ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We are affiliated with the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC).

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Pastor

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022, 10:30 a.m. **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

Rhonda Tomac Organist

WELCOME!

"A man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law." --Romans 3:28

THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION: To "reform" means to change and improve. In the 1500's the Lord used Professor of Theology, Dr. Martin Luther, of the University of Wittenberg, Germany, to restore to the church the Gospel message of forgiveness of sins through Christ alone. On October 31, 1517, Dr. Luther nailed 95 Statements, or Theses, onto the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. The doors were the common bulletin board. He was inviting theologians to debate him on the value of buying "indulgences" from the church. The papacy in Rome said indulgences would grant release from the penalties of sin. Luther had learned from Scripture that man is not saved by human efforts, connections, or money; but by faith in Christ alone, who was punished on the cross for us and rose in victory also for us. *Romans 3:28 "A man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law."* Historians use October 31, 1517, as a mark for the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation. We remember it as well.

Hymn 387 vv. 1-5 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice!

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS: I John 1:7---2:2 (KJV)

- P: The blood of Jesus Christ His Son
- C: Cleanses us from all sin.
- P: If we say that we have no sin,
- C: We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- P: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,
- C: And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P: If we say that we have not sinned,
- C: We make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.
- P: My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate [spokesman] with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous,
- C: And He is the propitiation [payment] for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world

Hymn 387 vv. 6-8 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice!

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 46 God's people—the Invisible Christian Church— are safe and secure. God is with us! (NKJV)

- P: God is our refuge and strength,
- C: An ever-present help in trouble.
- P: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea;
- C: Though its waters roar and foam, and the mountains quake with their surging.
- P: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- C: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
- P: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice, the earth melts.
- C: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- P: Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations He has brought on the earth.
- C: He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear, He burns the shields with fire.
- P: Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.
- C: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress!

Hymn 387 vv. 9-10 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice!

EPISTLE: Romans 3:19-24, 27-28

- P: We know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law,
- C: So that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.
- P: Therefore, no one will be declared righteous in His sight by observing the law.
- C: Rather through the law we become conscious of sin.
- P: But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known—to which the Law and the Prophets testify.
- C: This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.
- P: There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- C: And are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
- P: Where, then, is boasting?
- C: It is excluded.
- P: On what principle? On that of observing the law?
- C: No, but on that of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

GOSPEL: John 8:30-32 In God's Word is the truth and freedom of forgiveness in Christ.

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION (selected excerpts): See insert.

Hymn 262 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Sunday School v. 1 Congregation vv. 2 - 4

SERMON: Matthew 11:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4

FORGIVENESS IN CHRIST -- THE HEART OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Our Father Who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen. (COMMON WORDING OF THE LORD'S PRAYER.)

Hymn 458 v. 6 Forgive Our Sins, Lord, We Implore

Offering and Prayers

Hymn 266 O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word Was Long a Hidden Treasure

Closing Prayer Benediction

Hymn 261 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word!

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JOINT AREA REFORMATION SERVICE: Today, 10/30, the annual Joint Area Reformation Service will be held at Our Savor's, in Jamestown, ND. Pastor Paul Krause from Watertown will be the guest speaker. Start time is 6:00 PM (CDT). A meal will follow. You are invited.

STANDARD TIME: Turn clocks back one hour Saturday night 11/5.

CALENDAR:

11/06 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 B. Class & Sun. Sch. 11/13 10:30 Worship 9:30 Bible Class & Sunday School

VIDEO CAMERA: A third person to set up the video for each service would be helpful. Sometimes the first two are away. Please see the pastor. Thank you.

HEARING ASSIST SYSTEM: To assist those who have difficulty hearing at worship, St. Luke's has installed a hearing assist system. The microphone signal is sent to headphones worn by each individual. Two sets are being used; two more are available. If you wish to try them, please see Pastor Kanzenbach.

HEATING AND AC: Last week voters accepted an offer from Dan & Sam Meyer, owners of Legend-Air Heating and Cooling, Hazen, ND, to install two new furnaces and air conditioning at church -- no charge (!). We thank Dan (father) and Sam (son) for their kindness to St. Luke's and for their service to the Savior's Kingdom! The Meyers are members at St. Paul's in Bismarck (Pastor Roehl). Sam's wife Karla is Katie Wiechmann's sister. Installation is being done by Sam Meyer and Ezekiel Wiechmann (employee).

TO THE NEXT LIFE: Pastor Walter A. Schumann, former pastor at St. Luke's, was called from this life on September 21, 2022. He died at the age of 102. Pastor Schumann served St. Luke's from 1946-1949. His granddaughter Sarah "Schumann" is married to Paul Kanzenbach, son of Pastor and Judy Kanzenbach. May the Lord comfort the family.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Pastor John Hein, Fridley, MN, thymic carcinoma

NOV. CHURCH CLEANING: Connie H. Kelly S. Kristi S. Thank you!

CALL NEWS:

Pastor Joe Naumann, Mankato, MN, has received the dual call to serve Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA. **Pastor Luke Bernthal**, Mountain View and Hayward, CA, has received the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL.

Pastor David Naumann, Clarkston, WA, and Orofino, ID, has received the call to serve as the CLC's third foreign missionary.

REPORT FROM ST. LUKE'S VOTERS MEETING 10-23-22:

Attendance: Voters 7, Guest 1, Pastor 1

Items from Pastor--

Baptism: Jacob Skjoldal, 7-31-22

Christian Burial: Lanny Hopfinger, 8-27-22

Service of Comfort:: Interment Janice Schopp 10-8-22 Shut-in Visits: LaVonne K. Horace S., non-member

Adult Class: Matt Skjoldal (16 of 20) VBS: August 11. 20 students,

Sunday School: Teachers—Blake Larson; Shekinah & Ericka Wiechmann

Catechism Class: 2nd year—two students, 1st year—two students

Financials: Reports available in the entry.

Worship Items:

Hearing-assist system--operating well

Video camera—pastor will see to it that a camera "man" is available each week **Property Items:**

Basement Entry—painting completed

WiFi Access—being investigated

Heating and AC—Voters approved an offer from Dan & Sam Meyer to install at church two new furnaces with air conditioning, at no charge (!).

November-December-January Calendar: Approved as presented.

REFORMATION ORGAN RECITAL: Today at 3 pm *central* Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire will live stream a unique Reformation Festival, singing six of Martin Luther's hymns on the Small Catechism with introductions by Prof. David Schaller of ILC. An organ recital of Bach's variations on these hymns, entitled "Klavieruebung Part 3" will follow. Organist will be Messiah member Daniel Sullivan, who holds degrees in organ and music theory from Oberlin Conservatory, Yale School of Music, and the Juilliard School. For live stream, click "live stream" at www.eauclairemessiah.com, or view later. For preview, see service folder at tinyurl.com/lutherhymns. —Pastor Bruce Naumann, Messiah,