



# The Messenger

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod  
Paradise, California

October 2017

Happy 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



The Reformation is upon us and this year is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the wonderful, but complex and dangerous time for the people of God. Wonderful because the fruit of the Reformation was the Word of God in the hands of the people and the revelation that all can come directly to the Father through faith in the atoning sacrifice of the Son Jesus Christ. Complex and dangerous because we live in a sin-corrupted world that is hostile to the justice and mercy of God and anytime His people stand on God's truth, there will be, and was, suffering and persecution.

"This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness, not health, but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished, but it is going on, this is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified." — Martin Luther

The quote above comes from Martin Luther in his "Defense of All the Articles." In context, Luther is writing against the false teaching and belief that after Baptism, no sin remains in a Christian. These words also speak to the blind hope that if one is to walk with God, then their lives will reflect His majesty and they will be without trial or suffering. For Luther, Christianity is both certainty of God's grace through faith in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross for our sins, and as you can see in the quote above, it is also a process whereby children of God grow in the faith as they wage war against their sinful flesh with the righteousness of God. All the while, we walk in the omnipotent protection of God's delivered promise.

Through the Reformation came wonderful re-discoveries about God, His grace for us and our righteousness as a result. They are re-discoveries because what Martin Luther and the other reformers taught and fought for were not new teachings or beliefs. Luther and others like Calvin and Zwingli focused on what Scriptures taught of both Jesus and man 1500 years earlier. One of the main pushes of the reformation was to place the Word of God into the hands of all people. Until the 16<sup>th</sup> century, God's people were reliant on the preaching of priests to describe God and their relationship with the Almighty. The Reformation would translate the Bible into common languages so that all people would have access to discover the power and efficacy of God's Word for themselves.

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We celebrate the Reformation not because it was the birth of a new or better church. The reformers never wanted to start a new church, rather they wanted to fix the errors of the Roman Catholic church. We celebrate the Reformation because it was time when a German monk turned priest defied the power and authority of an empire for the sweetness and comfort of the Gospel... "I cannot choose but adhere to the word of God, which has possession of my conscience; nor can I possibly, nor will I even make any recantation, since it is neither safe nor honest to act contrary to conscience! Here I stand; I cannot do otherwise, so help me God! Amen."

"Beer is made by men, wine by God."

— **Martin Luther**

## *Bake & Craft Sale*

This is just a reminder that in November we will have our annual bake and craft sale to support the Bethesda Lutheran Communities in Redding. It will be held on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> between services. Now is the time to plan what you will be baking as well as to continue with your crafts. This is always a well attended event for both the crafts and the yummy treats.



"Feelings come and feelings go,  
And feelings are deceiving;  
My warrant is the Word of God--  
Naught else is worth believing.

Though all my heart should feel condemned  
For want of some sweet token,  
There is One greater than my heart  
Whose Word cannot be broken.

I'll trust in God's unchanging Word  
Till soul and body sever,  
For, though all things shall pass away,  
HIS WORD SHALL STAND FOREVER!"

— **Martin Luther**



Beginning Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> we are having a Bible Study series on the Reformation. We will discover what factors led to the reformation and the people God raised up for the benefit of His Church here on earth. We will examine different misunderstandings in translations of Greek words and how those changed the way people approached and received God's forgiveness. We will cover the life and events in Martin Luther's life which created his immense passion for the Gospel which revealed the Biblical truth of God's grace and mercy as a result of faith alone in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The study will last four weeks and take place in between services from 9:15 to 10:15am.

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This month, being the month of the Reformation, I am recommending an excellent lecture/Bible Study from author R.C. Sproul. From the lecture/study description on the website: "Centuries after his death, Martin Luther is celebrated as an intellectual giant, a brave opponent of corruption, a shaper of culture, indeed, as one of the most significant figures in Western history. Many people, however, are unaware of the events of Luther's life that led him to make a courageous stand for the gospel in the sixteenth century. In this series, R.C. Sproul provides a thorough introduction to the life and thought of Martin Luther. With an eye to the lessons we can learn today, Dr. Sproul traces the major events of Luther's life and explores the gospel recovered by Luther and the other Protestant Reformers."



Greetings,

The children made it through the first two months of school and all is running smoothly. The school age program is completely full. The only thing we could use now are a couple more excellent teachers. We need one for the school age room and one for the pre-school room. We have room for about 4 more pre-school children at this time and we will be full at least for the time being.

My staff and I were very excited about receiving the beautiful tee-shirts with the day care's name on the front. A great big thank you to the congregation and thank you to the Board of Education for the work it took to get sizes and have the logos sewn on the shirts. The pink and blue colors picked are pretty. I have a couple teachers, who told me how easy it was to get ready for work. They didn't have to think about what they were going to wear to work. They were even going to order a couple more from the shop.

Our Phebian meeting was on September 11. We started out with a short business meeting discussing a little about our October 5<sup>th</sup> SMILES Luncheon. As always we are in need of a lot of help so we will have the sign-up sheets in the patio area on Sunday. There are usually around 40-60 special needs people enjoying a hot dog lunch. A lot of our usual helpers on this project have health issues and are not able to help so thanks to those who step up.

Two speakers were present at our September meeting – Mark Thorp speaking about Johnny Appleseed days and Stephen McDermott, one our newer church members, who spoke about finding the family he didn't know that he had. As far as Johnny Appleseed goes, Mark Thorpe is looking for people to make apple pies. There is also a sign up sheet for that.

We had quite a few ladies attending and that is really nice. Carol Arrington and Judy Joksch presented a lovely luncheon and Judy Joksch gave our devotion.

Coming up is the Zone 12 Fall Rally. This year's theme is "Steadfast in His Word" - "...for all flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the Word of the Lord remains forever." 1 Peter 1:24-25. (ESV) Featured speakers will be Pastor Dallas and Martha Dubke who will give a presentation of their trip to Germany. It will be held on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 2:30 pm. at Redeemer Lutheran in Chico. We will be here at church at 9:00 so that we can carpool down together. Registration is \$10.00 and includes lunch. Please RSVP by October 10<sup>th</sup>. Sign ups on the patio. Ingathering will go to Lily House. They can use: Diapers, toilet tissue, Kleenex, paper towels and cleaning items.

Blessings to all,  
Judy Klaves



"I am afraid that the schools will prove the very gates of hell, unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures and engraving them in the heart of the youth."  
– **Martin Luther**

"True humility does not know that it is humble. If it did, it would be proud from the contemplation of so fine a virtue."  
– **Martin Luther**

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| Sunday  | Monday           | Tuesday                                 | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday    | Saturday                           |
|---|------------------|---|---|---|-----------|------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>                                      | <b>2</b>         | <b>3</b>                                | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                           |
|   | 9:30 Phebians    | 5:00 Small Group<br>6:00 Church Council | 9:30 Bible Study<br>7:00 Choir                        | 10:00 In Home Bible Study<br>Noon - SMILES<br>LUNCHEON                              |           |                                    |
| <b>8</b>                                      | <b>9</b>         | <b>10</b>                               | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>                          |
|   | 9:30 Large Print | 9:30 Large Print<br>5:00 Small Group    | 9:30 Bible Study<br>7:00 Choir                        | 10:00 In Home Bible Study<br>6:00 Girl Scouts                                       |           | LWML Zone 12<br>Fall Rally - Chico |
| <b>15</b>                                     | <b>16</b>        | <b>17</b>                               | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>                          |
|   |                  | 5:00 Small Group                        | 9:30 Bible Study<br>7:00 Choir                        | 10:00 In Home Bible Study   |           |                                    |
| <b>22</b>                                     | <b>23</b>        | <b>24</b>                               | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                          |
|   | 9:30 Large Print | 9:30 Large Print<br>5:00 Small Group    | 9:30 Bible Study<br>7:00 Choir                        | 10:00 In Home Bible Study<br>4:00 Bd-Outreach<br>6:00 Girl Scouts<br>6:30 Bd-Elders |           |                                    |
| <b>29</b>                                     | <b>30</b>        | <b>31</b>                               | <b>Our Savior Lutheran Church</b>                     |   |           |                                    |
| 9:30 Reformation Service<br>Bratwurst Potluck |                  | 5:00 Small Group                        | 6404 Pentz Road<br>Paradise, CA 95969<br>530-877-7321 |   |           |                                    |

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## Happy October Birthday to:

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Roger Klaves         | 10/4  |
| Janelle Diefenderfer | 10/7  |
| Samantha Mathistad   | 10/7  |
| Curtis Eiler         | 10/13 |
| Pam Kemp             | 10/18 |
| Lovetta Ewing        | 10/20 |
| Caroll Gullickson    | 10/20 |
| Kerry Hall           | 10/25 |
| Karen Mueller        | 10/28 |
| Fred Orsborn         | 10/28 |
| June Abercrombie     | 10/30 |

If your birthday or anniversary should be listed on this page, please call the church office at 877-7321

**Elders:** October 8 John Hantelman and Dan Hall  
October 22 Lee Bess and Carl Johnson

**Ushers:**  
October 1 8:00 Lee Bess and Mike Kemp  
10:30 Curtis and Ryan Eiler  
October 8 8:00 Mike Diefenderfer and Ernie Weber  
10:30 Larry and Jacque Bonesio  
October 15 8:00 Ken Scott  
10:30 Jason Berg, Carl Johnson and Karen Mueller  
October 22 8:00 John Diefenderfer and Don Long  
10:30 Dan and Kerry Hall  
October 29 10:00 Cal and Kathy Richardson

**Acolytes:**  
October 1 8:00 Katelyn Merrick  
10:30  
October 8 8:00 Hollyn Merrick  
10:30 Jackson Merrick  
October 15 8:00 Katelyn Merrick  
10:30  
October 22 8:00 Michael Diefenderfer  
10:30 Jackson Merrick  
October 29 10:00 Hollyn Merrick

**Altar Guild:** June Abercrombie, Carol Arrington & Bonnie Weber



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## Happy October Anniversary to:

|                    |      |                         |       |
|--------------------|------|-------------------------|-------|
| Will♥Susan Grigg   | 10/4 | Michael♥Laurel Ferretti | 10/13 |
| 31 years together  |      | 33 years together       |       |
| Bill♥LuAnn Hubbard | 10/6 | Tim♥Mickey Fisher       | 10/25 |
| 38 years together  |      | 37 years together       |       |