

The Reformation by Valerie Brooks, DYFM

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:18

I think November has a way of bringing our thoughts and prayers and hearts back to being thankful for things, and I personally like to say a prayer each day for something different that I am thankful for. I would like to encourage you all to do something similar as well if you don’t already do so. There’s something about being thankful that makes me a more grateful and joyful person when I remember to give thanks to God. Our congregation has also been celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, and what a great time of celebration that is for



Protestants everywhere! During my October children’s message I spoke with the children about the Reformation a little bit. The Roman Catholic Church was in the habit of some non-Biblical practices, and of course most people couldn’t read Latin in 1500’s Germany. This meant that what most people knew about the Bible was what they heard preached from the pulpit every week.

There were a few key players during these times, however, and Martin Luther was one of them. He was a devout monk who constantly studied the Scriptures and compared them against the practices of the Church. While doing this, he came up with 95 discrepancies and nailed them to the church door in Wittenburg, which was definitely a great way to make a point. What’s more, he made it a point to write things in German

so that those who could read would be able to spread the message to others. In addition to this, Martin Luther wrote many hymns, sermons, the Small Catechism, and a German translation of the Bible. God used his many talents to help spread the Word to ordinary people like us all throughout the world.

By being able to read and understand the Bible, many people came to believe in Jesus and followed Martin Luther and the other reformers in their endeavors to bring people back to the Gospel and to educate people and give them a better understanding of the Bible and how to really dig deep in to Scriptures. I would like to encourage all of you to reflect upon that this month, and if you’re looking for ways to get back in to really studying your Bible, please let Pastor Yunghans or I know and we can provide you with some advice or resources to help you do that.

Sunday Morn Bible Class

Come Sunday morning at 9am to the study of Lutheranism 101 led by Dick Walders.

Monday Aft Bible Class

Consider joining this group on Monday at 1pm as they study Jesus Feeding the Five Thousand: Matthew 14:13-21. Leader: Sue Smith.

Tuesday Morn Study

Class meets Tuesday’s at 6:30am. Bring your Bible and your appetite (cost of the meal is on your own). Topic: 1 Timothy. Led by Susan Cassellius.

Thursday Bible Class

Join our morning Bible class at 9:30am for the study entitled “Peter...from Fisherman to Fisher of Men” by author, Donna Pyle. Led by Pam Pfankuch.

Couples Group

Our couples group will meet on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 6pm at the home of Dan & Alice Helgeson. The study to enrich the relationships of couples is called “From This Day Forward”. Contact Lynn Musser for more info.

Sermon Series Topics

- Nov. 5—Office of the Public Ministry Eph. 4:11-13
- Nov. 12—Sacrament/Altar-Sacred Meal 1 Cor. 11:23-26
- Nov. 19—Sac./Altar-Blessings of the Supper 1 Cor. 10:16-17
- Nov. 26—Sacrament/Altar-Power of the Supper 1 Cor. 10:1-4

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Mission & Ministry Council

October 9, 2017

6:30 - 7:53 p.m.

Attending Disciples: Scott Bernette, Larry Bohl, Dell Braunberger, Valerie Brooks, Clarence Glamann, Jack Halbleib, Randy Knapp, Bill Miller, Steve Missfeldt, Janell Newcomb, Bob Normand, Pastor Yunghans.

Call to Order: Bob Normand called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Yunghans led with the opening prayer.

September Minutes: The September 11, 2017, minutes were reviewed. Randy Knapp made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Bill Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Council reviewed the checkbook register, summary report, and profit & loss year-to-date comparisons for January through September 30, 2017. The summary report showed that the operating expenses of the church are not being met and the church is currently at a \$13,000 deficit. Discussion ensued concerning this deficit. A letter and giving card were recently sent to members of the congregation. This was meant to remind members to pray about their giving and support the church by continuing to give an additional 8% (8 cents for every dollar) with each offering to the church. It is hoped that if the majority of the members support the church by doing this, the church will be able to make progress on lowering the deficit, pay bills that are owed, and take a step in the right direction to stand on a solid financial foundation once again. A proposed budget for 2018 was given to the Council members for their review and comments. Randy Knapp made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Scott Bernette seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Yunghans noted that he has set up some pre-consecrated communion vessels for Dick Walders so that he can make communion calls to the shut-ins of our congregation.

Parsonage - Facilities Team Update:

Clarence Glamann and Dell Braunberger, members of the Facilities Team, were present to give an update on costs of the repairs/maintenance needed at the parsonage. There are significant problems with the foundation of the parsonage (water leakage and drainage issues). They received a quote of \$1,500 from a contractor (Koepl) to dig a trench from the parsonage to the retention pond, bring in some fill, and push dirt up to parsonage to keep the water out of the basement. They received a quote of \$290 from Schleppenbach Janitorial for carpet cleaning of the entire parsonage and a quote of \$495 (labor and materials) to remove the mildew from the basement which included washing the walls with mildew remover and painting it with mildew resistant primer. It was also noted that some 2 x 4 studs are moldy and deteriorating and need to be removed and replaced. Ventilation is crucial to keeping the mildew smell from permeating the house. A quote of \$9,250 was received from B & B Electric Inc. for fixing issues with the electrical service that is intertwined with the church and some other related issues. An additional quote of \$487.50 was received from Post Glass for replacement of the glass in 2 windows of the parsonage. Clarence and Dell excused themselves from the meeting.

Discussion followed regarding the most important issues that need to be taken care of prior to winter so that the parsonage remains in a livable condition for the new pastor. Jack Halbleib made a motion to have Koepl perform the excavating work at a cost of \$1,500 for the parsonage drainage issue. Bill Miller seconded and the motion was approved on a voice vote. Bill Miller made a motion to have Schleppenbach Janitorial perform the work for mold and mildew removal in the basement of the parsonage as per the quote. Steve Missfeldt seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. It was decided that the electrical work, carpet cleaning, and replacement of the windows would be dealt with at a later date.

Call Committee Update: Bill Miller was unable to attend the last Call Committee Meeting. The self study documents were submitted to President Lueck on October 4th. It was noted that information was available on the table in the narthex.

LCMS North Wisconsin District

Nominations: The nominations are due by November 1, 2017. Our former Pastor Plautz is currently serving as the Vice President for Region C and wishes to continue doing so. Bob Normand will complete the nomination papers listing Pastor Plautz for the Vice President position and Dick Walders as the lay person.

Holiday Worship Services: A survey will be given to the congregation regarding the times for worship services for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. For Christmas Eve, the choices would be for a 9 a.m. family service and 4 p.m. candlelight service or two regular services and no candlelight service. For New Year's Eve, the choices would be for 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. services or two regular services.

Mission and Ministry Council Responsibilities: Discussion was held on the possibility of having members of the Mission & Ministry Council serve as the lead for gathering information from committees or church staff on various issues in the church and reporting on them at the Council Meetings (Finance/Budget, Human Resources, Stewardship, Facilities, Time & Talents, etc.)

Other Business: Disposal costs of \$252 were incurred for cleaning out the parsonage upon Pastor Plautz's move. Scott Bernette made a motion and Jack Halbleib seconded the motion to have the church pay for the disposal cost as it is the responsibility of the church. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Date of Next Council Meeting: The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, November 13th, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Janell Newcomb, Council Secretary

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Congregational News

Call Committee Update

The congregational survey has been submitted to the District President—Rev. Dwayne Lueck. We are waiting for them to send names for consideration for our future Pastor (to be installed). Members of the call committee are Pam Dietsche, Bill Miller, Kimberly Musser, Karen Prenzlou, Ronald Tiry, Bryan Vogels; co-chairmans, Pam Johnson & Roberta Chittendon; and secretary, Karen Prenzlou.

Ladies Expo & Bake Sale

Faith Young Christians are hosting a Ladies' Expo and Bake Sale here on November 5th from 1-3pm. Many direct sales consultants from the Chippewa/Eau Claire area have volunteered to come and help run this expo, and we will all be donating a percentage of our commissions to the youth as a fundraiser. A bake sale table will also be featured, so if you would like to donate baked goods, please sign-up on the table in the narthex and bring those donations in by noon on November 5th.

Smart Money Event

Watch a free live stream of Dave Ramsey's Smart Money Event—Nov. 7 at 7pm. Learn the steps you and your family can take to live like no one else. Sign up today to be a part of this amazing event. Check out our facebook page for more information.

Caring & Sharing Supper

The Women of Faith will be hosting a meatball dinner on Wednesday, November 15th at 5pm. Menu includes: meatballs, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, buns & dessert. Please sign-up to reserve your spot before November 12th! A free-will donation will be gathered with proceeds benefiting the purchase of a new refrigerator for the church kitchen.

Women of Faith

Ladies will not be meeting in November. Instead, they will be noodlemaking Nov. 6, 8 & 13 at 8:30am in the church kitchen. Donations of eggs and flour are needed. Come lend a helping hand!

Turkey Drive 2017

Our annual turkey drive campaign will kick-off on November 1 & 5. Sign-up in the narthex and bring donations to the church kitchen by November 17. Complete turkey food packages will be distributed to the less fortunate of Chippewa County the week of Thanksgiving. Praise God by sharing in His goodness!

Wreath sale

The annual Wreath Sale is going on, so be sure to check in with the youth or sign up in the Narthex if you would like to purchase a wreath.

Orders are due by Nov. 19 and pick up will be Nov. 26. If you'd like a list of youth that are selling wreaths, please contact Valerie; we have a lot of different trips coming up for them and they're all geared up to start fundraising!

Mission Trip

Would you like to take part in a Mission Trip? Come Nov. 19th after the 10:15 worship service. This trip is open to youth ages 8 and up as of July 16th, 2018, as well as their families. It will be a fun and rewarding experience for everyone! During this meeting, we will be choosing a trip from 3 options, which will also determine costs. If your child or family is interested in attending the Mission Trip next summer (July 16th-20th, 2018), please be at this meeting.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

On Wednesday, November 22 at 6pm a service of Thanksgiving will be held. Let us give thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon all of us!

Advent begins December 3

Advent is the season of anticipation of Christ's birth—the time leading up to Christmas. We look forward to this joyous time of year.

Tree Decorating

Come on Sunday, Nov. 26 at 2pm; we will be adorning the sanctuary for Advent/Christmas season.

Congregation Connections

Check out our fellowship hallway bulletin board...it's going to serve as a way for us to help each other, as well as others in the community. In this bulletin board, please feel free to post projects that you may need help with such as leaf raking, grocery shopping, snow shoveling, etc. Those who are able can then contact you to help you out with your projects; this is also a great way for our youth to get service hours throughout the year! If you'd like, you can also post offers of service up for others to look at.

Christmas Bazaar

Faith Lutheran's Christmas Bazaar & Craft Sale is Dec. 2 from 10am—1pm. Event features: Baked goods, crafts, tree ornaments, cookie walk, homemade noodles and luncheon. Proceeds will benefit the purchase of a new refrigerator for the kitchen. More details will be forthcoming.

Cookie Walk

We are seeking donations of cookies for the Christmas Bazaar (Dec. 2). This is a really great fundraiser for youth so the more cookies we can gather the better (we always run out of cookies the day of the event). Bring cookies to church by Friday, Dec. 1. Thank you for continuing to help us and support our youth here at Faith Lutheran!

Youth Adult Bible Study

This group will be meeting Nov. 12th from 6-8pm. We're going to have pizza, talk about our Advent Bible Study, and draw names for our annual Gift Exchange. We'll be meeting at Corey's and my house (let me know if you need directions). Hope to see you there!

Scrip for Sale

Purchase gift cards—especially for those on your Christmas list. Proceeds benefit the youth program here at FLC. See Valerie or Corey in the narthex after worship (or) obtain from the church office during the week.





November 2017

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

1-Mason Chittendon, Diandre Fisher
3-Dawson Dubberke
5-Aiyana Eliason, Brett Schaefer
6-Lucas Hoffmann, Liam Scheidler
7-Tracy Haller
10-Allison Vogels
11-Audrey Andersen, Bill Miller, Kathleen Turner, Robert Yauch
13-James Butak, Steve Raether
15-Barb Wucherpfennig
16-Charlotte Kern
17-Lois Raether
18-Randy Missfeldt
20-Sarah Schultz
23-Jeffrey Goettl

24-Lizzy Dallas
25-Natalie Swanson
26-Jenna Jaquish, Bryon Petz
28-Peggy Denning, Mark Erickson, Angela Wedemeyer
30-Jacelyn Dietsche, Cody Juedes, Carla Kleinheinz

Happy Anniversary!

1-William & Lynn Musser
8-Adam & Bridget Ericksen
10-Kyle & Claudia Kressin
14-James & Ruth Clark

**GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD;
HIS LOVE ENDURES
FOREVER.**

PSALM 107:1