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## October is Reformation Month

Dear Friends in Christ,

With the coming of October, we enter more deeply into the routines of fall. For some it is the football season – Friday nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and Monday nights. For others, it's the return of Penguins on ice. Hunters prepare for their seasons. Homeowners dig out the rakes. And at the end of the month, Halloween causes its share of enthusiasm and excitement as well.

Hidden in the midst of all this is the remembrance of the Reformation. Unless you're Lutheran, it may be overlooked completely. And yet, the Reformation is a very significant event that started 499 years ago when Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses to the door of Wittenberg Church. This call for a debate on the nature of repentance, indulgences and the life of a Christian resulted in changes that would forever alter Western Christianity as well as Western Civilization. Life Magazine, at the end of the twentieth century, listed the most influential people of the last 1,000 years. Martin Luther came in third.

Martin Luther entered the monastery as one feeling condemned by God. He spent much time, up to 8 hours some days, confessing his sin in hopes God would be gracious and merciful. Luther's many and continual questions about God, led his superior to send him to the university where he could study and teach and maybe thereby, come to some conclusions on his own about his questions. Luther spent much time learning Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek in order to read the Bible in the original languages. His studies quest led him to the conviction that current teachings in the church were not supported by God's Word in the Bible. It was Luther's study of the Scriptures that stirred up a storm in him that the church was wrong. When he was challenged to take back (retract/recant) the accusations that he was leveling at his church, he replied "**Unless I am convinced by proofs from Scriptures or by plain and clear reasons and arguments, I can and will not retract, for it is neither safe nor wise to do anything against conscience. Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me. Amen.**"

Luther and the other Reformers became convinced that it was the Word of God and the Word of God alone that was the source and rule for all doctrine. This became known as Scripture Alone (Sola Scriptura). We do not worship the Scriptures but rather see it as God's revelation of Salvation by Grace through Faith in His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

As we study the Word of God, the Holy Spirit transforms us into the image of Christ. By the means of grace, the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, nourishing our faith so that it does not die. And so we stand holy before our God and Father. Scriptures are useful for correction and teaching the way of discipleship in following Jesus. They aid us in discerning the path of Life versus the ways of the world which lead to death. Studying the Scriptures is a way that we come to have the mind of Christ. Studying the Scriptures should be as much a part of life for a Christian as breathing is.

Luther's study of the Scriptures is what gave rise to the Reformation. We will do well today to respect and honor this written Word which acquaints us with Jesus, his life, death and resurrection. We will do well to pay special attention to it today, when the culture pulls and tugs at concerning "other" ways to live. It is the source of our confidence of faith and trust in God's marvelous forgiving grace and his eternal life. As we begin the countdown to the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, I encourage you to break open that Word, spend the next year reading the entire Bible. In it, you will discover a gracious and merciful God. Through it, He will reform your life also.

In Christ's Name,

Pastor Michael

## The Lutheran Hour—October Sermon Schedule

October 2

### "The Only Way to Live: By Faith!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz  
God cares about you, listens to you, and answers your difficult questions with grace and compassion. (Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4)

October 9

### "Lord, Give Me What I Need -- Give Me Faith!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz  
You don't have to settle for what the world hands you. You can live by faith in the Son of God who heals, forgives, and restores. (Luke 17:11-19)

October 16

### "Know This Word -- Your Life Depends on It"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz  
The Bible provides a strategy for survival in an uncertain world. It can break hearts of stone and replace them with living hearts open to God's truth. (2 Timothy 3:16)

October 23

### "Running the Race of Faith"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz  
Because Christ has already won the victory for us, our race of faith is worth the struggle of the run. (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

October 30

### "The Best Bequest"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus  
A legacy of faith is the best bequest, giving the gift of Jesus to those who come after you. (Luke 12:19-21)



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## Generosity in Your Own Words

How did you learn about being generous? Was it your parents who taught you or did you learn it by experience? Did you know that generosity is a gift from the Holy Spirit?

The Apostle Paul references it in his epistle to the Romans, chapter 12.<sup>1</sup> He dictates these words from God, starting with verse 6. *"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them."* Verse 7c informs us that *"the one who contributes, should do so in generosity."*

Generosity is a gift of the Spirit of God and we are to practice it. Whether you learned from a model or not, generosity is a gift that God gives to His Church for our own good and for the good of others.

However you express your generosity, if you had to put it into words, what would you write or say? What would you tell others?

Actions of generosity often speak for themselves. There is another gift that is associated with generosity. In Romans 12:8a, God's Word tells us about the benefit of exhortation (encouragement) in generosity. Putting generosity in your own words helps accomplish this encouragement that often, if not always, precedes God's gift of generosity in others.

Have you talked with your family or friends about generosity? This is not to suggest that you brag about it but rather that you *'encourage'* or *'exhort'* those under your care or influence to hear your own witness.

For more information, contact Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner @ [robert.wirth@lfn.org](mailto:robert.wirth@lfn.org) or 716-863-4427.

## October Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Carole Alberts	9
Beau DeThomas	16
Zach Eckstrom	19
Andreas Fatschel	19
Sarah Nuerge	29

### Anniversaries

Joel & Heather Nuerge	4
Bob & Lisa Dietrich	9
Don & Betty Wunnenberg	14
George & Joleen Mesing	17
Bob & Pam Licht	20

### Baptismal Birthdays:

Lynn Gunther	
Alice Dietrich	7
Stephan Fatschel	11
Cora Harris	12
Sue Szabo	12
Tyler Borgman	20
Robert Blank	24
Ron Doerr	27
Cari Skuse	27
Sylvia Stedina	27
Lawrie Borgman	31

### Kidz Klub

Youth Group is back in full swing. Please remember to wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes. Our schedule for the evening is as follows:

6:00 – 6:15	Opening Prayer
6:15 – 6:30	Dinner
6:30 – 7:00	Games
7:00 – 7:30	Lesson
7:30	Closing Prayer

Questions? Contact Eric Bendekovic

### Servants in Ministry

#### Greeter

2-Bill/Becky Mallary  
 9-Don/Betty Wunnenberg  
 16-Kathy Voland  
 23-Milt/Christie Scott  
 30-Darryl/Lynn Gunther

#### Reader

2-Milt Scott  
 9-Sam Osten  
 16-Bill Mallary  
 23-Karl Borgman  
 30-Tara Dulski

#### Acolyte

2-Ethan Bendekovic  
 9-Skyler DeThomas  
 16-Sierrah Altenburg  
 23-Hannah Bendekovic  
 30-Nikolai Podeszwa

#### Altar Guild

Tara Dulski

#### Audio Visual

2-Darryl Gunther/Mike Gremer  
 9-Stephan Fatschel/  
 Doug Eckstrom  
 16-Matthew Muto/  
 Doug Eckstrom  
 23-Lynn/Darryl Gunther  
 30-Darryl Gunther/  
 Doug Eckstrom

### Prayer Concerns

*Please keep the following members & friends in your prayers:*

- ❖ Rachel Humphrey for chronic back pain.
- ❖ Bill Hewlett, prayers of thanks for the discontinuation of his dialysis.
- ❖ Gene Reddel.
- ❖ Continued prayers of healing for Willis Voland's sister; Betty Ann and Terry McCall.
- ❖ Additional prayers for those battling cancer: Bob Greer (youth leader at Darryl Gunther's former church), Carol Helkowski, Pastor Michael, Milt Scott and Joan Doerr.
- ❖ Joel, a young friend of the Mesing family, who was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma.
- ❖ Ben Mallary, son of Bill and Becky, recovering from Lyme disease.
- ❖ Edith Mallary recovering from a heart attack.
- ❖ Layana (Granddaughter of Karen & Joe Meinert) for her mental health.
- ❖ Thomas Haffely who was hospitalized for cardiac arrest.
- ❖ Blaise Fischer, son of friend of Liz Shuttleworth, heart issues.

*A Prayer Request box has been placed in the Narthex area where you can submit prayer requests for Pr. Michael to review.*

## Mrs. Shuttleworth & Miss Jill's Preschool News

Welcome back 4 year olds and Welcome to Prince of Peace Preschool 3 year olds! We do have some new 4 year olds as well, we welcome you too! We are off to a great start! During the month of September our science topic was the Caterpillar and the Butterfly! The children were very enthusiastic about it! We have a total of eight caterpillars, and 4 of them started out as eggs! They all have successfully spun their chrysalises and we have had one butterfly hatch so far! The 3 year old class was the lucky ones to see this miracle and they were able to hold the butterfly and watch it be released out into God's beautiful world! Hopefully the 4's will get to do the same thing SOON!!

The Bible story for this month was about creation. Both classes learned how God created our heavens and our earth!

**3 YEAR OLD CLASS** The three year old class started their alphabet books and are very eager to learn!! They love to sit at circle time and sing our silly songs and listen to a good story! We read Jack and the Beanstalk and planted our very own beanstalk! Make sure it gets plenty of sunshine, no watering needed as long as you have it hanging in a window! We had some fun with Bubbles one day and everyone got to take some home! We made some eatable beautiful butterflies that we had for snack! This was a big hit!

We talked about apples and the many different kinds there are and how many good things you can make from apples! We had an apple tasting day to see what apple was the favorite and as it turns out the red apple was the most well liked apple! We dipped them in Carmel and peanut butter!! YUM!

The 3 year olds are getting use to all the classroom rules and are settling into our daily routine and are doing a great job! We are really enjoying their enthusiasm!!

**4 YEAR OLD CLASS** The four year old class has started on their alphabet books and we are all working hard! We are also started to print our name in upper and lower case letters. We have started to do some rhyming words too.

They learned about the four stages of the caterpillar, we had an apple tasting day and once again the red apple was the favorite! The fours made an eatable butterfly to eat for snack which was a big hit!

We have started counting in Spanish at Calendar time! They are loving it and catching on fast!! We also have a new job this year....Snack Helper and it's a huge hit! It gives them a chance to get to know everyone's name by passing out the lunch boxes!

We are excited for our new year and can't wait to share it with all of you!

*Mrs. Shuttleworth and Ms. Jill*

## **Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila's Preschool News**

*Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. (Psalms 127:3)*

Thank you to all the families of Prince of Peace who have chosen to put their trust in Miss Twila and me to teach your children, as we begin a very busy school year. Since the summer weather is over already...who can believe it's that time of year again? We have been very blessed with new and returning faces of our students as we embark on our 169 day journey through this 2016-2017 school year.

The month of September has been a month all about Creation in both classes during Christian religion. We taught the students how many days it took God to create the heavens and the Earth, and that he rested on day seven. God created us and that is what makes us all special! We will be following up with the Bible story and song and dance during Chapel celebration in October.

During this school year, Mrs. Shuttleworth's classes and ours will be learning the alphabet out of order, starting with the letter W. The letter W represented a WELCOME week for all classes. The other letters we focused on this month were B, F, & C. During B, week we focused on the Monarch butterflies life cycle. When we started the letter F, it was the first day of Fall and we created an art project using paper towels cut into leaf shapes with paint that would run together creating vibrant fall colors.

At the end of September, our students brought their best smiles for picture day! We are off to a wonderful start in both classes. We are doing extra writing skills practice each week so that the boys and girls can write their letters; help from home with the practice sheets is greatly appreciated. We are looking for positive attitudes toward learning from all the boys and girls and their families. The children are full of energy and so much fun; we are learning to channel the energy for the good of the classes. Thank you for sharing these precious gifts with us each and every day.

Donations are always welcome and accepted, but if anyone is looking to donate to the preschool we could always use stickers and bottles of hand sanitizer. Thank you in advance.

***Blessings to you and Yours,  
Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila***

**October 2016**

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 6:30 Holy Communion
2 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	3	4	5 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	6 6:00 Kidz Klub 7:00 Choir	7	8 9:00-11:00 Men's Club 6:30 Holy Communion
9 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	10	11 6:30 Council	12 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	13 6:00 Kidz Klub 7:00 Choir	14	15 6:30 Holy Communion
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30 Reformation Sunday 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	31					

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