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Dear Members and Friends,

As I write this a group of twelve of us are packing for our trip to Germany to do a 500th Anniversary tour of Germany. We hope to learn a lot about the Reformation and connect it with the sights and places we will be visiting. When we return we will do our best to present to you our learnings and a few pictures of the sights and places we visited.

We continue with the Reformation 12, this month's installment is Johann Eck a fierce opponent of Luther.



Johann Eck

After describing his youthful loyalty to the Pope, Luther wrote, "I wasn't so icy cold in defending the Pope as was Eck and those like him, who seemed to me to defend the Pope more for the sake of their bellies than through serious commitment. To this day they seem to me to be laughing at the Pope like Epicureans."

Johann Eck was born Johann Maier at Eck, a town in Swabia (southwestern Germany). His father was a peasant and bailiff of the village. He was educated by his uncle, Martin Maier, who was the parish priest at Rottenburg. He entered the University of Heidelberg at the age of 12, received his master's degree when he was 15. He entered the priesthood in 1508 and earned his doctorate in theology in 1510. He had a wide knowledge, a strong memory, and powerful skills as a debater, even if he lacked imagination. As early as the spring of 1517, Eck, a professor at Ingolstadt in Bavaria, enjoyed friendly relations with Martin Luther. That was in part because they both shared a common interest in the humanist reform of the German universities. As a result Luther was of the impression that Eck was in harmony with his own views, but when he posted his 95 Theses it soon became clear this was not the case. Eck was a staunch defender of the Papacy. After reading Luther's 95 Theses, Eck wrote a rebuttal called the Obelisks. He originally intended his writing to be a private critique, but it was leaked and the printers were more than happy to sell it to the public. This gave rise to a heated exchange of treatises between Eck and Luther's colleague at Wittenberg, Andreas Bodenstein von Karlstadt.

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This argument culminated in the Leipzig Debate between Eck and Karlstadt, which began June 27, 1519. Though Karlstadt was able to move Eck off his position in the debate, Eck's stronger memory and skill in dialectics gave him the upper hand. Finally, on July 4 Luther joined the debate to represent himself. Eck later confessed Luther was superior to him in memory, acumen and learning. After 23 days of debate, the arbitrators over the debate declined to give a verdict. But Eck did achieve several of his goals: he was able to make Luther admit he felt there were some truths in the opinions of Jan Hus, and that popes and councils can err. Luther insisted only the Holy Scripture is infallible. When Luther said this it embittered Eck against him and motivated him to do whatever was necessary to overthrow Luther.

Soon after he returned from Leipzig to Ingolstadt, Eck attempted to persuade Elector Frederick of Saxony to have Luther's works burned in public, and during the year 1519 he published no less than eight writings against the new movement.

In April 1520 he traveled to Rome and headed the committee to excommunicate Luther. Cardinal Cajetan also served on that committee. The committee drafted the papal bull Exsurge Domine. Eck added 41 errors of which he thought Luther was guilty. He hand delivered the final draft to Leo X for the Pope's signature, which he received June 15, 1520. Eck was then sent as papal legate to publish the bull throughout the German lands. Exsurge Domine gave Luther 60 days to recant.

Luther himself received the notification in early October. On the 60th day after he received it, December 10, 1520, Luther and his trusted colleague Philip Melanchthon gathered students outside the gates of Wittenberg and burned the document.

Within a month, on January 3, 1521, the Pope issued the bull Decet Romanum Pontificem, ("It Pleases the Roman Pontiff"), to declare that Luther had been formally excommunicated. On January 18 the bull was received by Charles V, the Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. He's the next member of our Reformation Twelve.



Operation Christmas Child

We have started filling shoe boxes again for Operation Christmas Child. Your donations were very helpful last year and we hope you will consider helping again this year. We especially need the following items:

Crayons	Pencils
Soap	Toothbrushes
Marbles	Coloring books

If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Phelps, Jean Sinclair, or Linda Smith. Thanks for your help.

July O.W.L.S. Lunch

The O.W.L.S. will meet on Friday, July 7th at 11:30 a.m. at the Shotwell's house for a BBQ. Steve & Marcia will provide the hamburgers. Those attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert. Let Marcia Shotwell know if you plan to attend so they know how many hamburgers to make — 697-4543 or email at shotwell@elltel.net.



Pastor Out of Office

Pastor Griesse will be in Germany and out of the office through July 10th. Pastor Jack Flachsbart will be filling-in for Sunday Services while Pastor Griesse is gone.

If you need pastoral assistance during Pastor's absence, please contact a Lay Minister (call Church Office for contact information).

Confirmation Sunday



Sunday, June 4th, was Confirmation Sunday. Dimitri Place, Joshua Valenta, and Alanaea Wilhelm were confirmed. Congratulations Dimitri, Joshua, & Ally!

2nd Harvest/Thrivent Food Distribution

The 2nd Harvest/Thrivent Mobile Food Truck will be at Peace on **Tuesday, June 27th**, from **noon to 2:00 p.m.** Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, food distribution and take-down. The volunteer sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship Hall.



There is a Church Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 11th at 7:00 p.m. All Board Chairpersons, or a representative, are asked to attend.



Lawn Mowing Time!

Please don't forget we still need volunteers to mow the church lawn.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Please note: when you use the mower, please be sure to not lower the blades as there has been damage to the sprinkler heads from the blades being set too low. Thank you!



The next Men's Night Out will be **Monday, July 17th**, at **7:00 p.m.** at **Tailgaters**. All Peace men are invited to attend. Just "shoot the breeze" and have a relaxing evening.



July			
1	Mark 11:1-14	1 Kings 1	Hosea 4:1-5:4
2	Mark 11:15-33	1 Kings 2	Hosea 5:5-15
3	Mark 12:1-27	1 Kings 3	Hosea 6:1-7:2
4	Mark 12:28-44	1 Kings 4-5	Hosea 7:3-16
5	Mark 13:1-13	1 Kings 6	Hosea 8
6	Mark 13:14-37	1 Kings 7	Hosea 9:1-16
7	Mark 14:1-31	1 Kings 8	Hosea 9:17-10:15
8	Mark 14:32-72	1 Kings 9	Hosea 11:1-11
9	Mark 15:1-20	1 Kings 10	Hosea 11:12-12:14
10	Mark 15:21-47	1 Kings 11	Hosea 13
11	Mark 16	1 Kings 12:1-31	Hosea 14
12	1 Corinthians 1:1-17	1 Kings 12:32-13:34	Joel 1
13	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	1 Kings 14	Joel 2:1-11
14	1 Corinthians 2	1 Kings 15:1-32	Joel 2:12-32
15	1 Corinthians 3	1 Kings 15:33-16:34	Joel 3
16	1 Corinthians 4	1 Kings 17	Amos 1
17	1 Corinthians 5	1 Kings 18	Amos 2:1-3:2
18	1 Corinthians 6	1 Kings 19	Amos 3:3-4:3
19	1 Corinthians 7:1-24	1 Kings 20	Amos 4:4-13
20	1 Corinthians 7:25-40	1 Kings 21	Amos 5
21	1 Corinthians 8	1 Kings 22	Amos 6
22	1 Corinthians 9	2 Kings 1-2	Amos 7
23	1 Corinthians 10	2 Kings 3	Amos 8
24	1 Corinthians 11:1-16	2 Kings 4	Amos 9
25	1 Corinthians 11:17-34	2 Kings 5	Obadiah 1
26	1 Corinthians 12	2 Kings 6:1-7:2	Jonah 1
27	1 Corinthians 13	2 Kings 7:3-20	Jonah 2
28	1 Corinthians 14:1-25	2 Kings 8	Jonah 3
29	1 Corinthians 14:26-40	2 Kings 9	Jonah 4
30	1 Corinthians 15:1-34	2 Kings 10	Micah 1
31	1 Corinthians 15:35-58	2 Kings 11	Micah 2

Greetings in Christ. Please find our latest Field Notes below, [view this email in your browser](#), or **download a printable version (PDF) from our website: TheTrumps.org/newsletter/. Thank you for your support of God's amazing work in Eastern and Southern Africa.**

-Shauen, Krista, Josiah, Elijah, and Isaiah, your LCMS missionaries to Eastern and Southern Africa



THE NEWSLETTER OF SHAUEN AND KRISTA TRUMP

FIELD NOTES



Writing from Nairobi, Kenya

May 23, 2017

Agricultural Missionaries in Turkana



Women and children gathered near Lodwar. Turkana, Kenya

Lodwar, Turkana, is in the northwest of Kenya, where dust and dry riverbeds bake under the sun. Lodwar is a land of pastoralists, cattle herders who drive their flocks mile upon mile in search of fodder and water. They are strong and resilient people, whose only wealth has been their cows, goats, sheep, and camels. Only in recent years has this rocky and barren place revealed another wealth, deep under the soil - both water and oil. Lodwar town, by far the largest city in the area, is booming.

Industry is rapidly expanding, merchants are moving in, and the local government is paving major streets. As Lodwar changes, the way of life will change for the Turkana people as well, with the typical centralizing and settling impacts of schools, medical facilities, and wells drawing the nomadic people into more permanent communities. As God's people gather, opportunity presents itself to proclaim the saving name of Jesus Christ.

Work in places where there is the appearance of scarcity is difficult. Many aid organizations have established themselves in Lodwar and there is no end of folks providing assistance of various kinds to the Turkana. Despite the physical environment and meager resources, in this setting raw outputs of aid are unlikely to provide opportunity for Gospel proclamation or Christ-centered influence on the culture. As strange as it may sound, in the midst of saturation by other aid agencies, the best approach may be to preach Christ and then encourage those He calls into faith to determine for themselves how best to show compassion to their own community out of the resources God has entrusted to their care. Under such an approach, action and decisions should be centered upon the establishment of a group of believers. A mission station under this model is a home to a congregation rather than a competing source of aid to a neighborhood.

Through a generous gift by a faithful and eager LCMS family, the LCMS and Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya are able to send a local missionary, Rev. Daniel Mutai, to work in Lodwar. He is already active in the community, building relationships, exploring opportunities, and sharing the Gospel. Pastor Daniel is also examining land which has been offered by the community and the local government as gifts to the Lutheran Church for the establishment of congregations and preaching posts. One of these will become the base of operations for work across this area. In support of Pastor Daniel, we sent experienced retired missionaries Delano and Linda Meyer along with other short-term volunteer experts Dr. Jacques Breman and Rich Erickson to provide outside perspective and advise on possibilities related to agricultural work (utilizing the recently-discovered water table), restoration of overgrazed land, and experience-based evaluation of different approaches to the work. From our own office in Nairobi, Mr. John Wolf with one of his children and Shauen visited to encourage, support, receive direction, and advise on a way forward.

Pastor Daniel directed these guests in making community visits, visiting local agricultural projects and aid agencies, learning about local work by other denominations or non-denominational groups, and evaluating potential sites for a mission station. Despite the appearance of the land, there is great potential for that sandy soil to be productive if it can be protected from grazing and from the sun. A mission station focused on Gospel proclamation would likely have significant parts of its land planted in trees to provide shade, under which ground cover can thrive if given the chance. A church, freshwater well, parsonage for the pastor, and

guesthouse would be the foundation of the mission station with a drip-irrigated garden providing some sustenance for the pastor's family. Future work could include a Lutheran primary school with a Project24 school boarding facility. This month Pastor Daniel will move his family up to Lodwar into a home he has rented in town.

Pray in thanksgiving for our visitors who provided insight, guidances, creativity, and support - the Meyers, Jacque, Rich, and John. Pray with us for an easy transition for the Mutai family, quick adaptation for his children to a new school, receptivity on the part of those Pastor Daniel has already met and those he will meet in the weeks and months ahead, and good health in a new environment.



Missionaries gather with members of a preaching station in Lodwar Town



Rev. Dr. Abjar Bahkou Lectures on Islam

Many of our missionaries encounter Islam daily. Those of our staff who live in Ethiopia hear the Muslim call to prayer broadcast across Addis Ababa five times a day, competing with the equally loud Orthodox prayers. Those in Kenya see the mosques and those who practice Islam in our communities. Those who work in Tanzania visit the homes of Muslims during door to door evangelism. For all of us, the real threat of Muslim extremism confronts us daily.

In January, Rev. Dr. Abjar Bahkou, an adjunct professor at Concordia Seminary - St. Louis presented an excellent module on Islam. Dr. Bahkou's background with the Syrian Orthodox Church where he served as a deacon-monk and then a priest eventually led him to further studies in Arabic and Islam. Hearing the pure Gospel brought him into the Lutheran Church where he serves today. Dr. Bahkou presented from first-hand knowledge, extensive study, and vast experience. His depth of presentation, suggestions, and approaches to ministry among Muslims were greatly illuminating and encouraging for our missionaries. Praise the Lord for raising up this uniquely gifted and experienced servant and for his own service to us.



Shauen and the Boys by the River during a Break at Continuing Education
(Photo by Rev. Billy Brath)

2017 Home Service

This summer is our regularly scheduled home service. This is a time when our family returns to the States and makes visits to you - our amazing prayer warriors and supporters. Baby Trump is due on June 8th (yup, just a couple weeks away), so Krista is already in Wisconsin where we're establishing a home base. The boys and Shauen will join her at the end of May, hopefully before Baby Trump arrives. Because of the baby, we won't be traveling together as a family as much as we otherwise would but Shauen will be able to make some visits in Wisconsin, Iowa, Western Nebraska, California, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. Unfortunately, we won't be able to visit all the places we want to but Shauen has recently begun tacking on visits when making his normal trips to the US for meetings, so we hope to reach most of you within the year. Meanwhile, here are the visits we have confirmed:

- June 4 - St. Paul in Janesville, WI
- June 7 - Our Redeemer in Wauwatosa, WI
- June 11 - Our Redeemer in Wauwatosa, WI
- June 24 - King of Kings in Cedar Rapids, IA
- June 25 - St. Paul in Sioux City, IA
- June 26 - Trinity in Madison, NE
- June 27 - St. Paul in Arlington, NE

July 2 - Mt. Calvary in Brentwood, MO
July 9 - Lutheran Church of Arcata in Arcata, CA
July 16 - Zion in Burley, ID
July 18 - Peace in Monroe, WA
July 20 - Good Shepherd in Tacoma, WA
July 21 - Light of Christ in Federal Way, WA
July 22 - St. Matthews in Port Angeles, WA
July 23 - Immanuel in Sandy, OR
July 30 - Trinity in Herscher, IL

Please pray for our time of home-service, especially with the baby due in early June, meetings in St. Louis prior to Missionary Orientation, a memorial service for Shauen's grandfather, and another PhD course at the end of the summer. We hope to see you soon!



Prayer Requests

For continued health and safety for Krista and Baby Trump

For wisdom, discernment, and patience for Shauen and Krista in their work as spouses, parents, and missionaries

For the missionaries, projects, and relationships Shauen oversees for the church

For safe travels during home service this summer

In Praise

For God's people in Lodwar, Turkana Region, Kenya

For a God who provides the blessing of children along with the patience, compassion, love, and endurance to raise them well



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