

The
Messenger

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

October 2016

From the Pastor

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Happy Reformation Day... well, I guess it is a little early. But 'tis the month, so a few Reformation thoughts.

We are on the way to celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation (October 2017). In the grand scheme of things, 500 years isn't that much time – but think about how much has changed since the year A.D. 1517 – we have indoor plumbing, books and Bibles in every home (thank you, Gutenberg's printing press!), motorized vehicles, incandescent lighting... and the list goes on!

So with everything that has changed – has the Reformation changed? Were the condemnations and anathemas exchanged between Luther and the pope just the products of grumpy old men? In 1999, the Lutheran World Federation (an organization our LC-MS is *not* a part of) and the Roman Catholic Church signed what is known as the “*Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification.*” It states that the two churches “share a common understanding of our justification by God's grace through faith in Christ.” More recently, in 2015, the ELCA and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs affirmed 32 statements of agreement (entitled “*Declaration on the Way*”). Pope Francis and the Lutheran World Federation (in 2013) released a joint document titled “*From Conflict to Communion,*” and in 2014, Pope Francis sparked controversy when he spoke well of Martin Luther.

So after 500 years, it looks like the Reformation is no big deal, right? – Lutheranism is on the way back into the Roman Catholic Church... or so it would seem. But even though the media reporting and the joint declarations rejoice in such ecumenical dealings, we must consider what each church teaches in order to answer the question, ‘Is the Reformation still important?’

So- we consider one brief example:

From *The Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church*, 1995:

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Sat. - *George Juergens*

Sun. – *Richard Winkelman*

Greeters

Sat. – *Barbara Spreen*

Sun. – *Jack & Sandy Slusser*

Altar Care – Nancy Bowland &

Sue Eltzroth

#839, 847 – “The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Muslims; these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us, they adore the one, merciful God, mankind’s judge on the last day.... (Others cannot) be saved (however), who, knowing that the Catholic Church was founded as necessary by God through Christ, would refuse either to enter it or to remain in it. This affirmation is not aimed at those who, through no fault of their own, do not know Christ and his Church: Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know the Gospel of Christ or his Church, but who nevertheless seek God with a sincere heart, and, moved by grace, try in their actions to do his will as they know it through the dictates of their conscience – those too may achieve eternal salvation.”

From *Luther’s Small Catechism, the 3rd Article of the Creed*:

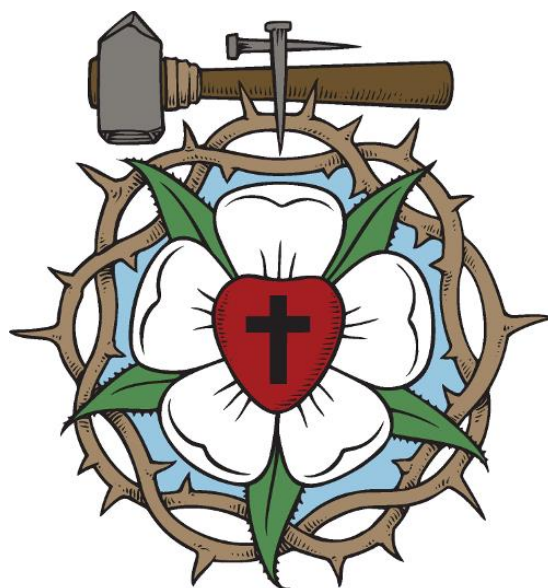
“I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.... He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.”

What is the difference according to how a person may be saved? According to the Roman Catholic Catechism, non-Christians, heathen, and unbelievers of any kind may find their way into heaven as long as they sincerely believe their personal faith and act lovingly according to it (see underlined portion of the text). According to Lutherans, those who are saved are those who are kept in the faith with Jesus. “No one comes to the Father except through Me,” says Jesus.

We could go on further, but suffice it to say that the Reformation IS still important; 500 years later, the theology of the Lutheran Church is still all about Jesus. So despite what the media reports, there still are great differences in belief between Lutherans and Roman Catholics, and we won’t be in fellowship with one another any time soon. So this year, we thank God for the work that He did for Martin Luther – that He reminded us of His grace to us that comes through Christ Jesus – and that this is *still* a free gift for one and all.

Happy Reformation Day.

Pastor Lorenz



News and Notes of St. Peter



Congregational Christian Care

Please pray for, phone, visit, and or send a card or note to the following.

Dorothy Davis (heart), friend of Norman Kochensparger; Glennys Pratt (fall); Steven Spear (stroke), nephew of Donna Smith; Kathy Newmann, friend of Laurie Trlak; Patience Underwood, friend of Berta Christman; Jay Beekman; Brandon Trlak (cancer); Walter Deeg (health and healing); Christy Trlak (under treatment); Gina Walker (cancer), friend of Sandy Gast; Jim Wolfe, cousin of Marjorie Richardson; Joyce McCune (heart and gallbladder) friend of Jim & Peggy Hoch; Denis Miller (heart) friend of Ruth Moon; Mason Watkins, friend of the Guhl family; Sophia Young and Caleb Young relatives of Holly Cuttriss; Jimmy Barnhart (cancer) relative of Laurie Trlak; Richard Kirkwood (hospice) cousin of Laurie Trlak; Niki Boswell (stroke) Niece of Diana Mason; Dolly (Ahlschwede) Kikuchi (cancer) relative of Diana Mason.

Heritage of Huntington – Maxine Stetzel

Heritage, Warren – Edward Campbell, Jr. (Room 277)

Miller's Merry Manor – Charles Weicht (Room 71)

Norwood – Wilbur & Ginger Van der Zee

Tipton Place – Mildred Leonard; Jean Simmons (Room 105)

Woodview Nursing Home (Ft. Wayne) - Mildred Craig

Home – Jason Cozad; Brian Leasenby; Pete Weicht (heart).

If you discover that the information has changed, please call the Church office so we can update this list.

Tape Ministry

If you are unable to attend the worship services for any reason, including short-term recoveries, we would be happy to drop off a copy of the sermon or tape of the service which includes a bulletin. Please call Pam and Jack Wertenberger at 356-8139 or Pam's cell phone: 260-388-2507 to arrange for delivery. If you have received and listened to previous tapes, please place in a bag on your door to be picked up when a new tape is delivered. Thanks for your help. Jack & Pam Wertenberger

The Love, INC of Huntington County

Love, INC thanks our congregation for our continued support of the Huntington Community Food Pantry. The pantry provides food and household/personal supplies to families who struggle to put dinner on the table each evening. Kelly Miller says here is a snapshot of some of the items we helped to provide for our neighbors:

3,005 cans of vegetables

358 boxed of cereal

652 spaghetti sauce and noodles

7986 boxed of macaroni and cheese

682 cans of chicken noodle soup

451 dozen eggs

394 supply bags

FROM

Kelly Miller

Huntington Community Food Pantry

Love INC of Huntington County

POTATO BAR

The third Potato Bar for LOVE, INC Capital Fund Project will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2016.

Serving will be 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. With a cost of \$5.00 per person.

Come enjoy dinner with friends and help with the LOVE, INC Project.

LWML South Zone Fall Rally

When: Saturday, October 29, 2016
Where: Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
Time: Registration 8:30a.m.
Speaker: Fey fey Moussou, Deacon at St. Augustine Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne
Theme: "Working in His Vineyard"
Bible verse: Mathew 28:18 – 19
Ingathering: Cash Offering for Deacon Fey fey Mousou Charity. His charity is for the homeless and orphaned in his home country, Senegal. Senegal is on the west coast of Africa.

Parsonage

The parsonage project is nearing completion and Pastor Lorenz and family will be moving into their home by the middle of October. Before they move, an open house will be held on Sunday, October 9, after church so that everyone can see the renovations made (see where your money has gone). Money is still needed for this project, so please continue to use the envelopes marked for this purpose. To date we have received \$7,359.10.

Happy Anniversary

October Anniversaries

Date		# Years
10/9	Alan & Tiffany Maza	6
10/13	Michael & Sally McCoy	43
10/23	Robert & Ruth Ann Whitesell	61

Greeters

November

Saturday Ted and Janet McElhaney
Sunday Holly Cuttriss

December

Saturday Bob & Kris McFarland
Sunday Craig Hansen



Thank you

To Greeters of the month: OCTOBER
Barbara Spreen (Saturday) and *Jack and Sandy Slusser* (Sunday)

Activities

Ladies' Guild – October meeting will be Monday, October 3, 2016 at 1:30 in the Lower meeting area of the education building.

St. Peter Association of Retired Keenagers (SPARKS) will meet on Wednesday, October 12 at NOON. Location: Nick's Country Cafe

Dorcas Circle will be meeting on Wednesday, October 19 with Peggy Hoch as Hostess, to be held at the church education building. If unable to attend, please call Peggy at 356-5968.

Confirmation & Sunday School

Sunday School started September 4th. Confirmation classes also started the week of September 4th with the 1st year class meeting on Tuesdays and the 2nd year class meeting on Thursdays.

The first year class has 9 students and the second year class has 2 students.

Adult Bible Class - Join us in the school basement before the Divine Service (Saturday, 4:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00am) as we begin a new study, "A Man Named Martin (Part 1: The Man)." In this Bible study from Lutheran Hour Ministries, we will examine the life and times of Martin Luther, and follow along with him as he struggled to understand and share the truths of the Bible. This study begins October 1 & 2. We hope you will join us!

Monthly	Progress	Report
Date	Attendance	Offering
8/28	113	\$3,420.75
9/4	109	\$3,495.50
9/11	100	\$2,766.75
9/18	103	\$3390.50
9/25	107	\$



A Little Heavenly Humor

Mother: You shouldn't be flying that model airplane in the backyard on Sunday.

Johnny: Oh, it's all right to fly this one. It isn't a pleasure plane. It's a missionary plane going to the jungle.

You are Invited

Reformation Celebration: It's Still All About Jesus" confessing the faith and shaping lives for 500 years

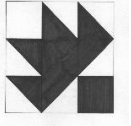
Sunday, October 30, 2016
St. James Ev. Lutheran Church
430 Ninth Street
Logansport, IN

Dinner provided at 6:00 p.m.

Church Service at 7:00 p.m.

Guest Preacher – Pastor Geoff Robinson

Offering for Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne



Quilters Corner

The quilters group have been quilting since the first part of September. We meet each Wednesday from 9 o'clock to 12 noon. We'd like to invite anyone interested to join us at that time or contact Judy Turgeson 200-1376 or Anita Prout 356-3627 for further information.

Come join us in the joy of fellowship and help "Comfort the Needy".

Quilters are always thankful for donations of cotton fabric, new or slightly used flat sheets and pillowcases.

We want to thank the anonymous donor for the donation to the quilters' fund. It is greatly appreciated



Moved

Berta Christman has moved.
Her address is:
BERTA CHRISTMAN
Heritage Woods, Room 283
577 Martin Avenue
Watseka, IL 60970

Fish Fry

As was announced at the Voters Meeting there will be no Fish Fry this year. To help organize for next year, contact Ron Brown.

Mission Envelopes

Please prayerfully consider using your mission envelopes each month. Mission envelopes are in your pledge envelope box at the beginning of each month.



80 Plus Birthdays this month!

10/2	Wilbur Vanderzee	84
10/8	Walter Deeg	82
10/20	Elson Carmien	84

Also this month a Happy 70th

Birthday on October 15 to:

Ed Campbell

Room 277

801 Huntington Ave.

P. O. Box 326

Warren, IN 46792

OKTOBERFEST

When: October 16, 2016

Where: St. Peter Lutheran Church lower parking lot

Time: After Sunday Service (11:45am)

Bring a covered dish to share

Furnished: Brats, Hot Dogs, Buns and Drinks

**ACOLYTES AND COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
OCTOBER 2016**

SAT OCTOBER 1	5:00 PM	TED MCELHANEY	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		NORMAN KOCHENSPARGER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		NORMAN KOCHENSPARGER	ACOLYTE
SUN OCTOBER 2	10:15 AM	LARRY BAADE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		HAROLD BENNETT	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		ANDREW CRIDER	ACOLYTE
SAT OCTOBER 8	5:00 PM	SAMANTHA WEICHT	ACOLYTE
SUN OCTOBER 9	10:15 AM	BRIANNA THOMAS	ACOLYTE
SAT OCTOBER 15	5:00 PM	JIM HOCH	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		JORDAN JONES	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		JIM HOCH	ACOLYTE
SUN OCTOBER 16	10:15 AM	JEFF DERR	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		LARRY BAADE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		NOLAN HUGHES	ACOLYTE
SAT OCTOBER 22	5:00 PM	JASE GUNN	ACOLYTE
SUN OCTOBER 23	10:15 AM	DREW DORSETT	ACOLYTE
SAT OCTOBER 29	5:00 PM	RON BROWN	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		NORMAN KOCHENSPARGER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		NORMAN KOCHENSPARGER	ACOLYTE
SUN OCTOBER 30	10:15 AM	RANDY PRANGE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		HAROLD BENNETT	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		IAN CRODER	ACOLYTE

If you are scheduled at a time that does not work for you, please contact an acolyte or communion assistant listed to take your place and let the office know so changes to the bulletin can be made.

Thank you for your commitment to serve at St. Peter Church.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
2 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service W/Communion 11:30 Potato Bar-LOVE,INC	3 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel@ Tipton 1:30 General Guild 7:00 Elders	4 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store 6:30 Confirmation 1	5 9:00 Quilters	6 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation 2	7 Pastor on Vacation 10/7 thru 10/14	8 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
9 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service	10 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel@ Tipton 7:00 Council	11	12 9:00 Quilters 10:00 Chapel @ Norwood 12:00 SPARKS	13 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	14	15 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
16 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion 11:45 Oktober Fest	17 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton	18 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store 6:30 Confirmation 1	19 9:00 Quilters 12:00 Dorcas Circle	20 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation 2 Messenger Deadline	21	22 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service LWML Sunday
23 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service LWML Sunday	24 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton Pastor Fall Conference	25 Pastor Fall Conference	26 9:00 Quilters 10:00 Chapel @ Norwood Pastor Fall Conference	27 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation 2	28	29 8:30 LWML Fall Zone Rally 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
30 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion Reformation Celebrated	31 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton REFORMATION DAY					