

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Call to Worship



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Pastor's Page

How Luther's Diet of Worms is Good for Christians to Chew On

"O taste and see that the LORD is good" (Psalm 34:8)

When Martin Luther stood before the Diet of Worms (pronounced *dee-ett* of *worms*), Roman Catholic theologian Johann Maier von Eck commanded him to publicly renounce the *entirety* of his writings, to which Luther famously replied,

"Since Your Majesty and your lordships want a simple, clear, and true answer, I will give it. Unless I am convinced by the teachings of Holy Scripture or by sound reasoning—for I do not believe either the pope or councils alone, since they have often made mistakes and have said the exact opposite about the same point – I am tied to the Scriptures I have quoted, and by my conscience I cannot or will not recant anything. Here I stand."

The term, *Diet*, stands for an assembly where the emperor and princes gathered for the purpose of deliberating on the affairs of the state. *Worms*, the location of Luther's trial, was (and is) a city on the Rhine River in Germany. Dr. Paul Maier described this event, which occurred on April 18, 1521, as

"one of the most dramatic scenes that we find in all of the history of the second millennium A.D. [for the reason that] we have not only the secular powers represented by his Imperial Majesty Charles V, and all the princes, both Catholic and Lutheran, in Germany, but also all the church people and their representatives as well."

In other words, both the most powerful sacred and secular authorities, and also commoners, together with those who were "high and mighty," gathered at Worms, whether inside the official hall or outside packing the streets. I would add to Dr. Maier's comments that the looming challenge of that day included the consideration of ultimate authority as considered under two contexts: 1) The question of the authority of the church with respect to the secular state, and, more to the point of this essay, 2) the question of the source of ultimate authority under which Christ's Church administers its doctrines.

Luther's stated position before the *Diet* on the ultimate authority for Christian doctrine is clear and succinct. Final authority rests solely on God's Word to the explicit exclusion of "*popes or [even Church] councils*" (which he judged to be demonstrably fallible). Pronouncements on the contents of Christian doctrine, either as individuals or in assembly, must rest not on human opinion, but only on Holy Scripture.



It was precisely because Luther separated himself from the opinions and traditions of his time by wrestling instead with the Bible alone that he

discovered the emancipating Gospel of Jesus Christ by which we are both *declared* righteous by faith in Christ alone, and *made* righteous in the process of sanctification by means of the Holy Spirit at work within us. Because the Bible is God's revealed Word it is the highest authority both in doctrine and in life. Let us then, with Luther, embrace the Gospel he discovered there, and, in continuing reformation, yield our traditions to its guiding authority.

Your Servant Pastor,

Gary Jensen

forgive 

Thoughts from an Elder

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last month I wrote about God's love for us and what that means. This month I want to discuss forgiveness. First God freely forgives us because of the sacrifice of His son Jesus Christ. This took some time for me to accept. Like I've said before I'm a slow learner. Even though I believed that God loved me I still had trouble believing that I was completely forgiven. One Sunday in church as we were saying the Lord's Prayer it hit me like a truck "forgive us (me) our trespasses as we (I) forgive those that trespass against us (me)." God didn't let me feel his forgiveness because I refused to extend forgiveness to other.

Case in point, there was a fellow that I thought was my friend who had offered to help, but had lied to me, stole from me and in the end left me in a much worse condition than if he had not offered to help at all. This left me bitter, angry and not a nice person to be around. After that Sunday though I started to pray for him, I have not seen or heard from him since but I have forgiven him and as a result I have peace.

In His Service,

Richard Hellman



Taking A Walk with Your Servant Leader

Moving ahead to milepost #4

I'm glad for your joining me on this next leg of our journey. It suddenly dawned on me that we take these walks only in the daylight. We can see the path we are on with any obstacles close or far away. God our Creator said, "Let there be light," and it was so. And in the continuous process of creating, God took the very dust He created and made Adam and Eve with light receptors called eyes. They could see what God had created for them out of perfect love. However, there came that fateful time when neither trusted what God promised for their well-being, and thus they now saw a fallen and broken world around them. Paradise was lost.

God's perfect love rose above sin and provided a path toward redemption that leads us only to Jesus Christ and the new everlasting paradise. All we need to do is get back to the Word of God in Scripture, so that whether our path is smooth or rough, Jesus is there.

As we walk together I want to welcome all members of Zion to have an opportunity to "speak their mind" at either the Board of Directors (BoD) or Voters meetings. That would happen right after the opening prayer or devotion. There would be a three-minute time limit. From what the member might have to say for consideration, there is the possibility that one of the Boards would do follow-up as it benefits the church.

Here are some snacks to chew on before we finish.

1. As a new ambassador for Lutheran Hour Ministries at Zion, I encourage all members to join in support of LHM whether the gift is once a month or once a year. Your prayers and support are all to the glory of God.
2. October is almost here. That is the month I use to gather sponsorships in the form of financial support for the upcoming Advent performance from Taproot Theatre this December 6th, called "Silent Night." This year's goal is \$500.

Blessings until next time we go for a walk.

Gary Gable



Save the Date!

northwest REFORMATION 500

*A region-wide celebration
of the 500th anniversary
of the Reformation*

Sunday, October 29
4:30 p.m.
Overlake Christian Church
Redmond, WA

Northwest Reformation 500
is presented by

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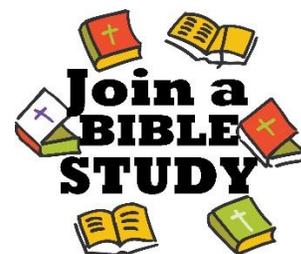
and supported in part by:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod,
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FALL Bible Studies!

- * The **Sunday morning Bible class** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. Pastor Gary and Gary Gable will be co-hosting the showing of Part 3 - *A Man Named Martin: The Movement*, which completes the trilogy of the Parts 1 and 2. Jr High through adult will enjoy and view how God was at work from the time of Luther's death into the social transformations that began to emerge in the years following. There are 5 sessions that you surely would not want to miss.
- * **Men's Bible Breakfast** meets on **Wednesdays** at 7 a.m. at the Collector's Choice Restaurant, 215 Cypress Avenue in Snohomish. Men of any age are invited.
- * **The Ladies' Bible study** will be *Daniel* by Beth Moore on Wednesdays 9:15-10:15 a.m. We will be meeting at Jana Ostlund's house (7124 60th St SE, Snohomish). Anyone who wants to join should contact Jana (425-397-9339 or djswostlund@juno.com) so she can get them a study guide.
- * *The Case for Christ* Bible study meets **Wednesdays at 1:30 & 7 p.m.** in the Parish Hall Meeting Room, led by Pastor Gary Jensen.
- * *Between the Testaments* Bible study meets **Thursdays at 9:15 a.m.** in the Parish Hall Meeting Room, led by Pastor Gary Jensen.
- * Youth meet at Michelle's house (13020 Hwy. 2, Snohomish) at **7 p.m. on Saturdays** for a fun movie-based Bible study. Questions? Need directions? Call or text Michelle! 425-501-4925 or message Michelle Bartelheimer on Facebook. Looking forward to seeing you there!



ZIG (Zion's Intergenerational Group)

[from Lisa Tuengel]

ZIG stands for Zion's
Intergenerational Group.

This is an opportunity to gather with your church family at the group opening for our Christian education time. All ages from our adult Bible class and our Sunday school classes are invited to get together in the Parish Hall Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

We'll look for you there!

**Evangelism Elder Greetings**

To All,

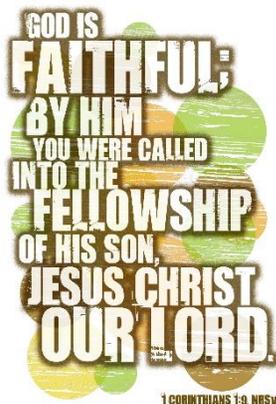
To build upon the foundation of the Church means fellowship, reaching, serving, sharing faith, receiving grace, forgiveness of sins, and healing souls. "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Cor. 1:9)

Introducing myself to you can give you a contact to begin, or continue, our walk with the Word. Perhaps your point of light can be shed to help Congregation and future members into Church fellowship. What is your purpose to build the Church? Where do we connect outward reaching, and inward teaching with Holy Spirit guidance?

I look forward to working with Pastor, Elders, Leadership, and Congregation member to furthering and building God's presence in our community and region.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's People. Amen. (Rev 22:20-21)

Blessings,
Norm Anderson

**Community Kitchen**

Zion is providing the Snohomish Community Kitchen meal on Monday, **October 2nd**. **We really need more help when we serve!** We begin the meal preparations at 2 p.m. and begin clean-up at 5 p.m.

Thank you so much to those who helped last month. If you need more information or would like to help, please contact Carolyn Jensen (360-568-9384) or Janet Zwar (425-346-3565).

The Snohomish Community Kitchen offers a FREE meal every Monday and Thursday from 4:30 – 6 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 913 2nd Street in Snohomish. Everyone is welcome!

**Special Choir Practices**

Our choir has scheduled some practices for the Festival Choir (singing for the Reformation 500 Service on October 29th at Overlake Christian Church in Redmond). Anyone who plans to join the choir can join us. Our practices will be in the Parish Hall on **October 2nd and 16th**. If you need a ride to the celebration please contact Kathy Gable at 425-760-4763.



Our regular choir schedule will begin Nov. 6th, 20th, and 27th. This is true of all months that follow. We meet on the first, third, and fourth Monday of each month. We hope you can join us.

Newsletter & Sunday Bulletin Deadlines

The Newsletter Deadline is Monday, **October 23rd**, for the NOVEMBER Newsletter!

All items for the Sunday bulletin must be received in the church office by Noon on Thursdays. Thanks!

Offering Envelope Note [from Stewardship Board]

If you would like your offerings recorded for any reason (tax purposes, etc.), then please use offering envelopes assigned by the church office. Please contact the church office at 360-568-2700 anytime during the year if you don't have offering envelopes and would like to use them.

Retirees' Potluck & Program

[from Laraine Hunt]

Please join us for our next Retirees' gathering on Thursday, **October 26th**, at Noon in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.



Feel free to bring guests (friends, casual acquaintances, family, and neighbors) and remember to bring your own place settings and plenty of potluck food to share (home cooked or store bought is all welcome)!

Everyone is welcome—you don't have to be retired to come! If you have any questions, call Laraine Hunt at 360-568-6219.

Lutherans for Life

“To be weak, frail, vulnerable, and helpless does not reduce either your inherent worth or your ability to contribute meaningfully to the lives of those around you. In your weakness you can contribute great things. You can provide the opportunity to your loved ones to discover strength, compassion, and faith that they didn't know they had. You can ease their fears about their own final days. You can pull families together that haven't been together in a long time. You can simply be there so the ones you love can love you back.”



Cheryl Magness, writer, musician, and homeschool mom – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

**Board of Trustees Update**

The Board of Trustees has been busy. Room 5 in the church has been painted and upgrade as a small classroom more leaks detected and fixed. A water leak to the fourth street house fixed. Mowing in the heat as needed. New thermostats in parish hall in the works.

**Note of Thanks!**

Thank You to everyone who helped with Zion's participation in the Snohomish historical home tour. Thank you to Gary and Kathy Gable, Amy Russell, Katie Larchick, Doris Brickman, Ragene Kimsey, Paula Lauterbach, Sue and Larry Bartelheimer, and Randy and Kelly Wood. And also thank you to everyone that said they could help if needed it. It was a nice afternoon and it was wonderful to be able to welcome others from the community into our church.

Mt. Baker Circuit Forum September 30

Dear Mt. Baker congregations and pastors,

Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Mt. Baker Circuit Forum on Saturday, **September 30th**, from **9 a.m. – 4 p.m.** It will be held at **Trinity Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon.**



The Rev. Kyle Heck of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Everett will present for us material from his recent doctoral dissertation “*A Christian Approach and Response to Same Sex Attraction and Marriage in an Increasingly Secular and Hostile Context.*” This promises to be an informative and helpful seminar as we seek to reach out to all people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All interested parties in your congregation are welcome to attend. In order to help us plan for lunch, please RSVP via email at secretary@messiah-lcms.org or via phone at 360-659-4112.

Peace and joy in Jesus to you,

Pr. Kurt Onken,
Messiah Lutheran Church, Marysville, WA

Scrip/Gift Cards Support Zion Lutheran School



Did you know you can buy cash cards for many stores during coffee time Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall?

When you purchase a cash card, funds between 2-15% of the value of the card are generated for Zion Lutheran School. Zion Lutheran Church is donating its share (also 2-15% of value of card) back to the school.

The cards are worth the value you pay for them. This is a great way to purchase your groceries, gas, or buy gift cards and raise funds at the same time.

Box Tops for Education



Keep on clipping those *Box Tops for Education!* They will be used to help support Zion Lutheran School. Each Box Tops Clip is worth 10 cents for your school. There is a collection box in the church narthex. Thank you for your help!

Special Concert – Celebrating the 125th Anniversaries of Several Everett Churches

You are invited to a concert honoring the five Everett-area churches who are celebrating their 125th anniversaries this year. The date is Sunday, October 8th, at 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 2936 Rockefeller Ave., Everett. There will be a combined choir from the five churches directed by Steve Torrence, a hymn sing led by John P. Sinkevitch, and a children’s choir led by David Spring. You won’t want to miss this jam-packed 75-minute event! The bonus is enjoying and being surrounded by the beautiful Povey stained glass windows!



There will be a reception to follow. The free-will offering will benefit Catholic Community Services and Housing Hope.

The five churches are First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. Questions? Call 425-259-7139.

A Peek into the Past (from the Archives of Zion Lutheran Church..... [from Kathy Gable]

Christianity in the Pacific Northwest: A term Paper found in the Archives, Author Un-named

The Lewis and Clark Expedition has made a strong religious impression on the Indians of the Pacific Northwest. This impression strengthened their associations with the trappers, mountain men and fur traders.

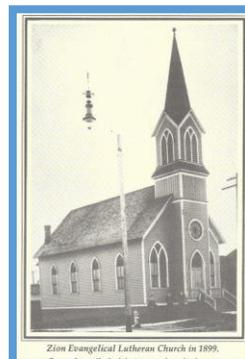
Among the employees of the Hudson Bay company were Presbyterians and Episcopalians, who conducted services for both the trappers and Indian. Services for both trappers and Indian were held at Fort Walla, Pierre Pambran, chief trader, gave catholic instructions. Indian teachers like, Spokane Garry, trained at Red River Settlement under the sponsorship of the Hudson Bay Company. Services were held and people were taught the Minor Historical Catechism. George W., A History of the Pacific Northwest. New York A. A. Knopf, 1931 p. 125) A. A. Knopf, 1947, p. 113 and 114)

1852: Ft. Wayne, Indiana—Delegate Convention of the Missouri Synod:

An appeal was brought before the convention to send workers to the West Coast. Then in 1856 there was another appeal.

Soon letters came from San Francisco pleading for a missionary, that the Gospel be preached to them. The call was extended to a candidate of the St. Louis Seminary. June of 1860. Jacob Mattias Buehler accepted the call (to California).

In 1862 Buehler married Louise Wyneken; the daughter of F. C. D. Wyneken, President of LCMS from 1850-64. (He had been a circuit rider in the Midwest.) (Hansen, A. "Jacob M. Buehler," Concordia Historical Institute, Quarterly, 3, October, 1937 p. 92)



BRAILLE WORK CENTER NEWS

During August sessions, our work center produced 52 copies of “Primary Bible Stories.” Twelve copies were sent to the Grishon Prayer House for the Blind in Mikolongwe, Malawi, and six copies to Mporokoso Blind School in Mporokoso, Zambia. The remaining books went to other overseas destinations and recipients in the US.



Since beginning production of this book in December of last year, about 250 books have been produced, going to 18 different countries and 28 states in the US. A sincere “thank you” to the volunteers who faithfully give of their time and talents to this ministry for the blind and visually impaired.

All books are sent free of charge via the USPS but require certain packing requirements and the need for custom forms for overseas mailings. Fortunately, I can do all custom forms online which I then print out and affix to the boxes.

Each box also requires certain types of taping, a special hand stamp in each corner and the blind symbol (man with cane) taped above mailing label. Also, overseas books must be enclosed in plastic bags within the box, surrounded by cardboard sheets and topped with extra packing paper.

Our October sessions will begin one week later than usual. Volunteers please take note of this and mark your calendars according to the schedule below!

- ✓ If you’d like to join in on a session, please, contact me at 360-659-9750 or by e-mail at dalebern@frontier.com.
- ✓ Learn more about this ministry by going to LBW website. A wealth of information is available along with downloads of publications and lists of available subscription materials.
- ✓ Updated mailings from Lutheran Braille Workers and donation envelopes are located on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ✓ Keep the blind and visually impaired, as well as LBW, in your prayers. Monetary donations are vital for LBW’s existence while providing most materials free of charge to recipients.
- ✓ **ATTENTION!!!** When making donations, please, indicate that your donation is designated for “Work Center #314”. Writing “Work Center #314” on the memo line of your check will assure credit is given to our work center for your donation.
- ✓ If you have THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS to donate, consider directing them to LBW. Don’t let your monies go unused! Please call LBW to inform them of your choice so our Work Center #314 can receive monetary credit (1-800-925-6092). You may also e-mail this info to Deanna Bowles at deanna@lbwinc.org.

In His service, *Janet Bernhardt*

Immanuel Lutheran Church Braille Work Center Director

OCTOBER BRAILLE SCHEDULE:

Immanuel Gen.	Monday, Oct. 9 th	9 – 11 a.m.
	Monday, Oct. 16 th	9 – 11 a.m.
Immanuel LWML	Tuesday, Oct. 10 th	9 – 11:30 a.m.
	Tuesday, Oct. 24 th	9 – 11:30 a.m.
Messiah	Weds., Oct. 11 th	9 – 11:30 a.m.
Grace	Fri., Oct. 13 th	9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Zion	Tuesday, Oct. 17 th	9 – 11:30 a.m.

Extra sessions (volunteers needed)

	Monday, Oct. 9 th	12 – 2:30 p.m.
	Monday, Oct. 23 rd	9 – 11:30 a.m.

CPR Training



The Academy of Snohomish is holding a CPR training class on Wednesday, October 4th, upstairs in the Parish Hall (room 8) at 5:30 p.m. If there is anybody else from the church who would be interested in joining them, they are welcome.

Cost is about \$40 a person. Contact Paulette Habersetzer at 425-268-0559 or at paulette@theacademywa.com.

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

CROP Hunger WALK: October 15

Ask friends to join you on the Walk

This year marks 20 years of Snohomish CROP Hunger Walks! Last year with 1000+ walks nationwide, CROP Hunger Walks raised over \$10 million through communities like ours stepping up to make a difference around the world. Thank you for being a part of this movement to end hunger.

Church World Service is right now assisting Communities and families devastated in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. Your participation in the CROP Hunger Walk helps CWS:

- Provide blankets and Hygiene Kits to shelters
- Provide Emergency Cleanup Buckets and School Kits to families in need
- Coordinate assessments and emergency response needs with FEMA, the Red Cross, and other national and state emergency response groups.
- Provide technical training in disaster preparedness and long-term recovery to state VOAD groups. (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters)
- Help organize faith groups for counseling support and assistance.
- Provide long-term recovery grants that aid beyond the immediate crisis.

Our efforts make a difference globally and locally! 25% of all CROPWALK proceeds stay in Snohomish to benefit our Community Kitchen. Walk, run, or sponsor a walker.

CROP Hunger WALK – Sunday, October 15

12:45 p.m. Registration begins

1:30 pm CROP WALK/RUN starts

**Start / Finish: First Presbyterian Church,
Snohomish**

New This Year – Save the Date:

DINE OUT Night for CROP Hunger Walk, Thursday, **October 12th, 4:30 – 8:30 p.m. at participating Snohomish restaurants:** Scarlett's – Cabbage Patch – Andy's Fish House – Snohomish El Paraiso and more to be added. Diners mentioning "CROP Hunger Walk" at the start of their meal will cause a percentage of the cost of their meal to be donated by the restaurant for the CROP Hunger Walk.

On Thursday, October 12: don't cook – DINE OUT! On Sunday, October 15: CROP Hunger Walk – Walk. Give. Change the world!

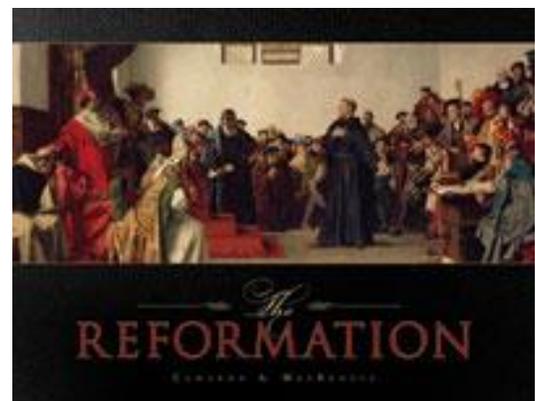
The Reformation Book on Sale from CPH

Many people recognize the name Martin Luther when they think of the Reformation, but this era was filled with other fascinating personalities and dramatic changes across every aspect of human life throughout the Western world.

The Reformation (hardback, 250 pages) is a richly illustrated and engagingly written overview of this amazing time of change and renewal in the Christian Church and helps the reader sort through the complex chain of events that shook both church and state to their very foundations.

You'll want to display this exquisite book on your coffee table, in your church library, or anywhere you can easily flip through this informative and beautiful book.

This informative and beautiful coffee table style book is on sale from Concordia Publishing House. (A sampler is available in the church office.) To get the reduced price of \$22.49 plus shipping, please contact the church office **before October 9th**.



October 2017

LCMS Stewardship Article

We are nearing the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, All Saints' Eve, 1517, when Martin Luther posted the Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. So, let's hear from Luther himself on the topic of giving and stewardship.

In the Small Catechism under the Table of Duties, Martin Luther gives specific Bible passages to help Christians know their duty in their various vocations as members of their family, society at large, and in God's family, the Church. Under the heading "What Hearers Owe Their Pastors," Luther lists five passages from the Bible, three of which have to do with giving to your local congregation. They are these:

"The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:14).

"Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows" (Galatians 6:6–7).

"The elders [presbyters, i.e., pastors] who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,' and 'The worker deserves his wages'" (1 Timothy 5:17–18).

Luther comments on these passages in his 1535 Lectures on Galatians. He wrote:

When Paul says "all good things," this is not to be taken to mean that everyone should share all his possessions with his preacher. No, it means that he should provide for him liberally, giving him as much as is needed to support his life in comfort. . . . The apostle is so serious in advocating this topic of support for preachers that he adds a threat to his denunciation and exhortation, saying: "God is not mocked." . . . All this pertains to the topic of support for ministers. I do not like

to interpret such passages; for they seem to commend us, as in fact they do. In addition, it gives the appearance of greed if one emphasizes these things diligently to one's hearers. Nevertheless, people should be taught also about this matter, in order that they may know that they owe both respect and support to their preachers. Christ teaches the same thing in Luke 10:7: "Eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages"; and Paul says elsewhere (1 Cor. 9:13–14): "Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the Gospel should get their living by the Gospel." It is important for us who are in the ministry to know this, so that we do not have a bad conscience about accepting for our work wages . . . it happens when those who proclaim the glory of God and faithfully instruct the youth derive their livelihood from them. It is impossible that one man should be devoted to household duties day and night for his support and at the same time pay attention to the study of Sacred Scripture, as the teaching ministry requires. Since God has commanded and instituted this, we should know that we may with a good conscience enjoy what is provided for the comfortable support of our lives from church properties to enable us to devote ourselves to our office. (LW 27:125–126).

In other words, pastors are not to suffer from low wages just because they are servants of Christ and the Word. They are to share in the livelihoods of all to whom they preach the gospel and instruct in the faith, so that the Word can be proclaimed and the faith carried from one generation to the next.

Source is LCMS Stewardship Resources at <https://blogs.lcms.org/2017/lcms-stewardship-ministry-bulletin-sentences-and-newsletter-article-october-2017>

LWML Bible Study & Meeting

[from Kathy Gable]

LWML will be held on Tuesday, October 10th, at 2 p.m. We will meet in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. We would love to have you join us for this Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Bible Study and meeting. Lillian Bartelheimer will lead the study for the day which will be in the fall Quarterly. These can be found in the church office in the LWML box.

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilting

Our group making quilts for Lutheran World Relief and other charities will meet on Wednesdays starting **September 6th**, 9:30 a.m. – Noon, on the stage in the Parish Hall. Volunteers are welcomed and encouraged!



Project Linus Quilting

Project Linus quilting is meeting Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to come. They meet in the Parish Hall (330 Union Ave.). If you have a desire to learn or help please join us!



*Lutheran Women
in Mission*

**2017-2019 LWML
MISSION GRANTS**

1. Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children, \$40,000
2. Mercy House for Women and Children, \$100,000
3. Christ for Veterans and Their Families, \$27,750
4. Tanzanian Sewing Center, \$25,000
5. Current Missionary Need, \$100,000
6. Lutheran Children's Books for Families Worldwide, \$100,000
7. Christian Hope Through Mass Media in Egypt, \$100,000
8. NOLA 4H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless, and Hurting, \$100,000
9. Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund, \$80,000
10. Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti, \$100,000
11. Training Lutheran Middle Eastern Missionaries, \$93,000
12. Completion of Lukonda Lutheran School Buildings, Uganda, \$48,000
13. Equipping Youth to Witness for Life - Y4Life, \$25,000
14. Laborers of Love, \$100,000
15. Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities, \$100,000
16. Education Loan Repayment Assistance Grants, \$100,000
17. Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team, \$25,000
18. Restoration Programs for Native Hawaiians, \$75,000
19. RECONNECT to the Body of Christ, Circuit 28, \$50,000
20. Prison and Jail Ministry Synod-wide Conference in 2018, \$36,500
21. Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips, \$60,000
22. Raising Pastors and Deaconesses, \$97,000

Learn more about these grants on our webpage:
www.lwml.org/mission-grants

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Parish News

In case of pastoral emergency contact:

Pastor Gary Jensen at the church office (360-586-2700) or home (425-212-9337) or cell phone (206-914-3593) **or one of the elders:**

- Norm Anderson..... 425-948-7575
- Gene Berner 360-568-5970
- Wayne Franz..... 425-334-5184
- John Hansen..... 425-397-7324
- Richard Hellman (director) 425-232-7666

OFFICIAL ACTS for September 2017:

Official Count:

- 201 Communicant Members
- 30 Baptized Only
- 231 TOTAL

OCTOBER Wedding Anniversaries

- Oct. 6 Bill & Sheila Leight (5th Anniv.)
- 10 Dean & Rosemary Randall
- 16 Al & Karen Heerensperger
- 17 John & Miriam Hansen
- 25 Dean & Shelley Pratt (65th Anniv.)
- 27 Larry & Betty Heike (55th Anniv.)
- 31 Loren & Margie Troupe (55th Anniv.)

Every effort is made to keep the birthday and anniversary lists up to date. If there is an error, or your name does not appear on these lists, please call the church office at 360-568-2700.



Olivia Zwar, Claire Lapse, and Jessica Ostlund



Jessica Ostlund, Jana Ostlund, Olivia Zwar, and Claire Lapse

Thrivent Action Team School Supplies Project

School supplies were provided for families at the Snohomish Boy's and Girl's Club. Thank you to Jana Ostlund for organizing this Thrivent Action Team project.

My Birthday Gift to Christ

All members of Zion Lutheran Church who are attending, or plan to attend, an institute of higher education of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod may apply for funds from the Birthday Gift to Christ scholarship fund. For more information contact the church office or a Board of Stewardship member.

Happy Birthday to these **October** birthday celebrants:

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| 5 Debbie Tuengel | 16 Adrian Lowe |
| 6 Cody Johnson | 17 Dean Randall |
| 9 Doris Brickman | 20 Larry Heike |
| 10 Annie Spoelstra | 22 Sonja Ostlund |
| 11 Marilyn Haack | 25 Gary Gable |
| 12 Randy Wood | 27 Brad Tuengel |
| 13 Jeff Gilpin | |

Reconciliation – Peacemaking Message



Relational Wisdom 360 is a regular e-mail that is published by Ken Sande. We hope you enjoy this month's excerpt. For more information on *Relational Wisdom 360* please visit their website or subscribe to the e-mail at www.RW360.org.

Five Ways to Amaze People Who Leave Your Church

A few days ago, a woman told me a heart-breaking story about her pastor.

Cindy was born and raised at First Church, and Pastor Smith's teaching had laid the foundation for her faith (all names changed). He had been like a second father to Cindy, gently guiding her through many of the struggles of her youth and young adulthood.

When Cindy married Marc, they continued to worship at First Church. As they studied the Bible more deeply, however, some of their beliefs began to change. They held true to all of the core principles Pastor Smith taught, but they felt increasingly misaligned with some of the church's secondary doctrines and ministry priorities.

They met with Pastor Smith several times to discuss their concerns, but the more they talked, the more strained those conversations became.

Finally, after two years of study and prayer, they decided they could live out their faith more effectively at another church in their community. When they met with Pastor Smith to share their decision, he said he was deeply disappointed in them. Abruptly rising from his chair, he walked them to the door and said goodbye.

It only got worse from there.

Every time Cindy and Marc encountered Pastor Smith in their community, they got a cold shoulder. In most cases, he would simply turn away before they were close enough to speak. If they were too close to ignore and managed to say hello, he gave them a one-word response and walked past them as quickly as possible.

Leaving a Church Is a Type of Rejection

When Cindy shared this story with me, I could easily understand why she was so deeply hurt by Pastor Smith's behavior. At the same time, it was not hard to understand why he was acting as he was.

When someone leaves a church, even for valid reasons, it's natural for a pastor to feel some level of personal rejection ... that people have found something wanting in his preaching, pastoral care or leadership.

Some pastors manage these emotions constructively, but others, like Pastor Smith, react poorly.

Having felt rejected, they reject right back. They put up a defensive wall to conceal their pain. They keep their distance so they can't be rejected again. And if they are honest, some would have to admit that they actually want to hurt those who have hurt them.

Of course, it's not only pastors who give in to these feelings. Other members of a church can also feel rejected when people leave, which may lead them to behave the same way that Cindy's pastor did.



The Way of Amazing Grace

There is a better way to treat people who leave a church, whether you're a pastor or a fellow church member. It's the way of grace, better yet, the way of **amazing grace**. Here is what it can look like.

Be approachable. Ask God to transform your character and relational skills so that people feel safe coming to you with concerns about your church, even if they involve changing views on theology, questions that may expose weak spots in your leadership, or specific criticism of current practices. If you develop a reputation for welcoming such discussions with humility and gentleness, people will be inclined to come to you earlier, before positions are hardened or resentments build (see 2 Tim. 2:24-25). When minds are still open on both sides, there is a better chance for understanding, helpful change

and preserved relationships (see Approachability: The Passport to Real Ministry and Leadership).

Empathize. Resist the inclination to immediately correct or debate others' concerns. Instead, make a sincere effort to understand what they are experiencing, feeling and thinking. Ask God to help you put yourself in their shoes and see things from their perspective (1 Pet. 3:8). As you gain better insights into their concerns and affirm things you agree with, you'll build trust and encourage openness. You will also be better positioned to find ways to meet their legitimate interests, whether they stay in your church or not (Phil. 2:3-4; see Seven Steps to Empathy).

Offer to help people find a good church. If it becomes evident that a change of churches is inevitable, amaze people by offering to help them find the church in your community that best fits their needs. (A good shepherd doesn't simply open the gate and let a sheep wander away; he walks with that sheep to make sure it finds a good new shepherd and a safe fold!) Then go the extra mile and call that new shepherd to commend your former members to him. That is amazing grace!

Greet former members warmly. After people leave your church, pray that God will give you opportunities to encounter them during the week. When you see them, go to them, greet them warmly, ask how they are doing, and be genuinely glad for how God is blessing them in their new church. As Romans 15:7^L teaches, "Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

Follow up. Finally, program your phone or computer to remind you to call people 30, 60 and 90 days after they leave your church to find out how they are doing. Ask whether they are feeling comfortable with their new church, how God is working in their lives, and what their children are up to. Tell them you miss them but are glad to hear that God is blessing them in their new church family. Rejoice in the fact that you are still part of the family of God and invite them to call you if they ever need something.

The Benefits of Responding with Grace

This grace-based approach toward former church members (or anyone who has pulled away from you in some other way) has multiple benefits.

First, by actively loving and blessing others, you will **guard our own heart from resentment and bitterness.**

Second, you will **protect others from guilt** and free them to give themselves fully to serving the Lord in their new church family.

Third, by not allowing bridges to be burned, you will **leave the way open for people** to return if their change of churches doesn't work out as they had hoped.

Fourth, and most importantly, you will **honor God by loving others as he has loved you.** Just think of all the times you've turned away from God some way. Has he cut you off? Given you the cold shoulder? No. Like the father of the prodigal son, his arms are always open wide (Luke 15:20). As you imitate his gracious refusal to turn away from you even when you've turned away from him, you will display his character and bring glory to his name.

– Ken Sande

Reflection Questions

1. How do you feel toward people who leave your church (or pull away from you in some other way)? How do you think, talk about and behave toward them?
2. Does your response to rejection mirror how most people behave, or does it reflect God's patience and love toward you?
3. How could a grace-based response to people who leave a church (or reject you in any other way) encourage other believers to grow in Christ and open doors for sharing the gospel with those who do not yet trust in him?
4. Are there people who have pulled away from your church or you personally who you have counter-rejected? How do you think they would respond if you went to them, asked for forgiveness and sought to live out the principles described above? How do you think God would view such an effort? (see Eph. 5:8-10; Matt. 25:21). Now, don't just think about this; do it today!

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By Ken Sande September 3, 2017

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 LWML Sunday 17 th Sun. after Pentecost 8 am Traditional Worship/ Communion 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship/ Communion	2 4:30 p.m. Community Kitchen - at St. John's Episcopal, Snoh. (2 p.m. meal prep./5 p.m. clean up) 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (PH)	3 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 7 p.m. Confirmation (CO) 7 p.m. Elders Meeting (CO)	4 7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant) 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9 a.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR) 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Class (Jana Ostlund's home) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting Begins (Stage) 1:30 & 7 p.m. <i>The Case for Christ</i> Bible Study (PHMR) 5:30 p.m. CPR Class (PH-Rm 8)	5 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9:15 a.m. <i>Between the Testaments</i> Bible Study (PHMR) 12:45-2 p.m. Acad. of Snoh. Chapel (PHMR)	6 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (All facilities)	7 1 p.m. Memorial Service & Reception for Cleo Stach (CH & PH) 7 p.m. Youth Group (Michelle Bartelheimer's home)
8 18 th Sunday after Pentecost 8 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am ZIG! Combined Sunday School/Bible Class Opening (PH) 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 11:30 a.m. Special V	9 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 7 p.m. Bd. of Directors Meeting (PHMR)	10 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 2 p.m. LWML Bible Study / Meeting (PHMR) 7 p.m. Confirmation (CO)	11 7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant) 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9 a.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR) 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Class (Jana Ostlund's home) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting Begins (Stage) 1:30 & 7 p.m. <i>The Case for Christ</i> Bible Study (PHMR)	12 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9:15 a.m. <i>Between the Testaments</i> Bible Study (PHMR) 12:45-2 p.m. Acad. of Snoh. Chapel (PHMR)	13 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (All facilities)	14 Evening L.E.A.F. Spelling Bee (PH) 7 p.m. Youth Group (Michelle Bartelheimer's home)
15 19 th Sunday after Pentecost 8 am Traditional Worship/ Communion 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship/ Communion 12:45 p.m. CROP Hunger Walk Registration (First Presbyterian Church, Snohomish)	16 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (PH) 7 p.m. 4 – H Meeting (CH – rooms 2 – 4)	17 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9 – 11:30 a.m. Braille Work (Immanuel, Everett) NO Confirmation	18 7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant) 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9 a.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR) 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Class (Jana Ostlund's home) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting Begins (Stage) 1:30 & 7 p.m. <i>The Case for Christ</i> Bible Study (PHMR)	19 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9:15 a.m. <i>Between the Testaments</i> Bible Study (PHMR) 12:45-2 p.m. Acad. of Snoh. Chapel (PHMR)	20 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (All facilities)	21 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. LWML Fall Rally (Messiah Lutheran Church, Snohomish) 7 p.m. Youth Group (Michelle Bartelheimer's home)
22 20 th Sunday after Pentecost 8 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 4:30 p.m. NW Reformation 500 Worship Celebration (Overlake Christian Church, Redmond)	23 <i>Newsletter Deadline!</i> 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8 & 9)	24 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 7 p.m. Confirmation (CO)	25 7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant) 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9 a.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR) 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Class (Jana Ostlund's home) 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting Begins (Stage) 1:30 & 7 p.m. <i>The Case for Christ</i> Bible Study (PHMR)	26 8am–1pm Acad. of Snoh. (PH – Rooms 8 & 9) 9:15 a.m. <i>Between the Testaments</i> Bible Study (PHMR) Noon – Retirees (PHMR) 12:45-2 p.m. Acad. of Snoh. Chapel (PH – Rooms 8)	27 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. L.E.A.F. Homeschool Association (All facilities)	28 7 p.m. Youth Group (Michelle Bartelheimer's home)
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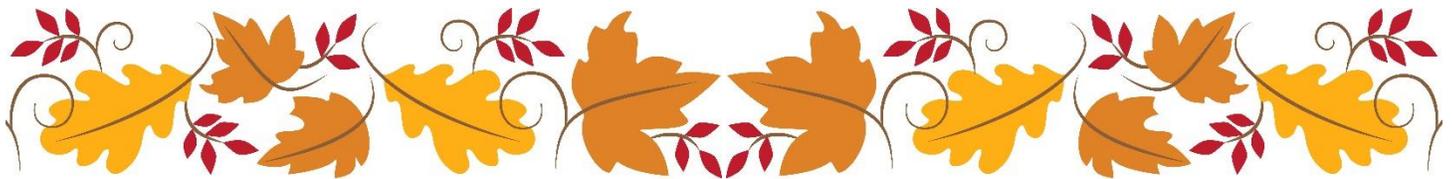
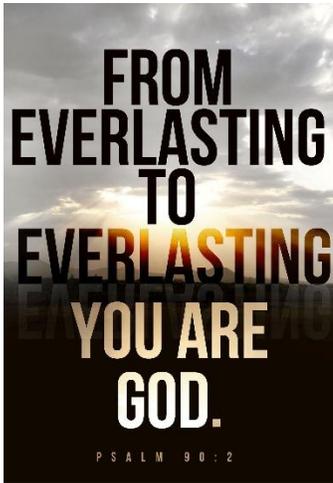
Servants in God's House for October 2017

	October 1 <small>LWML Sun./17th Sun. after Pentecost</small>	October 8 <small>18th Sunday after Pentecost</small>	October 15 <small>19th Sunday after Pentecost</small>	October 22 <small>20th Sunday after Pentecost</small>	October 29 <small>Reformation Sunday</small>
Elders: 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Gene Berner Norm Anderson	Wayne Franz Richard Hellman	John Hansen Gene Berner	Norm Anderson Wayne Franz	Richard Hellman John Hansen
Ushers: 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	LWML LWML	Larry Bartelheimer Andrew Bartelheimer	Ken Heike, Marlin Heike Bud Adams, Harlin Keil	Herman Bosse Thad Zwar	Ken Lauterbach <i>Volunteer needed</i>
Greeters: 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	LWML LWML	Larry Heike Joan Stocker	Marlin & Shirley Heike Katie Larchick	Herman & Judy Bosse Rosemary Randall	John & Miriam Hansen <i>Volunteer needed</i>
Acolytes: 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	<i>Volunteer needed</i> Jessica Ostlund	<i>Volunteer needed</i> Sade Palmer	<i>Volunteer needed</i> Jonah Urie	<i>Volunteer needed</i> Hannah Conway	<i>Volunteer needed</i> Sam Lapse
Readers: 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Ann Jensen Jana Ostlund	Wayne Franz Richard Hellman	Lynne Hereth Doris Brickman	<i>Volunteer needed</i> Wayne Franz	Richard Hellman Miriam Hansen
Scriptures:	Ezek. 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-10 Phil. 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18 Matt. 21:23-27 (28-32)	Is. 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-19 Phil. 3:4b-14 Matt. 21:33-46	Is. 25:6-9 Psalm 23 Phil. 4:4-13 Matt. 22:1-14	Is. 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13) 1 Thess. 1:1-10 Matt. 22:15-22	Rev. 14:6-7 Psalm 46 Rom. 3:19-28 John 8:31-36 <i>or</i> Matt. 11:12-19
Children's Message:	Pastor Gary Jensen	Lisa Tuengel	Lynne Hereth	Pastor Gary Jensen	Pastor Gary Jensen
Organist: 8 a.m.	Karen Berner	Karen Berner	Karen Berner	Karen Berner	Karen Berner
Musician: 10:30am					
Special Music:					
Altar Guild:	----- Rosemary Randall -----				
Flowers:	Brent & Debbie Tuengel (Anniv.)	Brent Tuengel (for Debbie's birthday)	John & Miriam Hansen (Anniv.)	Laraine Hunt (in memory of Archie & Myrtle's anniv.)	
Fellowship:	LWML	Jana Ostlund	Laraine Hunt	Lapse family	Wayne Franz
Counters:	Joan Stocker Lillian Bartelheimer	Ken Heike Lynette Zwar	<i>Volunteer needed</i> <i>Volunteer needed</i>	Loreen Atkinson Dan Miller	Ken Heike <i>Volunteer needed</i>



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Mission Statement for Zion Lutheran Church:

Reaching out with Christ's gift of grace and forgiveness as we preach, teach, and serve so all may know Jesus Christ as Savior.

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Join us for worship and Bible class this Sunday.

Sunday Worship Service Times

8 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Holy Communion is celebrated at both services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month.

