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Our Savior Lutheran Church

Mesquite, TX

July 2019

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## LUTHER AT LEIPZIG

July 14, 5:30pm

The Debate of the ~~Decade~~  
The Debate of the ~~Century~~  
The Debate of the Last 500 Years



It's debating season again.

From now 'til next November, debates will highlight the news and many of our TV watching schedules. Debates will help weed out 25 Democratic Presidential Candidates; and, sometime next summer, debates may well decide the United States Presidency.

There's a lot riding on these debates ... but there was even more at stake 500 years ago in Leipzig as Martin Luther squared off against Johann Eck. It was a knock-down, drag-out affair that lasted 20 days. By the time it ended on July 14, 1519, there was no clear winner—at least in human terms. Eck succeeded in trapping Luther into agreement with Jan Hus—a declared heretic who was burned at the stake. That conclusion should have sealed Luther's fate and sent him to the gallows.

But there was a divine intervention that day, in a manner of speaking, by which the Word of God emerged victorious over human authorities which had tried to put a price tag on God's Grace. And Luther emerged, as well, as a champion of freedom and a vessel of the Gospel. Luther would not go to the gallows, but would go on proclaiming the Gospel unfettered. He was defended and protected by his secular prince, Elector Frederick the Wise. But, more powerfully than Frederick, Luther was protected by "A Mighty Fortress"—the God who defended Martin Luther and still is our 'trusty shield' even today. From the Leipzig Debate, the real winner came forth: The Reformation Standard of Sola Scriptura.

But ... but ... you may argue, is it not a bit audacious to declare the Leipzig Debate the greatest debate of the last 500 years? Really? Leipzig, Germany? Where's that? And Martin Luther? Who's he? The world would soon find out as the Leipzig Debate concluded and the Gutenberg Printing Press began its unprecedented publishing frenzy.

Not so fast, you may say! What about the Lincoln-Douglas Debate over Slavery? More famous than the Cool Kennedy and Sweaty Nixon televised debate that rewrote all debate strategies? (Nixon won on radio, while Kennedy prevailed on the far more popular television media.) Or more recently the Clinton-Trump-sneak-up-from-behind-and-creepy-stare-down debate? And who can forget the Bentson-Quayle, "I knew Jack Kennedy and you are no Jack Kennedy" smackdown?

Or what about the raging Evolution vs. Religion battles? In England, it was Thomas Huxley against Bishop Wilberforce. In the United States, William Jennings Bryan contested Clarence Darrow in the famous "Scopes Monkey Trial".

But as Presidents come and go, and science theories and debates continue, that debate at Leipzig established something more permanent than any President and more salvific than any scientific-religious scuffle. Luther established the authority of Scripture, which only points to the final authority—God's Grace and Love in the Cross of Christ. For that reason, there is no debate more crucial than that clash in Leipzig 500 years ago. On that day, our very lives emerged victorious because they were found in Christ.

## A Night in Auerbach's Keller

JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 5:30PM

Let's travel to Leipzig with Martin Luther for the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Leipzig Debate. In the ambiance of one of the world's best-known inns and taverns, we'll hear Johann Eck and Martin Luther square off in a debate that defined the Gospel and the Church. Our venue will be a dinner theater, and the menu will be whatever potluck goodies you wish to provide! (Each guest is entitled to one complimentary German beer to offer "prost" to Dr. Martin Luther.

Non-alcoholic sparkling wine will also be served.) This is the paramount Reformation 500 event for 2019, so be sure to sign up in the centrum and join us for "Luther in Leipzig: The Musical."



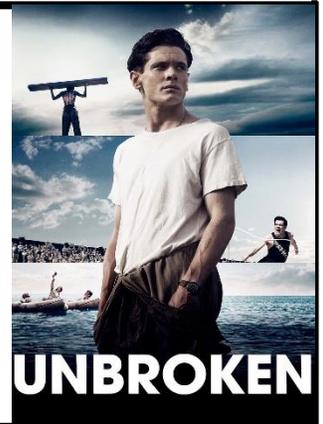
### Luther in Leipzig: The Musical July 14, 5:30pm

### New Members Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>

Our Savior Lutheran Church rolls out the red carpet—literally to welcome new members on Sunday morning and to attend the world premier, red carpet event of the year! All New Members will receive free tickets to "Luther in Leipzig: The Musical" that evening. Now that's a deal you cannot refuse. (Okay, all tickets are free but we're pulling out all the stops to let you know how welcome you are at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

### 2019 Summer Movie Marathon

Marathon events are big news makers... whether far away like the Boston Marathon or closer to home like the Cowtown Marathon. But the marathon that matters for this summer is a movie marathon of 3 stories of runners whose every step was a race of courage, determination, and faith. One runner is from Great Britain, the second from the United States, and the third from Iran. These 3 movies highlight faith and trust and hope for this summer's "Flicks for Faith." Our next movie, Unbroken, will premier July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm with a light potluck supper at 6:30pm. If you wish to attend, you must sign up. The times are set. Get on your racing shoes. To the starting blocks. Ready. Set. Go... to Our Savior's Summer Movie Marathon.



### Nancy's Health Notes



Summer is now in full swing so just a reminder to use sunscreen, insect repellent, and drink plenty of water. I know that is the same old song and dance but those are three of the most important things to have a safe and healthy summer.

I have missed seeing all of you these past weeks and look forward to returning soon. Even though I have not been present, I have felt close. I thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards, and goodies. We are taught to care for our brothers and sisters and this was a living example of your ministering. Being cared for is a very strong part of the healing process.

Each Sunday, our bulletin includes the list of individuals and families who have special needs. I hope that others will experience the loving support that I have felt as they too heal.

Decades ago, Dean Martin had a weekly variety show that many of you may remember. His last statement each week was "Keep those cards and letters coming." Let's continue to keep that statement going.

Thank you again and God's peace to each of our church family.

*Nancy Wilson, RN, FCN*

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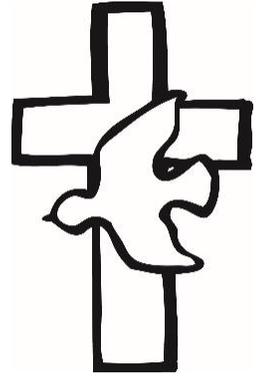
## Birthdays

Date	Name
1	Penny Fortenberry
	Laura Stidd
2	Ashlee Morton
3	Denise Keller
	Connie Skyles
6	Travis Salvato
9	Jonathan Enright
	Joshua Enright
	Gerald Hare
	John Mangham
11	Ella Ranta
12	Drew Castilleja
	Becky Williams
17	Gabriel Ramirez
18	Simon Belz
19	Jaeden Freeman
	Adama Ndomahina
	Dawson Spindle
21	Stephanie Priola
24	Debbie Jacobs
25	Jimmy Stovall Jr.
26	Lisa White
27	Tania Helm
28	David Anderson
29	Ken Hester
30	Mackenzie Reggia
31	Aimee Hillegas



## Baptism Birthdays

Date	Name
1	Kim Phares
5	Brynna Williams
13	Penny Fortenberry
24	Nicholas Zaragoza
25	Kyle Furr
	Michael Furr
26	Denise Bartosh
29	Carson Williams
	Andrew Williams



## Wedding Anniversaries

Date	Years
30	Melissa & David Zaragoza
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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	6/30-7/14		7/21-8/4	
	8:30	11:00	8:30	11:00
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Lois Schelter	Chip Cannon	Lois Schelter	Randy Peterson
<b>Greeter</b>	Michael Lubben	Lou Mazza	Dave Shafer	Sally Nelson
	Cynthia Lubben	Marie Mazza	Beth Shafer	Julie Williams
<b>Ushers</b>	Debbie Lonon	Nicholas McCabe	Michael Lubben	David Anderson
	Earl Herndon	Patti Preas	Cynthia Lubben	Richard Mastin
<b>Reader</b>	Kris Semmler	Jeanne Krause	Thane Katz	Chip Cannon
<b>Communion</b>	Michael Lubben	Jon Cook	Thane Katz	Marie Mazza
<b>Assistants</b>	Cynthia Lubben	Debbie Zimmermann	Paula Fincher	Henry Williams

## ACOLYTES

	June 30	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28	Aug. 4
8:30am	Yiyaine F.	Marie V.	Yiyaine F.	Marie V.	Yiyaine F.	Marie V.
	Haidyn J.	Alicia V.	Haidyn J.	Alicia V.	Haidyn J.	Alicia V.
11:00	Joshua E.	Jeremy R.	Joshua E.	Cole R.	Madison R.	Joshua E.
	Jonathan E.	Jesse R.	Jonathan E.	Jesse R.	Jeremy R.	Jonathan E.

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Sunday School—9:45am

Pastor—John Schelter

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*Summer Study: Don't forget Monday night Bible Study at 7pm in the Centrum.*

Mother's Day Out is in need of teachers and substitute teachers for the coming school year. If you love young children and would like to earn a little money, please contact Remona at 972-226-0523.



## COUNCIL CORNER – JULY 2019

The congregational picnic was a huge success, even though we had to move to the gym due to the rainy weather.

**50<sup>th</sup>**  
ANNIVERSARY

Summer is here so things are slowing down. **NOT !!!** While council has swapped our normal off month from August to July (we are not meeting this month), planning for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party is well under way. It's not too late to sign up to assist with the planning and execution. It's going to be a **BIG, SPECIAL** event so council needs a lot of **HELP**. Please sign up in the centrum, contact me (214-763-9069, [dande75043@tx.rr.com](mailto:dande75043@tx.rr.com)) to volunteer. We are looking to cater lunch in after the service so if you have any catering ideas or want to help, contact me at the above number. If you want to help with the decorating, contact Loretta Cannon. If you've kept up with any of our former members who we may not have current addresses, please contact the church office with their new address.

To better enable everyone to be able to attend the celebration on **September 15**, council has decided to only have a single service that day, beginning at 10:00 am. Note this on your calendar.

Expansion of the community garden is imminent. Work days are scheduled on July 6 to put up the posts for the fence and for July 13 to actually install the fencing. We're going to have a lot more space available next spring so get involved now and get a plot next year.

The Safety and Security Committee is hard at work developing contingency plans. Don't be too surprised if something unusual happens during services over the next couple of months.

Hope everyone has a great summer.