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Dear Friends,

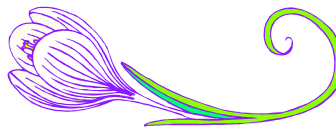
For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.²⁰ For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope,²¹ Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.²² For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.²³ And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body. (Romans 8:18-23 KJV)

Here in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan we're still waiting for Spring. We got a little glimpse of it on Easter Sunday but we still have too much ice and snow to call it Spring. Yet we wait, because when Spring and Summer come it is so beautiful here that it's worth the wait.

Saint Paul knew about waiting for something worth waiting for. He speaks very clearly of it here in these verses from Romans 8. In fact all of creation is waiting for the same thing. Everything created is waiting for God's offspring to be revealed. While we long for Spring, all of creation is longing for its eternal Spring. That Spring will be revealed when Jesus Christ brings the consummation of all things. Then Jesus Christ will be fully revealed, all of creation will be revealed in its newness and we will be revealed as well as new creatures who have been hidden in Him. In that day our time of hiding will be over and what we have been since the resurrection of Jesus will be plainly available to sight. Now we are cloaked by the fallen fleshly being but in the time to come we will receive a new body made complete in our Savior, Jesus Christ. Still only the manifestation is future, we are already new in Christ, our new birth is a past event and Paul uses its announcement to direct us to live as new beings in the Spirit of our God. We may and should live in this newness here which the apostle teaches in the earlier portion of this chapter, the newness provided for us in the resurrection is available to us now and the Holy Spirit is the "down payment" of this gift.

So we wait for the consummation even as we wait for Spring. Like the promise of Spring the land waits covered with a blanket of snow, but unlike the land the children of God wait already having received the promise in the Spirit and now we are called to bring this "Spring" to the earth. May God give us His grace to bring the announcement of the Spring of His Son from the tomb to all of the waiting creation.

God's Peace,
Jay Weidner



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Annual SPRING SING service
hosted by the Inter-Lutheran Seminary

You are invited to our Spring Sing service at the seminary on Sunday, May 18 at 7PM. The service will include singing by the students, staff and local musicians. The service will take place in the sanctuary which is located at 916 Pine Street in Hancock. Refreshments will be served afterwards. A free will offering will be collected and used to carry on the work of teaching and preparing our students for ministry. Hope to see you there!



LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL CLASSES

The Spring semester is wrapping up. Tentatively the classes offered this fall will be Post Reformation Church History, Ministry to the Aging, Genesis, Christian Ethics, Edifying Church & Family, Romans, Isaiah, Galatians, Koine Greek Readings and Gospel of Luke. Daily classes will begin Wednesday, September 3rd. For additional information, contact the seminary at (906) 482-3337 or send an email to cilseminary@ilseminary.com