AFLC Parish Education

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Dear Pastor or Congregation,

Your local congregation has a profound opportunity and responsibility to teach every attendee "with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ" (Colossians 1:28). That includes a coordinated and intentional ministry of faithfully teaching the Scriptures. What a privilege we have as His servants and fellow proclaimers of God's Word!

There are many curriculum choices available. Making wise choices can require massive amounts of time and effort. While studying the Bible is a delight, picking out a Bible study may not be. As a board, we are committed to providing quality, Christ-centered materials consistent with our Lutheran theology. God has provided resources to develop and publish numerous books and curriculum. We praise Him for the talent and finances generously and sacrificially given to this ministry in the past.

We have a healthy backlog of projects and are excited about the soon-to-be released collection of writings by the late Dr. Francis Monseth and the revised Ten Commandments curriculum for lower elementary children. Using a digital format, studies on I and II Peter, Philippians, youth studies, and teacher manuals are in progress.

Volunteer writers and designers are vital to the process. However, paid staff is essential to complete the work. Our full-time staff of Director Marian Christopherson and Administrative Assistant Diane Brubakken, along with part-time Customer Account Specialist Scott Olson, keep very busy. Besides the time-consuming production work on publications, they are challenged daily with operating the online bookstore, filling orders, answering phone and email requests, and managing inventory.

Our current financial need is urgent. Designated gifts for projects are important, but we need funds to keep our current staff in place doing the work. We press forward with joy in our Lord's promise. Philippians 4:19 says, "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

April is the AFLC's designated month for Parish Education and Publications. Please pray for this crucial ministry to our congregations. Would you also prayerfully consider financially investing in this work of teaching and proclaiming God's Word? Thank you for taking time to copy the enclosed bulletin inserts to include with your Sunday bulletins and on your church bulletin boards.

In His Service,

AFLC Board of Publications and Parish Education