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### *May's Invitation: Let's Pray!*

As I look at May's calendar, I sense that it's a time for us to pray. Let me suggest why.

1. The school year concludes for students on all levels. Let's remember especially "our" students at UNG as they take their finals the first week of May--Ayleah, Cassandra, Clare, David, Bigail, Angie, Meaghan, and the others who have participated with us off and on this school year--that they may do well, and that our Lutheran Student Fellowship (LSF) group.
2. May 3 is the National Day of Prayer. Let's pray for our leaders on all levels--local and state, national and international--that they may be guided to do what's right and in the long term best interest of all, rather than what appears expedient and temporarily pleasing.
3. Joan and I have two granddaughters who mark milestones in May. Annika will be confirmed the first weekend and Katie will graduate the third. We pray that the love and wisdom of God will keep them, as well as others being confirmed and graduating, steadfast in the faith.
4. May 13 is Mother's Day. May this be a time to give thanks for faithful mothers and to pray that they and their husbands will raise their children in the way of the Lord.
5. May 20 is Pentecost, the day we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Let's pray for a fresh release of the Spirit's wisdom, love, and power, that the church may truly serve one another with humility and grace, and that we may witness effectively and sensitively to our Lord Jesus Christ.
6. Let's pray for the Spirit to grant us discernment as we at St. Peter's seek to discover the best way to go forward as His people in this place.
7. We observe Memorial Day May 28. Let's pause to thank God for all those who sacrificed themselves to fight for truth and justice in our world. Let this remind us to rededicate ourselves to live as citizens informed by God's holy will and His undeserved grace in Jesus Christ.
8. Let's pray for a safe, relaxing summer, which we may see as an opportunity for growth in the faith.

The 7th Sunday of Easter has as its Gospel, the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus for the Church, with this year's portion of John 17 being vv. 11b-19. May His intercessions for us inspire us to pray fervently for one another and the church. In the Gospel for Easter VI (May 13), Jesus emphasizes, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that *whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.*" (John 15:16). May Jesus' prayer for us ever inspire our faithful intercessions!

*Pastor Michael*

Dahlonega United Methodist Church invites the community to attend a National Day of Prayer Service Thursday, May 3 beginning at 6:30 P.M. It will be held at their church.

Interested in becoming a Charter Member of St. Peter Lutheran Church? Please speak with Pastor Michael or one of the elders for more information. You may contact him on his cell @ 407-353-8420 or via email: [pastor.stpeterlutheran@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.stpeterlutheran@gmail.com).

Pastor and Joan Michael will be away the first and third weekends in May to attend their grand-daughter Annika's Confirmation May 5 and Katie's High School Graduation May 19. Serving as guest pastor those days will be the Rev. David Kehret, who recently served as the interim pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Toccoa and Grace Lutheran in Demorest. Please welcome him May 6 and 20!

Bible Study Plans: Wednesday nights we will continue our study of Paul's letter to the Colossians through May 16. Each session runs from 7 to 8:30 P.M. On May 9, we will hold an Ascension Service the first half of the class, with all welcome to attend. The Bible Class will utilize the second half of the period to maintain its momentum. The Sunday morning Bible Class at 9:15 A.M. will continue its study of the Minor Prophets throughout the month and likely into early June as well.