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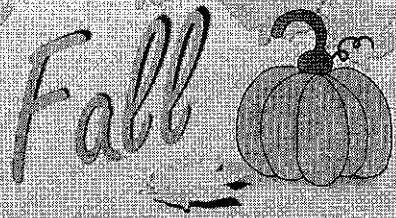
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“It is the mission of Hope Lutheran Church to help people grow in their faith; to be a leader in the community; to serve the needs of all people; and to teach/educate all people

October Birthdays/Anniversaries

2-Caroll Miller, John Seffrood
2-Bonnie Moe
4-Derrick and Carrie Rauen
4-Becky Hinkleman
5-Arlene Hovland
6-Sherrie Larson
6-Addison Bronson
8-Penny Cardwell
8-David Lewandowski
8-Shelly Anderson
9-Allyson Frankenhoff

14-Phoebe Bourassa
15-Jackie Adolph
15-Monica Larson
16-Garrett Amdahl, Trevor Bourassa
17-Savannah Moe
18-Grayson Amdahl
19-Gary and Caroll Miller
20-Lori O'Farrell
22-Vincent Ples
23-Addison Jensen
29-Leigha Schoonover



October 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 green	2	3	4 4:00- 6 th /7 th confirmation 6:30-8/9 th confirmation	5 9:00 am-WELCA quilting 1:00-Bible study	6	7
8 green Quit Dedication 2:00- Hay ride at Bruce and Diane Kneeland	9	10	11 4:00- 6 th /7 th confirmation 6:30- youth group	12	13	14
15 green Council meets following Worship	16	17	18 4:00- 6 th /7 th confirmation	19 9:00 am-WELCA quilting	20 Newsletter Due	21
22 red 9:15- 8/9 th confirmation Reformation Celebration	23	24	25 4:00- 6 th /7 th confirmation	26	27	28
29 red Confirmation Sunday	30	31				

Notes

Worship-10:30 am (unless otherwise noted), 9:30 Coffee,
 9:15 Sunday school
 Communion: 8th, 22nd, 29th
 Communion Committee-Stacey Amdahl, Sarah Holt
 Worship Helpers- Team 3- Bruce and Diane Kneeland

Pastor's Page - October 2017

This month we will commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. It was on the evening of October 31, 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The next day would be All Saints' Day. The day we remember those who have died and have gone before us in the faith. Luther knew that many people would be coming to church that day and then would see these 95 Theses or opinions he had written about faith and God.

Martin Luther was a monk in the Catholic Church and struggled for a long time with his guilt and shame. He never felt worthy of God's love and was constantly fearful of God's wrath and judgment. After encouragement from a superior, Luther began studying for a doctorate degree. The hope was to get his mind focused on other things and relieve some of his guilt. In his studies, Luther realized others throughout history had experienced these same struggles. He finally found comfort in Scripture. Romans 1:17, which says, "The one who is righteous will live by faith." He discovered that forgiveness and the promise of eternal life were free gifts given to us by God through His incredible love for us and the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The church at the time, however, was teaching Christian people that they needed a certain number of merits to pardon their sin before they could be allowed into heaven after death. Merits could be earned by things like prayer and fasting and other good works. For most people, they did not have the time or the resources to earn enough merits to get their pass into heaven. Monks did earn enough and even had extra merits. The church then decided to start selling these extra merits so that the Christian people could buy their forgiveness and their entry into heaven.

The 95 Theses that Luther posted on that Halloween night, were mainly about his discovery of God's free gift of forgiveness. His hope is that enough people would see them and a debate would begin and the church would correct itself. It would "reform" itself to be more in line with the Bible and the true teaching of God's grace and love.

Luther had no idea what would come from his hammering on the church door that night. This message began to spread around the world, thanks in part to the recent invention of the printing press. The Pope and the church at the time dug in their heels and refused to change their ways. Soon, enough people were following the teachings of Martin Luther that a new church arose and became known as the Lutheran Church.

Now the Lutheran Church and the Catholic Church have continued to "reform" and change throughout the last 500 years. And we will continue to "reform" as we grow and learn more of God's love for us and as we continue to share that message in an ever changing world. But the core message of the Lutheran Church will always be that we are recipients of God's free gift of forgiveness and eternal life. As we read in Ephesians 2:8-9, "*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.*"

We will be celebrating the Reformation on the last two Sundays of October. Come on October 22nd and hear more about the story of Martin Luther and his wife Katie, through a skit that will be given during worship. Then on October 29th, Reformation Sunday, we will Confirm 8 young people into the Lutheran church as they proclaim their faith in this ever-loving God.

I am thankful for the Re:Form Confirmation Curriculum that I use to teach Confirmation Class. The lesson on Martin Luther helped in the writing of this article, in making sure all the details were correct.

Sundays of October - Schedule of Events

October 1st – Pastor Kathy Hibbert, Guest Preacher

- Sunday School – 9:15am
- Coffee – 9:30am
- Worship – 10:30am

October 8th – Lutheran World Relief Sunday

- Sunday School – 9:15am
- Coffee Time – 9:30am
- Communion Worship – 10:30am
 - *Dedication of LWR Quilts and Kits*
 - Special Offering for LWR's Shipping Fund will be collected
 - *Baptism of Brett Holt, son of Dustin and Sarah Holt*
 - *Sunday School will provide Special Music*
- **Faith and Fellowship Hay Ride – 2:00pm at Bruce and Diane Kneeland's Farm**

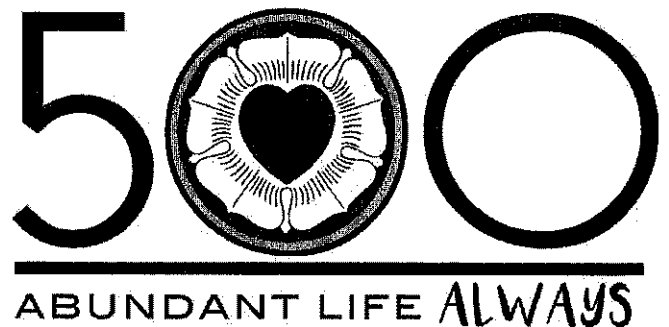


October 15th

- Sunday School – 9:15am
- Coffee Time – 9:30am
- Worship – 10:30am
- Church Council Meeting – following worship

October 22nd – Reformation Celebration Sunday

- Sunday School – 9:15am
- Coffee Time – 9:30am
- Communion Worship – 10:30am
 - *Celebrating the life of Martin and Katie Luther as we remember the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.*



October 29th – Confirmation Sunday

- Sunday School – 9:15am
- Coffee Time – 9:30am
- Communion Worship – 10:30am

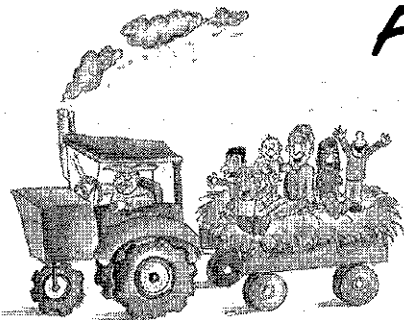
Hudson Steinocker, Courtney Lewandowski, Paige Larson, Zoey Wohlleber, Jonathan Johnston, Rush Larson, Ridge Larson, and Landen Nelson will Affirm their Baptisms.

WELCA NEWS

WELCA will meet Thursday, October 5th at 9:00 am. We will be putting all the kits together for Lutheran World Relief. There will be a business meeting at 1:00 pm. Devotions: Myla Kneeland, Bible Study: Pastor Justin, Cause of the Month: LAMP

There will be a second quilting day, Thursday, October 19th at 9:00 am-noon. October 8th is the day for the Blessing of the Quilts and kits that will be sent to LWR. We will be loading the trailer after church so any help would be appreciated! Thank You! A special offering will also be taken to help pay for the cost of shipping.

Roberts County 4H Community Center Building Fundraiser-October 22 11:00-2:00 at the 4H building. Free will offering. Meal includes: Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, vegetable, dessert and drink. Construction of the new building will begin spring of 2018.



*Faith and Fellowship
Hay Ride*

*Sunday, October 8th - 2:00pm
Bruce and Diane Kneeland's Farm
Come for a Hay Ride, followed by snacks and hot
chocolate!*

HOPES HAPPENINGS

Youth Group Wreath Sales

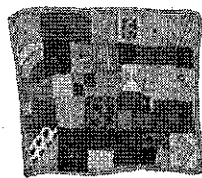
The Youth Group will again be selling Christmas Wreaths and Memory Wreaths. The memory wreaths are \$23 and are used to decorate the church during the Advent/Christmas Season. When ordering, please include who the wreath is given in memory of and by whom it was given, so that we can recognize them.

Wreaths and greenery are also available for your personal use. There will be order forms at church beginning October 15th and all Youth Group members will have them as well. Orders will need to be in by October 29th. Youth will have their forms after the Youth Meeting on October 11th. The wreaths will be delivered by Thanksgiving.



Sunday, October 8th – Dedication of LWR Quilts and Kits

During worship on this day, we will be blessing the quilts and kits that have been made and donated for Lutheran World Relief. There will be a special offering collected that day for LWR's Quilt and Shipping Fund that helps cover the cost of getting these offerings of love to where they are needed around the world. Following worship help will be needed to load the boxes. Thanks!



Reminder – Cry Room/Nursery space available for use

Pastor Justin's Office is open and available as a cry room/nursery room during all worship services. Children are welcome and encouraged to be in worship, but we all know sometimes they have other ideas and would rather be crying or playing or on the move! In those instances, you are invited to use the space in Pastor Justin's Office. There is a rocker recliner, children's books, toys, colors, and paper for your use. There is also a speaker in the office and a window looking into the sanctuary so you can still be a part of worship.