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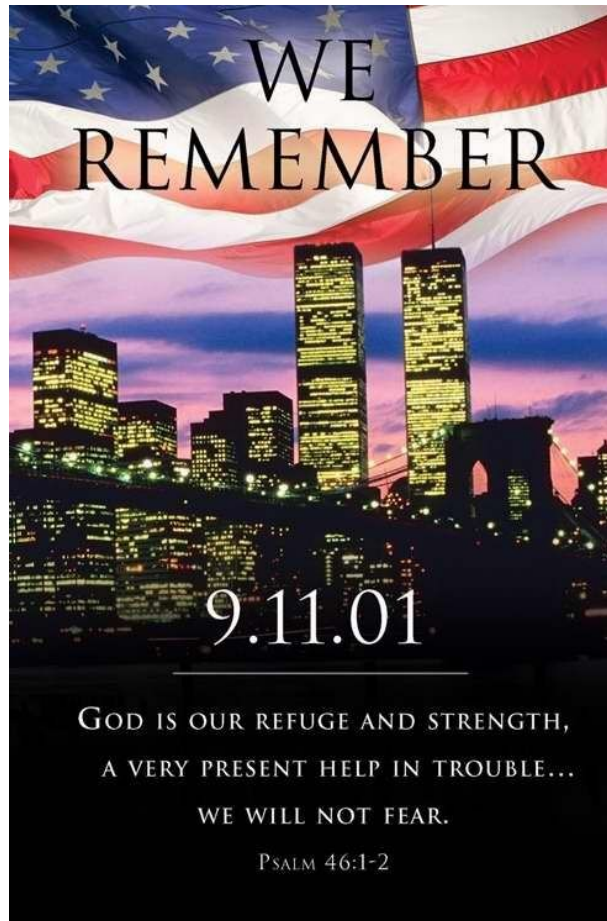
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September 11, 2021 - 20 years and we do not forget



We pray for those who lost their lives 20 years ago as well as for their families who are affected by this loss everyday.

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.'" ([John 11:25](#))

Although lives were tragically taken away, we can remember 9/11 with a promise, understanding all who lost their lives knowing Christ passed from this life to eternal life.

Nothing, not even death, can separate us from God's love. As [Romans 8:38](#), explains,

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Those who were killed on 9/11 knowing Christ, have received His promise of [John 3:16](#).

"For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."



Mission Work in Montreal, Canada

This summer has been quite full! There have been 6 baptisms, one confirmation, and two funerals. The friend of one of our Chinese members has been attending regularly for several months. He was baptized in May and confirmed his faith in July! In addition, we have had two Indian families join our church. Both immigrated here right before Covid hit and found our church as one of the few still operating during the pandemic! The first family was baptized all together in July. The second family was already attending a Lutheran church in India! The photo above is one of our adult instruction classes after church. In the cycle of life and death, we also faced grief this summer. Two older men in our congregation died of sudden heart attacks within a week of each other. We pray for their wives and families as they process their loss and continue to cling to the promise of the resurrection on the Last Day.





Disaster Response Information

We realize that many of you may have been affected by the disasters across our Country. **Please notify the District Office if you have suffered loss because of any of these hurricanes or storms, or anything in the aftermath.** The SELC District Office and LCEF can provide assistance to you.

[Click here for more information on LCEF's Disaster loan terms](#)



2021-2022 School Statistics submission process is now open

We received the notice from the School Ministry Office that the LCMS Office of Rosters, Statistics and Research Services that the 2021-2022 School Statistics submission process is now open! In the coming weeks, the schools will receive an email or physical letter (depending on your contact information in the LISN system) indicating that it is time to update their information and submit their statistics.

If you do not receive it by the end of September, please check any spam or clutter folders which may have collected the email. As was the case in previous school years, schools will again log into the LCMS Information Support Network (LISN) website (<https://lisn.lcms.org>) to access and update their annual *LCMS School Statistics Report*.



Suicide Prevention Month

Here is a list of resources for you to share and use.

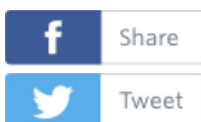
1. LookUpIndiana.org
2. ["Suicide Prevention Competencies for Faith Leaders: Supporting Life Before, During, and After a Suicidal Crisis"](#)
3. ["5 Ways Churches Protect Against Suicide"](#) with Dr. Karen Mason
4. ["Suicide Prevention Communication Aids: Flyers, Bulletin Inserts, Posters, and Other Graphical Art"](#)
5. Karen Mason's book *"Preventing Suicide: A Handbook for Pastors, Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors"* is available on Amazon [HERE>>](#)
6. Karen Mason and Scott Gibson's book *"Preaching Hope in Darkness: Help for Pastors in Addressing Suicide from the Pulpit"* is available on Amazon [HERE>>](#)

Former Seminary Professor, Academic Dean Hempelmann enters rest

Service set for Sept. 29 in Georgetown, Texas

Rev. Dr. L. Dean Hempelmann, a former professor and academic dean of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and former president of Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Edmonton, Canada, entered eternal rest in Jesus Aug. 29. He was 82 years old. Hempelmann devotedly served the church as a pastor, theological educator and administrator, seminary president and executive of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Friends are encouraged to send personal stories and words of love and encouragement to the Hempelmann family at 304 Cooper Lake Drive, Georgetown, TX 78633.



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