



# October

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## *Thoughts from Pastor Stites*

“Here I stand!”-Luther at the Diet of Worms

Later this month, we will celebrate the beginning of the Reformation with the hanging of the 95 Theses. While this moment was the first domino to fall, so to speak, it is hardly a great defining moment in the history of the Reformation. Especially since we do not subscribe to the 95 Theses.

Rather, I would fast forward to the Diet of Worms in 1521. Now a “diet” was a regular government meeting, where the emperor would meet with the various German princes to discuss the business of the empire. Due to the commotion Luther had raised since 1517, and at the urging of his Prince Frederick, Luther would be able to plead his case before the emperor and the princes, under imperial protection. Luther had hoped that this would be an opportunity to defend his teachings in a fair and open debate.

However, instead of a debate, it was a dictatorial trial. Luther was brought in on April 17, 1521, he was asked 2 questions: “Are these your books?” and “Will you recant?” There was no debate, and the emperor and the officials did not want any discussion, just a “yes” or “no.” Caught off guard, Luther asked for a time to answer, which he was granted one day.

The next day, filled with the Holy Spirit and not fearing what would happen to him, Luther proceeded to explain that not all his books are the same. The first group were basic Christian truths, that even his opponents accepted as good; to recant these would be unthinkable. The second group focused on the abuses of popes past and present; to recant these would only strengthen tyranny. The third group focused on other individuals, Luther admits that he may have spoken too harshly, but he stands by the arguments and criticisms. Once again, to recant these would be to oppose truth and give strength to tyranny. In the end, Luther fell back to the same defense Christ had in defending the truth, citing John 18:23, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong.”

After being told again to give a simple answer, Luther gave his simple answer. “Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen.” (Note: there is credible evidence that the “Here I stand” line is not something Luther said, but something added later.)

While this caused an uproar at the Diet and across Europe, Luther was saved from execution, and was able to live out the rest of his life continuing to defend and teach the truth. The 95 Theses were written in a defense of the truth, but were never meant to be, and are never taken as, a “declaration of independence.” But at Worms, Luther placed his life on the line to defend the truth against the Church leaders and politicians who refused to listen.

In a time when the truth of God’s Word is under attack, we all need the strength and faith of Martin Luther. And not just him, but many saints and martyrs throughout the ages have risked everything, even their own lives, to defend the truth. May God fill us with the Holy Spirit and strengthen our faith, that He would strengthen the faithful in persecution, keep us steadfast in the Word, and boldly proclaim the truth.

*Pastor Jonathan Stites*

# Announcements & Upcoming Events

**\*Phone numbers and addresses will no longer be published. Please use the church directory or call the church office @ 928-345-9694, if you need someone's number or address for an event\***



Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:30am at Bev Ferguson's, \*see above notation.

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30am at Joyce Viether's, \*see above notation.



## October LWML Events

**Quilting for the Needy:** Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am.

**LWML Monthly Meeting w/ Brown Bag Lunch:** Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am.

**Fall Celebration:** Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am at Christ Lutheran Church.

**LWML Sunday:** Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> w/ Brunch after the service.

\*\*\*\* More information on these events can be found on the LWML page. \*\*\*\*

Any questions, please contact Sharie Jasper, \*see above notation.



## Council Meeting time change

The Church Council will be meeting on  
Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm  
(instead of 7:00pm).



## Choir

Choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. I know there are many of our congregation that can sing (I can hear you) so I hope you prayerfully think about joining choir. We have a lot of fun learning new music and the fellowship and friendships we make. We are truly blessed to have a congregation that sings praises to our Lord. We especially need tenors and basses. See me if you have any questions or want to attend.

*Sharie Jasper*

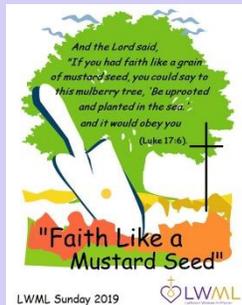


We held our first meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Next Monthly Meeting is on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am w/ a brown bag lunch.



Our fall activities begin with the Fall Celebration that will be held at Christ Lutheran-Yuma on Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30am. We plan to carpool from SOTH at 8:00am. There is a \$5 registration fee and there will be a monetary collection for the afternoon speakers, Mr. and Mrs. Dorman. They have an outreach program for unchurched teens in their home. All ladies are encouraged to attend even if you don't currently attend LWML. This is a good way to find out more about the LWML.



### LWML Sunday and Brunch

October 20<sup>th</sup>

We will be having a brunch after the service that day with a free will offering for mites.



Set-up for Refreshments after services on Sundays. (When we go to two services, refreshments will be served between first service and Bible class.) We encourage donations of cookies, breads, fruit, etc. to be served. Anyone wishing to volunteer to set-up please see Sharie Jasper. The list of duties is minimal and is posted on the refrigerator. Listed below is who has already signed up:

October- Bev Ferguson

November-Winnie Moir and Kathy Richardson.



Our Fall Craft Fair is on November 9<sup>th</sup>. We are asking for donations of any crafts, quilting, needlework, crocheted or knitted items, jewelry, and wood crafts. We will also need volunteers to help set up, price and help customers on the day of the Craft Fair. More info on that to come.



We are having a Quilt Drawing for one of two quilts. The tickets are \$3 each or 6 for \$15. The funds raised will go towards the LWML scholarship fund which helps defray costs for women to attend the convention and retreat. The drawing will be held in February. Tickets will be available soon.



Quilting for the needy will begin Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. You don't have to be a quilter to help out. Last year we donated 65 quilts to local charities. There were usually about 7 ladies working. With more hands to help just think how many more could be donated.

Sharie Jasper

**To be reviewed and approved at the Council Meeting in October:**  
**SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 18, 2019**

Attendees: Jon Weeks, Beverly Ferguson, Pastor Stites, Sharie Jasper, Winnie Moir, Kelly Hinrichs, Bob Engelhardt, Smokey Morner, Brad Erickson and Esther Foster.

President Jon Weeks called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Pastor Stites opened with prayer.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were distributed. Sharie Jasper moved to accept minutes. Winnie Moir seconded. Motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the August Income & Expense Report and Balance Sheet were distributed for review. Bob Engelhardt moved to accept the treasurer's report. Beverly Ferguson seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that he will be out of the office Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> to attend the Pastor's Conference in Phoenix. Next month he will be introducing the Divine Service 2.

President's Report: Jon Weeks reported that Sherry Westphal is home from the hospital and doing good.

Vice President's Report: Brad Erickson reported that he hasn't received a firm bid for the tile in the fellowship hall and kitchen. He will start to get nominees for council members.

Elders Report: Smokey Morner reported for elders, they called on 22 people this past month. They are looking for another elder.

Trustee's Report: Bob Engelhardt reported that he and Dan Lomax assembled the sign for the new property. They are getting another bid for installing the sign. Dan is calling again for bids to repair the soffit on the front of the church.

Evangelism Report: Winnie Moir checked with the Visitor's Center and there was plenty of our brochures. She received a bill for \$100 membership to Visitor's Center. Sharie Jasper moved to pay this membership. Bob Engelhardt seconded. Motion passed. Esther Foster is working with Winnie to have guests sign the guest book and are asking them to print and get a full address and phone number.

Stewardship Report: Kelly Hinrichs gave the report for Nancy Wunsch. They are training two more members as counters.

Education: No report

Administrative: Kelly Hinrichs reported she is replacing pages in the worship booklets that are fading. She asked that members who have items for the newsletter to have them to her by Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. We had nine members attend the AED instruction class. We may do it again later when the winter visitors are here. She will be out of the office Oct. 2nd from 11:00am.

Old Business: None

New Business: Sharie Jasper suggested we need to paint the front door of the church. She will look into getting it done.

October council meeting will be on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.

Sharie Jasper made a motion to adjourn. Winnie Moir seconded and the motion was carried.

President Jon Weeks adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Pastor Stites led us with the Lord's Prayer.



### October Birthdays

NICHOLS, Marcia	10/02	KAISER, Gary	10/18
STEWART, Pat	10/03	WHITMAN, Sylvia	10/22
STITES, Pr. Jonathan	10/06	ABEL, Lu	10/23
KAISER, Linda	10/15	BELAU, Roger	10/24
OHLAND, Sharon	10/16	CAIRNS, Rob	10/24
HINDMAN, Irene	10/18	SCHOTT, Sandy	10/25



### October Anniversaries:

KIEHL, Bob & Karen (48)	10/16
HUNT, Larry & Lana (14)	10/21
JUNKER, Gene & Cyndy (53)	10/29



### FOOD BANK

September

\$205

SEASON TOTAL

January - December

\$2459

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.

**Deuteronomy 16:17**

### Stewardship Corner

How we view and use money affirms where our hearts are possibly more than any other indicator. We struggle to put money in a proper perspective because Satan, the world, and our flesh encourage us to serve money and possessions rather than God. Our natural inclination is to find identity, security, and meaning in money. We may have both God and money, but we can't serve both (Luke 16:13). Money is a false god. If we allow money to have lordship over us, it becomes Money with a capital M. Through faith, we understand that only the one true God can offer us lasting treasure in Christ.

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You can view our monthly newsletter by going to the Connect tab and click on Newsletter. You can also listen to previous sermons (uploaded weekly when available) by going to the Sermon tab and clicking on the date you would like to hear.

# October 2019 at SOTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Fellowship every Sunday after the service (or between the services in the winter)						
		<b>1</b> 8:00am Men's Bible Study	<b>2</b> 7:30am Women's Bible Study @ Bev Ferguson's 9:30am Adult Bible Study			<b>5</b> 1:00pm Purple Pinochle Palooza
<b>6</b> 8:15am Bible Study 9:30am Worship w/ Communion 10:45am Fellowship 5:00pm Brown Bag Social & Games		<b>8</b> 8:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Quilting the Needy	<b>9</b> 9:30am Adult Bible Study 11:00am LWML Monthly Meeting w/ brown bag lunch 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal			<b>12</b> 1:00pm Purple Pinochle Palooza
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