

- ◇ November 5 - Daylight Savings Ends
- ◇ November 5 - 3p Area Reformation Service
- ◇ November 15 - 6-7p COR School Open House
- ◇ November 23 - Thanksgiving Worship at 9a
- ◇ November 28—**COR Women's Group:** Join us to assemble jars that will be available Dec. 3. Proceeds will benefit our Be-friend a Mission Project

COR was organized in 1965 so that with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it might strengthen the faith of its members and reach out into the community and the world.

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## Thanksgiving Inventory



suck the joy and thanksgiving out of our lives.

If we think we have little to be thankful for maybe it's time for an inventory. Try this simple exercise. As you say each letter of the alphabet write down a list of what God provides.

A for affection, America, angels, apples

B for Bible, bed, books, baseball

C for Christmas, cake, college, Christ

And so on.

We will find, as others have, that each letter suggests many blessings. By the time we finish our list we will realize we have much to be thankful for. That is what Thanksgiving is all about. We pause to reflect on God's gifts and to say thanks.

Thanksgiving Day and our little inventory will not solve all our problems, however. It takes something more powerful and more promising. The

Turkeys everywhere are wishing they were chickens. Perhaps some of us are wishing we were somebody else too. As we look around at our lives we see sickness, bills, job stress, and family strain. They are part of the labyrinth of life. They sometimes

solution to life's challenges is the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus offers peace for people like us. God loves us because of what Jesus did for us.

That is a powerful reason for thanksgiving.

Pastor

*Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Psalm 95:1-7*

# AREA REFORMATION SERVICE



*Our Great*  
**HERITAGE**

## **Front Range Reformation Celebration!**

**November 5<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

(2100 Wadsworth Blvd)

**Preacher: Christopher Doerr**

Offering designation: Northwestern Publishing House

There will be an NPH display with Reformation materials.  
A light catered lunch (free-will offering) will follow the service.

## **PLEASE JOIN US!**

Contact information can be found on our COR website, go to [corchurch.com](http://corchurch.com) and click on COR Connections

## COR's Women's Group

So many of you said how much you enjoyed putting together our "Blessing Bags", we hope you will join us at 6:30p on Tuesday, November 28th, as we assemble our "Jar Project". See you there!



2017 Advent by Candlelight

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6p

**This is an opportunity for women of all ages to set aside the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation and focus our hearts and minds on the birth of Christ.**

### **COR School Open House**

**6-7pm, Wednesday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>  
17700 East Iliff Avenue**



**Come and discover the excellent Christian education offered since 1968 for PreK thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

## Teacher's Conference Summary - Rapid City, SD



Thank you COR for the opportunity to grow spiritually and professionally while enjoying the fellowship we have with brothers and sisters in the faith. Below is a summary of our growth opportunities that we look forward to incorporating into our ministry at COR.

### **Spiritual Keynote**

The theme for our conference was, "A Reformation of the Heart." The devotions and spiritual keynote speaker focussed on our Lutheran heritage. Pastor Nathaniel Biebert spoke on the deep appreciation Martin Luther had for Scripture and encouraged us to do the same. It was also uplifting to celebrate our heritage and

common faith through several worship opportunities throughout the conference.

### **Professional Keynote**

Our professional keynote speaker, Todd Whitaker, spoke on, "What Great Teachers Do Differently." He emphasized treating everyone in the school community as if "they were good." He said that beginning interactions with people assuming the best sends a positive message. He also pushed us to be exceptional examples by paying careful attention to what we say and do because we never know if today is the day that will matter most to a student. He also provided other practical strategies for classroom management and professional behavior.

### **COR Presenters!**

Michele Paul and Kim Miller presented on "Purposeful Play" at our recent Teacher's Conference. They discussed the importance of embedding play throughout the day and the benefits that accompany play. There are four distinct kinds of play. In fantasy/imaginative play, students learn how to define roles, set rules, and use abstract thinking. In constructive play, students learn how to manipulate materials to promote science, math, and engineering skills through goal and product oriented play. Games with rules help students build social skills such as cooperation and healthy competition. Students also learn how to follow logic and order to strategize and plan their game playing. Rough and tumble play encourages students to learn boundaries, social cues, empathy, and self-restraint. We were able to end by sharing ideas on how we incorporate play throughout our school day and some of our favorite play based activities.

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District Teacher's Conference was held October 8-10  
at the Rapid City, South Dakota.

Hannah Rothe

### **Special Education for the Non Special Education Teacher**

The presenter offered strategies for working with special needs in the classroom. One strategy included the use of "Think Sheets" to help students take responsibility for their actions and have them come up with a plan to correct the behavior. She also emphasized seeking out services that are provided through the public school system. We are currently working with Aurora Public Schools for some services and may seek out more services that may help our students.

### **Cafe Approach to Multi-grade Language Arts**

The strategy includes setting aside a large Language Arts block that includes spelling, reading, and writing. Rotations are set up so that students are actively learning according to their abilities and the teacher is able to work with students in small groups. This design benefits all students including those who are advanced and those who need extra help.

Kim Miller

### **Teaching Social and Emotional Skills in Early Learning Environments.**

This presentation focused on the practice of Conscious Discipline and using both law and gospel to guide student behaviors. The presenter stressed the importance of relationships in all decision making and problem-solving skills. Helping students progress from a reaction of impulsivity and "survival mode" to a well thought out reaction in the "executive mode" involves a lot of modeling, coaching, and strong relationships. The presenter also shared a number of activities that have helped her build peer-to-peer relationships and teacher-to-student relationships.

Michele Paul

### **Leadership in Conflict Resolution**

The presentation emphasized the true source of conflict, sin, and that the only true way to resolve the effects of sin is through God's love and forgiveness. Everyone has their own way of dealing with conflict so it is necessary for leaders to have a variety of strategies for recognizing and helping people work through conflict.

Phil Scriver

### **Using Google Classroom**

The sectional focused on using Google Classroom and related applications from Google to enhance the classroom experience. COR is blessed to have access to these features through our partnership with RMLHS. With the tips learned at this sectional, we can make even better use of this educational tool in our classrooms.

### **Burnout Prevention**

Dr. Ben Kohls is a psychologist who works with people of all age ranges at a hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. He shared information that was aimed at managing stress levels so that stress works for us, not against us. He noted that there are positive stress cycles and negative stress cycles. He believes the key to managing stress and burnout is through building resiliency through focusing on the support and purpose we have in our lives. It was uplifting to go through the exercises because, through faith, we discover that our best burnout preventer is our Savior and that He provides a tremendous amount of support through the family of believers. "I can do all this through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).

# COR School's Reporters

In our efforts to improve our writing and grammar,  
our students have been practicing their reporting skills. Enjoy!

## **An Interview with Mrs. Miller by Lidia Berhe**

The kindergarten, first, and second graders are taught by Mrs. Miller. They started something new, Mrs. Paul teaches the kindergarteners from 10:00 to 2:00. Mrs. Miller spends more time with the first and second graders. They had a meeting with the parents, and they seemed happy about the idea. Mrs. Miller's class has started units in science and social studies. They are learning how to save and spend money in social studies, and about balance in science. Their classroom is doing best on reading, which is really good because that is something they are definitely going to need for the future, but they need more work on writing. Mrs. Miller is having them work in small groups so they can share ideas with each other. They didn't take any class field trips this month, but did enjoy the whole school trip to Miller Farms.

## **An interview with Pastor Voss by Simon Berhe**

Pastor Mark Voss has been the Pastor of Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for 22 years, and a pastor since 1984. He enjoys golfing, yard work, all sports, and classical music. He attended Northwestern College in Watertown, Wisconsin, then attended Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for four years. He served in Lincoln, Nebraska for the first 11 years of his career.

He has done a great job so far and is planning to retire in the not too distant future. He and Mrs. Voss plan to move to the southern part of the United States. While he is at COR, he would like to see the church grow by keeping the current families and encouraging them to spread the Word. He says that he is confident however that the church will continue to grow long after he is gone. .

A very impressive thing that pastor said is that he doesn't ever repeat a sermon. He said that it doesn't have the same effect when you repeat a sermon. To this day he has written and preached more than 1,820 sermons!

Thanksgiving Service

9a Thursday, November 23

Our Theme - "It's All In The Bag"

# COR's Living Nativity



*Since 2006 Christ Our Redeemer has presented a Living Nativity.*

*During that time thousands of people have attended and heard the simple and beautiful Christmas message.*

*Your help is appreciated in continuing this event.*

## **Coming soon - the Living Nativity**

**This year we will present the nativity on Friday and Saturday, December 8-9, from 5:30-7:30p. Performances run every 15 minutes.**

### **How can you help?**

- ◇ **Staging** - staging the nativity set (erecting the set, moving straw bales, etc.)
- ◇ **Casting** - a big board will be put up in the narthex some-time soon. There are lots of parts and we need you to fill those parts.
- ◇ **Catering** - hosting inside to serve cookies, cider, coffee and hot chocolate.

**Contact Pastor Voss, [markvoss@corchurch.com](mailto:markvoss@corchurch.com), to let us know how you will help. Thank you.**

please RSVP to  
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Lunch  
provided!

Saturday  
November 18,  
2017  
11:00 am

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Lord of Life Ladies  
invite you to

# Katie and Me: Heroes of Faith

Be Entertained, Strengthened in Faith and Energized for Life  
Presented by Debbie Dietrich

Come learn about the woman *behind* the great  
Reformer: **Katharina von Bora Luther**

For we Lutheran Ladies - she's a true  
*Soul Sister*  
*Kindered Spirit*  
*Renegade, Runaway, Royalty*  
*Lutheran Lady*  
*Hero of Faith*

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Debbie Dietrich is living life with brio in the Lord on the San Carlos Apache Reservation in Bylas, Arizona where she serves alongside her missionary husband. She teaches Art & Music at the Peridot Mission School, coordinates Native American Mission communications, blogs, and teaches the neighborhood about Jesus through community garden, neighborhood group piano classes and Bible and Baking nights. When not hanging in the B-Town with neighborhood kids, Debbie and her husband like to tandem-bike, hike, lift weights, cook and eat delicious food. Both she and Joe have a passion for reading, researching and sharing the gift of the Reformation. Together they have 8 children and 2 grandchildren. And, most notably, Debbie is COR's teacher, Hannah Rothe's mom!