

Christ Lutheran Newsletter

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September 2017

Bible Study/Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

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From the Pastor...

A great blessing of the Reformation is the Scriptural truth that sinners like us are assured of salvation. This certainty was not preached or taught in the medieval period. In fact, if a Christian professed that he was certain of his place in heaven, he was called a heretic. Joan of Arc was one such Christian, and she was burned at the stake in 1431. Her judges pronounced her sentence: "This woman sins when she says she is as certain of being received into Paradise as if she were already a partaker of...glory, seeing that on this earthly journey no pilgrim knows if he is worthy of glory or of punishment, which the sovereign Judge alone can tell."

"In Christ your place in heaven is certain"

Can you imagine living each day, and approaching the day of your death, without any assurance whatsoever that you will be received into heaven's glory? Living in the medieval period, you would not have, nor could you read, a Bible. You would, therefore, not be able to read the comforting Gospel that assures terrified sinners. You would not hear the Gospel from those commanded by God to proclaim it from the pulpit.

This is the world into which Martin Luther was born. When God revealed to him, through the Holy Scriptures, the comforting Gospel of salvation, he began to preach, teach, and write fervently so that all would know the truth.

Five hundred years later, you and I are blessed, by God's grace, to know and believe this truth, namely, that God has, for Jesus' sake, declared all sinners justified. You are right with God (righteous) not because of anything in you, but solely through faith in Christ. "The righteous shall live by faith" (Habakkuk 2:4). Jesus is your Righteousness. His holy life covers you in your baptism. Jesus kept the entire Law for you, and He suffered the penalty your sin deserves. God declares you forgiven for His sake. In Christ your place in heaven is certain. You can rejoice with the thief who was assured by Jesus, "Today you shall be with Me in Paradise!"

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*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

LSB #591—"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" vs. 1

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Prayer Service

Followed by Bible study
each Wednesday morning
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.



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"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105



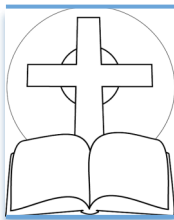
Attendance

July 30 - 48
August 6 - 53
August 13 - 52
August 20 - 74

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122:1

Bible Class

Coming up on September 17 and 24 our Sunday morning Bible class will be led by Timios Cook, who has his doctorate in Reformation Studies. The topics will be the 95 Theses, and Luther Rediscovering the Gospel. Timios, his wife Elizabeth, and their three children have recently begun worshipping with us. Timios is a graduate of our St. Louis Seminary. We thank Timios for sharing his knowledge with us. Please plan now to attend!



Ladies Luncheon

Thanks to everyone who attended the Ladies Luncheon at Chandler Hill Winery on August 12th. We enjoyed a beautiful day with lots of sharing and fun - look for information about our next get together sometime in the Spring!

Reformation Celebration

On Sunday, October 29, our congregation will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Lutherans around the world will be celebrating this historic anniversary.

A Reformation Committee has been formed to plan festivities in connection with this celebration. Following a Reformation themed worship service with special music, there will be a free luncheon for all members and our community friends. We will be serving Pretzel Brats (from Gus' Pretzels), German Potato Salad, and Strudel.



In the weeks leading up to October 29, topics dealing with the Reformation will be discussed in Bible Class and Sunday School. What a special opportunity this is to learn more about the incredible impact and blessings that stemmed from the Reformation.

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The Lutheran Reformation is still all about Jesus; that is, faithfully preaching and teaching the good news of Jesus Christ and standing for the teachings of God's Word as they have been confessed in all times and all places wherever the Gospel is purely taught according to a pure understanding of it and where the Sacraments are administered according to Christ's institution. With Martin Luther, we still say, "Here we stand, we cannot do otherwise. God help us. Amen."

The Lutheran Reformation then, and today, is not about throwing away the past, but about retaining and preserving the very best of the Church's rich history and teachings, while filtering out whatever covers and contradicts God's Word and denies the good news of salvation by grace alone, though faith alone, on account of Christ alone.

- *From lutheranreformation.org*

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry 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.*

LSB #656—"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" vs. 1

Reformation Community Program

Pastor Bell has been asked to lead a community presentation with Dr. Paul Mack on the effects of the Reformation. This presentation will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Augusta. As we know, the Reformation had an incredible theological impact on the church. What is often overlooked is the cultural impact of the Reformation. This presentation will provide an in-depth look at the cultural significance of the Reformation. Please plan on attending and supporting this community event.

Quilting & Needleworking

Quilters meet on Tuesdays at the church from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is not only for quilters but anyone who embroiders, knits, crochets, or would just like to visit! Bring whatever project you are working on, along with your lunch, and plan on joining us!



Apple Butter Cooking

Our annual apple butter cooking will be held on Saturday, September 30. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Education Wing starting in August. Donations of half pint and pint jars are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

Paul Ballmann Golf Tournament

The Paul Ballmann Golf Tournament was held again at the Warrenton Golf Course on Saturday, August 12. Fifty-six teams participated. There were a total of 194 contributors, 160 of these were business and family hole sponsors. As of today over \$24,000 in profit has been accumulated. These funds will be divided equally between our three beneficiaries. They are Jamie (Nadler) and Greg Kappelmann for their daughters; Stephanie Lindemann, a teenage cancer victim from Union, daughter of Steve and Sue Lindemann; and Erin Haddin, her husband was killed in a car accident, and she has three children.

Our congregation sponsored two holes at \$100 each and pledged 20 dozen cookies to help feed the crowd. Thank you to those that baked the cookies. They fit in so well with the meal and were particularly varied and quite tasty. I was accused of sampling a number of those provided and they were really GOOD. Thanks also to Linda Warnecke for organizing the baking list and gathering all the plates together. She does this every year.

This is a great community project with a high level of participation. All the profits are kept here to help local folks. -Tom Kluesner

Augusta Eclipse Festival

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our food booth such a success! We interacted with many locals and visitors alike and were able to distribute a large number of commemorative Christ Lutheran Solar Eclipse cups. It was a privilege not only to be involved in this community event but also to give glory to our God who made this awe inspiring phenomenon possible!



September 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday mornings 9-12 | Prayer Service: Wednesday mornings 11-11:30 | Quilting & Needlework: Tuesdays 9-3 | *Reformation Community Presentation at Am. Legion Sept. 20 | | Neil Warnecke 1 | 2 |
| 3 Henry Gordon Dennis Nadler Nathan & Ramona Hagedorn | 4 Patricia Baravik | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 6:00 Elders 7:00 Council | 12 Dave & Nancy Little | 13 6:30 Choir | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Dennis & Jackie Nadler | 18 Neil & Sally Warnecke | 19 Darrell & Ruth Nadler | 20 Mark Warnecke 7:15 Men's Bible Breakfast 7:00 p.m. Presentation * | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Christy Hamersen Dan Rinne | 25 | 26 | 27 6:30 Choir | 28 John & Jeanne Abbett | 29 Ollie Borgmann Kevin & Teri Nadler Al & Mary Jacob | 30 Applebutter |