

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Newsletter

October 2015

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October is a special month for Lutherans. Whenever we look towards October, while most of the country begins thinking about Halloween as the orange-colored candies become more and more obvious on the grocery store shelves, we inevitably think about the reformation that is most frequently commemorated on the anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses to the door of the castle church in Wittenberg on the Eve of All Saints, October 31, 1517. This remains a significant memory for Lutherans, even though most Lutherans cannot name a single one of the 95 Theses!

The past few years, the commemoration of the reformation has become even more popular as we approach the 500th anniversary of the reformation in 2017. The toy company Playmobile (akin to Lego), has even made a little Martin Luther figure that sold out within

weeks of appearing in the stores. There are many commemorations planned, special books being written, and trips to Germany's "Luther-land" being organized.

And all of this begs the question, "Why?" As I mentioned (and I'm sure you'll find it true), almost no one can name the 95 Theses. More to the point, I think of Martin Luther himself who when he heard that the reformers and the faithful among them were calling themselves "Lutherans" said, "Who am I, a worthless bag of worms, that the children of God and of Christ would take their name from me?"

First and foremost, we are Christians.

When we commemorate the reformation we are not celebrating the divisions or the disunity of the Church. Jesus Himself prayed in Gethsemane that we all "might be one" just as He and the Father are one. If we are proud of being Lutherans or of being members of a particular congregation it should be because it necessarily means that we belong to Christ and we are part of the family of God.

It is only then, within our specific communities that we come to fully appreciate who it is that we are and what we are doing there. We come together for prayer and worship and fellowship because of something that is much more profound, changing, and lasting. We come together because we are united in Christ's love, and we love one another because God first loved us. God's love is the glue that holds us together, and it is much stronger than any other commonality we might share. Were we to come together because of common friends, or political opinions, or similar taste in music or sporting teams or even because of need, the bonds that tie us together might not last, because all those things change. God's love alone is unchanging. It is unconditional. And it is God's love that not only raises us up to the heights, but also shows us to be on an equal field and of equal value, each and every one of us.

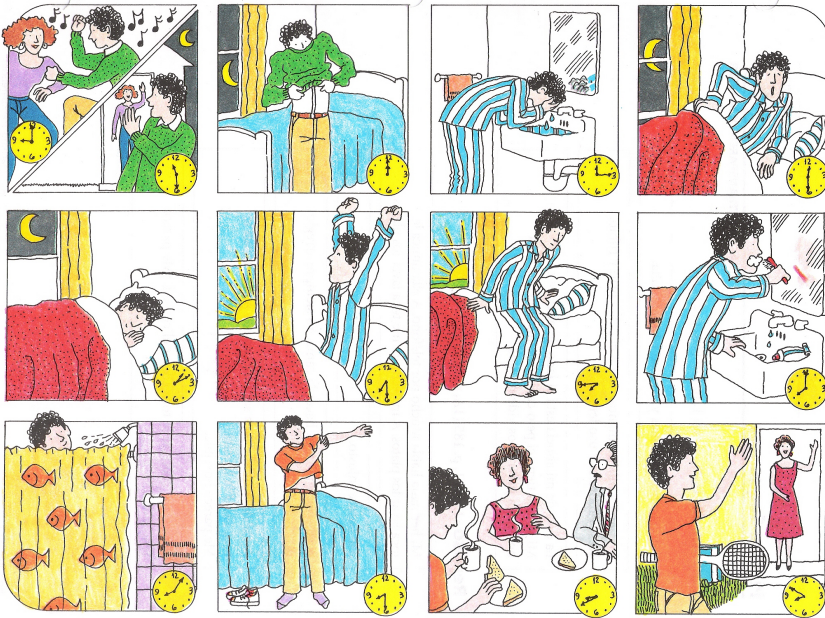
I pray that we might recognize who we are in God's eyes and think of ourselves as God sees us. Let us strive for the unity that Jesus gave his life for, and let us love one another and consider the immense worth of each individual as one for whom Christ gave His life.

Pastor Tom

Daily Routines By Michael Welch

Have you ever heard something like this, “The secret of your success is hidden in your daily routine”. I first heard it from a pastor down south named Mike Murdock. I hate cliches! I think the reason I hate them is that they are true, that's why they became cliches. We know if your going to give up smoking you have to change your daily pattern. If coffee is a tiger then you might consider not having coffee. If the phone is a trigger you might consider using some

gum and so on. The one thing we know is that if we are to be successful in any endeavor, something has to change in our routine. This applies to about anything in our lives, weight loss, drinking, drugs, business, marriage and salvation. If we want to better ourselves something has to change. This change could be by changing our associations or reading books by people successful in whatever aspect of your life that you want to improve. If your looking to improve your finical position you wouldn't speak to your lawyer or doctor. you would seek out the advise (wisdom) of one who has



attained what you want. We of coarse are looking for spiritual guidance. If you are married do you pray with your spouse every day. Praying together is the ultimate intimacy, it is when you find out your partners needs. “Oh! I didn't know you shoulder hurt lets pray about it”. We as a church family need to pray together so as to understand the hurts and needs of our congregation as well as our successes.

Let me put it a different way. Even more than I hate cliches, I hate math, but it makes for a good example.

$$111 \times 6 = 666$$

111 x 6 represents a pattern

$$111+111+111+111+111+111= 666. \text{ Are you uncomfortable with the answer.}$$

The 666 is called the product. So often we live our lives and we are not happy with the product not realizing that the product is the result of the patterns we fall into. Our success in life is written in our daily routine. In order to change the product we must change the pattern.

$$111 \times 777$$

$$111+111+111+111+111+111+111 = 777$$

This is a much better product produced by a change in our daily pattern. We all need to change something if we our going to grow into the people that Jesus wants us to be and it never stops.

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October

Birthdays

01 – Bryan Maxa
14 – Owen R. Baarck
16 – Trystan Fleming
19 – Jonathan ‘Jon’ Hayden
20 – Andrew Fisher
21 – Craig Fisher
26 – Cheryl Verney
28 – Barbara Bulick

October Anniversaries

02 – Paul & Patricia Kovaciny
04 – Marc & Cheryl Verney
05 – Jevon & Jenny Baarck
05 – Craig & Stacy Fisher
05 – Emil & Evelyn Kucko
29 – George & Susan Pallanck

Fall Roast Beef Dinner

HTLC will host the semi-annual Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, November 14, 20015 5PM & 6PM seatings. Takeout available for pickup at 5:30pm. Tickets \$15 Adult \$8for children and Kids under 5 free. Roast beef Dinner volunteers wanted! Cooks Dishwashers, Servers needed. Also, looking for Bakers (please keep in mind that we are looking for finger friendly desserts). More details to follow. As in the past, everyone’s help is needed to make this event a success.

Stuffed Cabbage Dinner and Bake Sale

We will have a Stuffed Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, October 17th from 4 – 7 p.m. Concurrent with dinner; we will have a **Bake Sale**. We are asking for all those wonderful bakers to fill the tables with their highly sought after Slovak pastries .

There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for volunteers. Tickets will also be available. Goods can be dropped off at church on Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. if other arrangements needed contact Mike Welch 860-982-3697

October

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Francis of Assisi (no service)
4 The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Church Council	5	6 <i>Pastor's Day off</i>	7 Bible Class 7:30 p.m.	8	9	10 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Camp 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Safe Net
11 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	12	13 <i>Pastor's Day off</i>	14	15 Theresa of Avila, Mystic (no service)	16	17 Stuffed Cabbage Dinner & Bake Sale 4-7 p.m. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop 7:30 p.m. Vespers
18 The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (Luke, Physician & Evangelist) 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	19 Deadline for submitting articles for the November newsletter	20 <i>Pastor's Day off</i>	21 Bible Class 7:30 p.m.	22	23	24 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Safe Net
25 Reformation Sunday 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Social Hour	26	27 <i>Pastor's Day off</i>	28 Simon and Jude, Apostles 7:30 p.m. Vespers	29	30	31

October / November Service Schedule

Tellers

Ushers

Worships Assistants

Reader

October 4, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. – The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Green

Genesis 2: 18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12 ; Mark 10: 2-16

Stacy Fisher

Melissa Fisher

Stacy Fisher

Daniel

Lichanec

Walter Kovaciny Walter Kovaciny

Sheila Welch

October 11, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. – The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – Green

Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90: (verses to be clarified) Hebrews 4: 12-16; Mark 10: 17-31

Amelia Hinchliffe Walter Kovaciny

Stacy Fisher

Ruth Boyles

Patricia Marvonek A Volunteer

October 18, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. – The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost – Green

Isaiah 53: 4-12; Psalm 91: (verses to be clarified) ; Hebrews 5: 1-10; Mark 10: 35-45

Michael Marvonek

Daniel Lichanec

Cathy Lichanec

Stacy Fisher

Michael Welch

Leonard Lichanec

October 25, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. – Reformation Sunday – Red

Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3: 19-28; John 8: 31-36

Cathy Lichanec

Melissa Fisher

Cathy Lichanec

Daniel

Lichanec

Leonard Lichanec

Walter Kovaciny

November 1, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. – All Saints Day – White

(First Lesson to be clarified); Psalm 24; Revelation 21: 1-6a; John 11: 32-44

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October – Stacy Fisher* Coming Events *****

October

4 – Council meeting – 11:15 am.

7 & 21 Bible Class – 7:30 p.m.

10 – Saturday Camp – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

10 & 24 – Safe Net Distribution – 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

17 – Drop off Baked Donations at Church – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

17 – Stuffed Cabbage & Bake Sale – 4 to 7:00 p.m.

17 – Vespers – 7:30 p.m.

25 – Social Hour – 11:15 a.m.

28 – Vespers – 7:30 p.m.

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