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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I just downloaded the Small Catechism app for my iPhone. The moment I did I thought, ironically, “What does this mean?”

What *does* it mean for me to invest space, digital and mental, in this historic text? Is it relevant? Does it still have any power?

At the ELCA Churchwide Assembly last year, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton called for the church to read the Small Catechism between now and October, 2017. While on the face of it, asking the church to take up such a task isn't difficult (most editions are less than 100 pages). In practice, it's actually a pretty steep challenge, especially for a culture that prizes explicit and immediate relevance over the hard work required to mine old words for nuggets of truth and grace.

But imagine the inquirer, burned by a Christianity that demanded impossible behavioral and confessional conformity, who walks into our assembly and hears Martin Luther's explanation of the creed's third article, namely that we trust God does the sanctifying.

Then imagine the weeping.

The relief.

Not our striving nor even our actions or “right beliefs” can make us holy—only God in the Spirit does that.

How freeing that would be for someone taught that God demands a so-called “perfect” life!

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Never underestimate the power of well-articulated grace to change lives. The scene described earlier is the spiritual biography of more than one of my seminary colleagues—and more than one of the people who have walked through my office door.

And that's not surprising because it's Luther's spiritual biography, too. He had to be freed from his faith to be free to be faithful.

Perhaps even longtime Lutheran Christians need that freedom. And anyone who says otherwise, well, perhaps they should check out Luther's order of confession and forgiveness in either catechism, for truly the truth is not within them.

One of the gifts of my re-entry into the catechism has been the resource for morning and evening prayers. I've practiced meditation in the past, finding God speaks well through intentional silence and calm. Unfortunately, neither my feline nor my canine “children” who have taken up residence in my home feel the same about such quiet!

The simple but mindful words of the morning and evening prayers are helping me gain a rhythm and pattern that help me find my center. I'm convinced that we are craving spiritual disciplines in the church in these hurried days of “gotta have it NOW”. We would do well to re-engage these simple prayers as a pattern for our hours.

I'm finding the Small Catechism popping up all over my life these days in wonderful moments of serendipitous beauty. One of my elder colleagues had a favorite line that still walks with: “God loves you, for Christ's sake, and will not let you go!”

For one who had walked through the valley of the shadow of atheism back into faith, that statement was no small thing!

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK (cont)

I recently realized that this is, at its core, a distillation of Luther's explanation of the creed's second article. I've been using the old words of the Small Catechism to feed my faith for years without knowing it.

That's still pretty powerful, if you ask me!

God's peace,

Pastor Chad Adamik

DESIGN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

"SEAT" YOURSELF! At last, the opportunity you have been waiting for! Here's your chance to buy an upholstered folding chair for \$30. These will replace the very old, broken down pew chairs currently being used in Friendship Hall.

Please make your check payable to St. Paul's and write "folding chair" in the memo line.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
The Design Coordinating Committee

News From the ELCA

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Please plan to join ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton on **Tuesday, Oct. 31**, as she co-hosts a commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

The event, which will include speakers and a service, will be at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Bishop Eaton will be joined by co-hosts Indiana-Kentucky Synod Bishop Bill Gafkjen, ELCA Vice President Bill Horne and Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod Bishop Richard Graham.

The event, which will meet under the theme "Looking Back and Called Forward," will be available online via livestream for all to watch.

Please note this date on your calendar. More details will be available in the near future.

Traveling this summer?

Find an ELCA congregation along your summer vacation route and experience worship in a different church. Lutherans are ready to welcome you all over the U.S. and Caribbean!



President's Comments

We are now in the two months between the 4th of July and Labor Day. It is a time for vacations, outdoor activities, relaxation, and refreshment. It is also a time when new things, changes happen at St. Paul's Lutheran Family!

In our congregation meeting on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th, in addition to adopting a budget for the next fiscal year, four members were elected to serve on the church council. I congratulate them and welcome them to these important decision-making positions. **Dick Lowther, Kim Neiman, and Kristine Sandmeier**, will be joining the council, and **David Harrell** has accepted a new term. We will be **installing these new council members in the 10:30 a.m. Service, Sunday, July 9th**. The first meeting of the new council will be Tuesday, July 11, 6:00 p.m. One of the first activities will be the election of officers to serve throughout the year, including president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. The members will also be asked to become liaisons to the congregation's committees. Continuing members of the council include **Tom Gesick, Charlotte LaCombe, Nathan Miller, Jean Opperman, and Doug Thunder**. Many thanks to those who have served this past year and whose terms are concluding: **David Harrell** (will continue for an additional term), **Gloria Randle, Bill Sandell, and Linda Wilson**.

Also at the June 4th meeting the congregation approved going ahead with the installation of a **separate water line for landscaping use**. The contractor, ARMAC, will soon begin the work of trenching and installing the new line to the meter, which is located near the church sign on the northwest corner of the property.

Another item of great interest is the installation of the **new sound system**, for which many in the congregation contributed generously in addition to their regular support of the congregation. The \$5,200 project has been installed by Bob McNamara of Innovative Communications Systems. We are planning to dedicate the new system in the July 9th installation service. The new systems will vastly improve the audio quality of our services, and will offer the potential of expanding new video capabilities as well. **Many thanks to all who contributed to the effort!**

The **seating in Friendship Hall** has become problematic. The chairs now in use were the chairs the congregation purchased to replace the metal folding chairs originally provided for the sanctuary—that was during the time when Pastor Kenn Bergmann was Pastor at St. Paul's. St. Paul's, along with The Lutheran Family, decided to seek the support of the congregations to purchase the new chairs—members committed to purchase the chairs as they were able. After about 20 years of use, the chairs were "retired" to fellowship hall, when new campaigns were launched to provide new chairs for Sorlein Hall and the Sanctuary—about 10 years ago. After many years, the chairs are in increasing disrepair.

The council in its June meeting approved **the establishing of a fund to receive donations for the purchase of 100 padded folding chairs**. The chairs will cost about \$30 each. Procedures to sign up for the chairs will be provided soon. Again, the hope is that such contributions will be above and beyond regular support of the church.

Speaking of regular support: it was noticed that over the past four Sundays, the weekly offerings met or exceeded the weekly needs of \$4,727 on three of the four Sundays reported—and the 4th was close! The congregation is to be highly praised by its continual support, especially during these summer months.

Special thanks need to be extended to **LaVon Anderson**. LaVon recently resigned as the nursery attendant. She designed Noah's Nursery and for the past 20 years took care of "the smallest of our family!" Our heartfelt thanks for her faithful service!

We also thank **Roy Eisentrager** for his dedication as **one of St. Paul's custodial staff** the past couple of years. Roy has decided to retire from these duties. The dedication of the custodial staff, Roy and Judy Mc Phail ensure the appearance and comfort of our worship and fellowship locations.

We have added two people to our staff: **Anna Silver**, as **nursery attendant**; and **Heidi Jones**, as **custodian**.

It is a sad time: we have had to say farewell with the **large blue spruce** that has been so prominent in the front of the church. The tree was afflicted by a fast acting insect and now has to be removed. This will hopefully happen within the next few days.

Finally, once again you will be welcomed at St. Paul's for the **annual Carson City Fireworks display**—we have the best viewing location in town! Hope to see you here, **Tuesday, July 4th, 6:00 p.m.** Hosting will be the young youth group; proceeds will go toward their San Francisco trip.

--Doug Thunder, President

DID YOU KNOW continuing.....Another installment regarding the History of St. Paul's.....

DID YOU KNOW.....continuing

On March 9, 2016 the Rev. Mary Lou Petitjean became our Interim pastor and fulfilled many duties, and concentrated on such things as Youth & Family Ministries, a workshop for Stewardship Education & Christian Education & more.

Pastor Mary Lou also led a church council retreat at Lake Tahoe where they evaluated St. Paul's Mission Statement and determined it needed to be brought up-to-date and shortened and this led to new mission and vision statements for St. Paul's. The council also designated St. Paul's Bible verse, Hebrews 3:4; and St. Paul's Hymn, "Lift High the Cross." She also helped put together an alternative worship task force to develop members of our church to lead in special music for possible future services.

She was also working on getting members of our congregation further educated to make visits to people, like shut-ins, serving communion in their homes and hospital visits to let our people know they are missed and loved.

After servicing St. Paul's Lutheran Family church for 11 months she left us for deserved vacation as we prepared for Pastor Chad Adamik coming to us. Pastor Petitjean was honored in a special farewell coffee hour after her final service on Sunday, January 31, 2017.

NEWS , BIT'S & PIECES...SOUND FAMILIAR?

- If you haven't noticed, the GIANT Blue Spruce tree that has adorned our front yard here at St. Paul's possibly about 30+ years is gone.. A disease attacked it and it had to be removed just this week. We now have a whole new view of the front of the church...A sad day..
- We will be having Summer Mid-week services starting this month on Wednesday, July 12 at 6:00 pm with a potluck. Service w/communion will follow at 7:00 pm.
- A "Faith Night" at the Reno Aces is being planned for Friday, July 14th. We are asking you to sign up to attend and we will purchase a block of tickets so we can all sit together. The game starts at 7:05 pm and we will carpool if needed.
- We will have a new directory soon so if you have any recent changes in your address, phone number, etc. Please let Renee know in the office.



WELCA
WOMEN OF THE ELCA
St. Paul's Lutheran Family

WELCA met on Monday June 5th for fellowship over a meal of pizza and salad. The main order of business was to elect officers for the coming year and to distribute money raised by the congregation to a variety of charities, organizations and others.

The women who graciously agreed to serve as officers are: Marla Johnson, President; Joan Schultz, Vice President; Sharon Gesick, Secretary; and Jean Opperman, Treasurer. Thanks to these women for assuming these leadership roles.

Thanks also to the outgoing officers: Carol Kalleres, President; Brita Steyn and Carol Arneson, Co-Vice Presidents; Sharon Melsheimer, Secretary and Andrea Knudson, Treasurer.

The donations were distributed as follows:

CHS Safe Grad Night	\$100
FISH	\$200
Computer Corp Camp	\$400
St. Paul's Stitches	\$200
St. Paul's 50th Anniversary Party	\$1,000
Gift cards for walk-ins needing help	\$100
Pastor Chad's Discretionary Account	\$200
Food for Thought	\$200
Camp TLC	\$200
Advocates to End Domestic Violence	\$100
Alzheimer's Assn of Northern Nevada	\$100
Austin House	\$100
CC Senior Center Meals on Wheels	\$200
Lutheran World Relief	\$200
Capitol Circles Initiative	\$200
Central Lyon Youth Center	\$200
Ron Wood Center	\$200
Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$100
Kindred Hospice	\$100
St. Mary's Hospice	\$100
Mt. Cross Camp	\$100
Rwanda School	\$100
CC Children's Museum	\$100
Students in Transition—CC Schools	\$200
Veterans Guest House-Reno	\$200
Nevada Talking Books	\$100
Sierra Pacific Synod of WELCA	\$ 64.50
	<u>\$5164.50</u>

In addition to this \$5164.50 that was donated at this time, over the course of the year, WELCA gave additional donations to charitable groups in the amount of \$575. Thus **St. Paul's Lutheran Family** spread joy in the form of \$\$\$ in the amount of \$5759.50. Our primary fund raisers are the Chili Cook-off and the rummage sale. Thanks to all St. Paul members who contributed to those events to make these donations possible.

WELCA served for Celebrations of Life for Peggy Seville and Carr Sandell. These two women of faith will be greatly missed at St. Paul's. We offer sympathy to their families.

WELCA doesn't meet in July or August; but ladies mark your calendar for the September meeting on **Tuesday, September 5th**. There will be a taco bar at 5:30 and meeting at 6. All women of St. Paul's and their guests are always welcome. It is a great time to get to know your fellow members

FANTASTIC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
Rummage Sale Coordinator(s)

There is a golden opportunity for someone who wants to work with a terrific team of volunteers to create an amazing marketplace----*or rummage sale*. There are lots of notes and pictures from the past few years to give you ideas and many experienced volunteers to make up your staff!! If you are interested in this opportunity, let Marla Johnson know. Andrea Knudson will provide documents and notes from past successful sales.



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL
Summer Trip
San Francisco
"What's in the Heavens"
July 27th & 28th

All of St. Paul's youth are welcome to join us! Our plans include the San Francisco State Observatory trip and spending time serving the community.

More details to come. Please contact Kristine if you are interested in attending.

A fund raiser for the trip will be held during St. Paul's 4th of July Picnic. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

If you can't make it, keep an ear open for other fund raising opportunities!

The youth are always very busy around this time of year, so we don't get to spend as much time with them. Mya was promoted from the 8th grade, and we were glad to cheer her on at her promotion ceremony. The youth also helped host Traci's baby shower coffee hour. They all can't wait to meet baby Julius. The kids are pretty busy now with vacations and having fun for the summer, and enjoying all this sunshine!



SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:
Jerry, Brandon (Luterick), Ike Moellendorf),

Heather Joyner (Johnson),
Samuel (Weirton and Osterhold), Peter
(Elverum), Tim (Gridley), Sarah (McGee),
Olivia (Lesperance), Jason (Coleman), Tom,
Michael, Justin, Carlos Armando (Cortes)

FIREFIGHTERS/PEACE OFFICERS:
Andy (Steyn), Brian (Hillenbrand), Tina
(Sherman), Mark (Dickens), John (Gould)

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR: John,
Roy T., Michael, Julie, Eileen, James W,
Harold, Jane, Frank, Carol M., Nellie...
D. Howell

THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Stan
Bernette (Joan Yeskie's brother-in-law, with
leukemia); Angelo DeFelice ; Alice Bloyd
& her son (recovering from surgery); Greta
O'Kelley's sister Gaylene (early diagnosis
cancer); & Greta O'Kelley's grandson Mi-
chael (early diagnosis blood disease); Pray-
ers for the **family of Gloria Marsh** who
passed away recently; and for **Betty Ray
Lesch** who also passed away; **Evelyn Luter-
ick** (recovering from surgery); **Bev Steinert**
(receiving special treatments for vision prob-
lems)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Vacation Bible School-**DEEP SEA DISCOVERY** is underway as I write this article. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Hope and Heidi and their decorating crew who have turned the whole church into an undersea adventure complete with seaweed, jellyfish a whale, sea turtle and many other kinds of fish. The church website will have pictures to share with you so be sure to watch for them.

Thank you to all the kids who came to VBS and joined in the ADVENTURES OF UNDERSEA DISCOVERIES, and the parents/grandparents/relatives and all other adults who supported the children. We ALL had a great time! Also, a special THANK YOU goes out to the following groups of people who also worked very hard to make sure VBS was a success:

- Our registration team, Linda and Kylee Wilson, Joan Yeskie and Hope Chowanski for making the ID's and-manning registration table during the week.
- Our three mermaids: Lindsay Chowanski, Nikki & Hailey Jones who were responsible for the opening and closing sessions with Syrena helping with the sound system that provided the songs we all learned and the routines that went with them. Also, Pastor Chad who provided the spiritual guidance in the opening and closing sessions.
- Our kitchen crew: Peggy Truttman, Doris Howell, & Sandy Tucker who shopped for, prepared and served the day to day snacks as well as the Hot Dog feast in Friday night.
- Our craft crew, Heidi Jones, & Hope Chowanski, who helped set-up, organize, provided all the craft materials and instructions.
- Our Games crew: Hailey, Sean and Nikki Jones who instructed and taught the kids teamwork.

- Our class Bible story teachers: Shelly Stevens, Joan Yeskie, and Linda Wilson who learned how to know, explore and serve as they see God's presence in the lives of people in the Bible and compare what they learn, in their everyday lives. **The DEEP SEA DISCOVERIES WERE: God Hears Me, God STRENGTHENS ME, God Loves me, and God sends me.**
- Ushers who helped lead the groups to their next adventure: Sean, Nikki, Hailey amd Syrena.

And last but not least, all others who volunteered their time and helped in the above groups during the week.

As we move forward, we need to continue to provide Christian Education to all children from Preschool to the 7th & 8th grade level. Sunday school will be starting back in the fall. Please consider volunteering to help carry on this great family tradition here at St. Paul's.

Renee Woslum





JULY BIRTHDAYS

We are pleased to let you all know that the 50th anniversary committee has been able to reduce the meal ticket at the Carson City Nugget on October 7th from \$38.35 to \$20.00 per ticket. This was possible through the generosity of many people, St. Paul's church council and YOU and WELCA, The Book Club, and the LEE Group and the Youth Group. We Thank You, so very much. Tickets will be sold by our own Doris Howell. Just to remind everyone, the events are as follows:

Saturday, October 7, 2017, there is a special service at St. Paul's at 10:30 am with some of our previous pastors going back to 1967. Following the service we will have our own celebration at the Carson City Nugget approximately 12 noon (this will be confirmed in future newsletters, articles, and bulletins. There will be special entertainment at the Nugget. Tickets will be available for purchase about mid July, early August. Please mark your calendars for this celebration.

Sunday, October 8, 2017, our service will be at 9 am at St. Paul's with a special event afterwards.

The next 50th anniversary committee meeting is 11 am at the church on July 10th. All are welcome!

- 3- Ryan Kinder
- 7- Shirley Morey
- 7- Bob Watkins
- 8- Shawn Anderson
- 11-Jennifer Overlock
- 12-Steven Anderson
- 12-Jeffrey Gesick
- 12-Kelsey Hamilton
- 13-Claire Olson
- 14-Marian Furnari
- 15-Tom Martin
- 15-Holly McPhail
- 19-Beverly Gutzman
- 23-Cheryl Kinder
- 23-Camille Lofaro
- 24-Melissa Harris
- 24-Fritz Steinle
- 25-Marta Marsh
- 25-Peggy Truttman
- 26-Scotty York
- 27-Sonja Fischer
- 28-Chris Marsh
- 29-Darlene Lacugna
- 29-Glendanne Block



WORSHIP LEADERS

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

*July 2- 8:00 am Louise Griffith
10:30 am Dick Lowther
July 9 8:00 am Need Volunteer
10:30 am Need Vol
July 16 8:00 am Need Vol
10:30am Need Vol
July 23 8:00 am Need Vol
10:30 am Linda Wilson
July 30 8:00 am Need Vol
10:30 am Need Vol*

GREETERS- 10:30A.M.

*July 2- Judy McPhail
July 9- Mary Neumann
July 16- Alice Bloyd
July 23- Mary Neumann
July 30- Betty Thoreson*

READERS-8:00 A.M.

*July 2- Betty Razor
July 9- Gloria Randle
July 16- Vera Logie
July 23- Louise Griffith
July 30- Carroll Massie*

READERS 10:30A.M.

*July 2- Judy McPhail
July 9- Richard Armhein
July 16- Holly McPhail
July 23- Linda Wilson
July 30- Syrena Chowanski*

USHERS-10:30 service

*July 2- Dave Harrell, Roy Eisentrager.
Mary Neumann. Greta O'Kelley
July 9- Dave Harrell, Mary Neumann.
Greta O'Kelley
July 16- Dave Harrell, Mary Neumann.
Greta O'Kelley
July 23- Dave Harrell, Roy Eisentrager.
Mary Neumann. Greta O'Kelley
July 30- Dave Harrell, Roy Eisentrager.
Mary Neumann. Greta O'Kelley*

COUNTERS

*July 2- 8:00 am
10:30 am Roy Eisentrager
July 9- 8:00 am
10:30 am Roy Eisentrager
July 16- 8:00 am
10:30 am Roy Eisentrager
July 23- 8:00 am
10:30 am Roy Eisentrager
July 30- 8:00 am
10:30 am Roy Eisentrager*

ACOLYTES-10:30 service

*July 2- Cody Lopez
July 9-
July 16-
July 23-
July 30- Carroll Massie-
(8:00 am)
Need volunteer
For 10:30*



ATTENTION STITCHERS!

On Saturday, July 29, the Stitcher's group is sponsoring a "Quilt Marathon." This will be from 9 am to 3 pm. So, if you are interested in quilting and thought you might like to give it a try, please come and try it out.

For questions,
Please call Sarah
Jevne

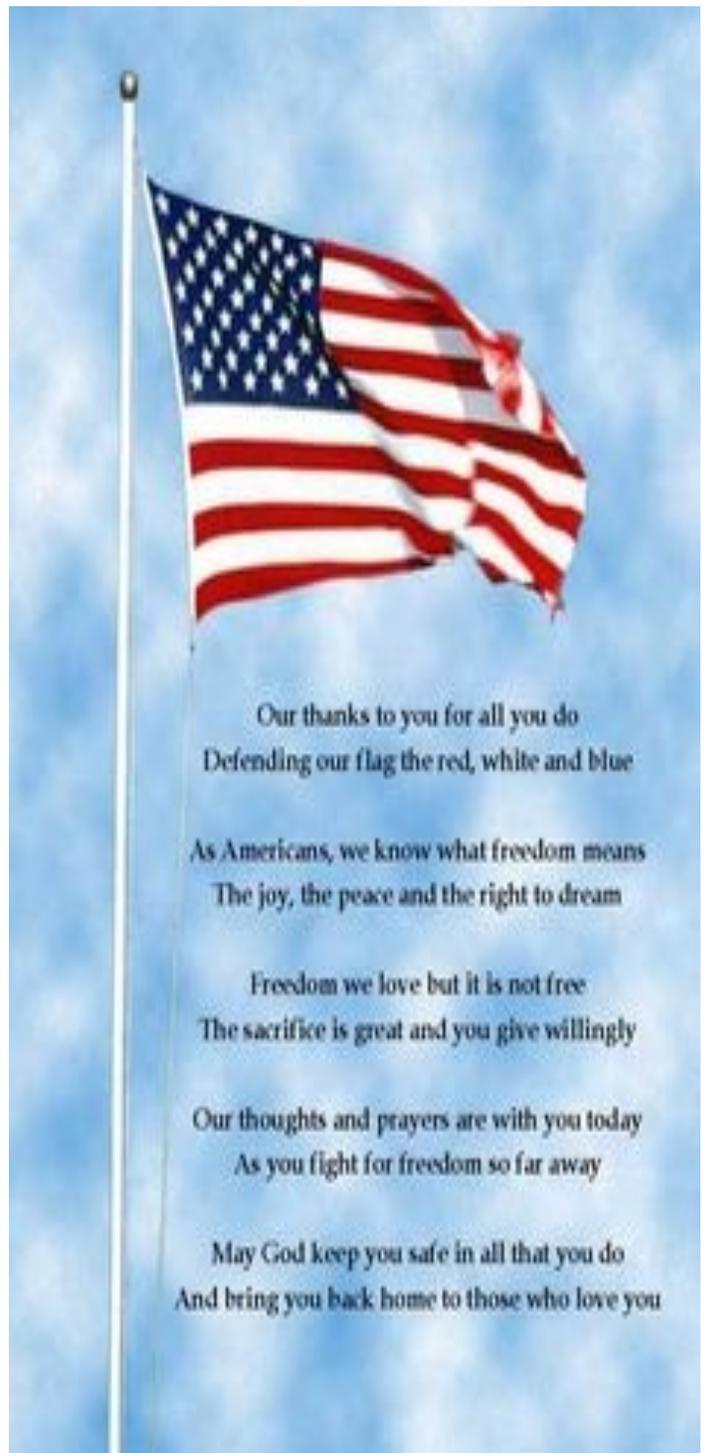


TASTY CHEESE DIP-Jean Opperman's recipe

Ingredients-1 Large block Velveeta cheese, prefer the 2% Queso Velveeta type (white cheese and milder)

2 cans of Rotel tomatoes (use the kind you prefer—mild, original or hot) Do not Drain
Cut the Velveeta in cubes and place in a microwave safe bowl. Add the tomatoes and microwave 2-3 minute increments. Continue until all cheese is melted. Place in a small crockpot on warm if you need to keep it warm for a while and for serving. Serve with tortilla strips. Yum!

Thanks Jean!



Our thanks to you for all you do
Defending our flag the red, white and blue

As Americans, we know what freedom means
The joy, the peace and the right to dream

Freedom we love but it is not free
The sacrifice is great and you give willingly

Our thoughts and prayers are with you today
As you fight for freedom so far away

May God keep you safe in all that you do
And bring you back home to those who love you