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October 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

Reformation 500: *It's Still All About Jesus*

For the past several months I've been highlighting on these pages the various ways the Reformation begun in Germany 500 years ago has impacted our world and the church. The events kicked off by Martin Luther when he posted the 95 Theses to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg touched off a revolution of reform extending to just about all facets of life. Today we are still very much under the influence of these effects.

Naturally, much of our commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation focuses on Martin Luther, the man credited with starting it all. Luther has been the subject of intense study starting even during his own lifetime. It has been reported that more books have been written about Martin Luther than any other person, save Jesus Christ. From scholarly, multi-volume treatises to comic-book style graphic novels, the study of Luther's influence on theology, education, music, government, culture, and the church continues today with no sign of letting up.

Luther's popularity during his own lifetime led to the rapid expansion of the printing industry. Johann Gutenberg had invented the movable-type printing press just 65 years before the start of the Reformation, which made printed materials much less expensive and readily available to the public. The problem was most printers didn't have enough content to print and sell. Luther provided them with a steady stream of immensely popular writings that printers could publish and sell and turn a very tidy profit. During the Reformation anniversary Luther continues to be popular with merchants. A quick survey of some of the publishing and gift places online show an astounding array of products related to Martin Luther. My personal favorite is the "Martin Luther Bobblehead Doll" available on oldlutheran.com.



This emphasis on Martin Luther would drive our favorite reformer up a wall, however. When people (first his detractors, then his followers) started to call those who followed his teachings "Lutherans" he replied:

"The first thing I ask is that people should not make use of my name, and should not call themselves Lutherans but Christians. What is Luther? The teaching is not mine. Nor was I crucified for anyone. . . . How did I, poor stinking bag of maggots that I am, come to the point where people call the children of Christ by my evil name?"

ASSISTING ON SUNDAYS

October 1

Acolyte
Lector
Deacons
Ushers
Greeters
Spark

Tommy Hockenberry
Karl Soutner
Ed and Lori Hockenberry
Marilyn and Karl Soutner
Frank and Nancy Lynn
Lori Hockenberry

October 8

Acolyte
Lector
Deacons
Ushers
Greeters
Spark

Ivan Strom
Bob Miller
Gini Horn, JoAnn Alexander
Keith Frey, Andy Nissly
Ed and Lori Hockenberry
Monette Cameron

October 15

Acolyte
Lector
Deacons
Ushers
Greeters
Spark

Lauren Nissly
Mary Kay Mulcahy
Marcus and Margaret Thomsen
Tom Mills, Bob Miller
Andy and Lisa Nissly
Diane Ehemann

October 22

Acolyte
Lector
Deacons
Ushers
Greeters
Spark

Tommy Hockenberry
Phyllis Strittmater
Barbara Dirks, Mary Royer
Phyllis Strittmater, Gini Horn
Marie Brubaker, Betsy Weidler
Phyllis Strittmater

October 29

Acolyte
Lector
Deacons
Ushers
Greeters
Spark

Ivan Shrom
Mark Moffett
Diane Ehemann, Monette Cameron
Mary Kay Mulcahy, Mary Royer
Theresa Cameron, Monette Cameron
Shree Shrom

Usher captain - Suzanne Burkholder

October 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal Pentecost 17	2	3	4 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:30 AM Bible Study	5	6	7
8 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal Pentecost 18	9	10	11 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:30 AM Bible Study	12	13	14
15 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 1:30 PM Crop Walk Pentecost 19	16	17 7:00 PM Church Council	18 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:30 AM Bible Study	19	20	21 10:00 PM Youth Group event
22 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal Pentecost 20	23	24 5:45 PM Property	25 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Learning Ministry	26	27	28
29 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 12:00 PM Reformation Celebration 4:00 PM Reformation Hymn Festival Reformation Sunday	30	31 Halloween	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Sep 2017 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 </div> <div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-left: 10px;"> Nov 2017 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 </div>			

Luther first and foremost pointed to Jesus Christ as God’s self-revelation of love, freedom and salvation. His entire life was devoted to proclaiming the centrality of Jesus’ death and resurrection as the sole hope for a sinful and death-bound humanity. Everything the church said or did, from pope to priest to the common Christian, was to be measured against whether or not the Good News of Jesus could be clearly heard and understood. Calling followers of Jesus “Lutherans” was more than a distraction for Luther, it was an abomination.



*Luther Pointing to Christ While Preaching
Lucas Cranach the Elder*

So, let’s commemorate the anniversary of the Reformation and let’s mark the ways Luther has influenced our world. In the midst of our commemorations let’s never lose sight that it’s Jesus Christ crucified and risen we truly celebrate, worship and lift up. That would certainly please dear brother Martin.

In Christ,
Pastor Kurt S. Strause

You Are Invited ~ Sunday, October 29, 4:00 p.m.

**God's Word Will Not Be Silent!
A Hymnfest for the Reformation**

**Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
750 Greenfield Rd.
Lancaster, PA**

Featuring: QuintEssentially Brass; Lancaster Conference, Mennonite and Amish Musicians; The Rev. James Dunlop, Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod.

BASKETS of PROMISE
LWR Ingathering October 1, 2017

Since the end of August, Emmanuel has been collecting needed items for school kits. Our goal is to provide 100 school kits for LWR. October 1, is the last collection day. Item for that day is 70-sheet spiral notebooks. Thank you to all who have supported this mission.

Kit assembly is after church on October 1.

Money is also needed to cover the cost of shipping and the purchase of backpacks. For additional information please see Deb Barrett.



~LOOKING AHEAD~

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE
TO BENEFIT YOUTH MISSION TRIPS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.



Words of Thanks

Thank you for the kindness, hospitality, and generous spirit you shared with Don and me during our time at Emmanuel. We truly appreciated the time of farewell and Godspeed on August 27 and will treasure it as a warm remembrance of good friends. You have been a blessing to us.

God's peace,

Pam and Don Drenner

Dear Emmanuel Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Lancaster-Lebanon Education Foundation, I want to thank you for the generous donation of \$280.00 for the Refugee Center and Community School at Reynolds.

Your donation will be used to support the Refugee Center and Community School at Reynolds. Because of the generosity of organizations like yours, these funds will provide resources and programs benefitting refugees assisted through the Refugee Center.

Thank you again for your support,

*Sincerely,
Cindy Anderson
Foundation Executive Director*



First Sunday Coffee
October 1
~following worship~

Treats will be provided by the
Evangelism and Finance
& Stewardship Committees.

Fall Camp Events



Capture the Flag Spectacular at Kirchenwald
Sunday, October 1st, 3-5:30 pm

Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald -
Sunday, October 22nd, 1-6 pm

Corn Hole Tournament • Pumpkin Painting * Canoeing/Kayaking • Hiking • more
Evening meal provided Registration \$7/person Bring your family & friends!

Women's Craft Retreat at Nawakwa – Nov. 10-12
Projects provided or bring your own to work on.
Meals, lodging & most supplies provided. Registration fee \$145

Advent Day Apart at the Wittel Farm –
Saturday, Dec. 9, 10 am –2 pm

All are invited to a day of prayer & meditation
in preparation of the birth of the Christ Child
Lunch provided \$15 registration fee

**Note: Please see display in the Narthex for more information,
application forms and deadlines.
Or visit www.LutheranCamping.org**



Emmanuel to Sponsor Lancaster County Council of Churches Community Meal

East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church

October 9, 2017, 5:30 PM

Volunteers are needed:

Pre-Meal Preparation

Set Up

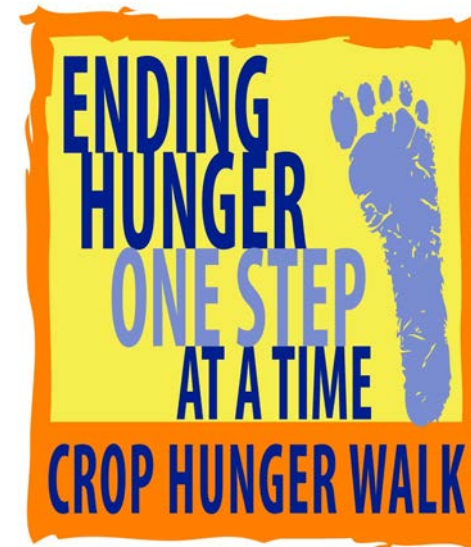
Serving and Clean Up

Interested in helping?

**Contact: Deb Barrett, 872-2113
or Sign up in the Narthex**



LANCASTER CROP HUNGER WALK 5K



Sunday, October 15

Location:

Lancaster Church of the Brethren
1601 Sunset Ave.
Lancaster, PA 17601

Registration: 12:45 p.m.

Walk: 1:30 p.m.

Contact: Patrick Walker

pwalker@cwsglobal.org

Pastor Stan Shantz

sshantz@jismchurch.org

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lancasterpa>

The Reformation



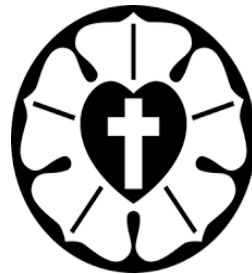
Celebration of 500 years

**Sunday, October 29,
in Sieger Chapel
following worship.**

Potluck meal
(German food or your
personal favorite)
See sign-up sheet in the
Narthex.

Beverages and place settings
provided.

**Polka instruction
and dancing**
Enjoy the fun whether
dancing or just enjoying the
music & tapping your toes!



Noisy Offerings
Coming for 3 Sundays in November only.
Money will be sent to the Mbeya Lutheran
Childrens' Home, Konde Diocese, Tanzania.

Start saving your coins!



October

3 George Ehemann, Jr.
3 Ruey Rodman
8 Lucas Hannegan
9 Debra Long
9 Frances Greiner
11 Renata E. Strause
12 Josephine Kuhn
12 Robert Miller
13 Norma Oblender
14 Stanley Binkley
17 Judith E. Deichert
22 David Barr
23 Debra Barrett Frey
23 William Hemperly, Jr.
26 Cory John Nissly
27 JoAnne LeFever
29 Bonita Hartranft
29 Dorothy Hauck
31 Karl Soutner, Jr.

happy
Birthday

Financial Report



	August	YTD
General Fund Income	\$10,991	\$109,981
General Fund Expense	\$10,029	\$110,761
Difference	\$961	(\$779)

**Deadline for the November Parish Helper is
Sunday, October 15.**
Please send all information to office@emmanuelancster.org