

The Celebration! Connection

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From the Pastor:

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In 2017, the world marks the five-hundredth anniversary of the movement that tradition tells us began on October 31, 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 points of debate (thesis) on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany in an attempt to reform what he perceived were the theological abuses of the Roman Catholic Church at that time. At the heart of this movement stands Luther's rediscovery of the Gospel message that human beings do not earn their salvation by doing good works, but rather God freely offers salvation to all who believe. For Luther this message liberated humanity to engage in all kinds of new undertakings and activities, chief among them to live lives of service to others. Meanwhile, across Europe the impulses coming out of Wittenberg inspired others to interpret the Bible in new ways, thereby calling into being many of the Protestant denominations that exist to this day. (Some of these new ways of interpretation irritated Luther to no end...) The Roman Catholic Church also responded by introducing its own reforms that would change the face of that institution.

This watershed event in Western history also gave to the world a variety of concepts that are still deeply relevant today: plurality in society, freedom of conscience, toleration, individualism, freedom of religion, freedom of thought, the idea of equality of all humans, institutionalized poor relief, literacy and universal education (before this, women rarely received even basic education), and the importance of public discourse.

The Reformation's impact on music (Luther insisted on congregational song*) and the arts was huge. Michael Praetorius, Johann Sebastian Bach, Georg Telemann, George Frederick Handel, Dietrich Buxtehude and Felix Mendelssohn are just a few of the Lutheran composers who changed the face of Western music.

Certainly, the Reformation had a dark side, one that fostered suspicion and conflict – sometimes-bloody conflict, and Luther's later years engendered some statements that the modern Lutheran church find grievous and embarrassing – especially his comments regarding those of the Jewish faith. But, out of this crucible, the modern Western world was born.

Last year, in Lund, Sweden, Pope Francis and members of the Lutheran World Federation came together to celebrate the "Declaration on the Way," a document that seeks to look at the move to hold fast to the truths Lutherans and Catholics share,

even as we recognize the terrible cost of division in the early years of the Reformation. This year, on October 29th at 4pm, we at Celebration will come together with our brothers and sisters from St. Mary, Cause of our Joy and Saints Simon and Jude Catholic churches, and worship as one family of faith with an adaptation of the same service used in Sweden.

So make a day of it! Hear the Word, receive the gifts of Grace, sing with all the people of God and join the commitment to move forward toward ever-greater unity within the Body of Christ.

This is indeed a day to celebrate!

See you in church!

Pastor Fogle

*** SOME HYMNS BY MARTIN LUTHER**

1. *All Praise to Thee, Eternal God - Christmas*
2. *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come - Christmas*
3. *To Shepherds as They Watched by Night - Christmas*
4. *In Peace and Joy I Now Depart - Presentation*
5. *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands - Easter*
6. *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord - Pentecost*
7. *We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost - Pentecost*
8. *Isaiah, Mighty Seer, in Days of Old - Trinity*
9. *We All Believe in One True God - Trinity*
10. *Flung to the Heedless Winds - Martyrs*
11. *O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold - Reformation*
12. *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word - Reformation*
13. *A Mighty Fortress is Our God - Reformation*
14. *If God Had Not Been on Our Side - Psalm 124*
15. *That Man a Godly Life Might Live - The 10 Commandments*
16. *O Lord, We Praise Thee - The Lord's Supper*
17. *From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee - Confession*
18. *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice - Faith & Justification*
19. *Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above - The Lord's Prayer*
20. *May God Bestow on Us His Grace - Mission Work*
21. *In the Midst of Earthly Life - Funeral*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
THIS YEAR IS THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION
AND WE ARE GOING TO DO IT UP RIGHT WITH TWO SERVICES!

REGULAR REFORMATION WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
10AM

AND THEN HERE AT CELEBRATION
WE WILL BE WORSHIPPING ALONG WITH
TWO NEARBY ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES
St. Mary, Cause of our Joy – Father Ken Mazur, PIME
Sts. Simon and Jude – Father Gerard V. Bechard

FROM CONFLICT TO COMMUNION:
TOGETHER IN HOPE!

4PM

PLAN ON MAKING A DAY OF IT!!!
(after all, this only comes once every 500 years....)

Check This Out -

The Reformation 500 Bookstore at Celebration!

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by the Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles. Stop by the display in the Welcoming Space on October 22 and 29, before and after church to place your order for fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family. Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer*, as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, a pop-up book (perfect for kids of all ages), and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.

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By George

Over the past year, our Synod has been in the process of developing a Synod-wide program aimed at, in the words of Bishop Kreiss:

- Strengthen both lay and rostered leaders to lead the church of today and tomorrow
- Help congregations determine how to best live out their missions in their communities
- Build a generation of stewards who will fund critical ministry both here and across the world, and
- Provide a tithe from SEMI Synod to the *Always Being Made New Campaign for the ELCA*.

The Campaign is named RISE UP, using the same name as the incredibly impactful National Youth Gathering here in SE Michigan in the summer of 2015.

The specific goals of the campaign are to:

- Raise \$1.25 million dollars
- Provide advanced Stewardship training for all participating congregation
- Make available a specific program aimed at helping congregations get a “clearer understanding of both their assets and the needs of the community they serve.” This will be called the “Tune-In” program and it utilize materials from the LEAD organization—*Live Everyday As Disciples*
- Provide funds for grants of up to \$5000 to carry out a specific ministry project of a congregation

- Provide Lay Leader Development workshops aimed at:
 - Declaring Nursing Homes as a Mission Field. This seminar will provide guidance and tools to start such a ministry—October 7 is the first session
 - Learning how to write Grants to Fund Community Outreach—October 14 is the first session
 - How to start a Food Pantry/Food Ministry—November 4 is the first session
- Tithe, as a Synod, to the ELCA Churchwide’s *Always Being Made New* campaign—a campaign which has as its goal to raise \$200 million.
- Hire a half-time Assistant to the Bishop to manage the Rise Up program and free time for Bishop Kreiss’ other duties.

Your church Council has agreed to participate in the Rise Up campaign.

As of this writing the specific implementation and goals are being worked out, but we are clearly excited to take advantage of the Tune-In program for community awareness and also the Lay Leader development programs. If you are requested to join in the implementation process, please give it prayerful consideration. As one disciple has said, “Make the move to proceed and put yourself wholly in God’s hands.”

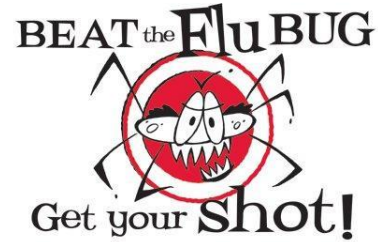
George Evalt, President

October 7 at 6:00 to 8:00 pm



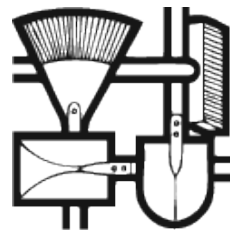
Hopefully this newsletter will reach you before October 1, so that you can purchase your tickets for the Oktoberfest. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children 6 thru 12.

There will be food and music and lots of activities for the Kinderplatz including games, face painting, making a German hat and a bounce house.



Immunization Clinic

The Michigan Community Wellness VNA will administer flu and pneumonia shots on October 15th immediately after the worship service. If you would to receive an immunization, please fill out the information on the back of the yellow card. Flu shot is \$33, Flu mist is \$35, High Dose is \$50, and Pneumonia shot is \$95. You must pay by cash or check at the time you get your immunization. They will bill the following insurances with flu vaccine coverage: BCBS (except TEA Prefix), BCN, HAP (except CIGNA HAP), Physician Heath Plan, Medicare, Priority Health, and Health Plus of Michigan and their Medicare Advantage Plans.



The Fall Clean-up is scheduled for October 28th 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

YARDWORK Crew Please consider donating some of your time to help. Please bring your own lawn and garden tools. Boy Scout Troop 1539 will be part of the work crew.



Have you considered sponsoring Flowers for the altar?

We have display room for two vases on the altar for use during worship. The cost is \$21.00 per vase. You may sponsor flowers in celebration of an event such as a birthday or anniversary or in memory of a loved one. There is a sign-up in on the Communications Board located near the north entrance.

If you are only paying for one vase, be sure to leave room on the line for someone else to sign-up. If the whole line is taken up, we are assuming you want to pay for both vases.

Flowers may be taken home after the service. If you do not wish to take the flowers home, consider giving them to someone else, perhaps someone who is homebound or ill. If you have questions, please contact the office.

Name Badges vs. Pace Makers

New name badges were made for people who have indicated they have a pace (maker) magnet. There is/ was some concern that the magnets on the back of the name badges interfere with the pace makers. Please let Jodi, in the office, know if you have any problems with your name badge. (734) 582-4112.

Aid for Hurricane Victims



If you would like to help those affected by the Hurricane and storms in southeast Texas and Florida, you are urged to make a donation to Lutheran Disaster Response at LDR.org. If you do not have a computer and would like to help, please call 1-800-638-3522 C.T. Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Help Needed!



The Service Ministry Team is looking for members to help carry out our mission to serve others in our new communities. We are looking for your ideas, your energy and people who can assist with the projects we select. Please let Cindy Sweier know if you can join us in this important ministry. Also, if you cannot join us but have a passion about a way we can serve our community, please let Cindy Sweier know. (248) 685-3789 or email her at cynthiasweier@yahoo.com.



The women of Celebration will be serving in all aspects of the worship service and hosting the social hour after worship on October 22 to celebrate **Bold Women's Sunday**.

A special Thankoffering will be taken on **Bold Women's Sunday**. This offering will go to support the total ministries of the Women of the ELCA:

- Program Resources
- Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls
- Advocacy-equipping women with tools to advocate justice
- Media Outreach connecting men and women to mission opportunities and encouraging bold lives of faith
- Cross-cultural Immersion
- Racial Justice
- Grants and Scholarships
- Ecumenical Collaboration

Women's Bible Study

The women's Bible study group will meet on Wednesday, October 18 at 1:00 pm. We will continue our study of *The Apostle's Creed*. Session two: I believe in Jesus Christ.

The Bible study is printed in **Gather** magazine; but if you do not get **Gather**; you can pick up a copy of the Bible study from the mailbox of Lauren Preston.

Craft Auction



Calling all crafters!! The Women of the ELCA will be hosting the craft auction again this year on November 4.

If you are a crafter, please consider donating some of your creations to this auction.

This has been a popular event in the past. The proceeds are used to support local, national and international ministries.

Box tops for Education

We continue to collect "Box Tops for Education" labels that are on so many products. We give them to local schools. If you are not already collecting them for children or grandchildren, please clip them for us.

Place them in the box on the bulletin board inside the front entrance.

Note: The Campbell soup label program has been discontinued.

A New Action Project

Mascara-wand magic! Instead of tossing those old applicators, give them to us. We will send them to the Appalachian Wildlife Refuge where they will be used to clean the feathers and fur of injured and orphaned animals. Place them in the decorated milk jug by the mailboxes.



The Mysteries in our Garden

In the spring an unusual plant popped up in the Meditation Garden and the gardeners didn't remove it lest it prove to be a valuable asset. However, after much searching in books, online and asking members we hoped would know the answer, we learned by going to Barson's Greenhouse with a picture that we had Virginia Poke weed, not recommended as a garden treasure by our informant. It is no longer in the garden.

In the summer, Brian Goodykoontz found a statue of Jesus that was hiding in the tall grass - so he placed it in the garden. We still have no knowledge of its origin.

In the small gardens by the east entrance, some enticing plants appeared. They look like miniature trees, leaves similar to holly leaves but larger and prickly, very prickly burrs. Again, what is it? Again we asked, searched the internet and our garden books. We finally learned that we have Jimson Weed also called Thorn Apple. Remember Gene Autry singing "where the longhorn cattle feed on the lowly Jimson weed"? We'll let them be for a while - until they become a problem!



- Gladys Gooding
- 6 George Wiertella
- Linda Schroeder
- 8 Leo Albert
- 9 Elizabeth Fair
- Mike Sweier
- 10 Marge Gask
- 11 Amanda Trojan
- 12 Esther Bowers
- Ericka Williamson
- 13 Catherine Holt
- 14 Marian Pye
- Catherine Heltunen
- 15 Barb Mishloney
- 20 Gwen Fair
- Benjamin Holt
- 21 Julie Livingston
- 25 John Gambotto
- 26 Bev Conklin
- 27 Jodi Reed
- 28 Debby Hoepner
- 31 Katie Reid



- 1. Justin and Michelle Lair
- 4 Julie and Jeremiah Livingston
- 8 Ken and Linda Schroeder
- 9 Terry and Glenda Tarr
- 12 Dominic and Anna Roma
- 15 Al and Cathy Buchfinck