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## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ

### Reformation Day Review

On October 31, 1517, a young monk named Martin Luther nailed a paper with 95 Theses (statements for debate) to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther wanted to debate the sale of indulgences by the Roman Catholic Church. Profits from the sales of indulgences were being used by Pope Leo X to build St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. People were told that by purchasing an indulgence they could move the souls of their loved ones from purgatory into heaven.

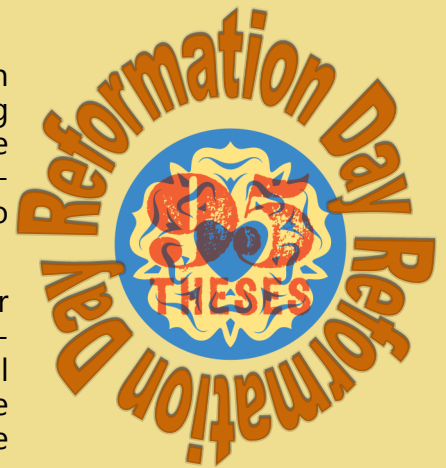
Luther's statements emphasized that no human being or institution can add or subtract anything from the Word of God. He also said that if the Pope had the power to release souls from a supposed place called purgatory, then he should do it for all people without charge.

In 1521, Martin Luther was summoned to appear before Emperor Charles V and the representatives of the Pope. He was shown a table with all of his books and writings on it and asked if he would retract or recant what he had written. He was not given an opportunity to make his case. In response, he asked for time to consider the demand that he recant his reforms, ideas and teachings.

When Luther appeared again the next day, he stood up and said, "Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason, I am bound by the Scriptures and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything. May God help me. Amen."

At this point Emperor Charles V adjourned the meeting and most people (including Luther) thought that his fate would soon be martyrdom. But Prince Frederick the Wise had Luther "kidnapped" and placed in protective custody at the Wartburg Castle. During this time Luther translated the New Testament into German so that all people (not just the clergy or the educated) had ready access to the Word of God. Luther's reforms continued to spread like wild fire.

This little article only gives you a tiny taste of Martin Luther's life. We have almost 100 thick volumes of his writings. He was one of the most amazing men in history, but in no way do we worship Luther. Luther said that he was a sinful "bag of worms" and was very clear that everything he did was to magnify Jesus.



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## NEWS & NOTES

### For those dealing with long-term illness and health concerns:

- Pastor Joe Rodriguez, St. Stephens, Liberty (cancer)
- Sherri Webb (for continued healing following her stroke)
- Jeff Richards, cousin of Carisa McMullen (metastatic melanoma)
- Karen Blatchford, friend of Amy Freiermuth (brain cancer)
- Denise Johnson, grandmother of Danniell Christensen (pancreatic cancer)
- Aaron Krout, nephew of Bobbi Boxler (bone cancer)
- Steve Martinez, friend of Danny Hundley (cancer)
- Ron Heineke (prostate cancer)
- Joy Rodenberger (cancer)
- Ryne Clark, grandson of Judy Landall & great nephew of Ken & Sue Kreissler (cancer)
- Rev. Bryan Drebes, former associate pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church (colon cancer)
- Madi Jenkins, granddaughter of Phil & Georgia Freese (auto immune disease)
- Kim Jenkins, friend of the Martin family (breast cancer)
- Barb Gossen (Renal cancer)
- Brad Alyea, Brenda Bremer's brother (stage 4 lung cancer)
- Marian Gilkerson, Matt Shiever's mother (thyroid cancer)
- Charlotte Golloway, friend of Trish Shiever (pancreatic cancer)
- Steve Shiever, Matt Shiver's father (Prostate cancer)
- Pat Gossen (cancer)
- Maureen Friedel, cousin of Phil & Georgia Freese (liver failure)
- Debbie Newman (breast cancer)
- Pastor Gerardo, pastor of our partner church in Guatemala (prostate cancer)
- Moriah Obermueller (breast cancer)
- Ken Miller, Erik Miller's father (colon cancer)
- Pastor Ed Trost (mass in lung)
- Larry Barstad, Brenda Brown's brother (Stage 4 Brain cancer)
- Ted Teuscher (cancer)
- Debbie Buddish, mother of Lauran Delancy (stage 2 endometrial cancer)
- Ashley Hung, granddaughter of a close friend of Ken Knese (stage 4 brain cancer)
- Colby Vredenburg, cousin of Chris Wibe (cancer)
- Brooklyn Peterman, neighbor of Enserros (leukemia)
- Megan Herrmann, Nicole Christensen's sister (Hodgkin's Lymphoma)
- Jen Degner, Gail Mattern's mother (in hospice with stage 4 cancer)
- Bennie Smith, Bobbie Clark's uncle (Legionnaires' Disease)
- **Brandon Ryan, (friend of McMullins) osteosarcoma tumor near spine.**

### For Military Service Men and Women:

*Serving stateside:* STAFF SGT Brandon Seutter (Ft. Knox, Ky.); MAJOR Paul Kassebaum, WO Daniel Kassebaum, SSGT Brady Cox (Ft. Offutt, Omaha Neb.), CPT. Michele Kerns (D.C.) CAPT Stephen Kerns (Ft. Bragg, N.C.), Danny Meyers, STAFF SGT Austin Nichols, and Caleb Schempp (basic training with KS Air Natl. Guard).

*Serving overseas:* Dakota Pierson (Germany), SGT Jacob Mattern (Afghanistan)

**For Our Expectant Mothers:** All expectant mothers. Also for those who long for God's gift of children.

### For the Sake of the Gospel:

- Vicar Luke Elowsky as he serves with us for his vicarage year.
- Pastor Richard Pingel as he ministers to those in local nursing homes.



\*New additions to the continued prayer list are in red.

**\*Please contact the Church office when a prayer can be removed.\***

## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ

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He wanted the focus of every Christian to be the Gospel, or the Good News of sins forgiven through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today there are around 60 million Lutheran Christians on this planet who boldly confess: "I am saved by **GRACE** *alone*, through **FAITH** *alone*, in **CHRIST** *alone*, based upon **SCRIPTURE** *alone*."

The heart of Martin Luther's teachings (which is also the central message of the Bible) is that sinful humans are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We can do **nothing** to earn God's mercy, favor, or forgiveness, but because of Jesus, we have been given the **free gift** of salvation.

In Christ's Love and Service,

*Pastor Joel Schultz*

## MISSIONS

### School Has Started!

For many years, our congregation has supported the students at Pioneer Trail Middle School who participate in the Backsnack program. The program provides food items that supplement weekend meals for those students who are signed up. (According to [publicschoolreview.com](http://publicschoolreview.com), 46% of the 691 students are on the free or reduced lunch assistance.) The extra food that is provided for that student on the weekends is very much appreciated by those families who may be struggling financially.



Examples of sizes of products needed

There are approximately 30 students signed up so far but that number will most likely increase. We have been asked to continue providing a portion of the items included in the backpacks for the school year.

Each MONTH, per STUDENT:

- 2 boxes of (12-14 oz size or what would fit in a backpack) CEREAL
- 4 cans (18 oz) ready-to-eat, HEARTY SOUP
- 4 individual FRUIT CUPS

Please add these items to your grocery list each month and, if you are able, increase the number of items. Donations can be put in the large wooden donation box in the narthex. If you need to make other arrangements for your donations, please contact [Charlotte Hundley](#).



Would you like to give someone a joyful Christmas and shop from the comfort of your home? Preparations and the need for gift donations for the MLM (Metro Lutheran Ministry) Christmas Store are starting earlier this year. Last year more than 900 families received a Bible or devotional, a blanket or quilt, a family gift, cookies and a gift for each family member.

Due to the pandemic, this year they have put many safety measures in place for the volunteers and the families to provide a more contact-free event. Instead of being held at a church, it will be at MLM Central (3031 Holmes, KCMO 64109). Volunteers will be doing the "shopping" at the Store for the families over the month of November and families will pick

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up their items in early December. If you would like to volunteer, go to [www.mlmkc.org](http://www.mlmkc.org). Christmas store volunteers and see what volunteer opportunities are available and the dates.

In the past, our church collected all sizes of jeans and delivered them to the Christmas Store location. This year MLM has put out an Amazon "Christmas Wish List" with many needed items to choose from in a wide range of prices. They will also accept monetary donations to have the shopping done for you. The Amazon site is <https://a.co/cZR4NVD> and your donation will be shipped directly to MLM.

To limit contact, we will **not** be collecting and delivering donations from our church to their location. You may choose to pick out that special gift from their wish list (have your kids help you) and have it shipped directly to MLM, make a monetary donation (info on their website) or buy gifts and deliver them yourself to 3031 Holmes, KCMO. before November 15. Check their website or call for their hours and safety procedures.

Many, many gifts are needed to bring a joyful Christmas to those who are less fortunate than we are. Please make every effort, as you are able, to pick a gift from the wish list or send a check to MLM. Thank you for your generosity. Any questions, contact [Charlotte Hundley](#).

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY



LWML - Lutheran Women in Mission met via Zoom in September. President Christy McCombs led the "Inspired to Share HIS Story" Bible study from page 16 in the Fall 2020 *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. The Leaders Guide is available online as a free [download](#).

Other Bible studies and selected articles from the [Fall Quarterly](#) are available online if you have not been able to pick up your free copy at church. Eden Keefe has an article in this copy, with another page of ideas for ways to incorporate visual faith practices in the coming months.

Current and future mission projects and events were discussed, most notably the **Farmstead Nuts & Treats fundraiser** with profits and donations distributed between our seven members attending Concordia Universities or Seminary to become church workers.



On the last two Sundays in September, "Cash and Carry" items were offered. The first was funded with the help of a Thrivent Action Team grant. **The fundraiser will run through October 4, with orders ready for pick up on October 11 or 12.** Here is a link for the Farmstead Nuts & Treats [order form](#). Orders can be returned at church or mailed to the church office with payment. Questions? Contact [Gloria Peterson](#) or [Karen Rinne](#).



National LWML's "September to Remember" campaign was very successful. It combined remembering those who have mentored and encouraged LWML members and donating toward current missions and the work program. More than \$85,000 was received. All praise to God for His faithfulness! The Mission Grant Distribution Flyer is available [here](#).





# WOMEN'S MINISTRY



The Thursday morning women's Bible study using Deb Burma's book, "Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply" resumed via Zoom in September. We will be finishing this study and beginning another one, probably in October. Watch the *Info As You Go* for information about that, if you would be interested in joining us on Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. via Zoom. Eden Keefe facilitates, Joyce Webber communicates (she is our email guru, keeping everyone in the loop), and everyone participates at their comfort level. We study for 45 minutes and then take prayer requests and close with prayer. Feel free to contact [Eden](#) with any questions!

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Preschool News



Our preschool year is off to a great start, even with our new COVID-related protocols in place. The children are enjoying art, music, science, Bible story time, chapel, fine and gross motor activities and lots of social play with their classmates.



Fall MDO Art

We are so thankful to be open and to be offering this Christ-centered education of excellence for our community. A few spots remain in our program, so if you know someone looking for a preschool home, have them call or email Amy Schultz at 913-680-7889 or [preschool@bslcks.org](mailto:preschool@bslcks.org) for



Music Class



Rainbow Art



more information. We would love to have them join our preschool family!



Creation Art



# Sunday,

# November 1, 2020



## Daylight-Saving Time Ends

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

		October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
Acolytes:	8:00 am	Kaylee Bahr & George Delancy	Olivia Travis & Walter Schlef	Katie Circle & Cora Delancy	Timothy Schlef & Maksim Schlef
	11:00 am	Anna Herrs & Kelsey Tepley	TBD	Kelsey Teply & Anna Herrs	TBD
Counters:	Jym Fees & Chuck Tuttle		Paul Peterson & Brian Olson	Keith Gloe & John Blakley	Todd Scheumann & George Ledgerwood
Altar Flowers:	Matt & Jessica Chiappetta <i>Nick's Birthday</i>		Kevin & Lynda Brumley <i>Rebekah's 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday</i>	Troy & Amy Schepmann <i>15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i>	Phil & Georgia Freese <i>49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i>
				Matt & Morgan Riechers <i>4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i>	



## ATTENDANCE

Date	Attendance
9/6/20	276
9/13/20	318
9/20/20	299
9/27/20	288



The Lutheran Hour® can be heard on the local radio stations below. It can also be heard any time on the Internet at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org). Audio daily devotions can also be downloaded to provide a refreshing meditation on God's Word.

Broadcast Area	Station	Sunday Broadcast Time
Kansas City Metro	710 AM – KCMO	8:00 am
	580 AM – WIBW	7:30 am
Topeka	89.5 FM KAWZ	9:00 am



### Church Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday**  
8 am to 4 pm  
**Friday**  
8 am to 12 pm

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**Sunday Worship**  
8 am, 10:45 am,  
& 6 pm  
**Sunday Education Hour**  
9:30 am

### Preschool Office Hours

**Monday — Friday**  
8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
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**Amy Schultz**



*Growing in Jesus...*  
BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR  
LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL  
and MOTHER'S DAY OUT

#### Mission

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