

News and Notes of Interest

DORCAS: Pastor Reek will be visiting with the Dorcas members at their Oct. 4 meeting at 1pm in the church basement. Topic will be, "Women in the Church". For more info. contact Fritzie Ellis 402-228-1624.

DISASTER RELIEF: We have been praying for our fellow human beings because of all the natural disasters that have been occurring. In addition to our prayers, the Stewardship Committee will have a door collection on Sept. 10, 17, 18, and 24. Thrivent financial, will match donations up to \$3 million. Make checks out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and put disaster relief in the memo line.

REFRESHMENT HOSTS: Evangelism Committee, in discussion with Pastor Reek, has determined that the focus of our committee should be examining and growing our church's mission and our community outreach. With this change of focus, congregation members now have an opportunity to share their hospitality with fellow members by hosting coffee time on Sunday mornings. The coffee, juice, cups, napkins and some kids snacks are supplied and a committee member will be happy to "show you the ropes" if you'd like to share your "serving smile" with the Sunday morning basement crowd! Just put your name by the date that works for you on the sheet on the bulletin board. Thank you in advance!

Celebrate LWML Sunday with us on October 1st: Building on God's promises, we know that this is our time to be distinctly Lutheran. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ, encouraging and equipping Christian women to live out their lives in active mission ministries, and to support missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of mites, tithes, offerings, and tireless service. Now is our time to "Be Ready to Confess!" faithfully and boldly of Christ's redemptive work for us and for all the world.

The Ladies of LWML will be singing for both services and serving refreshments between services in the church basement. Please consider joining us. Choir practice will be Tuesday, September 26th at 7pm in the sanctuary.

What does it mean to be a Lutheran Christian? Several have asked, "So what do Lutherans believe about the Christian faith?" In order to help respond to that, we will be holding a series of classes to introduce the Christian faith and will address specifically some of the key ways Lutherans have a specific slant on some questions. Persons who are interested in becoming a part of the congregation here at St. Paul are really encouraged to make some time to attend this series. Persons who haven't looked at the basics of their Christian understanding for a while are invited. The class will be held over seven Sunday's beginning October 1. It will be held in the church fellowship hall downstairs and will start at 1 P.M. and go for an hour. Pastor Reek will be conducting this. No one is put on the spot to read or answer questions. In fact, you are invited to come and make pastor answer questions!

500th Anniversary of the Reformation Approaches: October 31, 1517 was the beginning of the public experience of what became the Lutheran/Protestant Reformation in Europe. That is the day Luther challenged for public debate just how we are to understand the forgiveness of sins for Christ's sake. What was to have been an academic matter among church leaders quickly burst into the open. This led to the lengthy and tension-filled process called the Reformation, one of the single most important events in the history of Europe and of the Christian Church.

Lots of events are marking this 500th anniversary. Here at St. Paul we're going to try to learn about and from that experience during October. During Bible class on October 8, 22, and 29, we are going to show the film "Luther" starring Joseph Fiennes. We'll divide this two-hour film giving time for questions and observations.

REFORMATION 500 GERMAN DINNER: Concordia University, Nebraska will hold a German Fest dinner at 5:00pm on Sunday, October 29, complete with entertainment. The menu includes German potato salad, beef roulades, chicken schnitzel, bratwurst with fresh sauerkraut, pretzel breads, cheese blintzes, and German chocolate cake! (kid-friendly options also available) The dinner follows the Reformation Worship Service at 3:30pm. Registration is on the CUNE website at www.reformation.cune.edu.



**Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
September 24, 2017**

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WELCOME TO St. Paul's Lutheran Church: We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not already done so, we ask that you would sign the guest book at the entrance to the church. If you do not have a church home and are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, or if you are interested in becoming a member here at St. Paul's, please contact the church office.

The Sacrament of the Altar is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink, instituted by Christ Himself. As we receive the Lord's Supper together, witness is also given that we are united in the faith we confess (one in doctrine). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, St. Paul's follows the Biblical and historic practice of closed communion.

ALL GUESTS must visit with our pastor or an elder before coming to the altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our pastor or an elder prior to the service, they are more than willing to visit with you during the week.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: We pray for ...

- Chris Boone, Melvin & Ruth Johnson (parents of Beverly Duensing), Marie Kitt, Ryan Loseman, Rod Minzel, Suzanne Munn, Sharon Naaf, Naomi Spielman, Lloyd VanLaningham, Lorna Wehling
- School Prayer Families: Shawn & Melissa Carlson, Zachary & Holly Carpenter, Tim & Lana Clapper, Zachary & Brandy Coffin
- Continuing prayers: Lodeen Clausen, Dawn Crosier, Leonard Esch, Elaine Girl (sister of Jane Oeltjen), June Martin, Mark Seckel, and Ann Kelley.
Please call 402-228-1540 by Thursday if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

In His Service

Preacher: Rev. Dr. J. Dirk Reek (Home: 402-476-2828)

Organist: Judy Vrbka

8:00am Service

Acolytes: Connor Kelley, Alex Holle, Kamree Weishahn
 Elders: Bob Frerking, Wilferd Deke
 Greeters: Carlyn Koenig, Loretta Mohling
 Ushers: Ron Buss, Duane Delozier, Vern Rogge, Wayne Schulz

10:30am Service

Acolytes: Xander Glynn, Jenna Junker, Shelbi Ankersen
 Elders: David Trout, Cliff Kumm
 Greeters: Ruth Poppe, Dorothy Daubendiek
 Ushers: Rod Aden, Eric Jobman, Robert Pfingsten, Gary Swanson

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored in memory of Herman Neumann, whose Birthday would have been September 28th, by Joyce Neumann and Family.

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Gifts of Time and Treasure

Attendance & Contributions Last Week		
8:00 AM Service	79	\$2,095.00
10:30 AM Service	104	\$4,144.00
Monday Night Service	24	\$925.00

COINS FOR CHRIST: All loose coins in Sunday offerings during the 3rd quarter are designated to Lutheran Family Services. Total amount collected so far \$45.37.

The Lord's Week

- Today 8:00 Divine Service
9:15 Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service
- Monday 7:00 Weekday Service of Holy Communion
- Tuesday 12:00 Ladies Quilting/Tying
3:30 Child Care Committee
6:30 Social Club
7:00 LWML Ladies Choir Practice
- Wednesday 2:30 Catechism Class
- Thursday 12:00 Ladies Quilting
- Sunday 8:00 Divine Service
9:15 Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service
1:00 Adult Information Class

Church office hours are 8:30am-1:30pm, Monday thru Friday.

Pastor Reek will be in the church office on Monday's from 2:30pm until after service and Wednesday's from 9:30-1:00pm. Anyone needing / wishing to visit personally with pastor, please contact the church office.

Pastor Reek can also be reached at 402-476-2828 or at

Dirk.Reek@cune.edu.

The LYF will be worshipping and serving lunch at the UN-L Chapel on October 1. We will meet in St. Paul's parking lot at 9:30am. Each family is asked to donate a large pan of bars/cookies.

✠ ORDER OF SERVICE ✠

Divine Service Setting One

Hymn..... 801
 Invocation..... 151
 Confession & Absolution..... 151
SERVICE OF THE WORD
 Introit.....(See Insert)
 Kyrie..... 152
 Gloria In Excelsis 154
 Salutation and Collect 156
 Old Testament Reading ..(See Insert)
 Gradual.....(See Insert)
 Epistle.....(See Insert)
 Alleluia and Verse 156
 Holy Gospel(See Insert)
 Hymn of the Day 779
 Sermon
 "Your Father...Our Father"
 Nicene Creed..... 158
 Prayer of the Church 159
 Offering and Offertory 159
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT
 Preface..... 160
 Sanctus 161
 Prayer of Thanksgiving 161
 Lord's Prayer..... 162
 Words of Institution 162
 Canticle Hymn..... 774
 Distribution 766
 Thank the Lord 164
 Post-Communion Collect 166
 Benediction 166
 Hymn..... 805 ▲

▲ Please rise for last stanza and sing Amen