



ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017



"To God be the Glory!" (1 Peter 4:11)

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS THROUGH WHOM ALONE WE ARE SAVED!

On October 31, 1517, in Wittenberg, Germany, Martin Luther posted his thoughts about some theological topics and the practices of the Church. That simple action began the Reformation - a movement that changed Western society.

One man stood against the corruption of the establishment. Luther's fight was, of course, one of theology. But it was still one man, a monk, against the massive Holy Roman Empire. Luther was threatened, exiled, condemned, and labeled a heretic. But his teaching grew in popularity throughout his life.

Those who follow Luther's teachings number in the millions. Most Protestant churches today trace their lineage, in some part, to the teachings of Luther. The German language exists as it does today in large part due to Luther's translation of the New Testament.

Luther's writings on the freedom of the Christian to serve the government, and the role of the government to establish justice and to protect citizens, have greatly influenced our view of authority. Though he was a theologian, Luther wrote and thought about all of life. He was concerned for the children in his town. He was involved in the politics of his day. He was an academic. He was a family man. He was a revolutionary. He was involved in the lives of the poor and the common man.

Yet this Reformation anniversary is not a celebration of Luther. Even the Lutheran church does not celebrate Luther. Lutheran does not mean a follower of Luther, but of his theological teachings.

Luther and the other Reformation theologians believed that all mankind is sinful, that everyone is guilty of error in God's sight. They also believed that God will punish those who do what He forbids. The problem is not only that everyone sins, but that mankind's sinful condition means there is no way to do enough good things to earn God's love.

The Reformation proclaimed that the solution to the problem is not in man, but in God. Luther and his followers taught that the Bible teaches salvation by God's grace, through faith, because of Jesus. The message of the Reformation is that the Scriptures teach that God has grace on sinners. He gives forgiveness freely to all who believe in Him. This forgiveness is given through the death of Jesus Christ on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. All who believe in Jesus as their Savior receive forgiveness and eternal life. All of this is a free gift from a loving God.

Luther's teaching, and that of the Reformation, is often summarized in three "solas." Sola gratia, sola fide, and sola scriptura - by faith alone, by grace alone, and by Scripture alone. The key to Reformation theology is found in God's love for people.

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

By grace alone means that God gives His love freely. People can't earn God's love. People can't earn forgiveness. God's love is not gained by human efforts, but given freely by God's grace.

By faith alone means that those who believe in Jesus as God's Savior for all of mankind receive forgiveness and eternal life. Faith is something God gives to people through His Holy Spirit, working in the Word of God and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper. People do nothing to earn God's love, but receive it by grace through faith.

By Scripture alone means that God has revealed His truth through the Holy Bible. Scripture is the one trustworthy source for the truth about God. The Scriptures are properly read in light of Jesus as the Son of God in the flesh. The Bible teaches that His death and resurrection is the key event in all of history, because there, Jesus died to gain the forgiveness of everyone's sins. This does not mean that Christians should only read the Bible. Sola scriptura means that the Bible is the only trustworthy source for doctrine and life.

The three solas, by grace alone, by faith alone and by Scripture alone, are all summarized in one more phrase from the Reformation, solus Christus — through Christ alone.

This is really the focus of the Reformation. God's grace, our faith, and the Scriptures are all focused on Jesus Christ. The Reformation moved the focus from the Church to Jesus. Luther and the reformers taught that Jesus is how God relates to us and how we relate to Him. The reformers taught that Jesus is our salvation, that Jesus is the way that God loves.

When Martin Luther understood Jesus as the center of all of Scripture and man's relationship to God, he saw everything in light of this relationship between God and man. This moved him to teach about the Christian's role in society, the role of the government, and how individual Christians live out their faith.

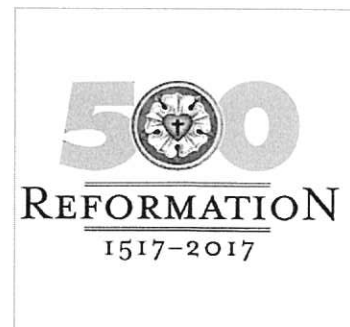
Luther cared for the people in his town and worked to provide materials for them, writing the Small Catechism to teach the basics of the faith, and translating the Bible into German so that everyone could read the Word of God.

Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses in Wittenberg, Germany, 500 years ago. Much has changed since then. Many things we encounter daily were influenced by the Reformation. The heart of the Reformation was theology. It was a return to God as the source of mankind's salvation. It was a focus on God's love. 500 years later, Lutherans still teach this theology, and rejoice in God's love.



Together in Christ,

Pastor Kueger



Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

August Totals

Year-to-date Income:	\$ 111,344.39
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$ 119,319.49
Year-to-date Budget:	\$ 106,560.00

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SPECIAL FUNDS CONTRIBUTORS

Organ Fund

Janet Kalies in memory of Lily Wunrow

Improvement Fund

Pastor & Kris Krueger in memory of Lily Wunrow



NEW MEMBER

Nicole Wittman



ST. BARTHOLOMEW MISSION STATEMENT

Sharing the Good News of salvation with others
(Matt. 28:19)

Believing in Jesus as our Savior (John 3:16)

Living our faith in what we say and do (James 2:18)

Caring for those in need (1 Peter 3:15; Mark 10:45;
Eph. 4:28; 1 John 3:17)

SHARING, BELIEVING LIVING AND CARING

ELDER GROUPS

(Baer-Geiger)	Gary Koerth	864-7714
(Giese-Krahn)	Rick Riemer	(920) 841-7346
(Kremer-Reinke)	Gary Lemke	853-3846
(Riemer-Zutz)	Deacon Bonick	(920) 366-2766

KINGDOM WORKERS - OCTOBER

The following members are listed as Kingdom workers for October in the following areas:

Ushers (Wednesdays): Bud Zeamer
(Sundays): Pete Zarnoth

Altar Guild: Carolyn Bladow, Jody Denor

Acolytes: Oct. 1 - Hilary Sonnabend
8 - Meghan Propson
15 - Ashley Bowe
22 - Spencer Gilbertson
29 - Amber Lau



If you would like to have a prayer sent on the Prayer Chain, please contact any one of the Prayer Chain members:

Judy Baer	(920) 756-2696
Renee Bonick	(920) 296-9164
Sue Detert	(920) 756-3439
Ralph & Sandy Haberland	(920) 524-2016
Kris Krueger	(920) 756-3912
Jean Peter	(920) 875-0164
Faith Sonnabend	(920) 756-2779
Joan Zutz	(920) 756-2501

All requests will remain strictly confidential!

NEW CHURCH SECRETARY

We are pleased announce that Lois (Bladow) Stache is our new church secretary. She will officially begin her duties on Monday, October 2.

Her office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 8-11 a.m. and noon-2 p.m.

MANAGING GOD'S GIFTS

A 4-week series beginning October 8

God has blessed us in so many ways. We are called upon by God to manage those blessings, those gifts, as they apply to *every aspect* of our Christian faith and life. We believe and live as God's created, redeemed, and sanctified children in all of life.

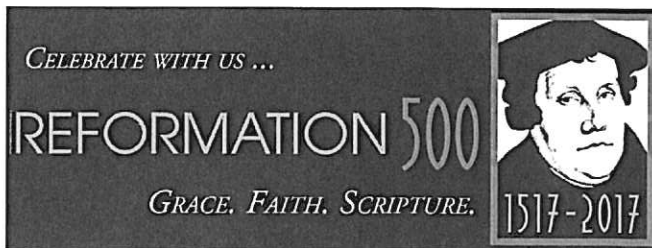
The managing of God's gifts is our very life as God's people, because it begins with the preaching and hearing of the Gospel, and then that Gospel shapes us to manage our lives in ways that praise God and serve our neighbor.

Think of one who manages a mansion for the lord of the manor. The manager merely manages what belongs to someone else.

We are called upon to manage the things that belong to God. Our triune God is the "lord of the manor" who owns the mansion and the whole estate (everything in the world, including us); we are merely the managers (think "butler," "maid," "chef," etc.), of what belongs to Him.

In *Managing God's Gifts*, we will explore how that management embraces all of life. First, we will ponder good management of God's created order, because "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof" (Ps. 24:1). Next, we will explore how we can be good managers in our relations with other people, serving them in our vocations and bearing their burdens (Gal. 6:2). Third, we will consider time as God's gift to be faithfully managed so that we may "be joyful and ... do good as long as [we] live" (Eccl. 3:12). Finally, we will explore how God calls us to manage His good gift of money - which belongs to Him, not to us - in order that we may be cheerful givers (2 Cor. 9:7).

Managing
GOD'S GIFTS
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JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE!

October 18 & 22
and
October 25 & 29

Please join us in worship the last two weeks of October as we take those two weeks to celebrate the central teaching of the Bible – that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

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BE READY



IN SEASON AND
OUT OF SEASON

Celebrate LWML Sunday with us on September 27 & October 1. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ, encouraging and equipping Christian women to live out their lives in active mission ministries, and to support missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of mites, tithes, offerings, and tireless service. Now is our time to "*Be Ready to Confess!*" faithfully and boldly of Christ's redemptive work for us and for all the world.

LWML

75 years and counting!

Stress

According to the American Psychological Association, stress has the greatest negative impact on mental and physical health. Stress has been associated with increased rates of heart attack, hypertension and sleep disorders.

Stress is a natural reaction to life experiences. Stress can be triggered from everyday work and family responsibilities or from more serious events such as a health diagnosis, or an altering life event.

Your body responds to stress by releasing hormones that increase your heart and breathing rates to ready your muscles to respond (called the fight or flight response). If your stress response doesn't stop releasing the hormones and your stress levels stay elevated longer than necessary, your health suffers.

At the very least, it's important to calm your mind and body by the end of the day to allow for a restful night's sleep, and here are just a few ways to do that:

Decompress During your Drive: Use your drive home to shift your mind away from what's bothering you. Turn up the radio and sing along. Listen to a podcast or a book on CD. Tune into Christian broadcasting and focus on the words of a devotion or song/hymn.

Silence Social Media: According to the American Psychological Association's 2017 Stress in America report, the more often people check Facebook, Twitter, texts and email, the higher their level of stress. Set a time a few hours before bedtime when the devices will be shut down for the day.

Go for a Walk: Brisk walking boosts endorphins, reduces stress hormones and calms your emotions so that you can think through your problems clearly. Use your walk time to ask for God's help and direction for the problems pressing on your mind. *"Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you."* 1 Peter 5:7

Connect with Others: A good support network of friends and family can ease your work troubles and offer a different perspective to the situation. The activities you do together also can help you relax. Plus, you often laugh with your friends and family, and that's a great stress release.

Bend an Ear: Talk to a licensed counselor about what is bothering you.

Source: www.health.com, American Psychological Association

Savor the Salsa

Salsa—the best-selling condiment in America based on annual sales—not only tastes great, but is also good for your health. Traditional salsa made with tomatoes, jalapenos, onions, cilantro and lime has the following health benefits:

- Lime juice, onions and tomatoes are rich sources of vitamin C that can prevent heart disease.
- Tomatoes, jalapenos and onions contain potassium which helps regulate your blood pressure.
- Tomatoes contain lycopene, which has been linked to reduced risk of cancer. (Tomatoes account for 80 percent of the lycopene in the American diet.)
- More than 95 percent of a tomato's weight comes from water which helps hydrate your cells.
- Lime juice is high in citric acid which protects against kidney stones.
- Finally, one serving of salsa (2 tablespoons), has less than 10 calories and contains no fat or sugar.

Source: www.Healthline.com

From "Better Health," Fall 2017



Guest Musician Wendysue Fluegge

October 4 & 8

Wendysue Fluegge, singer/songwriter, will be with us once again on Wednesday, October 4 & Sunday, October 8 to lead our worship music. The Sunday school children will also be singing with her.



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“Gender Confusion & Clarity”

Saturday, October 7th

Do you have children or grandchildren? Are you concerned about the issues facing our youth? Are you concerned with what our youth are being taught in our culture under the term “Gender”?

IF you answered “Yes” to any of the above questions then you should have an interest in attending the So. WI District LLL/LHM Annual Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 7th. We are meeting at Immanuel Lutheran, 13445 Hampton Rd, Brookfield, WI. **Prof. Brad Alles**, CUW, will be doing a presentation titled, “Gender Confusion & Clarity” and sharing what Scripture and science say about this issue. No longer do we talk biology. Now its “gender”. Brad will be allowing time for a Q & A session.

Also, we will be hearing from Keith Peterson, Constituent Relations Resource Manager, for the Int’l Luth. Laymen’s League and Luth. Hour Ministries. Keith will be sharing info that will help in outreach to our communities. One new program that is having exceptional response using the internet and Facebook is called THRED. It impacted almost 2,000,000 people in the USA in its first 2 months of use this year. We want you to know about this and how you can get involved with it.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Program starts at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. Cost per person is \$10.00.

CHEERFUL GIVING

In 2 Corinthians 9:7 we read that “God loves a cheerful giver.” “Through generosity, God’s adopted children give joy to their heavenly Father by displaying His image and likeness. Truly good works should be done willingly or from a voluntary spirit, by those whom God’s Son has made free” (LSB p. 1992).

A cheerful giver is a person who gives willingly and is ready to give. Cheerful givers know the joy of giving, and they look for opportunities to give. They look for ways to give more rather than to give as little as possible. I believe that we can also say that being a

cheerful giver implies that the things of this world have not become overly important. A cheerful giver is not attached to material things. A cheerful giver is in the world but is not of the world. Cheerful givers set their thoughts “on things that are above, not on things that are on earth” (Col. 3:2).

We can say that cheerful givers entrust their well-being to their heavenly Father. They believe in the promise that God will never leave nor forsake them (Heb. 13:5). Cheerful givers entrust their financial well-being to the Lord and are free from the fear of not having enough. As King David tells us, “Great is the Lord, who delights in the welfare of His servant” (Ps. 35:27b). By God’s grace, we can be cheerful givers!

SWD Hurricane Relief Teams

Disaster Relief Teams will be forming to help the recovery efforts in Port Arthur, Texas. Specific information will be coming very soon but scheduled trip dates are:

October 21 - 29
November 4 - 12
December 2 - 10
January 6 - 14
January 20 - 28

12 person volunteer teams will travel by van and stay at Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Arthur. Work will include site preparation, drywall installation, home restoration, and site clean-up. The cost is \$25.00 per volunteer for required background checks.

Registration and team information will be available on the SWD Website beginning Friday, September 29, 2017.

Monetary donations are being accepted to support the efforts of our relief teams and can be sent to:

SWD Hurricane Relief
8100 West Capitol Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53222

Please note in the memo line "SWD Hurricane Relief"

Please contact me at Burakowski@swd.lcms.org or (414) 464-8101 if you have immediate questions.

AUGUST SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
Applebees	\$100	\$8.00
BP	300	4.50
Cobblestone	25	1.25
Dairy Queen	60	12.00
Deer Run	75	7.50
Econo	1,850	55.50
Exxon	225	22.50
Festival	225	6.75
Kohls	550	22.00
Kwik Trip	375	15.00
McDonalds	25	1.00
Menards	300	9.00
Piggly Wiggly	400	12.00
Pizza Hut	20	1.60
Red Robin	75	6.75
Shell	525	52.50
Shell (Presto)	200	4.00
Shopko	275	13.75
Starbucks	25	1.75
Subway	60	6.00
Texas Roadhouse	70	5.60
WalMart	600	15.00
Woodmans	225	11.25
TOTALS	\$6,585	\$295.20



Pastor Krueger will be on vacation October 23rd-30th. In the event of an emergency please contact Pastor Niles at 920-853-3656. You may also contact one of the Elders.



BIRTHDAYS

4 th	Joel Koerth	15 th	Seth Riemer
6 th	Lon Fels	17 th	Denise Emmer
6 th	Brenda Geiger	17 th	Karey Schultz
6 th	Elijah Graf	19 th	Craig Scharbarth
8 th	Michael Fels	24 th	Linda Giese
11 th	Alandra Grenzer	24 th	Abby Krahn
11 th	Michelle Krueger	24 th	Leslie Kremer
11 th	Betty Zarnoth	26 th	Myron Peter
12 th	Deacon Bonick	27 th	Creighton Moline
12 th	Beth Gilbertson	28 th	Nathan Levash
12 th	Grant Propson	28 th	Vanessa Reinke
14 th	Jennifer Bowe	29 th	Kim Rahm
14 th	Mary Eickert	30 th	Bill Schmidt
15 th	Debi Polkinghorne		

ANNIVERSARIES

3 rd	Hank & Lori Horn
3 rd	Todd and Renee Maeder
5 th	Pat & Barb Kupsky
9 th	Gary & Joan Lemke
10 th	Mitch & Morgan Krahn
17 th	Rich & Sandy McWilliams
19 th	Gary & Dori Reidy
19 th	Tom & Sandi Zahringer
20 th	Steve & Norma Latvala
24 th	Justin & Andrea Chupita
25 th	Hand & Kit Horn
26 th	Dwane & Paula Kalies

Please forgive us and politely notify us if an anniversary or birthday is missing from the list. Thank you.



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!!!
D.Q. FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Thursday, November 2, 2017
4-7 p.m.

We need members to donate one hour of their time to help serve food, clean tables, and greet the customers. Please sign up on the bulletin board. We would really appreciate your help.