

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

October, 2018

Romans 1:16-17-“For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, ‘The one who is righteous will live by faith.’”

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are almost at 501! For me, it's hard to believe that a year has already passed. At the end of October, we celebrate the 501st anniversary of the Reformation. It occurred to me that I didn't really tell you about Luther's story last year. So I had a thought; I think that moving forward, each October, I would like to share another part of Luther's story. So, I would like to begin with the verse at the heart of Luther's transformation – Romans 1:17. That verse was the spark that lit the flame of the Reformation. Luther had tried so hard to be a good Christian by entering the monastery and confessing his sins daily, even punishing himself for his sins; but it seemed that the harder he tried, the worse it got.

He became thoroughly depressed and miserable – until one day, he came across these words – **“the just (“righteous” in the above translation) shall live by faith.”** He realized, in that moment, that it was faith, not good works, that makes us pleasing to God. It is through faith that we are saved, not our good works (Ephesians 2:8- 9). At the heart of Lutheran Theology is this text from Ephesians 2 – **That we are saved by grace (alone), through faith (alone) , in Christ Jesus (alone).** Good works accompany faith, and demonstrate that faith exists, but they do not provide for or guarantee our salvation. Also, good works are not for God; according to Luther, God does not need them, but our neighbor does. Our faith frees us from worrying about whether or not we are right with God; it frees us to focus on the needs of our neighbors, rather than on ourselves. This discovery by Luther is at the very heart of the Reformation. Luther didn't want to establish another church, and he certainly didn't want a church to be named after him. He wondered why anyone would want to name a church after a *“filthy, stinking, bag of worms”* like him. Originally, “Lutheran” was a derogatory name, it meant “heretic” or “dissident.”

The churches that bear Luther's name do so because we wish to be identified with the one who made this amazing discovery. There are many different Lutheran church bodies around, with many differences over issues great and small, but all agree that our salvation depends upon the grace and mercy of God, given to us through Word and Sacrament, and received in faith. Just as we did last year, we will celebrate this anniversary moving toward the next mile stone of our denomination. May we continue to celebrate, but also be mindful as to how we are being called in God's mission. It will be important not to focus on where the church will be in 25 years, rather, how is God calling us to reach out and **love** our neighbor.

Servants together,

Pr. Paul <><

p.s. – Did you know what Luther said?? "I desire above all things that my name should be concealed, and that none be called by the name of Lutheran; but of Christian. What is Luther? My doctrine is not mine, but Christ's. I was not crucified for any. How comes it to pass, that I, who am but a filthy, stinking bag of worms; that any of the sons of God should be denominated from my name? Away with these schismatical names! Let us be denominated from Christ, from whom alone we have our doctrine."

p.s.s – Did you hear what is happening with Pr. Paul?? My back surgery has been tentatively scheduled for October 11. This is my 7th surgery on my back and will be the part one of a two-part procedure. If all things go well, I will spend a couple of nights in the hospital until drainage tubes can be removed and then I will stay in Denver until I have had my one-week check-up and then return to Cedaredge. Again, if all goes well, I will not be able to drive for 2 weeks and will take on a light schedule upon my return. Thank you so much for all your support. Please know that I covet your prayers.

Council Meeting Highlights September 11, 2018

Present: Marilyn Liebetrau, Joel Magnuson, Don McMillan, Niles Riese, Don Ranta and Wyatt Smith

Opened with individual and silent prayers, no devotion was shared as Pastor was absent.

Verbal reports followed:

- Education: Sunday school for the kids will start late September or early October, dates and times to be determined.
- Building and Property: Church Work Day on the September 29. Niles has many activities planned. Trimming bushes, pulling weeds, cleaning windows and the lights in the sanctuary are included.
- Stewardship drive is on!! First talk to be given by Del M at the service at the Chapel of the Cross. Stewardship Sunday is October 14. Discussed giving time and talent sheets only to new members.
- Worship Committee notes that September 30 is Hymn Sing Sunday.
- Other committee reports are on hold until members are present.
- Don asked for annual committee reports to be ready in November and budget items to be ready in October. We need a tentative budget in place at the annual meeting in December.
- The annual meeting is scheduled for December 2 and will be in the sanctuary instead of the fellowship room.

Next meeting is October 9 at 6 p.m.

Consecration Sunday, October 14

On September 16 a cover letter and pledge card were given to each family/giving unit of the All Saints Congregation with a request that they be completed and returned as soon as possible and no later than October 14, which will be our Consecration Sunday. All stubs of the Pledge cards will be collected by Don Ranta, Stewardship Chair, to be held for Marj Seely, Financial Secretary. Stubs in envelopes can be placed directly in Marj's mailbox at church. Submitting a pledge significantly helps the church Council determine a reasonable budget for the coming year.

A few members of the All Saints Congregation will attend the Better Together Summit in Glenwood Springs. The purpose of the Summit is to provide better financial planning and management of the church's funds.



Looking For a Way to Deepen Your Worship Experience?

For many people, looking at the Bible readings before Sunday helps put the message in the context of their lives. As you read the lessons, ask yourself: Is there anything in the readings that relate to your life right now? Is there anything that surprises you in the readings? Disturbs you? Try doing this and see if following this on a weekly basis strengthens your personal faith life, and deepens your worship experience.

The Lessons for Worship in October

These are the Bible readings that we will hear during our worship services this month. They are provided that you might use them for personal devotion and meditation.

October 7 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2: 18-24
Psalm 8
Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12
Mark 10: 2-16

October 14 – 21st Sun after Pentecost

Amos 5: 6-7,10-15
Psalm 90: 12-17
Hebrews 4: 12-16
Mark 10: 17-31

October 21 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 53: 4-12
Psalm 91: 9-16
Hebrews 5: 1-10
Mark 10: 35-45

October 28 – Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3: 19-28
John 8: 31-36



Miriam Circle Notes

- Four rose bushes will be added to the Memorial Garden next spring.
- The Craft Fair/Bake sale will be November 2, 8 until 3, November 3, 9 until 1.
- A new first aid kit will be purchased for the office and the older kit will be replenished.
- Next meeting is **October 3 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for Bible study followed by a business meeting.**

Bible Study James October 9, 2:00—4:00

Janell will lead the group in a study of the book of James. James is a very short book of only 5 chapters so you have plenty of time to read James before October 9. In addition to discovering the author, James, we will explore what Martin Luther said about the book of James. Homework: Think about two words that might be the overarching theme of James.

Eckert Presbyterian Church Country Store and Craft Fair
Friday, October 12 9:00 to 4:00, Soup Lunch 11:00 to 1:00, \$5.00
Saturday, October 13 9:00 to 2:00, Sandwich Lunch 11:00 to 1:00, \$5.00

Outreach Committee Gives to Worship Visitors Need Greeters' Assistance

The Outreach Committee is starting a new practice of acknowledging and welcoming guests attending ASLC. We ask each greeter to ensure that the guests sign the guest book. The greeter is to place in a small brown bag (that will be in a designated spot in the kitchen) a 'guest' card that is to the left of the suggestion box, a copy of the latest newsletter and a small frozen loaf of banana bread from the kitchen freezer. Please notify Pastor that there are guests for the service and place the bag near his chair. He will then present it to the visitors just before the sending hymn. If any questions - please ask any of the Outreach Committee members: Marilyn Liebetrau, Carolyn Goller, Linda Ranta, Claudia Kellogg or Wilma Reeve. Thank you.



All Saints Annual Craft Fair/Bake Sale November 2 and 3

Preparations are underway for the annual craft fair/bake sale. Plan now to help set up and organize during the week of October 29. If you have craft items that you would like to donate, please let Janell know. Many fine handcrafted items will be available for sale on Friday, from 8 until 3 and Saturday from 9 until 1. The monies generated from the craft fair are used to support non-profits in Delta County. Last year, donations were made to Abraham Connection, Delta Correctional Christmas Dinner, Hope West, House of Promise, Community Options, Young Life-Delta, Isaiah Fund, and Sharon's Kids. This is an amazing opportunity for our church to assist the community of Delta County.

SONS OF NORWAY

Vestafjell Lodge invites those interested in Scandinavian heritage and culture to join lodge members for dessert and coffee at the lodge meeting at 1 p.m. on **Saturday, October 13** at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 3133 Patterson/F Road. Our delegates to this summer's District and International Conventions, Jerry and Kaye Wergedal, will share their highlights and low lights of these get togethers. Guests are always welcome. For more details, call 245-5649 or 858-6702, or visit our website, www.vestafjelllodge.org.

OCTOBER SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	7 Communion	14	21 Communion	28 Reformation Communion
Worship Leader	Pastor Paul	TBD	TBD	
Liturgy Assistant	Joel	Don Ranta	Marj	Donelle
Communion Assistant	Don Ranta		Janell	
Communion Bread	Elinor		Elinor	
Organist	Don	Don	Don	Don
Pianist	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda
Altar Guild	Alice		Claudia	
Readers	Wyatt	Marilyn	Don Ranta	Don McMillan
Ushers	Don	Niles	Steve	
Greeters	Linda	Janell	Lenie	
Stewards	Lloyd/Erich	Claudia/ Janell	Don R/Jack	Don M/Rick
Fellowship	Rosalee	Olinda	Lenie	Alice

To provide refreshments for Fellowship, please sign up on the white board by the kitchen window or call Janell, 835 -3928 to say you can help! To usher or greet at worship, sign up on the white board on the cupboard in the back of the sanctuary. Help your congregation by offering your time.

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All Saints Special Occasions for October

Birthdays: 10/14 Brecken Huff 10/21 Carol Martinson
 10/22 Gordon Thomas 10/27 Erich Patzer
 10/28 Lee Martinson 10/31 Joyce Garman
Baptismal Birthdays: 10/4 Marian Thomas
Anniversaries: 10/29/1983 Rick and Peggy Saxton



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**Please notify Pastor Paul if you or someone
in your family is entering the hospital or needs pastoral care**

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