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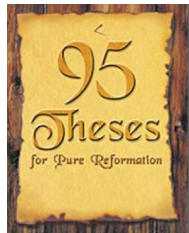
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Please call
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Pastor's Message

The Fall of the year is a special time for me and many others. Following our Church Year Calendar the 27th of October is **Reformation Sunday**. Reformation Sunday is the day we recall and thank God for the men and women of faith, raised up by the Spirit, who led God's church in correcting false doctrine and, most importantly, proclaiming the true doctrine. Chief among those doctrines that were corrected was the Doctrine of Redemption. This is solely a work of Christ. His innocent suffering and death were the final payment for our debt of sin. By repentance and faith we receive God's gracious gift of salvation.



Also important in our faith walk is the authority of Scripture as the "norming norm." That means the Scripture norms or qualifies all other statements of faith. It stands above the authority of church and church leadership. It is to Scripture that we go to learn God's will for our faith and life. Today we speak of this by saying Scripture is the inspired, inerrant and infallible Word of God.

October 31 is All Hallow's Eve (from which we get the word, "Halloween"). All Hallow's Eve refers to the Hallowed or Holy Ones or the Saints of God who have gone on (to heaven) before us. According to the Bible book of Hebrews these Saints make up a "cloud of witnesses" who inspire us in our devotion to God and His will. Halloween has gotten a bad name in the past years because originally it was a practice of honoring the spirit world. Christians converted it to a Christian holy day. It is that holy day we now recognize. We can do so by recalling the stories of the faithful saints who have gone on before us, saints like Martin Luther or Boniface (two of my favorites). At this season of the church year I have the practice, in my preaching, of telling Luther stories or the stories of other saints. We also observe this holy day by remembering our loved ones who have gone on before us. During worship on the 3rd of November we will observe **All Saints Sunday**, as we now call it, by reading the list of the Saints who have gone on before us and by tolling the bell for them. Please come and be blessed by these holy observances.



Pastor Tim Cartwright

Vicar's Message

Feeling Anxious? Try the Lutheran Rosary!

When it comes to devotional tools, most of us would imagine that the Rosary is purely a Roman Catholic thing, like a Hail Mary Delivery System for penances. Did you know, though, that Lutherans continued to pray the Rosary, from the Reformation onward? While it fell out of popularity with most synods after the Council of Trent, the Swedish Lutheran Church and a few other national churches preserved it in a Biblical, Confessional way.

Our Rosary is first and foremost a way to pray, to fix our minds upon our Lord Jesus (Hebrews 13:1), that our devotion might increase toward Him. In addition to this, the Lutheran Rosary helps us to lower our own worries and cares. Whenever we are anxious about anything, we have a tool that helps us to pray, that the peace of God will guard us in Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7). Some might worry that the repetition of prescribed prayers touches on the warning Jesus gives against “meaningless repetitions” in Matthew 6:7, but these are anything but meaningless. Jesus tells us to *always* pray, and never give up (Luke 18:1): when we are at a loss for words at times of distress, the Rosary helps us to depend on God's mercies.

The basic Rosary, taking five minutes or less, is joyfully simple. We begin by holding the cross at the end and proclaiming the invocation, “In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,” making the sign of the cross. For a moment, looking at this same cross in our palm, we can meditate on the Atonement: Jesus, knowing our pains and needs, knowing full well the kind of sins that weigh on our hearts, paid for all of these with His Blood. In the Crucifixion, we see that God cares for us. Then we pray the Lord's Prayer, hands sliding to grasp the first large bead. Because Jesus has died for our sins and rose for our justification (Romans 4:25), we gladly pray as He taught us to pray, knowing that our Father in Heaven can see and hear our needs.

Then there are three small beads in a row. A Roman Catholic would appeal to Mary with these, but the Jesus Prayer is for us: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner,” three times. Based on the same cry for mercy that blind Bartimaeus gave to Jesus (Mark 10:46-52, Luke 18:35-43), the Jesus Prayer is tailor made for when we do not know where to go or what to do. Think of our cry for mercy as applying to our own blindness in distress. The Scriptures reassure us that our request is answered: our Lord promises it (1Peter 2:10, 1John 1:8-9). And so we gladly finish our Rosary prayer with the Gloria on the final bead: “Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.”

In times of great stress, we have no better treatment than prayer. But even when we cannot come up with appropriate words on our own, God has blessed us with a great tool with which to “pray always” (1Thessalonians 5:17). If you are interested in learning more about how Lutherans pray the Rosary (there are a few more methods we have), or would like some help getting one yourself, please let me know at bkilbour@yahoo.com. If you'd like, we can find a necklace online or even make one together and go over the prayers in person!

May our Lord bless you and keep you,

Pastor Blake.

First FruitsFall

Our weather is cooler, fall is here and soon here comes winter. Our brothers and sisters who are hungry will need warm nourishing food. That's where YOU come in. May you consider filling the food basket in the months ahead with *hot cereal, soups, chili, beans, macaroni and cheese, pastas, canned meats, fish, vegetables, and fruit.* Soon Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here also. Items for the Holiday table are: *potatoes, rice, gravy mixes, canned chicken, stuffing, cranberry sauce, cake, cookie and brownie mixes and jello and puddings.* You are a blessing to those who each and every day struggle to pay for rent, medicines, clothing, utilities and gasoline. THANK YOU, Emmanuel.

Special thanks to Sally & Larry for coordinating this ministry.



Operation Christmas Child Has Arrived

There is currently a collection box in the fellowship hall designated for Operation Christmas Child. There are so many ways that you can help. The boxes cost \$9 each to ship so, monetary donations are always helpful. Make sure you write on the memo line that it is for OCC. If you are shopping perhaps you could pick up a few items for our shoeboxes. Remember make it small, NO LIQUIDS, NO TOOTHPASTE, AND NO CANDY or FOOD ITEMS. It can be small toys, school supplies (small



notebooks, crayons, markers, ball point pens, calculators) , toiletries (such as soap and toothbrushes), hair brushes, combs, socks, small pieces of jewelry , let your imagination be your guide. And don't forget, our packing party is Saturday, November 16th at 10 AM. All ages are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Questions, ask Sharie Adrig

Mark Your Calendars

Men's BreakfastDer Blokken8:00 AMNovember 2nd
 Begin taking orders for Christmas PoinsettiasNovember 3rd
 First Fruits SundayNovember 3rd
 Operation Christmas Child Gifts are dueNovember 10th
 OCC Packing PartyFellowship Hall10:00 AMNovember 16th
 OCC Blessing the BoxesNovember 17th
 Thanksgiving Eve Service6:30 PMNovember 27th

October Birthdays

3Helen Allen

3Wayne McElroy

21Jay Johnson

24Mark Stouffer

November Birthdays

1.....Lynn Herr

1.....Larry Farner

6Pastor Tim Cartwright

22Callie Woodward

November Anniversaries

3 Patrick & Victoria Gehring

16Jay & Stephanie Johnson

20Bob & Cheryl Fox
(Our Missionaries)

24Larry & Sally Farner

I am sure that there are many members that I don't have your birthdates or anniversary dates. Any additions or corrections please contact the newsletter editor, Sharie Adrig at gadrig@comcast.net.

How Can You Support Our Missionaries For Only \$4.00?

Our member, Teresa, raises chickens. She sells her **Organic Cage-Free Eggs** for only \$4.00 a dozen. The best part.....the proceeds go toward supporting our missionaries. If you are interested, speak to Teresa.



Fresh eggs

Members Serving in October

Altar Guild Rose Link
JoEllen Klempan

ReaderIda Ficca

Members Serving in November

Altar GuildChelette Williams
Kneeda Williams
Sharie Adrig

ReaderVictoria Gehring

Sunday School for all ages!

Sunday school will begin on Sunday, September 15th at 9:00 AM. We have adult Sunday School as well for children and young people.

Men's breakfast will continue. First Saturday of the month at 8:00 am. The location is Der Blokken in Manette. Questions? Talk to Larry Farner or Pastor Tim.

Your help during coffee hour?

Thanks to all who are signing up to host coffee hour! If you are interested, the sign up sheet is on the counter in the fellowship hall! Thank you to Carol R. for being our coordinator for coffee hour. Thanks to Rose L. for all your help in the kitchen during coffee hour.

If you are not able to host a coffee hour some of us are giving monetary contributions to help cover the cost. Contributions can be given to Carol Reece.

