



The Beacon

October
2017

**Christ Ev.
Lutheran
Church**

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Superior, WI
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**Divine Worship
Services
Sunday - 8:00
a.m.
10:30 a.m.
Wednesday - 6:30
p.m.**

**Bible Study &
Sunday School
Sunday - 9 a.m.**



The Quincentennial Anniversary of the Reformation of the Church

Five hundred years! Five centuries! Half a millennium! That's a long time! A once-in-a-lifetime event! So what do we do with it?

First, remember. Remember that through His young Augustinian monk, Martin Luther, God put Jesus, back in the center. Jesus, crucified and resurrected for our salvation, is the center of the Church and the center of our faith. Not me, not my contribution, not my work or money, not the buildings or the cemeteries or the conventions. Christianity is all about Jesus. It is all about grace from Jesus, faith in Jesus, through the Word of Jesus.

An aid to remembering (or more likely hearing for the first time!) are the *learning opportunities* offered this month:

Sundays (9:15 a.m.) provide a series of Luther scholars who will share their insights on the Reformation's continuing ramifications for modern life.

Wednesday's class (10:00 a.m.) uses the newly published and richly illuminated book "The Reformation" by Cameron MacKenzie (to understand how we went from Luther to Lutheranism and the modern Roman and protestant churches.

And on *Saturday, October 21*, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at *Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Duluth* our circuit has invited *Dr. Hans Wiersma*, professor of church history to speak on Luther and being Lutheran in a God-forsaking society. The day climaxes with a hymn fest highlighting the musical heritage of the Reformation. Lunch is provided.

Second, give thanks to God for bringing you under Luther's influence to know and trust in Jesus, to know that your salvation is grounded in God's grace in Christ, not your work for Christ, and to know that you are serving God in your daily vocation as "butcher, baker or candlestick maker" every bit as much as any pastor, priest or pope!

Third, engage the world, that is your family and neighbor, with this sweet Gospel, through word and deed. This is not a time to hunker in a bunker, but to boldly and vibrantly confess and live as disciples of Jesus Christ. After all, this 500th Anniversary of the Reformation is truly *all about Jesus!*

For Christ and His Church,

Pastor David Schoessow

Reformation Sunday

SOLA FIDE (Faith Alone) SOLA SCRIPTURA (Scripture Alone) SOLA GRATIA (Grace Alone)

Lutherans and other Christians throughout the world pause to acknowledge and reflect on the great blessings God has poured out on His people through the work of one unique servant, Martin Luther. Through his steadfast adherence to Scripture, his zeal and dedication, we today enjoy the freedom of hearing the Gospel taught and preached in church every Sunday, the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood as Jesus gave it, the blessings of private devotion, the majesty of great hymns, and the tools of catechism instruction.

We will have an opportunity to gather together with fellow Christians on **Sunday, October 29 & Wednesday November 1** when we will observe the Reformation of the Church!

95 Thesis – Something to Celebrate!

Plan now to attend a special conference on Saturday, October 21. The 500th Anniversary of the posting of the 95 Thesis will be a major world news event as well as a local focus in your community. Dr. Wiersma lifts high the continuing value of these insights today. Register your intent to join with your church office today!

Reformation 500

Concordia University, St. Paul, the MN South District, and the MN North District invites you to join us in celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation October 28-29, 2017.

Together we will honor our Lutheran heritage with worship service featuring a sermon from LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, performances from mass youth, and adult choirs, instrumental ensembles and more. There will also be the play "Luther" on campus and a display of Reformation archives in CSP's library.

For more information: CSP.EDU/REFORMATION500

Lake Superior Circuit Is Offering a Coach Bus Ride to Rehearsals and Worship

For those who would like to attend the worship service or sing in any of the mass choirs, the Lake Superior Circuit is offering a roundtrip coach bus ride for \$20 per person. Please let your church office or pastor know if you are interested in attending. (There may be a "sign up" sheet as well.)

The rehearsal times and locations are as follows: 1-2 p.m. Adult Massed Choir practice in the Gangelhoff Center, Youth Choir (grades 9-12) in the Buetow Music Center or Pearson Theatre, Children's Choir (grades 4-8) in Buetow Music Center or Pearson Theatre. The entire massed choir will rehearse at 2:45 p.m. in the Gangelhoff Center.

More information will be forthcoming about specific coach bus departure times.

Stewardship Sunday

November 5 is scheduled as Stewardship Sunday. This will be your opportunity to prayerfully offer your time and talents, along with your financial commitment, to your church for 2018. The Time & Talent form and the Financial Commitment form will be placed in your mailboxes in mid-October. Additional forms can be found on the table outside of the office door.

Financial Commitment Form

When filling out the 2018 Financial Commitment form, please fill out completely and place in a sealed envelope. If you submitted a Financial Commitment Form last year, it will be placed in your mailboxes for your review and reference as you develop your personal plan for giving in 2018.

Time & Talent Form

As you review the Time & Talent form, please consider areas of the church's operation that you may be interested in and fill out the form accordingly.

Both forms can be submitted on Stewardship Sunday.

Following both Services on Sunday, November 5, the **Board of Stewardship & Evangelism** will be hosting a reception in the Fellowship Hall following each Sunday service and provide a dessert bar, refreshments and fellowship. You are all welcome to attend.

Community Outreach Project

The **Board of Stewardship & Evangelism** is planning a community outreach project during the month of October. We will be asking for donations for the **Center Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse (CASDA)** from the list included in the News & Notes. Separate items are listed for each Sunday of the month. Items can be dropped off on Sundays during October in a box labeled CASDA located in the Narthex. Items will be delivered to CASDA the first part of November.

If you have questions, feel free to ask any member of the Board of Stewardship and Evangelism, including: Pastor Kirk Schield, Barb and Jim Johnson, Mary Pat and Dave Severin, Jean and Peder Becken, and Peg and Len Campbell.

We appreciate your participation. Thank you and God Bless.

Church Council Minutes

September 14, 2017

Members Present: Wayne Ploetz, John Robinson, Don Hauser, Jim Lemmerman, Len Campbell, Roni Hauser and Sharyn Vengrin

Absent: Pastor Schoessow, Pastor Schield

Call to order: Don Hauser

Call for additional agenda items: None

Opening Prayer: Don Hauser

Minutes from Council Meeting: Jim made the motion to accept the July 13, 2017, 2017 minutes Wayne seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Schoessow: None

Pastor Schield: None

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurers Report: Ending Balance: \$27,579.61.

John made the motion to accept the ending balance.

Seconded by Jim. All in favor. Motion carried

There will be a budget meeting in early Oct.

Board of Deacons:

Reports: 1. Altar Guild: Millie reported that second Fair linen has been ordered. Belinda is working on Banners for Advent. Their next meeting will be in December.

2. Pastor's Report: Pastor gave a brief verbal report.

3. Choir: Lois is still trying to coordinate practice times for the chimes.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Church van /insurance discussion was tabled until Chris can be with us.
2. 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Pastor is looking into a new DVD for church viewing and library. He reminded us that PBS premieres Martin Luther: "The idea that Changed the World" on Tues. Sept. 12 at 7 P.M. Still working on this.
3. Octoberfest: Jim Bolen reported on Prices for beer and root beer. Jim and Chris are to decide what brand to buy. Mike is still working on the music. Jim L. reported on the prices for Brats and Pretzels. Jim L will meet with Roni to develop sign-up sheet(s) Next planning meeting will be held on Wed. Sept. 27 at 5:00 P.M.

Next meeting will be on October 9, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.

The group will start reviewing portions of the Board of Deacon's Manual.

Board of Trustees:

1. Repaired handicap toilet in the men's restroom twice: John replaced the fill valve; the old one was squirting water out the top when the toilet was flushed.
2. Had Belknap Electric change the blub on Dove lamp and changed the ballast and blub on lamp by the mechanical room door
3. Changed batteries on a couple of clocks.
4. Changed service times to fall schedule on lighted street sign.
5. ESC installed new microphone system per 3-25-17 quotation.
6. Set light times.
7. Kitchen dishwasher project:
 - a. Belknap P& H installed water service to the dishwasher.

b. Belknap Electric hooked up electricity to the dishwasher.

c. The dishwasher, soil dish table and 48" clean table are in place. Northern Star Food and Equipment will do the final installation. I had NSF order a new pre rinse assembly as the old one would require a new hole be cut in the table. We are awaiting delivery. Then the assembly should be completed. The reason for the delays is that the tables had to be fabricated, in other words both had to be made special.

Pews: To be refinished: John has contacted Andriens. Maybe a contractor will come over and do it. It will take 1 gal per pew

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:

Nov. 5th is Stewardship Sunday. Nov. 13th we will be volunteering at the Domiono Center. Trying to get hats with church logo on them. Casda: Len has list of needs. May get them back to speak. Christian Halloween Bags: We will be having these again. Greeters: Discussion Cups. Would like to give these to Visitors or guests.

Board of Education:

1. Reports from Marilyn
Summer camp (LIC next summer August 6-10; we're still waiting for a bill from this year's camp. Currently considering two different Christmas programs (Jubilee and Silent Night)
Bibles will be given to 4 grade 3 kids on Reformation Sunday
Marilyn and Donna will set a singing schedule soon for the children's choir
2. Operation Christmas Child + Salvation Army's Adopt a Family will be our Christmas mission projects
3. Activities: October corn maze (Sara?) and Trick or Treat-October 31, 2017
November art project + pizza lunch (Kathie Allen)
December 3 Villa Marina (Sue I.)

Youth Group

1. Several plans/ideas ore on the table: Bible Bowl preparation will start soon. Sunday morning study will follow CPH curriculum this year. Pastor Schield will contact Ruth at PIC to set up joint youth activities
The Frosts are interested in planning retreats. The next Nation Youth Gathering will be in Minneapolis in 2019

Catechism Class

1. Ivy Bennis is currently the only student. Pastor Schield will speak with her family about waiting one year or inviting the younger girls to start at the same time.

Financial Report

1. 2018 budget-will include cost of pig.
2. Bills needed from LIC and Lake Superior Bounce House; mission project

Other: Amy will advertise the Matthew West concert (Nov. at the DECC)

Next Meeting: Schedules for October 9 (Note the change)

Memorial Committee: Bench has been purchased and is in the garage. It will be placed on a slab of cement. Jim is working on this.

Endowment Committee: No report.

Memorial Garden: Fence will be replaced in the spring.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- a. Church Facility Use Policy; Church Facility Reservation Request: Was discussed-Will go through next month.
- b. Alya mission's request: Was discussed.
- c. Voter's Assembly: Don will bring the vote regarding having beer at Octoberfest.

Requests to use Fellowship Hall: None

Next Council Meeting: October 12, 2017 @ 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by: Sharyn Vengrin

Voter's Meeting

Call to Order: Don Hauser

Opening Prayer-Pastor Schoessow

Call for additional agenda items: None

Minutes from May 21, 2017 Special Voters' Assembly.

John made the motion that we accept the minutes as written. They were seconded by Len. All in favor.

Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ending Balance: \$27,579.61. Millie made the motion that we accept the Report as written. It was seconded by Sharyn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Board and Committee Reports:

These reports are published in the monthly newsletter

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Serving Beer at Church Octoberfest:
Approve a one-time exception to our Policy Regarding the use of Church Property to allow beer to be served and consumed at our Octoberfest, Sunday, October 8th.
Mike made the motion that we allow beer to be served and consumed within Fellowship Hall at our Octoberfest, on Sunday, October 8, 2017. *It was seconded by Wayne. All in favor. Majority Ruled. Motion carried.*

Next Voters' Assembly

November 12, 2017 after second service

Adjournment-Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by: Sharyn Vengrin

Stewardship

We are nearing the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, All Saints' Eve, 1517, when Martin Luther posted the Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. So, let's hear from Luther himself on the topic of giving and stewardship.

In the Small Catechism under the Table of Duties, Martin Luther gives specific Bible passages to help Christians know their duty in their various vocations as members of

their family, society at large, and in God's family, the Church. Under the heading "What Hearers Owe Their Pastors," Luther lists five passages from the Bible, three of which have to do with giving to your local congregation. They are these:

"The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:14).

"Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows" (Galatians 6:6-7).

"The elders [presbyters, i.e., pastors] who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,' and 'The worker deserves his wages'" (1 Timothy 5:17-18).

Luther comments on these passages in his 1535 Lectures on Galatians. He wrote:

When Paul says "all good things," this is not to be taken to mean that everyone should share all his possessions with his preacher. No, it means that he should provide for him liberally, giving him as much as is needed to support his life in comfort. . . . The apostle is so serious in advocating this topic of support for preachers that he adds a threat to his denunciation and exhortation, saying: "God is not mocked." . . . All this pertains to the topic of support for ministers. I do not like to interpret such passages; for they seem to commend us, as in fact they do. In addition, it gives the appearance of greed if one emphasizes these things diligently to one's hearers. Nevertheless, people should be taught also about this matter, in order that they may know that they owe both respect and support to their preachers. Christ teaches the same thing in Luke 10:7: "Eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages"; and Paul says elsewhere (1 Cor. 9:13-14): "Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the Gospel should get their living by the Gospel." It is important for us who are in the ministry to know this, so that we do not have a bad conscience about accepting for our work wages . . . it happens when those who proclaim the glory of God and faithfully instruct the youth derive their livelihood from them. It is impossible that one man should be devoted to household duties day and night for his support and at the same time pay attention to the study of Sacred

Scripture, as the teaching ministry requires. Since God has commanded and instituted this, we should know that we may with a good conscience enjoy what is provided for the comfortable support of our lives from church properties to enable us to devote ourselves to our office. (LW 27:125–126).

In other words, pastors are not to suffer from low wages just because they are servants of Christ and the Word. They are to share in the livelihoods of all to whom they preach the gospel and instruct in the faith, so that the Word can be proclaimed and the faith carried from one generation to the next.

Faith Stepping Stone: My First Bible — for Third Grade and Up

We will present brand new Faith Alive ESV Bible to our 3rd graders, on Reformation weekend (October 29). But our goal is not just to place a book in their hands. The goal of this stepping stone is to place the gift of family devotions into your family's daily rituals! Stepping Stone 4 ends at the Altar where parents are affirmed for keeping your promise to "place in their hands the Holy Scriptures" and asked to add "a verse a night" to the highs & lows, daily prayers, blessings, and bedtime music that features the Word of God.

We invite parents of our 3rd graders to participate in this two-session experience that will gift you with the use of God's Word in your home. This is a very practical idea gathering time when you can network with other parents, obtain some great resources on maintaining a faith-filled, Christ-centered home, and enjoy Christian fellowship. The dates for this year's workshop are Sundays, October 15 & 22, at 9:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall. **Parents are asked to pre-register by calling the church office at 715-398-3680 or emailing clcoffice320@gmail.com by October 1.**

LWML Fall Rally

Saturday, November 4, 2017
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Cloquet, MN
Registration 10 – 10:30 a.m., \$5

Topic: Adoption by God's Design. Come and listen to Terssa Markworth, the Mother of 21 children. She will show you how God's calling in her life can help you discover your calling

Ingathering: Items for Our Redeemer Lutheran Preschool
(Please note that **CLC is not collecting these items**, they are to be brought to the LWML Fall Rally.)

Youth Upcoming Events

All 7th – 12th grade youth are invited to attend any or all events! We study God's Word in a variety of ways – music videos with today's current Christian artists,

creative Bible lessons, and issues that relate to the youth! Join us! Bring a friend!

Come to the Youth Bible Study during the Christian education hour from 9 to 10 each Sunday, it promises to be good and there may even be food!

Matthew West Concert

Any youth (or anyone) interested in attending the Matthew West "All in Tour" on Tuesday, November 7 at 7 p.m. at the DECC Symphony Hall. Tickets are \$25. The youth are interested in having a group go, so contact the church office.

Trunk or Treat

The board of Education has decided to host a Trunk or Treat for Halloween. If you don't know what that is basically we have a bunch of church members or groups park their cars in the parking lot with their trunks open and hand out candy, trinkets etc to the children who come by. The board of education will have candy and Christian themed trinkets. The church across the street usually has one and we will try to have ours at the same time to generate traffic. Watch for more information.

Operation Christmas Child

The Board of Christian education has decided to once again participate in "Operation Christmas Child" shoebox program. We would like the invite the congregation to join us.

If you are not familiar with Operation Christmas Child, it is run by Samaritan's Purse International and it is where you fill a shoebox with a special gift, along with other toys, school supplies and toiletries for a child. Those boxes are then delivered around the world to needy children.

For ideas and instructions please grab the flyer "how to pack your shoebox" that will be available around the church starting October 8.

If you wish to create a shoebox you just need to pick shoebox (**NOTE: pre-printed boxes are on back order they may not get here in time so try to provide your own shoebox.) from church, pick an age group and whether it is for a boy or a girl, pick up your items, pack in shoebox, enclose a **\$9 check for each box packed made to Christ Lutheran Sunday School** and bring them to church by Sunday, November 5.



Pasty Bake Alert!

The 2016 Pasty bake will soon be here! This year it take place a bit later than usual due to the past years being to warm to keep the pastys cool. It will takes place the week of November 12 – 16. Sunday after service we will be setting up, a fingerfood lunch will be provided. We will then be peeling vegies for a few hours. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday we will be baking, with clean up

on Wednesday also. Any time that you can help out is greatly appreciated. Volunteers are greatly needed in all areas so please come help whenever you can. Every little bit helps.

We also need people to furnish food for the workers. So if you can't help with production please consider supplying some food. Watch your bulletins for sign up sheets.

Order blanks should be out in the mail around mid-October. The deadline for orders is November 1

Christ's Men

Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, October 3 at 12 noon at the Upper Deck Restaurant at the Bong airport. This is an opportunity to gain guidance and spiritual support from God's Word as well as an excellent opportunity for Christian friendship.

Special Offering

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far, ... oops sorry lost my train of thought there. Back in March at a special voter's meeting we approved on replacing the dishwasher, it was also decided to purchase dish carts for the dishes and silverware, because we would be losing a couple of cupboards (also to save our backs). It was also decided to have a special offering to cover the cost of the carts. To that end I have finally made a special envelopes and a cool thermometer to keep track of the amount gathered. You will find special envelopes on the table by the office and the cool thermometer in the office window (no more space on the door). The amount needed to cover the racks is \$2494.12, so any help is appreciated. You may put the envelope in the offering plate or in the office, if there are no special envelopes any envelope will do as long as you note 'special cart offering' so the counters know. Thank you

30th Annual Minnesota Lutheran Conference "What...the Church is Good?"

**Saturday, October 21, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, MN**

This year's theme has been chosen because the goodness of Christ's Church on earth is being called into question by more and more secular authorities and political pundits. To affirm in the minds of our church members that, indeed, the Church is good, we have scheduled three speakers to address the issue.

Rev. Dr. Schmidt will delineate how the Church has been good for the world. He is the author of *How Christianity Changed*.

Rev. James Strawn, will address the topic of how the Church has been and is good for the United States of America. He brings to this topic his experience of being an adjunct professor of Historical Theology and Hermeneutics and Concordia University, Mequon, WI.

Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders, President of Iowa District East – LCMS, will speak on how the Church is good for you, that is, how the church is good for people individually. Though pre-registration is not required, a non-monetary pre-registration is required if you plan to eat at the conference site. If you plan to attend and be fed, call (320) 252-8171 or send an e-mail to: office@redeemerstcloud.org by Thursday, October 12, with the names of those attending.

Registration: Begins 8:30 a.m.

Cost: \$25/person; \$10/high school or college student (includes coffee, rolls, lunch)

Did You Move? Or Someone You Know Move?

Summer is a time when many people move. If you or someone in your family has moved recently, please let the church office know your new address. If you have moved to another city, remember to transfer your church membership to one of our sister LCMS congregations by simply requesting a transfer from the pastor of the church you wish to be transferred to. There are many reasons to transfer your membership when you move, but the most important is that you will have a place close to home where you can regularly hear the Word of God and receive the Body and Blood of the Lord in His Supper. So if you've moved recently, and distance keeps you from weekly worship at Christ Lutheran, now is the time to answer God's call be remaining faithful to our faithful Lord!

Defending the Faith, Teaching the Truth

Issues, Etc. is a talk radio show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Recent topics include: Same-Sex Marriage, Reformation *Solas*, Depression, Radical Islam, What Boys Need, Pro-Life Women and more. Listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

Food for the Local Food Shelf

The first Sunday of every month is when you need to bring in your donations of non-perishable food items for the local food shelf. You may put your items under the table in the narthex. This is given to those in need and then to the local food pantry.

Do We Have Your Current Email Address?

Are you receiving email from Christ Lutheran? If not, you are missing important and timely information from your church. We will not flood your inbox or share your email address (addresses are always hidden when sent from church). Please help us keep you informed! Call the office at 715-398-3680 or send it to clcoffice320@gmail.com

Looking for something?

The LCMS staffs the "Church Information Center", which offers a great deal of help and resources on a variety of topics. To contact the CIC with your questions, you may



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

write: infocenter@lcms.org or call toll free
1.888.843.5267

- 4 James Ross
- 7 Randi Wheeler
- 8 Michelle Sternberg
Jacob Makela
- 9 Elisabeth Hannula
Kerri Ritsche
- 11 Scott Doane
- 14 Cruz Krause
- 16 Philip Keppers
- 17 Kirk Krause
Carl Syring
- 18 Bob Jardine
- 19 Sarah Harkabus
Daynen Lull
- 21 Lori Randa
- 22 Matthew Flynn
Alya Pfeil
Lewis Keppers
- 23 Stephen Hauser
Katie Stenroos
- 24 Darrell Erdman
- 27 Nathan Derick
Wayne Ploetz
- 31 Judy Pahos
Randy Lemmerman
Isaac Plesko

Online Information

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Minnesota North District Website
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www.kfuo.org—or—classic99.com
www.issuesetc.org

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