A Reformation Walk

We are hoping to stop in and see my brother in Wyoming on our way to a Brandt Reunion in Avon South Dakota on July 30 – so I wrote him a letter to warn him. “But,” I said, “first we have VBS.” And then I went on to explain what we were doing for VBS – as I wrote, and wrote and wrote – even I was a little surprised at all that is being planned. Our prayer is that it will prove to be a good week for all those who attend and volunteer.

Basically, we are going to walk through the life of Martin Luther – whom the Holy Spirit used for the cause of the Gospel in an era where the good news had been somewhat clouded. This, being the 500th year of when he nailed the 95 Thesis on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany – presents us with the opportunity to remember, reflect, rejoice and reach out with that same good news – these are still cloudy days in more ways than one.

It is a family Vacation Bible School – that is, we encourage you to come as a family – with your children or your grandchildren or, with permission – the neighbor kids (family by the way is inclusive of couples, widows, widowers, singles – regardless of age). We will allow children (four-years-old and up) to be dropped off (after parents register them), but they will be assigned to a family so that we can “keep track of them.”

We will be traveling around the campus of the church building and grounds as we recount various significant events in the life of Martin Luther – from his birth and baptism, through his early education, his transition to becoming an Augustinian monk, a priest and professor at the University in Wittenberg. We will make note of the characters who played important roles in that time era including: Ursula Cotta, John Staupitz, Elector Frederick the Wise, Lucas Cranach, Emperor Charles V, John Tetzel and of course, Katarina Von Bora – who would become the wife of Martin Luther. The “Herring Barrel Girls” (three teenagers from our youth group) will sing some songs for us.

Each evening includes a meal – the first one a potluck dinner on Sunday evening, sponsored by the Amazing Grays as we begin with registration and dinner at 5:30 pm. The Youth Group, Men’s Group, Women’s Group and Germany Travelers are providing meals on the succeeding night beginning each evening at 6:00 pm. In addition to short skits and scenes at various locations, there will be crafts – including work with copper and wood blocks, pretzel making, cookie making and games for all ages. A grand, German style meal will take place on Thursday evening and characters playing Martin and Katie will take us through one of Martin’s favorite times with his family in a Table Talk.

500 year anniversaries only come every 500 years. None of us will be around for the next one – but we have the chance to be at the celebration of this one at this Vacation Bible School. Come and invite others.

Pastor Brandt

Katarina Von Bora – wife of Martin Luther
The scoop for JULY!

SR. YOUTH
WEDNESDAYS
7/5 - (No Sr. Youth)
7/12 - Helping with VBS!
7/19 - Game Night
7/26 - Mission Trip Picture Party

SUNDAY, JULY 16
Mission Trip Commissioning (at both services)

WED-SUN, JULY 19-23
Mission Trip: The "One" Gathering (Concordia-Portland)

JUNIOR YOUTH
MON, JULY 10
Day Hike at Washington Park! (9:30 am)

WANTED: Mission Trip PRAYER PARTNERS!

On Wednesday, July 19, 8 Sr. Youth, 2 parent chaperons, and our DCE, Heidi, head to Concordia University for their summer mission trip! God has called this team of servants to share the love of Jesus to those in need in the greater Portland area. Through the “One” Gathering (hosted by the Northwest District), they will assist at various service organizations—Portland Food Bank, Union Gospel Mission, Portland Rescue Mission and more—alongside fellow teens from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska.

During their week away, we would like each servant to have a PRAYER PARTNER from the congregation lifting him/her up in prayer as he/she serves in the mission field.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PRAYER PARTNER?! We’ll assign you a mission trip participant before the commissioning service on Sunday, July 16. Each youth and adult servant will complete a questionnaire to give you specific things to pray for while they are away. Please prayerfully consider giving the gift of prayer as these servants give of themselves on their mission.

If you are interested or want more details, please contact Heidi Frank (hfrank@living-savior.org)

July Devotion

I took my four-year-old daughter to her swimming lesson last week and we got there early enough that the previous classes were still in session. (Throwing those babies in the water was something to watch, but that’s another story.) I was sitting in the viewing/waiting area, observing the teachers, the moms and a dad and a grandma in the pool with their little ones, and also watching Adele as she was sitting on a bench at the far end of the pool waiting for her class to begin. After sitting on the bench for awhile, she stood up and started to dance to some song that was in her head. Perhaps she was thinking of her dance recital that was happening a few days in the future. What I mostly observed was that she had no worry about anyone watching her. She was just doing what she wanted to do without thought of herself or what others might think about her. I wondered if I had ever been that care-free. When did I start to worry about what others might think about me? When did I begin to care?

Is it a matter of a bad experience in which we are made to feel foolish, embarrassed or ashamed? Is it a matter knowing my thoughts, my feelings, my pride, my prejudices, and my vices that I am fearful that others will see the “real” me?

As a Christian, I know that God loves me in spite of my flaws and my sins, and if (since) God loves me, I should not worry about what others think about me. Why, then, is it so difficult to put to a stop to this kind of conceit? What makes me think I am so special that people are even thinking about me at all? (I once had a pastor in California who told me that it is the height of conceit to think that I would believe that others would be bothered to judge me let alone notice me when I entered a room.) That may be true, but it doesn’t seem to stop the feelings we often have of not wanting to do something that might be rejected or ridiculed by others.

This is noticeable true when it comes to sharing our faith. We are often fearful that we will say the wrong thing or do the wrong thing and people will reject our message if not us.

A solution to this worry on our part is to turn our attention to what God says about us. I have been given a Remembrance Card which reads as follows:

You are BEAUTIFUL - Psalm 45:11
You are UNIQUE - Psalm 139:13
You are LOVED - Jeremiah 31:3
You are SPECIAL - Ephesians 2:10
You are CREATED FOR A PURPOSE - Jer. 29:11
You are CARED FOR - Ephesians 3:17-19
You are LOVELY - Daniel 12:3
You are PRECIOUS - 1 Corinthians 6:20
You are IMPORTANT - 1 Peter 2:9
You are FORGIVEN - Psalm 103:12
You are A NEW CREATION - 2 Corinthians 5:17
You are PROTECTED - Psalm 121:3
You are EMPOWERED - Philippians 4:13
You are CHOSEN - John 15:16
You are FAMILY - Ephesians 2:9

YOU ARE MINE - Isaiah 43:1

This is a wonderful reminder that we need not be self-conscious about any aspect of our lives when we know that God knows everything about us and He loves us anyway. Not because of who we are but because of who He is and what He has done in loving us by sending His Son, Jesus, into the world on our behalf.

How blessed we are to know that we need not fear what others are thinking about us as we have confidence in having the love of God living in our heart.

So...

Dance as though no one is watching. Work like you don’t need money. Love like you’ve never been hurt and Live as though heaven is on earth.
The Living Savior Women’s Group is meeting on Saturday, July 8th from 8:00 to 9:30am at the church. There will be breakfast followed by planning/preparation for one of the dinners at VBS, which is being prepared by the Living Savior Women’s Group. We’ll also help with any last minute VBS projects. Please come and enjoy fellowship with the wonderful women of our church.

Summer Scrip!

Summer Order Dates
Sundays, July 9 & 30.
Weekly orders resume on August 20.
Stock up so you don’t run out. We have stock to sell at the scrip counter, but in limited quantities.

Do you shop on Amazon? You can Amazon scrip to pay for your purchase and sign up for AmazonSmile and we get a kickback from that as well. Regardless of if you have Amazon Prime, these two things work with that. Here is the link.

A sign up board is available to volunteer to make coffee for our summer Sunday fellowship time. Choose your date. Thanks!

The picnic will follow the service.
The Men’s Club will supply BBQ chicken and The women’s group will provide corn on the cob. Bring a salad, dessert or side dish to share. Drinks and tableware will be provided. Please come and enjoy the fellowship of the Living Savior family.

Come Check Us Out!

GREAT SUMMER READS & VIEWING!

DVD’s and books are plentiful in our church library. Please take a minute to browse through our inventory. The library is located on the second floor, next to the Upper Room (arched entries). There is self-check out.
STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Year to Date Contributions, as of 06/18/2017 are as follows:

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Thank you for your generous gifts.

If you are planning to be away for an extended period of time this summer, please consider mailing your donations to the church during your absence to help keep our cash flow level during the summer months. Thank You!

Debt Update:
The current balance on the Building Loan is $1,507,272

All gifts to the Building Fund will be applied directly to the loan balance.

SUPPORT GROUP AT LIVING SAVIOR

We invite you to connect with others at Living Savior who are giving care or have given care to a loved one. Those who are in the midst of care giving could greatly benefit from those who have gone before them. We meet the third Saturday of the month, 9:00am to share resources, encourage one another and fill our spiritual cup. Please join us! Friends of Living Savior Lutheran are welcome to join us as well. You may know someone in the work place or community who would benefit from our group. Questions? Call the church office.

Saturday, July 15, 9:00am
Library
Living Savior Lutheran

July 2017 at Living Savior

Vacation Bible School – Summer 2017
Save the dates! July 9-13, 2017 – 6:00-8:00pm

In anticipation of our summer VBS, pick up “Flat Martin.” Color him. Cut him out. Take selfies with Flat Martin at all the places you visit between now and July 9th. Share your selfies on Living Savior’s Facebook Page.

Have you met a prince? Have you made pretzels? Have you traveled to Germany? Have you ridden in an ox cart? Learn the arts and crafts of the times of Martin Luther.

Travel back 500 years with us at our VBS this summer to the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of the year 1517 and discover the truth that is still changing.

Registration forms are available in the church Narthex and on the Living Savior website.

This Truth That’s Changing Me
Vacation Bible School – Summer 2017

[Calendar page with events listed]
BOOK CLUB

There are no Book Club meetings July and August. We will resume our regular 2nd Saturday schedule on September 9, at 10am with a discussion of “Mornings on Horseback” by David McCullough. This is a historical novel about Teddy Roosevelt and written by the author of the Wright Brothers which we enjoyed reading this past year.

Our reading list for 2017-2018 is:
- Sept. 9 Mornings on Horseback by David McCullough
- Oct. 14 Luther and Katharina by Jed Hedlund
- Nov. 11 The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen
- Dec. (no meeting)

For fun: Summer Reading Suggestions
- The Benedict Option by Rob Draper
- Bridge of the Gods by Frederic Homer Balch
- Lab Girls by Hope Jahren
- Prague Winter by Madeleine Albright

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Our reading list for 2017-2018 is:

Jan. 13 Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
Feb. 10 Astoria by Peter Stark
Mar. 10 The Secrets of Mary Bowser by Lois Leveen
Apr. 14 The Girl Who Wrote Silk by Kelli Estes
May 12 Rise of the Rocket Girls by Nathalia Holt

Women’s Retreat

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Community Warehouse

Used Goods to Good Use

Fifteen years ago, Community Warehouse began with a clear intention: to provide household goods and furnishings to local families in need, so they could turn empty housing into homes. With each day, it is better understood how significant furnishings are in the lives of families and children. Community Warehouse helps people create homes that nourish dignity and encourage empowered, self-sufficient community members.

Furniture is their currency, but what Community Warehouse really provides is happiness, housing security, stress relief, and improved quality of life for our neighbors in need.

Community Warehouse uses resources that already exist in our community. The answer to the problem of empty housing is here, circulating through our homes. They can redistribute furnishings and housewares that each of us have in our own homes.

If you have useable used items in your home that you would like to donate, please drop them into the blue Community Warehouse drop bag in the entrance into the fellowship hall or drop off your item at:

Community Warehouse
8380 SW Nyberg St., Tualatin
503-612-0020

M-F, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
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For more information about Community Warehouse go to: communitywarehouse.org

Amazing Grays July Events

Thursday, July 6
No Meeting (Vacations July-August, see monthly schedule for events.)

Sunday, July 9
Amazing Grays setup Fellowship Hall for Day 1 of Vacation Bible School Registration & Dinner at 5:30 PM . We will meet after early service Sunday, July 9 at 9:30 AM and begin setting round tables, chairs, table settings, tables for potluck, beverages and more. We will need help for setup, registration and cleanup. Please let us know if you are able to help at that time and during the dinner & cleanup. (Questions, please call Tom at 503-887-7478)

Thursday, July 20, 2017
Amazing Grays Potluck Picnic (indoors) 12:00 Noon. Everyone is invited. Church will furnish barbecued chicken, rolls and beverages. Please sign up for your favorite hot dish or salad or dessert at the Narthex Bulletin Board indicating the potluck dish of choice. Please be sure to sign up so we know how much chicken to order. This event will be informal and a great time to get to know others.

Reminder for helpers: arrive at 10:30am, Thursday, July 20, 2017. Thank you.

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The cost is $150 for two nights lodging and five meals. Scholarships will be available if needed.

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Thursday, May 18, Stephen Ministers attended the Marquam Hill Lecture series at Oregon Health Science University (OHSU) and heard a presentation from Dr. Erik Fromme, M.D., M.C.R., F.A.A.H.P.M., associate professor of medicine, OHSU school of Medicine and a physician at the Knight Cancer Institute. He spoke of Advance Care Planning for Everyone: Science and Practical Advice.

Have you and your family had the conversation? If an unexpected injury illness prevented you from communicating would your family or your health care providers be confident they understand your values and feel prepared to make the best medical decisions possible?

If you would like to know more about Advance Care Directives, Polst (Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment), Surrogate - Decision Maker (healthcare proxy) or Life Sustaining Treatment, go to: theconversationproject.org

Thank you to Pete for his excellent leadership in Stephen Ministry for the last 7 years. He has trained 20 people to serve Living Savior as a Stephen Minister. He is taking a well-deserved break but will continue as an active Stephen Minister. Many thanks to Pete for his training skills and compassion for the hurting.

The sale will be in the garage of an auxiliary board member at 911 N. Third Ave., Hillsboro. You can support this fundraising project by shopping on the sale dates.

-Sylvia Schlichting, 503-598-6722

Notes from Bethesda Lutheran Communities

Voter’s Meeting Minutes—June 11

The June 11th Voter’s Assembly Meeting lasted about two (2) hours and covered several topics. We had some robust discussions and sharing of ideas.

Denice Hornberger reported on the Preschool and the Preschool budget. Under her leadership, the Preschool is financially solvent and continues to serve our members and the greater community. As a congregation, we are blessed to have such vibrant ministry and outreach.

The Nomination Committee presented the following slate of candidates:
- President - Cathy Dexter
- Education - Kathleen Freitag
- Property - Dennis Olson
- Youth - Ginger Leas

The congregation approved the slate and those persons elected will be serving two (2) year terms.

Next on the agenda was a discussion about whether the Council should look into beginning a Visioning Planning program. It has been about fifteen (15) years since our last formal visioning process which resulted in the building of the sanctuary. Although we are not anticipating any new construction, the consensus was that it would be helpful to go through the visioning process to develop some clarity and direction for our shared ministry.

Council will look into the programs available.

Our final agenda item was a presentation by Spiritual Board Chair, Rae Puhl on the congregational survey and the Spiritual Life Board’s recommendations based on that survey. A Motion was passed to suspend implementation of the recommendation affecting the second service until there is a review of the call documents for our Pastor and our DCE in light of our Constitution and Bylaws. Any recommendation resulting from that review will be presented to Council and the Congregation at a future Voter’s Assembly Meeting.

Pastor Brandt closed the meeting with singing of the Doxology.

Thank you to all who attended! Cathy Dexter, Congregation President