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Reformation500!

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Five hundred years ago... God shook up the Christian world! One of God's flock pointed out some ways the Church should change to be more in line with the Bible. That upset "the powers that be," who kicked the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther out of the Catholic Church.

Over the last 500 years, the Catholic Church has changed their tune on many of the things Luther disagreed with. Lutherans and Catholics have made progress toward agreement in many areas.

Our "Reformation 500" celebrations will include Confirmation Sunday at both of our parish churches, as young people and adults say "Yes!" to God through the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism. Come join those celebrations on Sunday, October 29!

But "Reformation" isn't over— and it won't be completed until Christ returns. As long as there are problems in our world, we will always be reforming: studying the Bible with an eye to how it helps us understand our world as God sees it... praying about how God would like the world to change... serving others on God's behalf... thanking God for all the blessings we have received and sharing our blessings with others.

We give thanks to God for the theological insights of Martin Luther, who was convinced that God forgives the sins of all believers for Christ's sake (not because of our good works or holy life), and helps us all grow in faith. May God's Spirit help us continue the Reformation!

Semper Reformanda!
(always being reformed!)

Pastor Evelyn

**"The Word of God comes, whenever it comes,
to change and renew the world."**

Martin Luther

2017 Laurentian Conference Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering

A Servant's Heart

Saturday, October 7, 2017 8:30 am—2:00 pm

Immanuel Lutheran, 304 Spruce Street, Tower, MN.

Guest Speakers Pastor Liz Cheney will share her Guatemala mission trip experience; and members from Messiah Mt. Iron will discuss their experiences at the Women of the ELCA 2017 Triennial.

A silent auction is planned so please bring an item or a themed basket that to donate. Individual items should be something that will sell for about \$10 and the baskets should sell for around \$20. Auction proceeds will be shared 1/2 church wide and 1/2 to the Buddy Backpack program.

Items needed for the In-kind offering (all can be purchased at the Dollar Store):

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| Mini Pads | Children's Multi Vitamins | Wash Cloth |
| Bar of Soap | Toothbrush (individually wrapped) | White Dish Towel |
| Comb | Toothpaste | Deodorant |
| Hair Ties (ponytail holders) | Acetaminophen (Tylenol, No Ibuprofen) | |

Sign up in the narthex by Sunday, Oct 1, if you plan to attend.

Women of the ELCA General Meeting

October 11, 11:30 am

“Stop Human Trafficking”

Guest Speaker Ann LaFrinier-Ritchie,

Lutheran Social Services

Northeastern Minnesota Regional Navigator for Safe Harbor.

All are welcome to attend!

Donations and Workers needed for

Swiss Steak Dinner

The Women of the ELCA are looking for donations of food items for the Swiss Steak Dinner and volunteers to prep food and to work in the kitchen and dining room for the event. Confirmation students can earn 2+ service hours for helping to buss tables and clean up. If you can help please sign up in the narthex. Your help is greatly appreciated.





EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

2018 God's Creation Calendars

Once again the youth will be selling God's Creation Appointment calendars. This year we will be taking pre-orders until October 27th so we know how many will be needed. A sample of the calendar and a sign up sheet are in the narthex. The cost is \$7 each. Payment due when calendars are delivered.

Confirmation Service Opportunities

Some upcoming service opportunities:

- Ruby's Pantry, 4th Saturday of each month, 8am—noon+ (get 4+ hours each time).
- Swiss Steak Dinner, October 28th. Work hours are 5p-8p. Help buss tables, and clean up from the dinner. Sign up in the narthex.

Urban Plunge for high school youth

Join high school youth from area congregations for a fall trip to the Cities! We'll journey to Augsburg University Sat-Sun Oct 14-15. Explore how interfaith friendships enrich our lives, asking, "What in the cross of Jesus Christ leads us to one another?" Experience interfaith service learning, interfaith dialogue with religiously diverse college students, and tour Augsburg. Pr Evelyn and Stan will take parish youth in a 13-passenger van (thanks, Rural Living!). Because of LYLP's grant, your only cost is your food. (Info was mailed to youth on Sept 8.) Give your registration to Pr Evelyn by Sunday, Oct 1.

2017 Cragun's Gathering

Youth in grades 6-9 have received registration info for our annual Synod Middle School Gathering, Fri-Sat Nov 17-18. Our church will pay the \$66 registration fee again this year! Your only cost will be your food. Pr Evelyn and Stan will take parish youth in a 13-passenger van (thanks, Rural Living!). Give your registration to Pr Evelyn by Sunday, Oct 1.

2018 ELCA Youth Gathering update

The NE MN Synod Journey filled to capacity (450 people) on the very first day of registration. Three members of our parish--Jon Weston (BELC) and AnnMarie and Lance Kupka (Hope) will head to Galveston and Houston next summer with the Synod Journey to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. They will be our "missionaries" to these cities, helping with service projects in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. God bless them, as they grow in faith and serve our Lord! Thanks be to God!

Plus other events to be planned.....

Do you have an idea for a Evangelical Hope Parish Youth event? We would like to hear from you! Please submit your ideas to Stan Dow, Jr at Hope or Donna McKibbon at Evangelical. Events take 60-90 days to plan so please let us know early if you have an idea for a youth event.

Hope contact info: Phone 218-984-2037 or email hoperlutheranembarrass@gmail.com.

Evangelical contact info: phone 218-827-2659 or email belca2659@frontier.com.

Confirmation Sunday

Reformation Sunday is also Confirmation Sunday! Please join the families of Christopher Ferguson and Jimmy Zupancich at worship on October 29th as they say "Yes!" to God .

Special Music Event

Coming October 8 Sunday Worship! Louise Masten Wiermaa and Deb Tuominen from the Due North Group will be playing and singing at ELC Worship Service October 8 at 8:30 a.m.. Public is cordially invited to join us for special music and fellowship.

Sunday School

Sunday School classes start at 9:30am and are over at 10:30am. Sunday School is open to all children age 3 through 5th grade. Come and join us for Bible study, singing, games, and crafts. Members, friends and family are welcome.



Carefree Living Worship & Holy Communion

Worship service with Holy Communion will be held at 2PM on Sunday, October 8, 2017 at Carefree Living. If you are interested in helping in some way (reader, or serving coffee an'), please contact Jo Langan. All Carefree Living residents and their families, all church members and neighbors, all ages are

2017-2018 Confirmation Classes

Classes for the 2017-2018 year will be held on Wednesday afternoons, 2:30—4:00pm at Evangelical Lutheran Church. Classes begin on September 27.

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is looking for a few new people to lift up prayer for those in need. No special training required. Contact the church office 218-827-2659 if you can help.

Ruby's Pantry—Sharing the Love of Christ through food

Ruby's Pantry will hold a food share distribution at the Babbitt Municipal Center on Saturday, October 28th. Registration begins at 9:30AM and distribution at 10:00AM. The cost is \$20. Bring two containers to carry your food share. Volunteers are always needed, no special training required; please come at 8:00AM.



Blessing of the Animals

2017 Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday, October 1 at 2pm. Bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to the pavilion at Fountain Hills Park for a blessing with Pastor Evelyn. Pet blessings are in honor of St Francis of Assisi, who loved all living things. The whole community is invited.

Upcoming Gospel Readings.....

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| Oct | 1 | Matthew 21:23-32 |
| | 8 | Matthew 21:33-46 |
| | 15 | Matthew 22:1-14 |
| | 22 | Matthew 22:15-22 |
| | 29 | Matthew 22:34-46 |
| Nov | 5 | Matthew 5:1-12 |
| | 12 | Matthew 25:1-13 |
| | 19 | Matthew 25:14-30 |
| | 26 | Matthew 25:31-46 |

Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry

Retreats and Day Events

Fall Festival—Sunday, Oct 8, 2017, 2-5pm, Camp Hiawatha. Celebrate the changing of the seasons with us at camp! Bring your family and friends and play yard games, decorate camp-grown pumpkins, create some fall-themed crafts, take a trip in a canoe, and stay for a picnic supper. Cost: \$5/person (\$20 family max).

Crafting Weekend—Fri-Sun, October 13-15, Camp Vermilion. This weekend offers a chance to tackle some of your big crafting projects before the busy holidays! You bring your craft supplies, and we'll take care of everything else. Cost : \$150, includes food and lodging.

Instruments of Faith—October 22-23, Camp Vermilion. This weekend you are invited to craft your own hand-built instrument, learn about its history , and gather for conversation about God, faith and life. Cost: \$200, includes material for one instrument, food & lodging.

Reformation Celebration—Saturday, October 28, Camp Vermilion. Commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation! Join us for all of part of this weekend of fun, including a 5K, picnic lunch, beer-brewing workshops, and a beer and hymn sing Saturday night. Overnight accommodations available. *In partnership with the Lutheran congregations of the Laurentian Conference, NE MN Synod, ELCA.

Make-n-Take Crafting Retreat—November 3-5, 2017 at Camp Vermilion. Come and bring your projects that you have been working on , or come and learn some new crafts that you can take home. The VLM staff will be leading a few woodworking crafts that you will be able to make, and there will be table space for you to spread out and get you projects done. Cost: \$150, includes food and lodging. Wood working crafts will range from \$10-\$20 per craft.

Register online at www.VLMcamps.org/retreat-registration or call the VLM office (800-331-5148). Registrations will be processed in the order they are received. Registration is not complete until paid.

Communion Trial

We have completed one month of our 4 month Communion trial, having Communion twice each month, on the first and fourth Sundays, plus Church festival days (Reformation Sunday, Christmas Eve, Easter, etc.) After following this schedule thru January we will discuss the options at the annual meeting.

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Swiss Steak Dinner
Saturday, Oct 28th
5-7pm

Come and join the Evangelical Lutheran Church
Women of the ELCA for their
Annual Swiss Steak Dinner!
Swiss Steak • Mashed Potatoes and Gravy • Veggie
• Dinner Roll w/butter • Dessert • Beverage

Adults \$12

Children (6-12yrs) \$6

Under 6yrs Free

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE!

Purchase tickets at the church office
Tuesday—Friday, 10am-1:30pm or Call
827-2659 to reserve your tickets.
Reservations must be paid by 5pm
Wednesday, October 25th.

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**Council Meeting Minutes
Evangelical Lutheran Church
September 12, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Sader, followed by opening prayer.

Present were: Roxanne Sader, Edna LaFrenier, Don Negley, LuAnn Smith, Morgan Klatt, Barb Richtsmeier, Allan Eckman, Treasurer Mary Herring and Pastor Weston.

Absent were: Shanna Sundblad

Motion by Edna LaFrenier, support by Morgan Klatt to adopt the agenda. Carried

Motion by Morgan Klatt, support by Edna LaFrenier to accept the Secretary's Report. Carried.

Motion by LuAnn Smith, support by Allan Eckman to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and place on file. Carried.

Old Business

“Due North” has been scheduled to provide a special music for a bluegrass on October 8, 2017. “Due North” will provide 2 singers and sing 4 songs. They will charge \$150.00 for their performance at the service. Coffee fellowship following the service will be held in the church basement.

The new copy machine for the church office has arrived.

NER staff luncheon for the beginning of the new school year was cancelled. The school construction crew had already arranged a luncheon for the staff. BELC will schedule a staff luncheon for the beginning of the next school year.

There were no updates on the replacement church organ or progress reports on the strategic plan process.

New Business

The Swiss Steak dinner will be held on October 28. Barb Richtsmeier has prepared a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with the dinner.

Motion by Don Negley, support by Barb Richtsmeier to schedule the “Hanging of the Greens” for December 13, 2017. Motion carried. Mary Herring volunteered to provide the church Christmas tree for decoration.

Motion by Don Negley, support by Morgan Klatt to provide funding for up to eight people to attend to Cragun’s Middle School Gathering. Motion carried. Registration cost is \$66 per person.

A “Blessing of the Animals” service will be held Sunday October 1 at 2 pm.

Committee Reports were reviewed and accepted.

The next council meeting will be October 11 at 6:30 p.m.

October Communion Assistant: LuAnn Smith

October Usher: Mary and Jewell Herring & family

Motion to adjourn by Don Negley, support by Edna LaFrenier at 7:20 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnn Smith
Church Council Secretary

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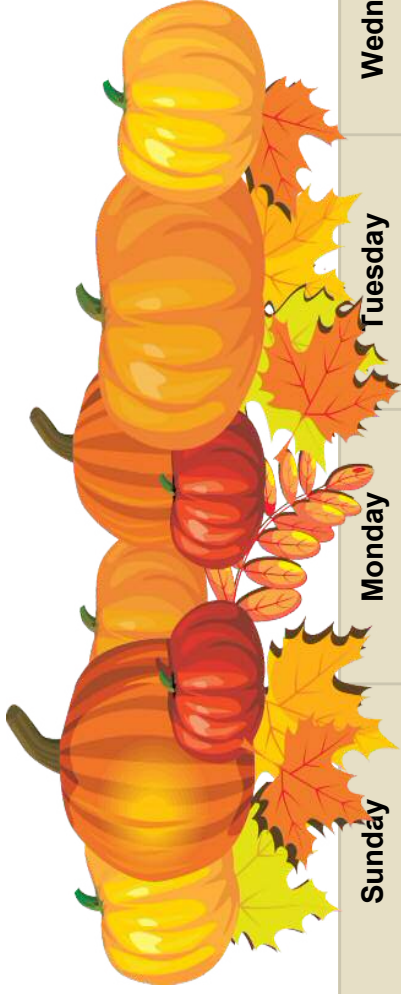
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School | 2 | 3 | 4 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Confirmation class | 5 8:30 AM TOPS | 6 No Pastor's Office Hours | 7 8:30 AM Laurentian Conference Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering, Immanuel Tower |
| 8 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Worship Service; Special Music by Due North 9:30 AM Coffee An' in Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Sunday School 2:00 PM Carefree Living Worship & Communion | 9 | 10 | 11 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 11:30 AM Women of the ELCA Meeting - Stop Human Trafficking 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Confirmation class 6:30 PM Council Meeting | 12 8:30 AM TOPS | 13 No Pastor's Office Hours | 14 LYLP Interfaith Plunge at Augsburg University |
| 15 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost LYLP Interfaith Plunge at Augsburg University 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School | 16 1:00 PM Women of the ELCA Executive Board meets | 17 | 18 Circles meet No Confirmation class 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours | 19 8:30 AM TOPS | 20 No Pastor's Office Hours | 21 |
| 22 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School | 23 | 24 | 25 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours 1:30 PM Altar Guild meets 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Confirmation class | 26 8:30 AM TOPS | 27 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours | 28 Ruby's Pantry at Babbitt Municipal Center 8:00 AM Volunteers 9:30 AM Registration 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Distribution 5:00 PM Swiss Steak Dinner |
| 29 Reformation 500 Sunday 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion & Confirmation 9:30 AM Coffee An' 9:30 AM Sunday School | 30 | 31 Reformation 500 Day | | | | |

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**“Pray, and let God worry”
*Martin Luther***

October 2017 Evangel inside!

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