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Embracing Our Neighbors with Jesus' Unconditional Love



Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey friends,

Last month I returned to Uvalde for the start of their school year.

Of course, I didn't go alone. I was with two of my handlers, John and Marsha.

I was also with eight of my fellow Comfort Dogs. (I'm the third one from the right, next to Persis, who's checking out a squirrel!!)

Team Gabriel (me, John, and Marsha) joined with the other teams to make a Mega-Team of love and compassion!!

My Jesus talks about teams. Well actually, He talks about members of a body (which is really the same thing).

In 1 Corinthians 12 He says, **"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."**

My Jesus knows that we need each other, just like your body has different parts that help each other.

My handlers and I need each other, because there are things that I can't do by myself (like drive a car) and I'm able to do things that they can't (like give furry snuggles).

There is only so much we can do by ourselves, and that's why we are Team Gabriel.

All of us — you, me, and everyone at Messiah — are all part of Team Jesus and when we work together, my Jesus can do a lot.

Isn't that PAWSOME?!?

Your friend Gabriel



From the Pastor



A Mighty Fortress

*A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from every
need*

*That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil Foe*

*Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On Earth is not his equal.*

*The Word they still shall let re-
main*

*Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.*

*And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child and wife,
Let these all be gone,
They yet have nothing won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.*

Martin Luther

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month the Lutheran Church remembers the Reformation of the Church, which began in 1517 in Wittenberg, Germany.

That's when a monk named Martin Luther posted ninety-five theological statements on the door of the church in Wittenberg on October 31.

He did this as a response to the selling of documents called indulgences by a Dominican friar named John Tetzel.

These indulgences were certificates that offered forgiveness for the purchaser.

Luther's study of the Scriptures had convinced him that God's forgiveness was offered without cost and wasn't to be purchased like a sack of potatoes.

Although Luther had intended that these statements be used as the basis for a theological debate, with the recent advent of the movable type printing press, his 95 Theses went viral and the Reformation Movement was born.

The sharp sound of Luther's hammer has for the past five centuries echoed wherever the Gospel teaching of free salvation by grace through faith in Christ has been proclaimed.

In the words of Luther's great hymn, "A Mighty Fortress,"

With might of our can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is;
O Sabaoth Lord
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Engel

