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Support Bethany Children's Home

Join Bethany Children's Home and Lovelace on Friday, July 18 from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. on the Bethany campus for an evening of music, dancing, and fun!
To purchase tickets go to: //givebutter.com/9bGRCv

From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce: Narcan - Not just for addicts & opioid drug users

Narcan is not just for addicts and opioid drug users.
Who else should have it?

People who take opioid pain medication regularly should have it on hand in case of an accidental overdose – Inform your family about it!

Households with both opioid pain medication and children – Little hands can get into everything!

Is it expired?

The FDA reports that any Narcan produced after January 17, 2024 now has an extended shelf-life of 3 to 4 years.

Don't throw it out – Even 'old' Narcan can be effective & save a life!

An Independence Day Message from our Conference Minister

"You have heard it said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."

That's not the Scripture most people expect to hear on the Fourth of July. It cuts against the grain of our celebration. Which is why people who put Jesus first need it.

Independence is the freedom to choose what kind of people we become. Until recently, our national identity has been defined by enemies—the people on whom we project everything we don't like about ourselves. Now in America we make enemies of each other; to the benefit of a very small group of wealthy politicians.

As followers of Christ and as citizens of this nation, there is often tension between these two loyalties. Christ calls us to love without limits. The nation asks us to defend what we hold dear. For Jesus' disciples all allegiances fall in line behind the cross. A flag wrapped cross is anathema for followers of "the way, the truth, and the life."

Still, on this Fourth of July, we can hold both stories—the national and the gospel—without letting either silence the other. We can be proud of the freedoms secured by brave women and men in uniform, and still be challenged by the radical love of Christ. We can wave the flag, and we can remember that God's love does not stop at our borders or for the people who cross them.

If we want to be children of our Father in heaven, Jesus says, then we have to learn how to love like He does. When loving is hard. That creates the kind of independence that no empire can grant—and no enemy can take away.

- *William "Bill" P. Worley*
PSE Conference Minister