



Pastor Enno's Weekly Message

Dear Friends,

There is a group of Americans who believe that government is the enemy of the people. Some of our elected leaders are not that concerned with the pending government shutdown because they, in their warped logic, believe that power and money will return to the people, rather than be wasted on things like foreign aid, SNAP, and educational indoctrination. What they fail to realize (this will be the 22nd in 50 years, all beginning with the same party controlling the House of Representatives) is that it also affects the military, social security, travel (trains and planes most immediately), and national parks. These are expenses they are supposed to be supportive of.

In this misguided action, there are going to be consequences for those who live paycheck-to-paycheck. There is a domino effect where government employees stop spending and then small businesses shrink, people go hungry, bills become overdue, and the bottom half of America is further behind. They would rather wreak havoc than do the job of governing and caring for those people whom they are supposed to serve.

Such selfishness and callousness is what Isaiah preached against and Jeremiah struggled against. Jesus proclaimed that, in God's kingdom, the rich would be sent away hungry while the poor would be filled with good things. We must continue to use our voice, our movements, and our votes to keep a healthy balance between the government, the private, and the common good for all.

Peace

