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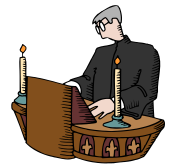
From the Pastor ~ ~

We talk about prayer so much because it is an important part of our relationship with God. I found a great quote about prayer. "Prayer is as necessary as the air, as the blood in our bodies, as anything to keep us alive---to keep us alive to the grace of God."

Prayer has no power in and of itself. The "power of prayer" is the One who hears the prayer. How does a person pray? Some feel that prayers must be formal and full of fanciful words. They don't have to be. Prayers are a conversation between you and your loving heavenly Father. Prayers are when we bring our needs and wants to God. Don't fall into the trap of thinking that we cannot be specific when we pray. When Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, called out to Jesus for help, Jesus said, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said, "My Rabbi . . . I want to see!" Jesus said, "Go, for your faith has healed you" (Mark 10:51-52) John writes, "And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him." (1 John 5:14-15)."

We realize that in the Lord's Prayer we pray, "Thy will be done". However, that should never stop us from asking God for specific things. I read a story which made me smile. A pastor visited one of his members before surgery. The woman was quite anxious and when asked why she was so anxious she replied, "I am afraid that I will not wake up after the surgery." After praying for a successful surgery and for wisdom for the surgeons, the pastor added, "By the way, please wake her up at the end of the surgery." Be bold when you speak to God in prayer. I will conclude with a quote from Luther about the meaning of the words, "Our Father who art is heaven". Luther writes, With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father."

Pastor Daene



Time Change
November 1
Fall Back

*Reformation
Sunday
October 25, 2020*

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Special points of interest:

- LWML Sunday, October 11, 2020
- Church Council Meeting, October 11, after the worship service
- LWGS Meeting, October 12 @ 11.00 am
- Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2020
- Halloween, October 31, 2020

Church Council

Church Council did not meet in September. Our next meeting is October 11. Please have your budgets for 2021, if possible. We only have our meeting in November to have them approved by Council.

COUNCIL POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION THIS YEAR ~

Vice President

Financial Secretary

Christian Education Chair

Board of Missions

Board of Fellowship Chair

One Member at Large

Stewardship chair—One year term

October Bible Readings

On October 12 we are going to start reading the events of the Bible as they occurred chronologically. For example, the Book of Job is integrated with Genesis because Job lived before Abraham.

Oct 12—Genesis 1-3; Oct 13—Genesis 4-7; Oct 14—Genesis 8-11; Oct 15—Job 1-5; Oct 16—Job 6-9; Oct 17—Job 10-13; Oct 18—Job 14-16; Oct 19—Job 17-20; Oct 20—Job 21-23; Oct 21—Job 24-28; Oct 22—Job 29-31; Oct 23—Job 32-34; Oct 24—Job 35-37; Oct 25—Job 38-39; Oct 26—Job 40-42; Oct 27—Genesis 12-15; Oct 28—Genesis 16-18; Oct 29—Genesis 19-21; Oct 30—Genesis 22-24; Oct 31—Genesis 25-26.

Time Change



November 1, 2020

Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd ~ LWGS

Hello Ladies,

The Columbus Zone Fall Rally will be at Shephard of the Hills at Bean Blossom on October 17. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. No lunch will be served.

Our Annual Nut and Candy Sales will start on October 4. We will pass out the catalogs and order slips. All orders need to be turned in by October 25. We are planning on order pick up on November 22; in time for Thanksgiving baking.

LWGS Meeting, October 12 @ 11:00 am

*Be sure to
order your Terri
Lynn Nuts by
October 25, 2020*



**LWML SUNDAY
October 11, 2020**

Care & Concern



Sympathy and Prayers:

To Don Haddock on the death of his friend, Bob McCoy and to Bob's family.

Remember in your Prayers:

Jon Clark, bladder cancer; Betty Ann Hill, healing and comfort; Ray Thompson, healing and comfort; Gerald Daene, surgery; Jonathan Krimmel, Stage 3 bladder cancer; Barbara Wood, prayers for healing; Mark Ploss, heart issues; Julie Ploss, cancer treat-

ments; Cecelia Campbell, health issues; Eleanor Coner, strength, healing & comfort; Carhyl Yoder, peace and healing; Barb Miller, strength & comfort; Joyce Thompson, strength & comfort; Kim Fouts, strength & healing; Susan Fouts, health issues; Rob Schafstall, major health issues; Betty Morgan, healing, strength, & comfort; Steve Clodfelter and family, Parkinson's; Gary Haddock, healing & strength; Jerry Miller, health issues; Charlie & Nan Jones, strength & comfort; Bill Cummings, strength & healing; Debbie

Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease.

******* If you placed any of these people on our prayer list, please check as to their status and let the office know their update. We like to keep this information as current as possible.**

Thank you.



InterChurch Food Pantry ~ ~

The InterChurch Food Pantry cancelled their Harvest Walk due to the coronavirus but the demand to address hunger in Johnson County continues. With the need still high they have asked the churches to sponsor a “Harvest Giving”. They have provided grocery bags with a list of needed items attached for you to take a bag and fill it with some of the items. Bring your full bag back to church by October 14th for pick up. If you want to give a cash donation, envelopes are available for this. Make your check out to InterChurch Food Pantry and on the memo line write “Harvest Giving”. Thank you for your help. Missions Committee

Requested Item List—No Glass Please

Breakfast Cereal
Pork & Beans
Spaghetti & Meatballs
Flour & Sugar
Tuna in water
Canned fruit
Jelly
Peanut Butter
Cooking Oil
Saltines
Mac & Cheese
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Ketchup
Boxed Foods

It's back ~

Did your notice? The steeple is back on the sanctuary roof. They delivered it on Tuesday, October 6 and put it back up. Looks fantastic!!!!



Reading Old Books on Reformation Day

It is that time of year: when Lutherans around the world reflect upon our spiritual heritage.

Martin Luther himself often figures importantly in these reflections, and for good reason. The image of the monk hammering his 95 Theses onto the door of the Wittenberg Church is indeed powerful. Ultimately, however, we know that our legacy doesn't rest solely on the back of the great reformer. Luther himself was well aware that he stood on the shoulders of giants. He knew that the Church was not born in

1517, and that the Reformation Church best sees itself in continuity with Church catholic, the Body of Christ, of all times and places where the Gospel is purely preached and the Sacraments are rightly administered.

As beneficial, then, as it is to read Luther's works, especially in view of last year's [500th anniversary celebrations](#), maybe this year we can dig even deeper and explore the likes of Athanasius, Irenaeus or Augustine — all authors that Luther himself read and knew well.

And while it is important to keep up to date with contemporary thought, reading ancient Christian books can do a lot to help us speak to our current age. Reading old books can help us avoid certain errors. We can learn much from history. There is nothing new under the sun, and many of the false doctrines of the past come back around in new guises and forms. A historical basis can help us to recognize and avoid problems that those who came before us in the faith have already challenged and overcome. (cont'd)

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Reading old books can help lift us from the tyranny of now, rescuing us from the king of chronological snobbery which says that it is newer, it must be truer. It can also provide us with needed context to help us understand how we got to where we are today.

Perhaps the greatest benefit to reading old Christian books is that, through them, we can learn how better to express the message of Christ to people today.

In the early 1500s, Martin Luther asked the question, “Where can I find a gracious God?” He found the answer upon the cross.

(Excerpt from the Lutheran Witness in an article written by Rev. Scott Stiegemeyer on “Reading Old Books on Reformation Day”)



REFORMATION
Sunday

October 25, 2020



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10/2 Larry Gesse
- 10/3 Jennifer Burton
- 10/4 Taffy Pfahler
- 10/5 Ashley Acton
- 10/6, Pat Haugh, Michelle Pierce,
Barb Petro
- 10/8 Davis Cole
- 10/10 Rachel Daene, Nick Caulder
- 10/11 Brayton Cranfill
- 10/18 Clayton Johnson
- 10/19 Jerry Miller, Ben Miller,
Rose Krimmel, Darrell Segó,
Addison Vaughn
- 10/21 Peggy Bailey, A.J. Thomas
- 10/22 Shelley Hill, Kylie Stahl
- 10/23 Larry Hill
- 10/26 Joyce Bauman
- 10/27 Carolynn Friddle
- 10/29 Jonathan Haugh, Jeff Cole



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/4 Larry & Ginny Hill
- 10/6 Brion & Ashley Brigman
- 10/8 Derek & Rachel Runge
- 10/28 Randy & Peggy Bailey
- 10/30 Mike & Sharon Peters

[Please contact the church office (736-7849) for any additions or corrections to the Birthdays & Anniversaries.]

Try using our Birthday & Anniversary calendar as a daily prayer calendar. By doing so, you will be praying for someone in our Good Shepherd church family almost every day. A church with members who regularly pray for one another will be truly blessed.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

OFFICERS FOR 2020

- Chris Johnson, President
- Dan Bonham, Vice President
- Johannah Pollert, Secretary
- Larry Hill, Treasurer
- Brad Pierce, Financial Secretary
- Don Haddock, Board of Trustees
- Kevin Weber, Board of Deacons
, Board of Stewardship
- Heidi Baca, Board of Education
- Michelle Pierce, Board of Missions
- Gerda Martin & Amy Houck, Board of Fellowship
- Mark Ploss, Member at Large
- Randy Powers, Member at Large

DEACONS

- Kevin Weber, Chairman 317-910-3288
- Brad Coy 317-346-0930
- Derek Runge 309-258-0603

PRAYER CHAIN

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

(James 5:13-16)

“Devote yourselves to prayer.”

(Colossians 4:2)

PRAYER REQUEST: Our church has a prayer chain that is available for all to use. If you, a family member or a friend have a prayer request, please contact Elaine Powers at 317-736-8709. She will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, call Elaine also.

PRAYER REQUEST: We have a Prayer Request button on the church website. There is power in prayer and let the pastor and the prayer chain join you in your *time of need or thanksgiving*. Simply go to www.gslcfranklin.org and hit the **Prayer Request** button and enter your request.