taken beginning October 15th through November 6th. Pies will be ready for pickup at noon on November 11th in the church basement. If you can't pick up your pies on the 11th, they will be put in the refrigerator for you to get

when able. Order forms are located on the communion sign up table. It is yet to be determined where the proceeds will be applied. Thank you for your support.

The Ladies Aide

HYMNSOFT SCHEDULE

Nov. 5&6	Organ-	Heather
Nov. 12&13	9am- Irving	7pm- O'Brien
Nov. 19&20	9am- Peil	7pm-O'Brien
Nov. 24 th	– Thanksgiving	Organ- Heather
Nov. 26&27	9am- Rivet	7pm- Schwab
Dec. 3&4	9am- Hofmeister	7pm-O'Brien
Dec. 6 th	6:30pm-	
Dec. 10&11	9am- Irving	7pm- O'Brien
Dec. 13 th	6:30pm-	
Dec. 17&18	9am- Peil	7pm- Schwab
Dec. 20 th	6:30pm-	
Dec. 21 st	– Children's Service	Organ- Heather
Dec. 24 th	– Sunday Worship	9am- Rivet
Dec. 24 th	– Carols and Readings	Organ- Heather
Dec. 31 st	– Sunday Worship	9am- Hofmeister
Dec. 31 st	– New Year's Eve	4pm-

Note: If you know you can't make it, please make arrangements to switch with another person.

Note: For the mid-week worship services, I won't assign someone to any of them, if you wish to sign up for one, please do.

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who donated to the Help Thy Brethren Fund for flood relief. It was very much appreciated.

The Elders

USHERS SCHEDULE

November

11/05	9am	Larry Badgero-Mel Kruse
11/12	9am	Al Lisius-Tim Lisius
11/19	9am	Jim Eckinger-Matt Hardy
11/23	9am	Mike Ott-Lyle McNally
11/26	9am	Mel Kruse-Don Krueger



Our shut-in members are those who are for any length of time – and in most cases, permanently – unable to attend our weekly worship or our celebration of the Lord’s Supper. They are served, then, with recordings of our services and with private communion from the pastors. Please be sure to inform the pastors of any of our members who become needful of these services, and especially be sure to remember all our shut-ins with your prayers and correspondence – and even better yet, with a personal visit now and then. *Please see your hard copy of the News & Views for our current Shut In Members*