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Grace Lutheran Church of Winchester



From the Desk of Pastor Connie...



Greetings!

“Spiritus Sanctus Non Est Scepticus!” ~ Martin Luther

Martin Luther is the name that jumps into our minds whenever we think of “Reformation,” for he was the Reformer who dared to be CERTAIN that God’s Word spoke to us in such a way that it would bring us out of our doubts and sinfulness to a “CERTAIN” faith and relationship with God.

“None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands, no one seeks for God. All have turned aside, together they have gone wrong; no one does good, not even one.” . . . “But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, altho’ the law and the prophets bear witness to it, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction; since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as an expiation (the act of making amends, atonement) by his blood, to be received by faith.” Martin Luther

At the heart of Luther’s phrase leads us to a genuine Christian confession: “We are justified by grace alone, for Christ’s sake, through faith.” We are the children of God only because God accepts us freely in His grace, forgives us for Jesus’ sake, and works in us the trust and certainty that accepts all this. A person is “right” by actual, personal trust in the Savior, that we can be a sinner and justified at the same time. St. Paul stated: “For I am not ashamed of the Gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith . . . for in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, “He who through faith is righteous shall live.”

Can you feel the Spirit of the Reformation in your life as it did Martin Luther and to all who learn of God’s love??? What a wonderful awakening has been experienced by many who have finally caught the insight that God has provided, when we learn that, since we are accepted by God as a sinner, we can be what God wants us to be, fulfilling the commandment of love.

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Ruth’s Pantry

ALWAYS needs cereal



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“Spiritus Sanctus non est scepticus!” Translation: The Holy Spirit is not a skeptic! Luther stated this phrase in a context that included the remark that no more miserable state of mind existed than that of UNCERTAINTY. Luther would remind us in the spirit of the Reformation, “The Spirit writes no doubts and no mere opinions in our hearts.” The Spirit breathes certainty into our souls!

In a time of many uncertainties, we must catch this Reforming Spirit. The New Testament certainly shows that the Spirit is a faithful witness of Christ to the world. We live in a time when many are questioning their responsibility to their God . . . when doubt and uncertainty fill many people’s lives. But Christian friends, the Reformation gave us a different outlook. The Gospel calls us into knowledge, not doubt . . . to certainty, not skepticism. The witness which Luther gave so faithfully as he was led by the Spirit of God is the same one we must witness in our own lives. We must share the message of Christ, which points the way to CERTAINTY in place of our doubts.

We have a right to say, “We know from whence comes our salvation.” Luther was not a skeptic and was willing to put his life on the line for the Gospel of Christ, and so must we! To change Luther’s words a bit: “Christianus non est scepticus” . . . “The Christian is not a skeptic.” This is the Reformation Spirit which can lead us to changed lives through Christ, OUR CERTAINTY!!!



Peace,

Pastor Connie

OWLS



The OWLS group at Grace Lutheran is made up of anyone who is retired and wants to get together with other parishioners periodically for a good meal and some good fellowship. OWLS meets the second Thursday of each month at noon. All are invited. The main part of the meal is provided and is always delicious! Bring a friend and some food to pass and spend a good time with your friends.

Communion Servers, Lay Readers, Ushers, Greeters

The lists for the **Ushers, Greeters, and Communion Servers** have been revised, due to some folks being added and others retired following the Rally Day signup. Those new lists are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

New usher and greeter lists will be handed to you in church. Watch for Linda Breaker (2nd service) or Mary Alice (1st service) to receive yours.

It is very important for you to mark the dates when you will be serving in one of these roles on your calendar and plan to fulfill your “duties.” Or check the bulletin board when you come to church. Otherwise, your job for the day might not be filled. If you are unable to serve for some reason, please schedule someone else to fill in for you. Alternates are listed for all of the duties.

Lay Readers—More lay readers are needed, especially for the 10:30 service. Someone in the church office will enlarge the print, if you would like. If your schedule changes and you can’t read on a particular Sunday, please find someone to fill in for you.

Let's Pray!

**EACH MONTH WE WILL PRAY FOR A
DIFFERENT MINISTRY IN OUR
CONGREGATION . . .**

**THIS MONTH LET'S PRAY FOR OUR
ALTAR ASSISTANTS!**

DAVE BORK

PAM MCLEOD

PAULA NYBACK

DAYNA WILLIAMSON

October Birthdays

- 2 David McNamee
5323 Ann Street
Larsen, WI 54947
- 13 Carla Olson
5269 Ann Street
Larsen, WI 54947
- 18 Leiann Christianson
6415 Paulson Road
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Custodians — Gene Walter, Kendrick Beal
Power Point Master — Patti Nelson

Love flows from Grace

May you have the power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ!

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00-11:30 a.m. Ruth's Pantry 4:30-6:30 p.m. Ruth's Pantry	2 8:00 a.m. Weigh- In Group	3 6:00 Worship and Confirmation	4	5	6
7 Can Sunday 8:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:20 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	8 9:00-11:30 a.m. Ruth's Pantry 4:30-6:30 p.m. Ruth's Pantry	9 8:00 a.m. Weigh- In Group 1:00 p.m. Leah Circle	10 5:00 p.m. Cackles and Cards 6:00 Worship and Confirmation	11 Noon— OWLS 6:00 p.m. Council	12	13
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Council Highlights



September 13, 2018 Council Meeting

- The financial status continues to trend the same as it has the past several months. We are falling short by approximately \$12,000 per month. A task force is being created following the Special Financial Meeting on September 16 to look into ways we can remedy the problem.
- A new sign was posted to the left of the elevator on second floor giving directions for people coming onto the second floor. A doorbell alert is installed to help those who wish to see the pastor and cannot traverse the steps.
- Reformationfest planning is coming along well. It's going to be a fun event.
- The safety treatment around the ball field playground apparatus project is on hold for now, since the insurance company's requirements have changed.
- The directory project is stalled at the moment.



Library News

Laughing with Lutherans

Edited by Julie B. Sevig

"If I am not allowed to laugh in heaven, I don't want to go there." ---Martin Luther

As you are preparing to celebrate our Reformationfest on October 27, take a few minutes to enjoy *Laughing with Lutherans*. Luther loved to laugh. This book lists what we would call bloopers. Mary Alice proofreads most of our publications so we seldom have bloopers. Have fun reading bloopers from other Lutheran publications.

—Sandra Terio



October Worship Assistants—8:15

Altar Assistant — Paula Nyback
Lay Reader — Peter Uvaas

October 7 — Usher Team 2
Greeters — Germaine Anderson
Communion Assistants — Team 3

October 14 — Usher Team 3
Greeters — Randy & Patti Doverspike
Communion Assistants — Team 4

October 21 — Usher Team 4
Greeter — David & Jan Olson
Communion Assistants — Team 5

October 28 — Usher Team 1
Greeter — Ruth Ann Wisnefske
Communion Assistants — Team 1

October Worship Assistants—10:30

Lay Reader — October 7 & 28 — Beal Family
October 14 & 21— Ann Jenkins

October 7 — Usher Team 2
Greeter — Jane Moderson
Communion Assistants — Team 3

October 14 — Usher Team 3
Greeter — Glenn & Peggy Staples
Communion Assistants — Team 4

October 21 — Usher Team 4
Greeters — Linda Breaker
Communion Assistants — Team 5

October 28 — Usher Team 1
Greeters — Linda Kromm
Communion Assistants — Team 1

Reformationfest

Big plans are being made for the Reformationfest celebration at Grace Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 27. Included will be the following:

- Food for the celebration will be served in tents with heaters and dining tables. The food will include brats (of course), beans, chips, and other delicious treats, as well as coffee, water, soft drinks, and beer. This part of the celebration will be located near the concession stand area.
- A Trunk or Treat event will begin an hour before Reformationfest begins in the parking lot by the ball fields. Children can go from car trunk to car trunk to collect Halloween treats.
- Two German polka bands will be performing back to back.
- There will be games for children coordinated by Camey, Morgan, and some of the Confirmation youth. The games will take place on the softball fields and in the playground area.
- The evening will end with a bonfire at dark in the ball park area.

Plan to come to this special event. Bring your friends. Bring your family and other relatives. Extend the invitation to everyone you know.

Thank You

Members of Grace: You made my birthday very special with all the lovely cards you sent me. God Bless —Betty Peterson

Grace Lutheran: I wish to say a big thank you to everyone who attended the surprise birthday party for me on August 26. And a very big thank you to the "Olson Girls" and crew for all the work they put into it. It was very much appreciated. Thanks again. —David Uvaas

World Relief

Members of Grace Lutheran: You ROCK! When John Schroll pulls the trailer with your contributions to the Lutheran World Relief drop-off spot on October 13, it will contain:

267 school kits
140 quilts
108 personal care kits

That's amazing! Many of you contributed to the school kits and the personal kits. And a good many of you contributed bedding and fabric for the quilts. Each of you is an important person in helping someone somewhere else in the world! Good work!

Also, a big thank you to all of you who helped with the packing, labeling, and taping.



FVLH

Mark your calendars and watch your bulletin for information about the Fox Valley Lutheran Homes fundraiser for 2018.



1st Annual

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

Vacation – Sports – Quilt Auction

October 14, 2018

Auction 2:00 p.m.

(Preview auction online or day of auction at 1:00 p.m.)

Ruth's Pantry

Ruth's Pantry is 35

Can Sunday is October 7.

In 2015 it was decided to do a minor remodel to the Pantry building to accommodate the generous clothing donations we receive from the congregation and the community. Being able to shop in Ruth's Closet is one of the most important reasons our guests love Ruth's Pantry.

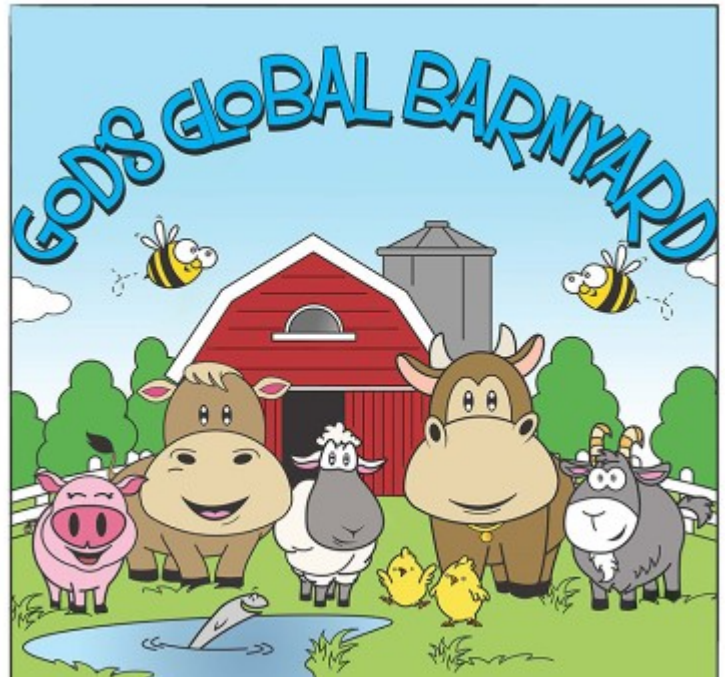


To make our guests shopping experience more enjoyable and to organize more efficiently it was decided that going forward all clothing would be hung up as opposed to using the existing shelving units for display. Clothing racks were added upstairs for sorting and storage of off-season clothing. We rearranged the existing bathroom to accommodate additional storage space. Clothing racks were added to the Ruth's Closet display area. At this time the decision was made to no longer accept household items due to limited space. Ruth's Closet is currently accepting clothing only items.

Our most needed items are children's and men's clothing. Please think of us as you are cleaning your closets. Our guests are always looking for gently used coats, snow pants, and boots for the upcoming winter months,

Most Needed Food Items: Baked beans, Spam, Cereal

God's Global Barnyard



Free Global Barnyard Banks Available In the Gathering Area!

Here's how it's done:

- 1. Fill your bank**
- 2. Place the bank in the Global Barnyard Basket or offering plate on Wednesday evening or Sunday morning no later than December 24. Please include your name in the bank for a receipt of giving.**
- 3. All donations collected will be sent to the ELCA World Hunger fund for God's Global Barnyard!**
- 4. Learn more at ELCA.ORG/GOODGIFTS**

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Upcoming Opportunities

Sunday — October 14 — Fox Valley Lutheran Homes 1st Annual Vacation, Sports, Quilt Auction

Saturday — October 27 — REFORMATION-FEST

Sunday — October 28 — Reformation Sunday



Reformationfest

JOIN US AT GRACE LUTHERAN
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27
AS WE CELEBRATE
THE REFORMATION
+ OCTOBERFEST
= "REFORMATIONFEST"

EVENT BEGINS AT 3:00 P.M.
FOOD & DRINKS WILL BE SERVED UNTIL 6:30 P.M.
WITH A BONFIRE TO FOLLOW.

Music ~ Food ~ Beer ~ Games

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