

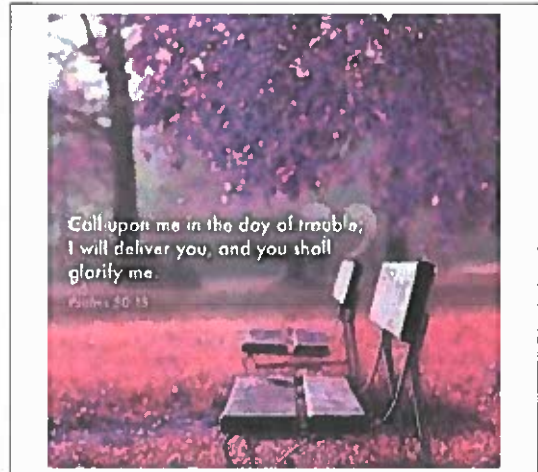
October 2020 Newsletter

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Our Mission...

...is to equip and encourage followers of Christ to share the love of Jesus with people in our community and in the world so that all may have eternal life.



October Memory Verse

Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you.

Psalm 50:15

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Upcoming Events:

Sunday, October 4th ~ LWML Sunday

Sunday, October 25th
Reformation Observed & Bible Blessing



From the Pastor's Desk

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Thy kingdom come...

There is a quote that is said once in each of the Star Wars films, "I've got a bad feeling about this." As the events in our country have unfolded over the past few months and the election season is well under way, I find myself quoting that famous line all too often. The events of this year have more than any other in my short 45-year life span, have divided our country so greatly. Throughout our past politics have always divided us on issues we did not agree on. But now it seems that the stakes are so high that if you disagree with me, you are against me and everything I stand for; you are my close-minded enemy whom I hate. So, I've got a bad feeling about what our country is going to look like after whoever wins on November 3. How sad it is that a political season does not leave us with much hope for a better tomorrow as to how we could work together as a nation that rallies around our leaders?

I guess that you could say this all centers around our personal preferences as to the party you want to submit your individual authority to. If your party loses, you do not have a choice; they are your new leader whom you are to live under and obey. Yet how can you obey if that party goes against everything you believe?

To declare yourself a "Christian," you confess that there is one God who is above all. It is He who commands that we have no other gods, let alone any who are above Him. Therefore, this also means that we are under His authority of what is right and what is wrong; we are to submit to His way for our life. It is something we struggle with greatly. Our rebellion is our sin which earns our damnation from His presence. But out of His immense love, He punished His only begotten Son in our place in order that we could be forgiven and live under Him in His kingdom forever and ever. In response to such an amazing love, we do our best to set aside our own wants and desires to live under God's care.

This is something we pray about each time we pray, "Thy kingdom come," in The Lord's Prayer. When we pray this, we are ultimately asking our Father in heaven three things. The first is that the Triune God would rule over my life. It is a prayer that He would change *my* will to *His* will that I may see His love for all people and the dangers of sin. Second, we pray that God's reign would come to the lives of others... especially to those who do not want His rule in their lives. We know where a life apart from Christ Jesus will lead and we do not want that for ANYBODY! And third, we pray for the coming of the Last Day, when Jesus will come to give eternal life to all believers who will live with Him forever.

There is a lot to be said in those three little words. Yet it is those three little words that do not give me a bad feeling about our future, but a sure and great hope for what is to come under Christ's reign. In these days of political and social unrest, may we in the amazing faith that has been given us pray all the more, "Thy kingdom come..." that more may come to see and embrace the only true ruler there is.

Operation Christmas Child

Pack a shoe box with gifts and
share God's love with a child!



Ways you can help:

Pray: Please pray for the children that receive our boxes that they may come to know Jesus as their Savior.

Give items to pack: Bring items that can be included in shoe box gifts at our packing party, **Saturday, November 7th, 9-11 am** (Sign up required for 30 minute time periods). School supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, and new small toys are needed. A special "wow" toy is needed for each box such as a doll, stuffed animal, or soccer ball with pump!

Give monetary offerings: \$9 is needed in each box for shipping. Funds may also be used to purchase items to be packed.



Pack a box at home or online: Pick up directions & boxes to pack at home OR you can pack a shoebox online for \$25 at www.samaritanspurse.org. **If you pack a box at home, please return it to church on/before Sunday, November 15th.**

Humble Stewards

As stewards, we are the recipients and caretakers of God's goodness, love, mercy, and grace. Stewards are managers of God's creation. We acknowledge God as the owner; therefore, we are to act not as owners but as managers because our lives and resources are simply on loan from Him.

The book of Daniel gives an account of a man who failed to recognize God as Creator and provider and exalted himself. King Nebuchadnezzar, walking on the roof of "his" royal palace, surveying "his" kingdom, was overcome by pride as he announced, *"Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty"* (Daniel 4:30)? He thought he was asking a rhetorical question, but God condemned him to live like an animal as a consequence of his pride.

Pride is destructive. It destroys gratitude to God for all His kindness to us. It destroys our desire and ability to serve others. It destroys contentment for it feeds our competitive nature so that we are not satisfied with just being wealthy or intelligent, but we want to be wealthier and more intelligent than anyone else.

Pride has no place in the life of a servant. First Peter 5:6 reads, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand that He may lift you up in due time." It is God alone Who can exalt us (Psalm 75:7). If Christ Himself, God's only begotten Son, humbled Himself, should we not follow His example and humble ourselves? Because Christ humbled Himself, God exalted Him (Philippians 2:9)

David, the shepherd-king, put our situation in proper perspective: *"When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, the son of man that You care for him"* (Psalm 8:3-4)? The inference is that we are insignificant, yet David goes on to remind us of what we can be proud: *"You made [us] ruler over the works of Your hands; You put everything under [our] feet."*

Humility allows us to accept our smallness and God's goodness. In the words of Martin Luther, humility is the decision to "let God be God". We are stewards through humility. We are to honor Him with what we have, what we are, and what He will make of us.

Board of Christian Education Meeting

Thursday 09/03/20 – 7:00 pm @ OSLC

In Attendance: Rick Behrens, Lynn Parker, Sue Kurth, Marlene Rieck

MEETING AGENDA (MINUTES IN PARENTHESIS)

1. Opening: Prayer/ Devotional (Prayer led by Rick)
2. Review minutes from August 2020 Meeting (Emailed to all- Motion to accept by Lynn, 2nd by Sue. Passed unanimously.)
3. Financial Report- Rick (Rick talked with Jean about a few missing items. Rick will email all if any discrepancies are found.)
4. Children's Report- Marlene (Marlene presented her report. See her report for info.)
5. Youth Updates- Youth Leader or Representative (Pastor submitted a report which Rick read over with the group. See pastor's included report.)
6. Old business Items: N/A
7. New Business: N/A
8. Next meeting: Set for Thurs Oct 1st, 2020 @ 7pm
9. Close in Prayer (Prayer led by Lynn)

Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Hard to believe it's October already. As we all know, this has been the most unusual year and we still have a few months left. Some of our Christian sisters have lost their spouses and are going through the grieving process. We are here to support them in their hour of need.

Our next meeting is on October 14. Lunch will be served at 11:30 and the general meeting will start at 12 noon. Hostesses will be Terry Cherney and Lynn Parker. No one has signed up for Christian life but I'm sure someone will volunteer by the meeting.

LWML Sunday will be celebrated October 4th. Some changes have been done due to Covid. There will only be a few quilts displayed in church. Our number of quilts is also down. Instead of the youth collecting the mites, there will be a box in the narthex as you walk out the sanctuary main doors. We will also do coffee hour and will have the Muffins for Mites. They will be pre-bagged in twos. Coffee will be available. We are also selling containers of turkey sandwich fixin's for \$5.00. Sally Gibbs does all the cooking and it's delicious. The muffins and the turkey will be available between services and after late service. We have decided to cancel the Harvest dinner for this year.

We thank the Lord for our new secretary. After prayerful consideration, Diana Sell has decided to fill the role. We welcome her to the board and know she will do a great job. We thank Donna Liedtke for her many years of service and will greatly miss her presence.

Teri Kressin

President

Martha Society

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October Birthdays

1	Rosalie Ross	15	John Anderson
3	Harmon Marien		Russell Klein
	Titus Ross	16	Clayton Lindbom
4	Raymond Rubin	17	Judy Young
5	Easton Otto	18	Susan Getzel
	Maleea Eggleston	20	Liz Rehorst
6	Jon Stenschke	21	Elaina Duval
	Rebekah Pokrandt		James Thomas
8	Amy Holewinski		Ronald Ritzer
	Ann Eno	24	Sharon Benda
	Roger Klein	25	Kristy Secord
	Thomas Mackin	26	Isabella Stenschke
10	Richard Voss		Jeff Mueller
11	Jacob Husing	30	Alicia Otto
12	Shelly Sauvola	31	Jennifer Kasmarek

October Anniversaries

3	Fred & Sandy Wiedenbauer	16	Keith & Diane Kentala
7	Ronald & Paula Hagen		Patrick & Melissa Crum
11	John & Kimberlie Eggleston	22	Kenneth & Barbara Moak
15	Roger & Carla Klein	23	Jim & Sue Schmidt
		24	Jerry & Sue Kurth

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 7:30am Early Service 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service/Comm	28 6pm HCPA Meeting	29 9am Bible Study 6pm JuBELLation	30 5:30pm Confirmation Class	1	2 Office Closed	3
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<u>Date/Service</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Media Operators</u>
October 4 7:30 AM Communion	Dick Cherney Jim Bonson	Dick Cherney Debbie Holewinski Dave Goddard Bob Johnson		Debbie Holewinski	Vicki Holewinski
Acolyte:					Camera:
October 4 10:00 AM	Tim Kadlec	Dave Parker Lynn Parker		Jan Toivonen	Jan Wise
Acolyte:					Camera:
October 11 7:30 AM	Pat Crum	Jim Walker Jean Walker		Vickie Holewinski	Jackie Pearce
Acolyte:					Camera:
October 11 10:00 AM Communion	Gary Fawcett Keith Kentala	Pat Grosse Jan Grosse Tim Forss		Diane Kuntz	Lynn Parker
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October 18 7:30 AM Communion	Pat Crum Dick Cherney	Marv Jarvis Sue Frank Bob Merz		Sue Frank	
Acolyte:					Camera:
October 18 10:00 AM	Tim Kadlec	Andy Ellenberger Gerhard Becker Gerald Yetter		Priscilla Ellenberger	Jan Wise
Acolyte:					Camera:
October 25 7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Del Keup Jim Bonson		Pat Crum	
Acolyte:					Camera:
October 25 10:00 AM Communion	Keith Kentala Jacob Husing	Grant Meyer Jerry Gifford Paul Kurth		Rick Behrens	Sharon Gifford
Acolyte:					Camera:

IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE WHEN SCHEDULED, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GET A REPLACEMENT!!!