

October 2007



DR. MARTIN LUTHER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The Church Door



Wally Roach shared with me an article written by Stuart Witt, a former Navy pilot who found himself on a commercial flight which also happened to carry a fallen Iraq War veteran and his family to his final resting place in California. For Witt, it was a very moving experience that prompted him to write an account called Final Flight. If you would like to read Witt's piece you can find it at www.kget.com and do a search there for "witt final flight". The article calls into question the importance Americans place on relatively insignificant events in the media while ignoring the men and women who are giving their lives in combat on our behalf.

As I reflected Witt's observations I was reminded of Paul's words in his letter to the Romans, "For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly." Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. (Romans 5:6-8 NRSV). It seems to me that just as we are prone to ignore the important and heroic sacrifices of our soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq, in the same way we are prone to ignore the sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf. We have a tendency to get our priorities in the wrong order. Reevaluate your priorities as you pray for our troops, our leaders, and our enemies.

There are a lot of events happening this month at DML:

- The Pastor's 4th Annual Bike Ride will be on Sunday, October 14th at 2 pm. Dust off that old bike, blow up the tires and join us for an easy, enjoyable ride from Ravenna to Conklin. We will begin at the Musketawa Trail parking lot in Ravenna

at Blackmer Rd and Crockery Creek Lane, about 1 mile south of Hts. Ravenna Road in Ravenna. Contact me for further information.

- There is also a concert by a Russian choir at the Howmet Playhouse in Whitehall at 3 pm on October 14th. Contact Pastor Doug Ogden for more information.
- On Monday, October 15 DML will host our annual flu shot clinic from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
- We will also be hosting an informational seminar on flu pandemics at DML in October, but the exact date hasn't been set. Have you thought about how your life would be affected by a pandemic, even if you don't get sick? You won't want to miss this informative session which will give you information on how you can prepare for such an event and how to protect yourself and your loved ones.
- On October 27th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm is the annual Bazaar. The women's circles and many members are already working hard to prepare for this event. Please come with a pocket full of money and leave with a lot of stuff.
- And finally, October 28 marks the date of the Reformation celebration at Lebanon Lutheran Church in Whitehall beginning at 5:00 pm. This year the theme is Rekindling the Reformation and there is more information in this newsletter.

Yours in Christ

Pastor Dennis



Saturday, October 27 from 10 to 3

Worship Assistants

Lessons

Hymns

October 7—19th Sunday after Pentecost

Deacon	Laurie Tilden		
Lector	Beulah Justian		
Acolyte	Becky Stroh		
Nursery	Lauren Johnson		
Ushers	Mike Sellon & Russ Tilden		
Tellers	Tom & Donna Whitehead Gordon Eggleton		
		<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Hymns</u>
		Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	#503—O Jesus, I Have Promised
		Psalm 37:1-9	#407—How Firm a Foundation
		2 Timothy 1:1-14	#390—I Love to Tell the Story
		Luke 17:5-10	#557—Let All Things Now Living

October 14—20th Sunday after Pentecost

Deacon	Jeff Ward		
Lector	Paul Filka		
Acolyte	Ben Stroh		
Nursery	Nancy Johnson		
Ushers	Brad Johnson Ray VanderStelt		
Tellers	LaVern & Irene Borreson Randy Borreson		
		<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Hymns</u>
		2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c	#559—Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
		Psalm 111	#533—Now Thank We All Our God
		2 Timothy 2:8-15	#741—Thy Holy Wings
		Luke 17:11-19	#547—Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!

October 21—21st Sunday after Pentecost

Deacon	Rose Justian		
Lector	David Justian		
Acolyte	Andy Doane		
Nursery	Jan Ward		
Ushers	John Moore & Tom Proksa		
Tellers	Tom & Betty Proksa John Moore Tom Whitehead		
		<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Hymns</u>
		Genesis 32:22-31	#776—Be Thou My Vision
		Psalm 121	#783—Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God
		2 Timothy 3:14--4:5	#705—As the Grains of Wheat
		Luke 18:1-8	#781—My Life Flows On in Endless Song

October 28—22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Deacon	Andrew Kitchka		
Lector	Emily Johnson		
Acolyte	Emily Johnson		
Nursery	Rose Justian		
Ushers	Emogene Cotal & Jan Wolf		
Tellers	Randy & Cindy Borreson Polly Eagle		
		<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Hymns</u>
		Jeremiah 31:31-34	#228—A Mighty Fortress
		Psalm 46	#230—Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
		Romans 3:19-28	#369—The Church's One Foundation
		John 8:31-36	#293—My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Financial Information—August 31, 2007

ASSETS

Cash & Bank Accounts	
Funds for General Operations	
Checkbook	\$996.76
Savings – Reserve	\$4,048.86
Total Funds for General Operations	\$5,045.62
Funds for Special Purposes	
Savings—Designated	
Building Projects.....	\$6,819.61
Evangelism.....	\$154.00
Eve Circle.....	\$670.22
Kitchen Fund.....	\$620.87
Men’s Club.....	\$319.62
Youth Group	\$285.39
Thrivent: Noisy Offering	\$18.00
Total Savings—Designated.....	\$8,887.21
Savings – Memorial	\$3,172.38
Savings – Social Security.....	\$1,171.85
Total Funds for Special Purposes.....	\$13,231.44
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$18,277.06
Investments—Designated for Housing Allowance	
LB Money Market—Cash	\$1,826.36
LB Fund.....	\$23,290.01
LB Income Fund.....	\$36,637.37
Total Investments	\$61,753.74
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$78,658.42</u>

LIABILITIES

WH—Federal Tax Liability	\$1,212.03
WH—State Tax Liability	\$245.92
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	<u>\$1,457.95</u>

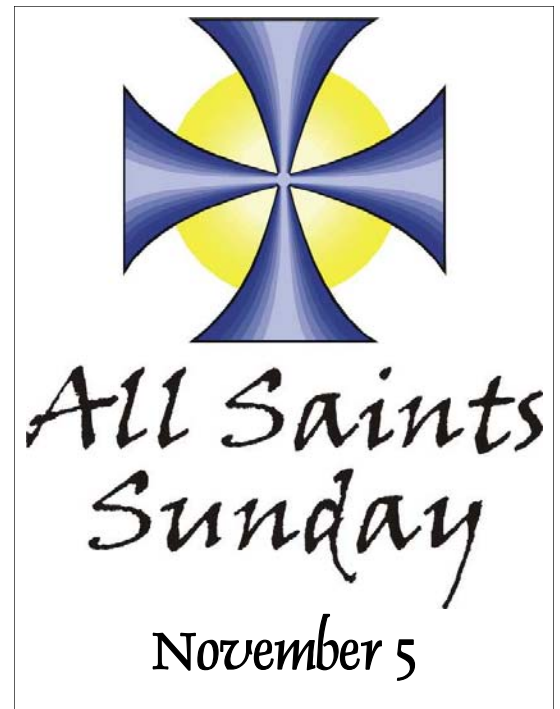
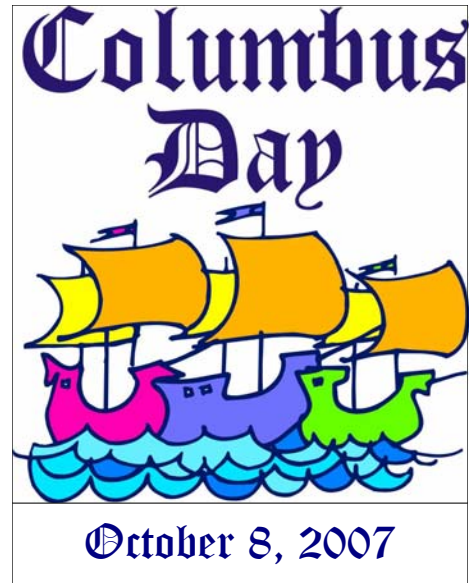
Summary Information—August

Average Attendance = 65

Offering Needed to meet Budget	\$8,804.33
Amount Received toward Budget	\$7,539.62

Note:

On September 6, \$1.100 was transferred to Checking from Reserve to cover expenses.



Council Minutes—September 17, 2007

President Tom Whitehead called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Pastor led devotions from the *Living in God's Amazing Grace: Thanks Be To God!* Devotional Guide.

PRESENT: Cindy Borreson, Randy Borreson, Emogene Cotal, Brian Doane, Polly Eagle, Pastor Stroh, Russ Tilden, Tom Whitehead, Jeff Ward, Jan Wolf.

ABSENT: Brian Doane

GUEST: Michal Belani

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary's report for August was presented in printed form. Correction: Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report's for August 2007 were presented in printed form. Ask about the overpayment of \$0.50. Date on "Investment – Designated for..." was incorrect – should read 07-31-07. The fund balances are shown on page 3.

Pastor's Report: A written report was submitted.

- Hospital visits: Ann Filka 8/25, 26, 28, 9/5, 17; Ray Johnson 9/02, 17; Steve Hellman 9/5; Clif Hellman 9/5; Dorothy Anderson 9/17; Ann Hamil 9/16, 17
 - o Asked how Clif is doing. Pastor saw him at the store; he has a lot of pain and has been told it will only get worse. Doctor has recommended radiation therapy but he has refused. He has had problems with the chemo on his esophagus. Has a tumor on each hip which makes it difficult to find a comfortable position.
 - o Ray Johnson – just saw today. He is doing "ok". He does not appear to be suffering. Nancy must be with him all the time now. Also, Nancy's father fell during aqua-

therapy and broke his hip, he is at Brookhaven.

- o Ann Filka is at McCauley Place but expects to leave there in a week or two.

- o Ann Hamil admitted to Mercy with vomiting. Ran tests and she is supposed to be going home today.

- o Pastoral Activities: Mutual Ministry Committee, Officiated @ Habitat Ground Breaking, Dorcas Circle, Stony Lake Conference Meeting, Evangelism Committee, Eve Circle, Property Committee, Stewardship Committee, added Parish Ed Meeting of 9/10 and Men's Club on 9/8

Items Needing Attention/
Informational Items:

- Teen Challenge (here Feb 3, 2008),

- Gideon's (will be here Oct 14),
Sunday School — Have not been able to solicit teachers, except for Jan Ward.

- Confirmation Class – 3 students, all girls + self-study program for Andy Doane

Committee Reports

Property: Distributed list of "Items Requiring Attention" that the committee found during a walk around at the last meeting. Cindy to provide Randy the account number for Consumers Energy (to check on #15). *Update on gas leaks:* They have been fixed, stove has been repaired, and start-up and shut-down procedures for boiler have been updated.

Evangelism: Met last Tuesday and the barrel has been reinstated for MAP (Mission for Area People). Flu Clinic has been confirmed for Monday, October 15 from 4 to 6 pm. Have enough supplies to send 3 to 5 boxes to Military personnel.

Finance: Sent appeal letter out

(8/28). Working on budget; will have it ready for the October Council meeting.

Parish Education: Russ has asked to be excused from the committee. Meeting was held on 9/10.

Social Ministry: Starting to plan for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Advent dinner proceeds go for Christmas baskets. Looking at potluck in October for Thanksgiving baskets.

Stewardship: Program is *Celebrate the Gift*. Looking at bulletin inserts and having lay people speak, from the heart, about the bulletin insert topic. Poster board slips. End with Commitment Cards and a dinner.

Worship & Music: Met last month to set-up services and are meeting again tomorrow night.

Executive Committee/ Mutual Ministry: Met on August 29, did talk about Sunday school as this is a major concern we need to address. Will meet on September 24 at 7 pm.

Special Committees

Dorcas Circle: Working on Bazaar for Saturday, October 27. Have talked about moving their funds to the Church's account (like Eve Circle). They asked if they could take some of the funds from the Bazaar for their funds. They will discuss and let us know.

Eve Circle: Working on Bazaar. They asked if they could take some of the funds from the Bazaar. They will discuss and let us know

Men's Club: Next meeting is October 6. They will be discussing the "To Do" list from Property.

Thrivent Habitat: September 29 the siding will be installed. Dorcas & Eve will provide lunch. There will probably be 2 other churches there to help with the siding. Thank you to Gene for putting Habitat in-

What's Happening at DML

formation on our sign. Done with our fundraising and Cindy will be sending check in for final amount. Blessing on the first house will be this Saturday at 2 pm.

Petitions and Communications

Cindy asked if she could borrow a few of the "old" tables. Approved.

Unfinished Business

Cindy did not send out the Rules for Use to all council members (provide hard copy for Jan) but will provide this month.

Sunday School – Tom Whitehead will take Russ' place on Parish Education. No materials have been ordered. Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 25 at 7 pm to brainstorm ideas for teachers and materials. Cindy will put announcement in bulletin this Sunday.

Pandemic Presentation – Tom will talk with Red Cross about having after the Flu Clinic, looking at November 1 to 8 (Tom will try to schedule for the 1st). Will try to get brochures to pass out at the Flu Clinic and Bazaar.

Gift from St. John's – ideas of what we can do with the funds. Will think over and make decision at next meeting. Ideas:

- Parking lot sealing
- New Hymns
- Seminarian expenses
- Meal for Stewardship Meal

Need to work on the Memorial Board

New Business

Community Rewards – We received information on selling coupon booklets that have a \$10 coupon inside with % off coupons. We would sell these for \$5 and would get the total amount raised for our program(s). We could also sell books at Younkers and get percentage of what the cashiers are selling now. Plan to have table at Bazaar to sell them there. Funds raised to be used for Slovak Seminarian program.

Adjourned at 8:30 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Borreson
Council Secretary

DORCAS CIRCLE

Meetings are on the first Monday of the month at 10:00 am in the Lounge.

See Ann Hamil or Tillie Jandris for information.

Plans are being made for the Annual Bazaar on October 27.

EVE Circle

We have been busy making items for the bazaar.

We will be having a luncheon. We need all the volunteers to work as possible. If you are not asked, please volunteer. Talk to a Dorcas or Eve circle member for information.

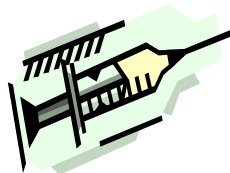
Remember to bring in your white elephant items, starting now.

Matching funds have been applied for, so be sure to keep track of the hours spent on working, and baking etc. ---- "Happy baking!!"

Contact Betty Proksa if you have any questions.

MEN'S CLUB

Breakfast meetings at Mickey's the 1st Saturday at 9 am. Contact Russ Tilden or Tom Whitehead with questions.



Health Events

Flu Shot Clinic at Dr.
Martin Luther

October 15th, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Festivals and Commemorations

Thursday, October 04

Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church (1182-1226)

Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. In a public confrontation with his father, he renounced his wealth and future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. Francis described this act as being "wedded to Lady Poverty." Under his leadership the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) was formed, and they took literally Jesus' words to his disciples that they should take nothing on their journey and receive no payment for their work. Their task in preaching was to "use words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gladness and gratitude for all of God's creation. This commemoration has been a traditional time to bless pets and animals, creatures Francis called his brothers and sisters. A prayer attributed to St. Francis is included in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (p. 87) and could be used at gatherings in the congregation today.

Thursday, October 04

Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society (1800-1864)

Fliedner's (FLEED-ner) work was instrumental in the revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. While a pastor in Kaiserswerth, Germany, he also ministered to prisoners in Düsseldorf. Through his ministry to prisoners, he came in contact with Moravian deaconesses, and it was through this Moravian influence that he was convinced that the ministry of deaconesses had a place among Lutherans. His work and writing encouraged women to care for those who were sick, poor, or imprisoned. Fliedner's deaconess motherhouse in Kaiserswerth inspired Lutherans all over the world to commission deaconesses to serve in parishes, schools, prisons, and hospitals. At this motherhouse in Kaiserswerth, Florence Nightingale received her training as a nurse.

Saturday, October 06

William Tyndale, translator, martyr (c. 1491-1536)

William Tyndale was ordained in 1521, and his life's desire was to translate the scriptures into English. When his plan met opposition from Henry VIII, Tyndale fled to Germany, where he traveled from city to city, living in poverty and constant danger. He was able to produce a New Testament in 1525. Nine years later he revised it and began work on the Old Testament, which he was unable to complete. He was tried for heresy and burned at the stake. Miles Coverdale completed Tyndale's work, and the Tyndale-Coverdale version was published as the "Matthew Bible" in 1537. The style of this translation has influenced English versions of the Bible such as the King James (Authorized Version) and the New Revised Standard Version for four centuries.

Sunday, October 07

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America (1711-1787)

Muhlenberg (MYOO-len-berg) was prominent in setting the course for Lutheranism in this country. He helped Lutheran churches make the transition from the state churches of Europe to independent churches of America. Among other things, he established the first Lutheran synod in America and developed an American Lutheran liturgy. His liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888, used in many North American service books for a majority of the past century. That Muhlenberg and his work are remembered today was anticipated at his death. The inscription on his grave reads in Latin, "Who and what he was, future ages will know without a stone."

The commemoration of Muhlenberg invites congregations to look back on what shaped their identity, worship, and mission in the past and to look ahead to what might shape it in the future.

Monday, October 15

Teresa of Ávila, teacher, renewer of the church (1515-1582)

Teresa of Ávila (AH-vee-la) is also known as Teresa de Jesús. She chose the life of a Carmelite nun after reading the letters of Jerome. Frequently sick during her early years as a nun, she found that when she was sick her prayer life flowered, but when she was well it withered. Steadily her life of faith and prayer deepened, and she grew to have a lively sense of God's presence with her. She worked to reform her monastic community in Ávila, which she believed had strayed from its original purpose. Her reforms asked nuns to maintain life in the monastic enclosure without leaving it and to identify with those who are poor by not wearing shoes. Teresa's writings on devotional life are widely read by members of various denominations.

Wednesday, October 17

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr (c. 35-c. 115)

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria. It was there that the name "Christian" was first used to describe the followers of Jesus. Ignatius is known to us through his letters. In them he encouraged Christians to live in unity sustained with love while standing firm on sound doctrine. Ignatius believed Christian martyrdom was a privilege. When his own martyrdom approached, he wrote in one of his letters, "I prefer death in Christ Jesus to power over the farthest limits of the earth. . . . Do not stand in the way of my birth to real life." Ignatius and all martyrs are a reminder that even today Christians face death because of their faith in Jesus.

Thursday, October 18

Luke, Evangelist

St. Luke is identified as the author of both Luke and Acts. Luke is careful to place the events of Jesus' life in both their social and religious contexts. Some of the most loved parables, including the good Samaritan and the prodigal son, are found only in this

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gospel. Luke's gospel has also given the church some of its most beautiful songs: the Benedictus sung at morning prayer, the Magnificat sung at evening prayer, and the Nunc dimittis sung at the close of the day. These songs are powerful witnesses to the message of Jesus Christ.

Paul calls Luke the "beloved physician," and some congregations use the day of St. Luke to remember and pray for those in healing professions. The order of Healing in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* may be used. Prayer for healing in this service would include the emotional, spiritual, and physical dimensions of our lives.

Tuesday, October 23

James of Jerusalem, martyr (c. 62)

James became an early leader of the church in Jerusalem. He is described in the New Testament as the brother of Jesus, and secular historian Josephus calls James the brother of Jesus, "the so-called Christ." Little is known about James, but Josephus reported that the Pharisees respected James for his piety and observance of the law. His enemies had him put to death.

Was James a blood brother of the Lord? It is difficult to answer that question, because the Aramaic word for brother can also mean cousin. Jesus also said, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." The commemoration of James and his connection to Jesus as "brother" can spark further discussion about how we all share Christ as our brother through baptism into his death and resurrection.

Friday, October 26

Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); Johann Heermann (1585-1647); Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); hymnwriters

These three outstanding hymnwriters all worked in Germany during times of war and plague. When Philipp Nicolai was a pastor in Westphalia, the plague killed thirteen hundred of his parishioners. One hundred seventy people died in one week. His hymns "Wake, awake for night is flying" (ELW 436) and "O Morning Star, how fair and bright!" (ELW 308) were included in a series of meditations he wrote to comfort his parishioners during the plague. The style of Johann Heermann's hymns moved away from the more objective style of Reformation hymnody toward expressing the emotions of faith. Among his hymns is the plaintive text "Ah, holy Jesus" (ELW 349). Paul Gerhardt lost a preaching position at St. Nicholas Church in Berlin because he refused to sign a document stating he would not make theological arguments in his sermons. Some have called him the greatest of Lutheran hymnwriters.

Monday, October 29

Simon and Jude, Apostles (transferred)

Little is known about Simon and Jude. In New Testament lists of the apostles, Simon the "zealot" or Cananean is mentioned, but he is never mentioned apart from these lists. Jude, sometimes called Thaddeus, is also mentioned in lists of the Twelve. At the last supper Jude asked Jesus why he had chosen to reveal himself to the dis-

ciples but not to the world. A traditional story about Simon and Jude says that they traveled together on a missionary journey to Persia and were both martyred there.

The prayer of the day for this lesser festival asks that as Simon and Jude "were faithful and zealous in your mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Savior Jesus Christ."

Wednesday, October 31 Reformation Day

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of the abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

With the 1999 signing of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification on this date, the question of how the Reformation might be celebrated appropriately is a lively question. If Lutherans and Roman Catholics agree on the basic nature of the gospel, now what? This commemoration is less a victory day for Lutherans than it is an opportunity to be reminded of the reformers' belief that the church would always stand in need of reformation.

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Looking Ahead



End of
Daylight
Savings...
FALL BACK!

Sunday,
November 4

Celebrate the Gift Sunday and Potluck

November 18



OUR PRAYER CONCERNS



Those in need of healing...

Dorothy Anderson

Beryl Connelly

Ann Filka

Ann Hamil

Clif Hellman

Stephen Hellman

Tom Hulka

Linda Hurtubise (*Vieta Hippchen's sister-in-law*)

Cheryl Jimenez (*Shane Garrow's mother*)

Ray Johnson

Beulah Justian

Maxine Pedersen (*Priscilla Pedersen's daughter*)

Vicki Majersky—Peterson

Nancy Rizzo (*Ann Markgraf's daughter*)

Wally Roach

Jean Ryan (*friend of Lauren Stroh*)

Donna Stratton (*Cindy Borreson's aunt*)

Paul Suchovsky

Those in the military...

LCPL Corey Judson (*Virginia Kolarik's grandson*) — United States Marine Corp—Serving in Iraq

SSgt. Kevin Sellon (Mike and Carol Sellon's son) — United States Army—Serving in the US

PO1 Russ Tilden, Jr. (Russ & Laurie Tilden's son) — United States Navy—Stationed at Oceana Naval Base, Virginia Beach, VA

TSgt. Harvey Wagenmaker (*Tom and Betty Proksa's nephew*) — United States Air Force—Stationed at Fort Campbell, KY

Sgt. Matt Young (friend of Nancy and Jim Gibson) — United States Army—Has returned home!!!

SPC Robert Borreson (*Randy and Cindy Borreson's son*) — United States Army Reserves

Sgt. Kenneth Hawkins (*Tom and Betty Proksa's nephew*) — United States Army—Serving in Iraq

Private Lynzie Heiss (*Ron Heiss's daughter*) — United States Army—Stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. In the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Do you have a loved one you would like included in the prayers or added to our prayer list? Please contact Cindy Borreson at 616-846-2477 or by email at cborreson@charter.net and she will see they are included.

Mission Statement

The mission of Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church is to:

- confess Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior,
- rejoice in worship and fellowship,
- grow in the Word,
- witness to our community,
- and serve others.

Reformation Sunday



Stony Lake Conference—ELCA Lutheran Church
Presents



Rekindle the Reformation

Mass Handbell Choir
directed by Stephanie Purvis
Trinity, New Era

Mass Children's Choir
directed by Janine Norwood
1st Lutheran Church

Mass Adult Choir
directed by David Wikman
Director, Muskegon Chamber Choir

Essay Contest
1st & 2nd Prizes in Youth, Adult and Pastor categories
"What We've Got, as Lutherans, That the World Needs"
(Details available in church office)


Dinner
(Free-will Offering)
Homemade Soups, Salad Bar, Bread and Dessert

Silent Auction
Benefit the projects of the Stony Lake Conference

Holden Evening Prayer
Led by Lebanon Lutheran Church Worship Team

Sunday, October 28, 2007
5 pm – 8 pm
Lebanon Lutheran Church
1101 South Mears, Whitehall

For more information contact your church office or call 744-0822

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Help Rekindle the Reformation

As a part of the Stony Lake Conference annual Reformation celebration, we are having an essay contest. The topic is "What We've Got, as Lutherans, That the World Needs."

Enter in one of three categories: Youth (through HS); Adult, and Pastors. We are especially hopeful to hear from many of our confirmation age youth.

Gift certificate of \$50 and \$25 will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place winners in each category. Essays are limited to 300 words or less, and must be typed, double-spaced.

Essays must be received by Friday, October 26th and should be mailed to Sylvia Koski, Event Coordinator, 1640 Hansen St., Muskegon, MI 49445.

Judging will take place prior to the celebration on Sunday, October 28th. Dr. Martin Luther has agreed to make a special guest appearance to read the first place essays during the program.

For questions please contact Sylvia Koski at (231) 744-0822 or (231) 670-5825-cell.

Silent Auction-Proceeds to benefit the work of Stony Lake Conference

We need items to auction off at our Reformation festival. Would you be willing to share some homemade craft items or preserved foods?

We have so many talented cooks, crafters, photographers and artists in our congregations. Please contact Paul Petersen, Stony Lake Conference Coordinator at 798-1163.

Thank you so much!

PASTOR'S 4TH ANNUAL BIKE RIDE

Sunday, October 14 at 2 pm
Musketawa Trail from Ravenna to Conklin



The ride begins in Ravenna at the Musketawa trail parking lot, (Blackmer Rd & Crockery Creek Dr) for the ride to Conklin. Before returning there will be refreshments at Conklin and we will shuttle anyone who feels they cannot make the return trip back to Ravenna.

There are restroom facilities at the Ravenna and Conklin Parking lots.

For more information call Pastor Dennis at 767-8392.

Gas leaks and furnace fixed

The gas leaks that we discovered earlier this summer have been fixed. The leaks were mainly the result of the joints in the gas lines in the boiler room drying out over the past forty years.

We also found leaks in the pilots for the boiler and the gas line for the stove in the kitchen. These have been fixed also.

We haven't received the bill yet for this work but we believe that we will be able to cover it with funds in the Designated Building Fund.

Sunday School Teachers Needed!!

We desperately need several people to help teach Sunday School. We do not have enough teachers to cover the full school year and are looking for anyone that would be willing to help. We would like to have enough teachers so that each person can take just 3-4 Sundays at a time. In this way it is not a large commitment for anyone. If you might be interested, please speak to Tom Whitehead, Pastor Stroh, or Lauren Stroh.

Lunch

Baked Goods

Saturday, October 27

Crafts

Church
BAZAAR



Desserts

White Elephant

October 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	1 10 am Dorcas Circle 7 pm Parish Ed Committee	2 5:30 pm Property Committee 6:30 Eve Circle	3	4 2 pm Bible Study <i>Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church (1182-1226)</i> <i>Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society (1800-1864)</i>	5	6 9 am Men's Club @ Mickey's Restaurant <i>William Tyndale, translator, martyr (c. 1491-1536)</i>
7 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club Gideon's Presentation <i>Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America (1711-1787)</i>	8	9 6:30 Evangelism Committee 7:30 pm Finance Committee	10	11 2 pm Bible Study	12	13
14 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club 2 pm Pastor's Annual Bike Ride 3 pm Russian Choir at Howmet Playhouse in Whitehall	15 6:30 pm Congregation Council <i>Teresa of Ávila, teacher, renewer of the church (1515-1582)</i>	16 7 pm Worship & Music Committee	17 <i>Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr (c. 35-c. 115)</i>	18 2 pm Bible Study 6:30 Stewardship Committee Luke, Evangelist	19	20 Sweetest Day
21 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club	22	23 <i>James of Jerusalem, martyr (c. 62)</i>	24	25 2 pm Bible Study	26 <i>Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); Johann Heermann (1585-1647); Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); hymnwriters</i>	27 9 am Mutual Ministry (@ Mickey's) 10 - 3 Annual Bazaar
28 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am BIBLE Club	29 <i>Simon and Jude, Apostles (transferred)</i>	30	31 Reformation Day Halloween	Pandemic Flu Presentation Alice Meldrum, the Emergency & Social Services Director at our local Red Cross chapter, will make a presentation at DML on Tuesday, Nov. 6th, at 7:00 p.m. about Pandemic Flu and what people should do to prepare for it. We will want to have people from the community attend this as well as from the congregation so there will be fliers to pass out at the Flu Shot Clinic on the 15 th and the Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 27 th . Watch for more details.		



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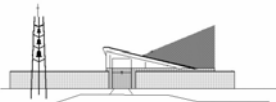
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