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Volunteer News

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How Impossibly Difficult It Is To Forgive the Unforgivable!

In Matthew 6:12 Jesus taught us to pray, **"Forgive us our sins, just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us."** He went on to say, **"Forgive other people when they sin against you. If you do, your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive the sins of other people, your Father will not forgive your sins."** Matthew 6:14 NIRV

Erika Kirk publicly forgave the man who murdered her husband while he was speaking on the campus of Utah Valley University. "My husband, Charlie, he wanted to save young men just like the one who took his life. That young man, that young man - - On the cross our Savior said, 'Father, forgive them, for they [do] not know what they do.' That man, that young man - - I **forgive** him!" Mrs. Kirk said through tears as 60,000 people attending the memorial service stood in applause. "I forgive him because it was what Christ did and is what Charlie would do," she said. "The answer to hate is not hate. The answer we know from the gospel is love and always love. Love for our enemies and love for those who persecute us."

You or I might wonder if we would ever be able to do that. I have held a grudge for much lesser things. At times we feel like "Some things are just unforgivable!" I'm glad Jesus didn't feel that way. His blood paid for **every one** of the most evil acts we can think of. He truly wants us to forgive like that. **"Be kind and tender to one another. Forgive one another, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done."** Ephesians 4:32 NIRV

After the parable of the Unforgiving Servant he said, **"This is how my Father in heaven will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."** Matthew 18:35 NIRV This may be humanly impossible, but with God, all things are possible! And yes, he even forgives us when we fall short in our forgiveness of others.

Prayers: Please continue to pray for Eunice and Dan Westendorf, for healing, strength and peace.

Also give thanks that Brigitta Peters is on the mend after being hospitalized with c-diff.

And Carol Thiesen's little grandson Theisen is suffering from heart failure and is needing more tests done this week.

Lord Jesus, wrap your lambs tightly in your strong arms and carry them through these trials! Give, strengthen, seal, preserve and deepen their faith, through your Word and your Holy Spirit, Amen.

Martin Luther, in the Large Catechism, said, “**For just as we sin greatly against God every day and yet he forgives it all through grace, so we also must always forgive our neighbor who does us harm, violence and injustice, bears malice against us, etc.**”

Sue Cereske is looking for someone she can train to help with the thanks-yous for donations when she and Brigitta are gone in the winter. Please tell her if you know of someone local who would be good at this.

Reminders for receptionists:

+ Please fill in the date and the rest of the top part of the client intake sheet, not just her address and phone number.
+ Make new notes in the Receptionist’s notes as needed and read what has been going on since your last shift.

Reminders for helplineers:

+ If you got no calls during your shift, please enter “No calls” on the call log.

Training Materials reminders: We are all supposed to be reviewing our training materials annually. This is easy if you look over one part each time you are “on duty.” This month I’m suggesting we all review our training materials on using **text magic** and the **google calendar**.

As always, keep up-to-date on life issues and other pro-life news through our National CLR organization at:
www.christianliferesources.com

Or listen to Pastors Fleischmann and Samuelson on the **Life Challenges** podcast at
www.iheart.com/podcast/269-the-life-challenges-podcas-86702700/

Our Fall **All-Staff Meeting**

(for *all* volunteers)

will be **Saturday, October 11,**
10 am -12 noon,
at **St. Paul’s School** cafeteria,
on the corner of Bay & Genesee streets.

I hope you saved this date on your calendar. We will have a special emphasis on **Helplineers** and **Receptionists**.

Devotion & introductions will be followed by special breakout sessions for the receptionists and helplineers. We will have time for you to connect with and support each other and share with each other the ideas that have worked best for you. Please come with any new ideas to make your jobs easier and their interface smoother. Then we’ll regroup with those ideas to discuss what we can do to function better as a team.

We will finish with miscellaneous PCC business. So bring your questions, concerns & ideas for improvement.

This meeting is for ALL VOLUNTEERS, so please set this time aside to grow spiritually, refresh and improve your PCC skills, and communicate face to face with the women you partner with in this ministry. If you can’t stay for the whole time, come for as much as you can. If you have a friend (WELS/ELS) who would be interested in helping in this ministry, invite her to come along and see what it’s about.

If you are unable to attend, please excuse
to Mary Shaffer at
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or 1-989-835-5669

All-Staff Meeting October 11, 10-12

Next Board meeting: Nov 8, 9a.m. at Sag. PCC

Next Mentor’s mtg: To be determined