

October Newsletter 2017



500th Anniversary Lutheran Reformation

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From the Pastor's Desk:



**“God is our Refuge and Strength a present help in trouble.”
Psalm 46:1**

The above picture is the earliest example of the Luther Seal. The most enduring symbol of the Lutheran Reformation is the seal that Luther himself designed to represent his theology. By the early 1520s, this seal begins to appear on the title page of Luther's works.

Here is how Luther himself explained its meaning:

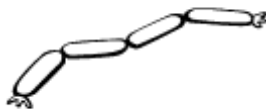
First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27).

This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.

(From: Letter from Martin Luther to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530 [WA Br 5:445]; tr. P. T. McCain)

Prayer: *Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Pork Sausage Dinner **October 22**



The 2017 Sausage Supper on October 22 is fast approaching. Please sign the sheet in the back of Church indicating your preferred job or shift. For those unable to work for any reason, there is also a place for you to sign so that we know not to assign a job to you. There are also places to sign for

those willing to perform any job as needed. Thank you in advance for your help!!

REFORMATION SERVICE FOR THE 500th ANNIVERSARY

Ebenezer Lutheran will celebrate the Reformation on Saturday, October 28 at 5:00 PM and again at our regular Sunday morning service. Choir will be singing on Sunday.

NEWS FROM EBENEZER MISSION SOCIETY

THANK YOU for all the sewing items and monetary contributions for WITH GOD'S LITTLE ONES. Rev. Rudy and Dorothy Schaser are leaving Thursday for Madagascar. A boring truck was being sent from the capital, Antananarivo, to the village where they are going to bore holes for water that is needed so they can grow food in the gardens for the children. However, the truck was crossing a bridge and the bridge broke. The Schaser's may be delayed as they need to cross this bridge also and they are not sure of the repair work. Please keep them in your prayers as they minister to some of the world's poorest people.

Country Store during Pork Sausage Dinner Hosted by Ebenezer Mission Society

Ebenezer Mission Society will be having a Country Store in connection with the Sausage Dinner October 22. Contributions such as crafts, garden produce and baked goods are appreciated. All proceeds will be used for mission projects. Please place the items in the old dining hall.

Ebenezer Ladies Aid & Ebenezer Mission Society
Hosted Missouri Athletic Club Seniors
September 21, 2017

We received \$668.00 for serving a noon luncheon to the Forever Young Adults of the Missouri Athletic Association. These funds will be passed to Grace's Place Crisis Center of Washington, MO. Special thanks to all that supported the luncheon with homemade baked and cooked food items.

October Birthdays

Richard Bunge	10-1
Christina Anderson	10-2
Judy Hubenthal	10-6
Jerry Gilbert	10-7
Clayton Rohlfling	10-8
Jackson Allmeroth	10-8
Margaret Zastrow	10-9
Kristen McCoy	10-10
Ashley Compton	10-10
David Menke	10-13
Alan Hilkerbaumer	10-14
Gretchen Brune	10-18
Nancy Quinn	10-18
Barb Gilbert	10-19
Kennedy Siefken	10-20
Lee Kassebaum	10-24
Roland Walkenhorst	10-24
Porter Allmeroth	10-24
Lindsey Meyer	10-27
Samantha Brune	10-28
Douglas Compton	10-29
Amelia Angeles	10-30

**We wish everyone a
very
“Happy Birthday”
and
“Blessed Anniversary”**

October Anniversaries

Rick & Ruby Bunge	10-1
Nathan & Mary Hiatt	10-8
David & Becky Summers	10-3
Bryan & Mary Adams	10-6
Craig & Kathleen Monzyk	10-7
Doug & Sarah Eckelkamp	10-8
Adam & Becky Brune	10-12
Keith & Tammy Wettling	10-15
Paul & Gretchen Brune	10-24

Usher Schedule for October, 2017

- 1: Adam Brune
- 2: Don Kappelmann
- 3: Craig Monzyk
- 4: Andrew Kassebaum
- 5: Donald Hoemann
- Alternate: Joe Kassebaum
- Head Usher: Marvin Kassebaum

Altar Guild for October 2017

Denise and Kate Walkenhorst

Acolyte Schedule for October 2017

Confirmation Class

Bell Ringer Schedule for October 2017

October 1

Trent Huellinghoff

October 15

Corey Adams

October 29

Jeff Hohlt

October 8

Jeff Hohlt

October 22

Cody Adams

Monthly Treasurer's Summary August 2017

Beginning checking balance	\$26,592.65
Receipts	\$7,519.07
Disbursements	\$13,122.66
Ending checking balance	\$20,989.06
LCEF savings balance	\$30,536.72
Thrivent FPDA balance	\$21,659.53
Pledged to Missouri District for year	\$4,800.00
Paid to Missouri District this year-to-date	\$3,200.00
Year-to-date income less expenses	\$-12,329.02

An invitation by Pastor Ehrhard from Trinity Lutheran Church in New Haven.

For the past several months I've spoken about trying to get a screening of the new Luther Docudrama at the historic Walt Theater in downtown New Haven. I'm happy to say that we have finally confirmed with the theater and distributor to have *A Return to Grace:*

Luther's Life and Legacy screened on Wednesday, October 25 at 7 p.m. Admission will be free, thanks to Bethlehem, Ebenezer, and Trinity Congregations of the New Haven area. Concessions will be available for purchase.

But isn't this the same movie that we saw in the theater last spring, or on PBS just this month, *The Idea that Changed the World?* No! While it does share some of the same footage, this edition is a different look at the Reformation, which examines it from a theological perspective. It should be of particular interest to practicing Lutherans, however, guests are certainly invited to attend.

Very Important Congregational Meetings

Our Congregational Officers' Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 12th at 7:00 PM in preparation for the

Voter's Meeting which will be held on October 16th at 7:30 PM. Please plan to attend these important meetings of our Church!!

The Christian Women's Survival Show

The Christian Women's Survival Show will be held in conjunction with the LWML Fall Rally at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Union, Mo on Saturday, October 21st, 2017. Call to Order will be at 9:00 AM. There will be vendor booths from CPH, LWML, LHM, CASA, Tupperware, Mary Kay, Essential Oils, Stamping Up and a Photo Booth. Guest Speakers will include Deaconesses Maryann Hayter and Kelly Hardt. Also, Bonnie Matzat will portray Katie Luther. Our Zone Pastors will debut as the "Singing Saints". Lunch will be provided. The ingathering for the day will be children's hats, gloves or mittens and socks for local charities. EVERY WOMAN IS INVITED. Please see the poster on our bulletin board at the back of Church for more information!

Support your local Police, Firefighters & EMS Personnel

The Franklin County Backstoppers is having a Dinner, Dance, and Auction on Saturday, October 14th at St. Gertrude's Parish Center in Krakow, MO, beginning at 5:00 pm. Proceeds provide financial assistance to families of local personnel killed in the line of duty. Tickets are available for \$50 each or \$380 for a table of 8. Dinner, full bar, and live music is included in the cost of the ticket. There will also be over 100 silent and oral auction items. For ticket/table reservations please call Pat Eckelkamp 636-262-4636, or Tim Frankenberg 636-221-4671 by October 7th.

A Circuit-wide Reformation Service and Lutherfest

This event will be at St. John Lutheran Church, Drake, on October 29. The service (with Holy Communion) will be at 4 pm. We will have special music and a special preacher. The meal will be at approximately 5:30 pm. You can come early to play games and socialize; that will start at 2 pm. (For the meal--pork loin, mashed potatoes & gravy, hotdogs, applesauce, and root beer will be provided. (Donations of a covered dish or dessert would certainly be appreciated.)

EBENEZER LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO



OCTOBER 28, 2017
6:00 – 8:00

9100 HWY YY, LESLIE
EAST PARKING LOT
(NEAR CEMETERY)

IF YOU'D LIKE TO HOST A "TRUNK" OR GAME,
PLEASE CONTACT US AT 573-459-2046 OR
ELCHALLOWEEN@GMAIL.COM



Martin Luther

In Person

(As portrayed by Hannibal Frederich)

at

Immanuel Lutheran Church
214 West 5th Street
Washington, MO

Friday, October 6, 7 pm

*All Concert and Speaker Series events at Immanuel are
free and open to the public.*

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:00	2	3 Elders 7:00 PM	4 Pastor to Minnesota Choir 7:00 PM	5 Pastor to Minnesota	6 Pastor to Minnesota	7 Worship 5:00 PM. Pastor Stanley Guest Preacher Pastor to Minnesota
8 Sunday School 9:00 Worship 10:00 AM Pastor Stanley Guest Preacher Pastor to Minnesota	9 Columbus Day Pastor to Minnesota	10 Pastor to Minnesota	11 Pastor to Minnesota	12 Pastor to Minnesota Officers Meeting 7:00 PM	13 Pastor returns	14 Worship 5:00 PM
15 Sunday School 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:00	16 Voter's Meeting 7:30 PM	17	18 Confirmation 6:30 PM	19 Bible Class 10:00 AM Pork Sausage Set Up PM	20 Ladies Aid 1:30 PM	21 Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 PM
22 Sunday School 9:00 Worship 10:00 AM PORK SAUSAGE DINNER 11:30 – 5:00 PM	23	24 Education and Sunday School Teacher's Meeting 7:00 PM	25 Confirmation 6:30 Luther Movie at the Walt Theater, New Haven 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM	26 Bible Class 10:00 AM	27	28 Worship 5:00 PM Trunk or Treat at Church 6:00 – 8:00 PM
29 Sunday School 9:00 Worship 10:00 AM	30	31 Reformation Day Reformation Service Concordia Seminary 7:00 PM				