

From The Pastor's Desk

"I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ." Galatians 1:6-7

As the month of October is a reminder of farmers in the fields and hunters out looking for wild game. We take a moment to recall our Lutheran heritage and the benefit it gave to the entire Western Church. Many picture Martin Luther hammering the 95-theses on to the castle door church in Wittenberg as what opened the floodgates for true Reformation. However, the Gospel is not merely something "discovered" like a scientist in a lab. It is not about just doing the right thing and "poof" the Reformation just falls into place. Instead, what happened was truly a miracle that let light shine once again in the darkness. Yet, miracles are short lived, especially when attention spans today are at an all-time low. You can hear St. Paul clearly say, "I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you..."



Reformation Day

The problem remains for us just as it did for Luther AFTER the Reformation. It is not as if hammering on the door sounded forth change and victory in Christ. Luther tells us the reality he faced, "So we today complain with Paul that the blindness and perversity of men is so horrible that no one is willing to accept the doctrine of grace and salvation. Or if there are some who accept it, they soon fall away from it. Nevertheless, it brings with it every benefit, both spiritual and physical, namely, the forgiveness of sins, peace of heart, and eternal life. It also brings light and sound judgment about everything. It approves and supports civil government, the home, and every way of life that has been ordained and established by God. It eradicates all doctrines of error, sin, death, sedition, confusion, etc. In short, it uncovers all the works of the devil and opens to us the works of God. What madness is the world up to when it so bitterly hates this Word, this Gospel of eternal comfort, grace, salvation, and eternal life, and when it blasphemes and persecutes it with such satanic rage?" (Luther's Works Vol. 26).

Madness abounds not merely from darkness, but when distorting the Gospel no longer allows for the Gospel. If the devil cannot hold a person in captivity, he will just throw them into chaos. We are facing chaos in our time. It extends far beyond governance, economics, or even defining family. Only Christ and His Word can save sinners from spinning out of control in this world. Holding the course is to confess the Reformation by teaching the Word of God in truth and purity while administering the sacraments according to Christ. Herman Sasse, a modern day Luther, understood Lutherans in American were in a land of confused Christianity. He says, "Only by means of this 'rigid' (as the world calls it), firm, and clear position was Lutheranism able to maintain itself. There was no Lutheranism that was receptive to the influences of the world, that was broad-minded, liberal, and modern. There were indeed Lutherans who became liberal. But then they ceased to be Lutheran" (Letters to Lutheran Pastors, Vol. 1 167).

God keep us steadfast in His Word,
Pastor

October Birthdays

Gordon Fischer	Oct. 3rd
Jeff Jacobsen	Oct. 5th
Loren Kazemba	Oct. 6th
Leila Muftah	Oct. 7th
Kierstin Wax	Oct. 7th
Keith Siemers	Oct. 8th
Brenda Kasch	Oct. 10th
Lenora Kazemba	Oct. 10th
Richard Wulf	Oct. 10th
Riley Pohlman	Oct. 14th
Kathy Zinn	Oct. 14th
Glenda Ihnen	Oct. 15th
Ranae Reimers	Oct. 15th
Brooke Galema	Oct. 16th
Lindsey (Stahly) Haynes	Oct. 16th
Shannon Stone	Oct. 17th
Kim Wulf	Oct. 19th
Ray Kasch	Oct. 19th
Karen Ahrenstorff	Oct. 21st
Janet Majerus	Oct. 21st
Stella Stahly	Oct. 21st
Ashly Reimers	Oct. 22nd
Julie Kleen	Oct. 23rd
Carmen Voehl	Oct. 24th
Vicki Place	Oct. 25th
Skylar Otten	Oct. 28th
Brian Ruehle	Oct. 28th
Marie Winkel	Oct. 29th
Mitch Reimers	Oct. 31st

October Anniversaries

Dave & Gail Untiedt	Oct. 4th
Jesse & Sarah Avery	Oct. 18th
Russel & Dolly Meier	Oct. 18th
Paul & Karlyne Ackerman	Oct. 25th

Trinity Officers/Boards

Chairman:	Doug Pohlman
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Upcoming Events/Announcements

Walk Through The Bible-SUNDAY 4PM at Trinity

All are welcome to join adult instruction at Trinity as we make our way through the books of the Bible. If you have never had the opportunity to get an overall picture of the Scriptures, now is the time.

Grow together with others in what we confess in the faith

Learn major themes of each book in the Bible

See Christ throughout Scriptures and in our life today



Agenda Oct. 8 Voters Meeting

Vote on LCMS Constitution changes

2014 Budget

County intersection signs

Church music solutions

Mic system update

Lutheran's for Life Conference attendee request

Lutheran Free Conference pastor request

Updates Needed: We would like to have an up-to-date listing for all our members. If you have moved, gotten married, had a child, changed your phone number, cell phone, and/or e-mail address we would like to know so that our records can be accurate. Please let the church office know. Thank you!

Birthdays and Anniversaries: If you would like your birthday or anniversary printed in *The Lutheran Witness* to commemorate a birthday of 90 years or more or an anniversary of 50 years or more please contact the church office two months in advance, so that notification can be sent to the district office.

Newsletter deadline: Thursday, October 17 will be the deadline for the November newsletter. Please call or e-mail with any announcements. Thank you!

MN Relay: If you or a family member living in MN needs help hearing when answering the phone there is help available at no cost to you. Please contact the consumer relations office (800)657-3775, e-mail: mn.relay@state.mn.us or visit www.mnrelay.org for more information. There is also a brochure in the narthex hanging on the bulletin board.

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Reformation Services: Reformation Service will be held on Sunday, October 27 at Christ of Kings in Spencer, IA TBA. Our Savior in Windom, MN service will be at 9:00 a.m..

Sacred Music For The World... You can listen to the best of the Church's music 24/7 at www.lutheranpublicradio.org. You'll hear hymns like "Thy Strong Word," "The Church's One Foundation," "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart," "God's Own Child I Gladly Say It," "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" and more. You can also listen on mobile devices like an iPhone, iPad and an Android phone. If you have any questions, please call (618) 223-8385.

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Contending For Truth In An Age Of Anti-Truth... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Topics include: Is Islam a Religion of Peace?, "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown, Adoption, Decision Theology, Handel's Messiah and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

Updated phone numbers: An up-dated list of phone numbers have been placed in the narthex for you to take to update your directories at home. Please feel free to take a copy. If you find an error place contact the office. Thank you!

Church Cleaning: It is time to clean the church once again. The list is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please ask your chairman or Wanda if you have any questions. All cleaning need to be done before the end of November. Thank you!

Newsletters and Bulletins: Both can be found on our web pages. Trinity: trinitysv.com and Concordia: concordialp.com If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail only OR if you would like to view the body of the newsletter on-line but would like a printed calendar please sign up in the narthex on the sign up sheet. If you have any questions please contact the church office. Thank you!

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Hug Box: Trinity LWML has a Hug Box which will be for collecting Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Scarves and Socks for Elementary Age of 5-12 Years. The box will be in the narthex to put your items in. Also donations of coats, snow pants and boots will be accepted. We will be collecting items until Friday, October 18. The items will be taken to the Western Community Action Agency in Jackson. Thank you for your support!

LWML Ingathering: We will have an ingathering for the Fall Bi-Conference LWML Rally to be held at Trinity-Sioux Valley on Sat., October 12th. The ingathering will go to C.C.S.I. in Worthington, Windom and Luverne, MN. All the ladies of the congregation are invited to donate. The ingathering will include: Health Kits: Bath towel, Hand towel, washcloth, toothpaste, toothbrush, women's or men's deodorant, bath/bar soap, shampoo & conditioner and a sturdy comb. House Cleaning Supplies: examples: dish soap, Mr. Clean, 409 cleaner, Windex, paper towels etc. New Twin size bed sheets Kitchen items (pots & pans, cookware) A box for the items will be in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Wanda Untiedt or Shirley Finnern. Thank you for your support.

Introducing Wittenberg Academy: Your source for online Classical Lutheran Education. Wittenberg Academy offers families a rigorous standard of academic excellence. Wittenberg Academy offers Latin for young Lutherans and a wide variety of courses for junior high and high school age students. Students can pick and choose classes, or they can utilize the entire curriculum for their high school education. Visit the website – www.wittenbergacademy.org to find out more! Representatives from Wittenberg Academy will be at Immanuel Lutheran School to show what they are doing and why Wittenberg Academy is a great high school option for our youth! Location: Immanuel Lutheran School, Lakefield, Time: 6:00 pm, Date: Monday, October 7, 2013, Who should come: 6th, 7th, and 8th graders and high school students and their Parents.

Thank you: Thank so much for everyone's cards and prayers. They mean so much to me and I see our prayers are being answered as every day get better. Karlyne Ackerman

Harvest Dinner: Bethel Lutheran Church in Round Lake, MN will be serving on Sunday, October 13, from 11:00 am to 1:00 p.m. Menu will include ham and meatball dinner, mash potatoes and gravy, sweet corn, coleslaw, raisin sauce, rolls, and dessert. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and ages 5-10 is \$3.00.

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LWML Bi Conference Fall Rally

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12TH, 2013
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH-SIOUX VALLEY
38523 730TH STREET, LAKEFIELD, MN. 56150
507-839-3086

SPEAKER: PASTOR MONTE MEYER
"LET'S GO FISHING"- BEING PREPARED TO
GIVE ONE'S PERSONAL WITNESS

9:00-9:30 REGISTRATION

9:30-12:00 PROGRAM FOLLOWED BY SALAD LUNCHEON

GIFTS FROM THE HEART: COMMUNITY CLIENT SERVICES
(CCSI)

PERSONAL HYGIENE KIT
LINENS OR SHEETS (NEW) FOR TWIN BEDS
HOUSEHOLD CLEANING ITEMS
KITCHEN ITEMS (POTS, PANS OR COOKWARE)
OR MONETARY DONATION

AND HE SAID TO THEM, " FOLLOW ME AND
I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN"
(MATTHEW 4:9)

RSVP TO WANDA AT WK@MNCGP.COM
OR 712-330-3607



2013-2014 Sunday School Group:

Pre: Henry Hintze	3rd: Gabriel Wolff	6th: Isaac Ihnen
Brock Nissen	4th: Sadie Voss	Rudy Voss
K: Mason Ahrenstorff	5th: Cole Ihnen	Alaina Wolff
Dylan Schuett	Grace Iverson	7th: Brianne Ihnen
Roman Voss	Jackson Voehl	Jazmin Voehl
2nd: Kiera Ahrenstorff		
Lucas Ahrenstorff		
Kamryn Meyer	Teachers: Amy Gauthier, Katherin Ihnen & Tricia Voss	

SUNDAY	LESSONS & EVENTS
Oct. 6 th 10:15-11:30	Lesson: Elijah and the Prophets of Baal Just as the true God revealed Himself on Mount Carmel's alter, so on the cross-shaped altar of Mount Calvary, Jesus revealed once and for all that He alone is the real God who loves us enough to die for us. LWML will be our special guest during our Opening!
Oct. 13 th	LWML Sunday: 3rd and 4th Graders Receive Catechism and Bibles!
Oct. 20 th 10:15-11:30	Lesson: Naaman and Elisha The Word of God spoken by the prophet was in and with the water of the Jordan to restore the flesh of Naaman; the Word of God spoken by the pastor is in and with the water of the baptismal font to cleanse us of our sin and restore us as children of the Heavenly Father.
Oct. 27 th	To be Determined: Poppe's Pumpkin Patch or Pumpkin Carving?!

*ALL 3rd & 4th Graders. It's LWML Sunday on Oct. 13th. This means you'll have a special recognition by receiving your Catechism, Gabriel Wolff and Bible, Sadie Voss. This is a special milestone!

*We are happy that Katherin Ihnen will join us as a helper/teacher. She will be helping with the skits when she can and we are happy to have her on board! We offer Sunday School lessons on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 10:15-11:30 am. We will also try once a month to have the kids either sing, do a skit, recite a passage or invite special guests from our congregation to our Sunday School Opening to share all the talents of our congregation.

*Please have the kids bring in their LWML Mite Boxes or offering envelopes to Sunday School anytime they want for as many times as you can. The kids voted and this year Sunday School Mission is: One Hundred Bible Stories for Ukraine! Forty years ago, the atheist Soviet government nearly extinguished the Light of the Gospel in Ukraine. Today, children can help with Gospel Light shine by helping to provide Bible storybooks for children in Ukraine.

Just \$10.00 puts ONE HUNDRED BIBLE STORIES translated and published in their language,

into the hands of a Ukrainian child! Lets see how many #100's or #1,000= books we can get! :)

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The Parable of the Vineyard Workers Word Search

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