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## 500 YEARS OF REFORMATION



At the end of this month Christians will be remembering and celebrating "Reformation." This occasion is not only for Lutherans. Christians of many denominations can rightly trace their roots to the foundations laid through the Reformation.

Reformation day celebrates the reaffirmation of the Christian Gospel. The spark that triggered reform in the church came October 31, 1517 when young professor Martin Luther nailed to the church door at Wittenberg ninety-five topics for debate. That is 500 years ago! The Wittenberg door often delivered announcements to the community. Yet, this announcement would draw attention around the world.

Luther never intended to break with the church. He was wrestling with deep questions about faith and life. Many of his famous 95 theses never even became the church's nor Luther's own final conviction. But, Luther's questions led him and others to search the scriptures for answers. There God would refine their thoughts and deepen their faith as they searched for truth.

Luther was not afraid to expose the people of his church to tough questions. He lived and modeled to them the practice of the first century Berean Christians. In Acts 17 we learn that they checked out everything that a certain missionary-visitor named Paul spoke to them. They examined his words against the word of God.

A recent study showed that Christians demonstrated maturity in faith most often when their church environment challenged them (and gave them permission) to think and ask tough questions. The people of these churches did not expect (or even desire) their pastors to answer all their questions. They did however expect their pastors and

teachers to help guide them in their struggle so that God's word would give them insight, revelation and understanding.

Though the 95 Theses were first nailed to the door five hundred years ago, we still need a reformation mindset. The cry of the Reformation "grace alone, faith alone, scripture alone" led the church in the spirit of the Berean Christians. And it calls Christians today to struggle with their questions by: 1. Testing everything with God's word. 2. Examining all things through the revelation of God's grace. 3. Holding up faith in Jesus Christ as the only basis for our secure and eternal relationship with God.

*Pastor Possell*



**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Worship  
9:00 AM

Fellowship  
10:00 AM

Education Hour

OFFICIAL ACTS  
SEPTEMBER 2017

BAPTISM

Hank Samuel Wold September 10, 2017

WEDDING

Abigail Brandsrud & Jamie Jordan September 30, 2017

LWML Circle will meet Thursday, Oct. 12 at 1:30 PM. Sue Magedanz will lead the Bible Study. Hostesses will be Karen Riedel and Florence Johnson. Roll Call is to bring an easy recipe that would be suitable for senior citizens



Mitey Muffins

Don't miss your chance to get some mitey muffins on Oct. 1. The ladies of the LWML will have muffins available for sale. All proceeds go for our Mission Grants funded by our Mite offerings to the LWML. You can contribute to the Mite box for 1 during fellowship hour or several to take home!



Evangelism board Oct. 10, 5:30 PM

LWML Sunday Oct. 1

LWML Circle, Thursday, Oct. 12 at 1:30 PM

Oct. 7, Christian Life Workshop in Aberdeen

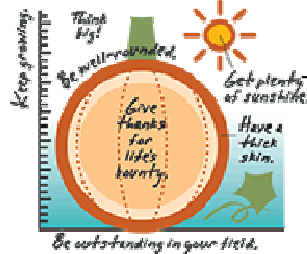
Oct. 14 LWML Fall Rally at Mt. Olive

Oct 24-Birthday Party 3 PM

Oct. 31 Mercy Meals 9 am

NO LWML board meeting.

Be well-rounded.  
Get plenty of sunshine.  
Give thanks for life's bounty.  
Have a thick skin.  
Keep growing.  
Be outstanding in your field.  
Think big!



—Ilan Shamir



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The addresses for the members listed below have been reported as undeliverable for by the postal service. Any assistance in gathering current contact information for any or all of these names would be greatly appreciated. Please

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| Mary Arbogast     | Jay List        |
| Sarah Arbogast    | Clyde McCartney |
| Missy DesLauriers | Don Pasch       |
| Ryan Killion      | Carl Paulson,   |
| Kristin Linke     | Joey Ramsey     |
| Ryan Linke        | Jessica Roberts |

Zone LWML Rally to be held at Mt. Olive

“Human Trafficking-Realities and Facts” will be held at Mt. Olive on Saturday, Oct. 14 beginning at 9:30 am. Sister Teresa Ann Wolf will share information related to Human Trafficking and also show 2 short DVD's. This information is appropriate for teens through adult. Following Sister Tesesa's presentation Pastor Caleb Schewe will lead a Bible Study on “Children of the Heavenly Father.” There will be a \$3.00 registration fee as well as offering and free will donation for lunch.

Registration begins at 9 am and coffee will be served. Following lunch we will have a short Zone LWML business meeting and a tour of the Beacon Center. An ingathering of items especially phone and gas cards—Casey's, Visa, Mastercard(there is no funding source for gas for women to travel to Dr., home or safe place) women's toiletries, towels, washcloths, soap, shampoo will be collected for the Beacon Center and “Call to Freedom”.



People Of Christ With The Message Of Hope

Station	City	Freq	Day
KMSD	Milbank	1510 AM	Sunday 7:00 AM

**September 3** "Finding Life in Jesus' Steps" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz Take joy in the gift of being a follower of Christ who is willing to take His lead and be ordered by His steps. (Matthew 16:24-25)

**September 10** "Who's the Greatest?" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz Jesus re-defined greatness. He came, not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 18:1-20)

**September 17** "Unleash the Power of Forgiveness in Your Life " Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz Life with God is not about keeping score; it's about living for others in the grace Jesus earned for us. (Matthew 18:21-35)

**September 24** "The Latest Polls" Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus Believing the latest public opinion poll is not the same thing as believing the truth. (Matthew 21:8-11 and Luke 23:23-25)



### Time For Clean-up

The teens will again be assisting with fall clean-up. Look for the sign-up sheet to have the teens help you with your fall needs.



### October Anniversaries

10/6/56	Ron & Marilyn Koepke
10/7/06	Traci & Jessie Schroeder
10/7/06	Kasey & Stacy Reck
10/9/04	Jamie & Janelle Pietz
10/15/99	Roger & Kris Merriam
10/20/07	Adam & Cami Rosheim
10/26/57	Ruben & Pat Schulz
10/31/61	Rodney & Sandy Nelson

### PLAN AHEAD!

Lifetouch will be at Mt Olive **October 4 - 7** to take pictures for our new pictorial directory.



### Birthday Celebration Planned

We will celebrate special birthdays for several members who have milestone birthdays on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 3 PM. We will celebrate with John Rittmann whose birthday was Sept 29, Karen Riedel Sept. 30, Andy Anderson Oct. 3, Virginia Allen Oct. 7, Irma Roberts Oct. 16 and Joyce Schoenbeck who has a birthday Dec. 4. All are welcome to join us to wish these friends a happy birthday and share in cake and ice cream.



**October Faith & Care Family**  
**"Family of Daniel"**

Carolyn Anderson	Jon & Maria Lau
Carol Beutler	Lloyd & Cindy Linke
Abigail Brandsrud	Missy List
Amber Brey	Sarah Lunzman
Jeremy Brey	Trent & Brittany Luoma
Matt & Roxanne Brey	Verna Messerschmidt
Mike Christians	Judith Montgomery
Ashley Collins	Rodney & Sandra Nelson
Dylan Collins	<b>*Brent O'Bryan</b>
Jeff & Carol Collins	Tom Olson
Lorie Endres	Wilma Olson
Aaron & Becki Erickson	Vera Peddycoart
Charles & Sharon Falk	Warren & Jacqui Pieschke
Matthew Falk	Brad & Robin Puthoff
Terry & Mary Jane Foster	Mark & Linda Ramsey
Travis Foster	Emily Rose
Ashley Gregoire	Megan Rose
Armin & Candy Hinkelman	Todd & Sheila Rose
Briana Hinkelman	Cami Rosheim
Alex & Arlene Jordon	Susan Settje
Jamie Jordan	Aaron Spies
Marsha Kapp	Alex Spies
Lisa Keller	Ryan Spies
Adam Kiefer	<b>*Todd &amp; Denise Spies</b>
Nancy Kiefer	Josh & Bobbi Steidl
Barry Koepke	Linda & Bud Webb
Candace Koepke	John & Ardis White
Mark Koepke	
Ron & Marilyn Koepke	<b>*Supervising Elders</b>
Josh & Kim Konrad	

**November Faith & Care Family**  
**"Family of Elijah"**

Nathan & Larin Albertson	Lauren Meikle
Andy & Grace Anderson	Lindsey Meikle
Cheryl Anderson	Steve & Tracy Meikle
James Bassingthwaite	Ashley Miller
Jason Bassingthwaite	Julie Miller
<b>*Jim &amp; Dorothy Bassingthwaite</b>	Kathy Neugebauer
Charles Drevecky	Dana Patten
Ted Drevecky	Sandy Patten
Rosemary Hoverstadt	Nicole Phillips
Andrew & Samantha Jondahl	Eldon & Linda Pietz
Les & Marcie Jutting	Jamey Pietz
Kathy Killion	Kiley Ramstorf
Ryan Killion	Rick & Wendy Schultz
Toshua Krantz	Ruben & Pat Schultz
Fern Kruse	Scott Schultz
Curt & Deanna Kunkel	Thomas Schultz
Emily Kunkel	Dick & Margaret Snover
Kaitlyn Kunkel	Kim Strohschein
Jennifer Lee	Kathi Surzyszyn
Elaine Lehna	Erika Waxdahl
Linda Lindgren	Myra & Tyler Waxdahl
Laverne McDaniel	Nathan Waxdahl
Ashley McElhany	Ed & Gail Wegner
Daniel McElhany	Landon Wegner
Tim & Roxanne McElhany	
Brad & Joleen Meier	<b>*Supervising Elder</b>
Jay Meier	

Each family unit at Mt. Olive is assigned to a "Faith and Care" family. These groups give our members the opportunity to put their faith into action, and to care for one another. Family assignments and sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

**SUNDAY SERVICES:** Everyone is encouraged to help with the regular tasks of the church on Sunday. These tasks include ushers, acolytes, readers, greeters, and also servers during fellowship time.

**FELLOWSHIP:** People have the opportunity to get to know each other better by working together, and planning together. Each Faith and Care family should gather early in the month before their turn is up, to organize and schedule.

This gathering could be a pot-luck just for that group, or some other event that gives everyone a chance for worthwhile fellowship.

**CARE:** There is a wide variety of people in each group. There are some who will not be able to be directly involved in group activities, because of health reasons. Or perhaps they have responsibilities at home or work and are not able to get away. We hope the Faith and Care group will be in touch with everyone in the group at least once during the month they serve. If there is a special need that exists, perhaps someone in the group can help.

**MORE:** The groups may meet more often, for fellowship, for service outside the congregation, or for study and Christian growth. What a wonderful way for our people to draw together, grow in faith, and in loving care for one another.



**ELDERS OF THE MONTH**

Brent O'Bryan  
Al Haselhorst

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

10/1	Mason Whiting	10/18	Jacob Pietz
10/2	Ryan Spies	10/19	Aaron Spies
10/3	Andy Anderson	10/21	Linda Moyer
	Cami Rosheim	10/23	Shaina Herding
10/4	Carolyn DesLauriers	10/24	Red Anderson
10/7	Virginia Allen		Regan Maag
	Jim Tribitt		Bethanie Maag
10/8	Mary Pasch		Kristina Taecker
10/9	Jackie Johnson		Amber Wiesinger
	Ed Wegner	10/26	Mindy Haselhorst
	Sarah Woodland		Taylor Ragels
10/11	Vicki Carlson		Karna Swenson
10/13	Hope Swenson	10/27	Theresa Jerke
10/14	Sandy Patten	10/29	Madalyn Feller
10/15	Roxanne Brey		Valarie Fuerstenau
10/16	Irma Roberts		Armin Hinkelman
10/18	Mary Jane Foster		Fern Kruse

