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Dear Friends,

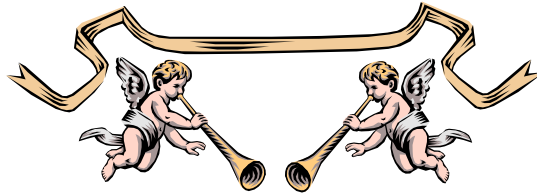
Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?³¹ But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.² And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.⁴ Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,⁵ Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;⁶ Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;⁷ Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.⁸ Charity never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.⁹ For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.¹⁰ But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.¹¹ When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.¹² For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.¹³ And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity. Follow after charity, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but rather that ye may prophesy. (1 Corinthians 12:30-1 KJV)

Selfless love (charity in the KJV) is the true mark of the Christian church (1John 4:7-11). This isn't a romantic kind of love but a love that comes from God enabling humans to do what is impossible for them to do naturally; to actually love other people including their enemies. Paul is telling the Corinthian church that the showing of God's love is more important than all the gifts of the Spirit and the true essence of what it means to be Christian as in evident in the near context (12:30-31 and 14:1) of his words.

In my own life I have received great manifestations of the love of God in Christ Jesus and have so often been comforted by the gracious acts of fellow believers. How great the body of believers is when we act in concert with our Lord in carrying out His ministry of love. I personally want to thank each and every one of you for your continuing outpouring of love and concern for Adam and I. It's hard to believe that it's just one month short of a year since our tragic loss. Yet we have been constantly sustained by the assurance of our Lord of Theresa's ongoing life and the love shown by His body. There are so many people who are suffering tragedy and loss in this world. May the love of God in Christ spur us on to more acts of love and mercy to help those who are suffering in whatever way we can.

God's Peace,
Jay Weidner



Memorials received...

In memory of Vieno Stalo
from Donna Flaherty

In memory of Herb Amala
from Betty Amala



Spring 2010
Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary
Service Schedule – 7 p.m.

March

7th – Dennis Hannu @ Zion
14th – Dennis Hannu @ S. Range
21st – Marc Tumberg @ Painesdale
28th – Marc Tumberg @ Seminary

April

4th Easter – No Service
11th – Dennis Hannu @ Laurium
18th – Marc Tumberg @ S. Range
25th – Dennis Hannu @ Zion