

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

The posting of the 95 Theses by Martin Luther on October 31, 1517 started the Reformation. This month we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of that event and marvel at the ways that God has been faithful to his promise of always preserving his people in the one true faith.

There has been a lot of media and events related to the 500th Anniversary. The Circuit congregations hosted a showing of *Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World* at the Shawano Cinema and that same movie has recently been on PBS as well. In addition, there is a Circuit Reformation Service on October 29th at St. Paul, Bonduel and the guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Carl Fickenscher, professor of preaching at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. On Sunday mornings during adult Bible Study we are studying the events and theology



Martin Luther debates Johann Eck about Indulgences, Repentance, and Faith

of the Reformation to properly understand where we have come from so that we can know where we are going. We have also had bulletin inserts highlighting the many people that played a role in the Reformation.

I also want to take some time to look at the 95 Theses themselves so we can know what the impetus for the Reformation was. Pope Leo X had authorized the sale of indulgences and they became popular in Germany in the area around Wittenberg. An indulgence was a piece of paper that you could purchase that indicated that the suffering of purgatory was eliminated and the person who had already died would enter into the peace of heaven. The money was to be used to build St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Luther reacted against the idea that people were putting their trust in the

indulgence instead of the forgiveness that Christ had won for them and the repentance that God worked in them.

The first theses states, "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent', he willed the entire life of believers be one of repentance." One of the issues that Luther identified is that people had divorced forgiveness from repentance. They were buying indulgences so they could get to heaven but they were not repenting of their sin and were, in fact, continuing to sin. Luther wished to point

people to their baptisms and show that the forgiveness won by Christ on the cross is bestowed by faith. Thus, living in that forgiveness is a daily returning to your baptism where you are washed clean of your sins and die and rise anew each and every day with Jesus.

In bringing these topics up Luther

was questioning the authority of the pope. This led to Luther being questioned by Cardinal Cajetan and then also having a debate with Johann Eck. In both of these events, Luther came out ahead. Luther's fame spread and his insistence on the pure teachings of Holy Scripture confounded those who tried to debate him intellectually.

The Reformation of the Church continued to spread and the 95 Theses were the beginning of that. While the 95 Theses were not completely correct because Luther at this early point in the Reformation still had some of the teachings of the Papacy, they provided a springboard to return to Holy Scripture and the teachings of the Apostles and the early Church.

Still Reforming,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt

ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

SEMINARY PROFESSOR COMING TO ST. JAKOBI

On Sunday, October 1st, Rev. Dr. James Bushur will be at St. Jakobi to preach and to teach Bible class after the Sunday morning Service. He will be teaching the class on the connection between Matthew's Gospel and the Nicene Creed. The class is entitled, "Matthew's Gospel as foundational for the Nicene Creed."



Dr. Bushur joined the faculty in the fall of 2006, specializing in patristics. He specializes in the early church and is the Seminary director of Deaconess Formation.

He served as pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Decatur, Indiana (1999-2006), and Trinity Lutheran Church, Goodland, Indiana (1994-1999).

Bushur is a member of the North American Patristics Society. He and his wife, Lori, have three children.

Plan on coming to this very special opportunity at St. Jakobi.

WOLF RIVER LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING DEDICATION

The new high school building is complete! The dedication service will take place on Sunday, November 5th in the afternoon. This special event has been over two decades in the making. Many people have worked long and hard to get the Lutheran High School to this point. Come celebrate with the students, staff, and all the supporters on November 5th at the new high school.

CHURCH VOTER MEETING

The Quarterly Voter meeting will be held on October 29th after church. Preliminary agenda items include the 2018 Budget and election of officers. There will be more agenda items to come.

CATECHISM LOCKIN

The kids in Catechism class (5th-8th grade) will be having a lockin at the church on Friday night, October 20th. They will have a Bible Study, play, worship at midnight, do a service project and grow in friendship.

REFORMATION CELEBRATION

On October 29th at 3pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bonduel, the area LCMS



REFORMATION 2017 It's *Still* All About **Jesus**

congregations will gather to celebrate the Reformation. 500 years ago on October 31st, Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg. We will gather to pray, sing, hear God's Word, and remember how God used many people during the Reformation to shine forth the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The special preacher for the service will be Rev. Dr. Carl Fickenscher, professor of Homiletics at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. There will be a joint choir of the many congregations and children from the Lutheran Schools will also be singing. **This is a once in a lifetime event!**

UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

- October 1st:** Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18
Matthew 21:23-27
- October 8th:** Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46
- October 15th:** Isaiah 25:6-9
Philippians 4:4-13
Matthew 22:1-14
- October 22nd:** Isaiah 45:1-7
Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22
- October 29th:** Revelation 14:6-7
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship for October will be meeting at Yoder's Essen Haus. The date is Friday, Oct. 13th, with eating at 6:30 PM. Please be sure to sign up on the pad in the Narthex if you can join us. **NO RESERVATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER OCTOBER 8.** If you have any questions, please contact Don and Joanne Bublitz.

PRAYER PARTNERS

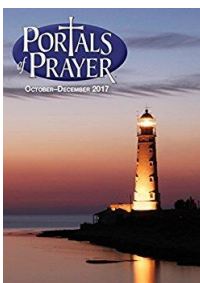
In Matthew 7, our Father invites us to approach Him in prayer with our requests. He already knows our needs and the desires of our hearts. He doesn't require a wish list from us, but when our prayers are answered; our eyes are opened to His loving kindness to us. Let the Prayer Partners here at St. Jakobi help you in times of need or in celebration. All prayers are kept confidential.

Phone or email your prayer requests- New phone number is: 920-400-0013. New email address is gmweck2329@gmail.com.

Come my soul, with every care. Jesus loves to answer prayer.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

The Church purchases 125 Portals of Prayer and 5 copies that are in Large Print. They are free for you to take. This little daily devotional book has a Bible reading and Psalm with a devotion that ties to the reading. There are also prayers in the back that are tied to the Church Year and for each day of the week. You can pick up your copy by the Guest Book or on the Bulletin table. Your old Portals of Prayer can be placed in the basket and they will be donated to Christians who need devotional material.



FAMILY FUN & AUCTION

Wolf River Lutheran High School will be having our annual Family Fun and Auction Saturday, October 14 starting at 10:00am. We will have a 4 mile walk/run for adults and children, lunch, silent and live auction, children's games and a TV and 1927 Mercedes replica kit car raffle. Pies, tortes or bars are welcome. Please call our office at 715-745-2400 to get on the list. We hope you can join us!

FUNERAL

Elroy Wendt passed away on August 27th and his funeral service was on September 2nd. Thanks be to God for the new life in Christ Jesus that was given to Elroy.

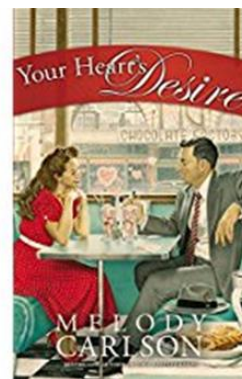
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:
10/1 God Provides for Elijah
10/8 Elijah and the Prophet of Baal
10/16 Elijah Is Taken to Heaven
10/22 Naaman and Elisha
10/29 Jonah



PLANTING SEEDS

(Book Section 1) It's almost New Year's 1946, a perfect time for Caroline Marshall to start a new chapter in her life. Widowed three years ago when she lost her husband in the war, she has decided to move with her nine-year-old son to join her sister's family in sunny California. Her sister's new house has a basement apartment for Caroline to rent, and though jobs for women are scarce with so many veterans returning from the war, it seems the local chocolate factory is hiring. The apartment turns out to be rather dingy, and the job may be working the assembly line--a step down from Caroline's office job as a secretary back in Minnesota. But Caroline is determined to make a great new life for herself and her son. As she goes about making that happen, she keeps running into a handsome stranger--at the diner, at church, and he even works for M.G. Chocolates. With a New Year, a new home, and a new job, is Caroline ready to find new love?



CHURCH OFFICERS

We are looking for new officers to fill the following positions for our congregation in our upcoming election in October: Treasurer, Elder, Trustee, Boards of Education and Stewardship. If you are interested in serving the Lord for one of the positions, please take a form in the narthex to be filled out and place in the Elders box when completed.

WEDDING

Casey Carroll and Linsey Gamroth were united in holy marriage on September 9th. The Lord bless them in their life together.

LWML ZONE RALLY

The Fall Rally of Zone 13/14 will be held on Saturday, October 21st at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Town of Washington. Registration begins at 8:30 and the opening devotion is at 9:00. The registration fee of \$5 includes lunch. Donations will be accepted for Safe Haven. Please look at the church bulletin board for more information.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Kailyana Zaitz
1 - Keegan Gast
2 - Elfrieda Buettner
2 - Jennifer Kroenke
2 - Mike Hein
2 - Brandon Clark
4 - Tristan Buntrock
6 - Elizabeth McDowell
6 - Marilyn Burlo
7 - Audrey Sperberg
7 - Barbara Bahr
7 - Kathy Teetzen
8 - Gavin Opperman
8 - Shirley Ritch
10 - Matthew Horne
10 - Garrett Giese
10 - Mark Kroenke
10 - Gunnar Hein
11 - David Schoenike
11 - Roy Habeck
11 - Taylor Genke
12 - Mandi Reinke
12 - Jay Schuettpelz
12 - Roxy Martzke
13 - Wade Bohl
14 - Brad Teetzen
15 - Will Teetzen
16 - Carl Gebert
19 - Kalen Kroenke
19 - Donna Lopez
20 - Wyatt Rassmussen
22 - Thomas Tuma
22 - Nolan Kleinschmidt
25 - Jean Heinritz
25 - Laura Prodel
27 - Justin Cotter
28 - Pamela Anderson

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

02, 1999 - Gregg & Emily Pleshek
02, 1999 - Shawn & Wanda Stueck
02, 1993 - Tabb & Sarah Magee
03, 1959 - Lewis & Carol Popelka
04, 2014 - Derek & Courtney Drake
08, 2005 - Jeremy & Nicki Meyers
11, 1986 - Bruce & Michelle Teetzen
13, 2007 - Scott & Sara Steinke
13, 2012 - Josh & Bobbi Jo Ladwig
16, 1971 - Virgil & Cindy Gueths
16, 1999 - Scott & Lori Wendorff
16, 2004 - Holly & Mike Weatherwax
17, 1987 - Robert & Lori Buettner
19, 1974 - Richard & Judi Raddant
20, 1979 - Joel & Vicki Buettner
22, 1960 - Leroy & Audrey Sperberg
22, 1949 - Eldor & Norma Martzke
25, 1975 - Gary & Marlene Weckwerth
26, 1985 - Brad & Heidi Teetzen
28, 1989 - Brad & Lorine Raddant
28, 1999 - Brian & Kris Johnson

AN ANNIVERSARY OF MARRIAGE PRAYER

O Lord Jesus, Your mercies are new every morning. We thank You for another year of married life together for name and name. Open their hearts always to receive more of Your love that their love for each other may never grow weary but deepen and grow through every joy and sorrow shared; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Contact the Church Office if you find anything in need of correction to the Birthdays and Anniversaries.

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Blake Hartmann	2 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	3	4 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	5 1:00 Bible Study	6	7 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Colton Olson
8 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Isaiah McDowell	9 6:15 Choir Practice	10	11 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	12 1:00 Bible Study	13 6:30 Fellowship @ Essen House	14 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Tucker Pyatskowitz
15 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Ethan Pleshek	16 6:15 Choir Practice	17	18 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	19 1:00 Bible Study	20 7:00 Catechism Lockin	21 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Samuel Gueths
22 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Brynlie Boyles	23 6:15 Choir Practice	24	25 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	26	27	28 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Darius Kelley
29 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Alli Johnson 3:00 Reformation Service @ St. Paul Bonduel	30 6:15 Choir Practice	31	Elders: Sat: Mike Kroenke Sun: Tom Tuma & Don Bublitz Spec: Jon Wesenberg		Altar Guild: Kathy Fonger Noël Kleinschmidt Betty Szucs Laura Prodel	

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

“We Preach Christ Crucified”



Church Services:

Saturday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 9:00am

Bible Study:

Wednesday at 6:30pm, Thursday at 1:00pm, and Sunday at 10:30am.

Sunday School:

Sunday at 10:30am

