

CrossTalk October 2017

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A Gospel for All Peoples

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:19)

This month's title has changed by only one significant word—*gospel* has replaced *place*. We are fed here in order to have strength to live out our Christian lives when we depart, **bringing** the gospel of Jesus **Christ to our community**. [Words appearing in bold are taken from our vision statement.]

The term *community* was chosen with care and left undefined, allowing the outreach of Risen Christ to manifest itself at various levels. Like neighbor (*Love your neighbor as yourself.*), *community* is intended to be defined broadly.

With the closing of the Humane Society's facility, we have become a supply collection point for the Clark County Dog Wardens' temporary shelter. Even "unwanted" animals are part of God's Creation which Christ has come to restore. This effort already has opened a door for me to share the gospel with a donor from our area.

We continue to reach out to the poor of Springfield through our Food Pantry which monthly provides groceries to ± 50 families. Our outreach at Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) will end, though, unless someone steps forward to coordinate that effort.

Sharing the love of Christ happens each day in our school's classrooms. Now we're extending our reach into the kids' families, leading a class on parenting. Participants already are remarking about the change they're seeing in their kids and in themselves, which is **enriching and renewing** their family life. That's the power of God's Word!

The gospel of Jesus compels us to have compassion on those affected by the devastation brought by Harvey. The Sillimans, the Shraders, and I will be heading to Houston next month to help rebuild a few families' lives. Our effort will not be much, but, as with the mites of the LWML, when added together with all the volunteer support from our sister congregations around the country, there's going to be a huge impact for the Kingdom of God.

Our community may well stretch beyond the borders of our country. At month end you'll be asked to approve a budget which proposes the adoption of a Lutheran Bible Translator (LBT) family. Rev. Carl Grulke, who's being sent to Botswana, will share with us and our school children why translation work is vital.

Of course, our community also includes the congregation. I am humbled by the many ways I see you reaching out to one another in love by prayer, showing forbearance, giving whatever assistance is needed at the time, and so much more!

Grateful for *your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now* (Phil 1:5),

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A BIG "THANK YOU" TO...

- Gary Hale for figuring how to dismantle and remove the playground equipment
- Heilmann's for hosting confirmation kickoff.

October 2017 Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 3 Matthew Rutledge
Aaron Williams
- 9 Jim Mote
- 10 Kole Vollrath
- 11 Giovanni Hamilton
- 15 Samuel Rizzotte
- 16 Ruth Willfong
- 17 Ann Dobbins
- 20 Jim Brueggeman
- 21 Tamara Walters
- 26 Deb Rutledge
- 28 Becky Williams
- 30 Beryl Boggess
John Arthur Draganic

Baptism Birthday

- 9 Chris Heilmann
Sharon Heilmann
Veronica Heilmann
Kyle Heilmann
Anthony Montecalvo
- 10 Paul Bok
- 27 Susan Motter



Wedding Anniversary

- 1 Tamara & Sam Walters
- 6 Bill & Elizabeth Ervin
- 17 Paul & Linda Bok
- 30 Danny & Sandi Click



Elder Article

On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther nailed the “The 95 Theses” on the door of the Wittenberg Castle church. At that time, I don’t believe he had any idea of what the impact would have on Christian history. Luther was still a priest in the Catholic Church at the time of posting the 95 Theses. The pamphlet was not released to the general public to read, but it was pinned to the church door in Wittenberg for other scholars to read and to have a full discussion of it at a later date. This was the traditional manner for a scholar to bring attention to his work to other academics to allow for a full discussion. There was nothing revolutionary about what Luther did – it was the standard accepted practice of those academics who attended the university at Wittenberg. The pamphlet was written in Latin which was the traditional language of the scholar at that time and beyond the understanding of most people.

Someone took down the pamphlet, had it translated into German and it was printed off for the general public so they would have greater access to it. Most of the people at that time couldn’t read, so it was common for a person that could read to do so for the general public. This is how the information spread within Wittenberg and the surrounding area. Many people clearly identified themselves with what was stated about indulgences, especially since they were the ones who had to pay for them.

When Luther found out what had happened he tried to get back the original copy but to no avail. Luther’s attempt to retrieve that pamphlet proves that he was not setting out to do something drastic or revolutionary. The “95 Theses” had gone public and was no longer merely a topic for discussion by academic staff.

What Luther intended was to have a debate on the abuse of the sale of indulgences that was a mainstay for revenue of the church at that time. What really bothered Luther was the preaching of Johann Tetzel a Dominican friar. Tetzel was commissioned to raise funds for the rebuilding of Saint Peter’s Basilica in Rome. Tetzel proclaimed “As soon as the coin in the coffer rings, the soul from purgatory springs.”

Luther had struggled for years with his inability to do enough good works to gain salvation. His discovery of the biblical doctrine of justification by faith alone must have been the reason why he reacted harshly to such a deceptive message that offered false hopes to those who, in their ignorance of knowing the true gospel of Christ, bought the indulgences for themselves and their departed loved ones.

Although the sale of indulgences may have been the main topic in the “95 Theses”, it was just the tip of the iceberg as far as the corruption in the church at that time. God’s church on earth needed purging! He used Luther and all the other reformers of that day to do just that. God will not let “His Church” die. It is to be a living church, vibrant in the worship to Him and showing love to all mankind, especially “sisters and brother in Christ”.

500 years ago, God used Luther to change the direction of the church, bringing it back on the path that He had intended it to be on, where we are saved by faith alone (Sola Fide), through Christ alone (Solus Christo), as given to us in the Holy Scriptures alone (Sola Scriptura). God will keep His true church pure to His will. Even today there are many churches that are preaching secular doctrine leading people away from the Gospel of Christ. God, in His time, will reform this also. Romans 14:11 “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” Phil. 2:11 “so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”.

We pray that God would use us, like Luther, to keep His Word pure. Ever spreading the Gospel of Christ to a fallen world, so that He would be glorified.

To God be the Glory

Dennis Norden

Playground Equipment Moved



Thanks to Gary Hale who figured out how to disassemble the Little Tikes play system and to Rick Miller who helped Gary move the pieces and to reassemble them. They made the relocation a two-man job. Gary disassembled the pieces and Rick helped move the pieces over several days eliminating the need for the larger crew that was originally requested to help. The distance between the fixed equipment is now up to code. With the addition of the fence the entire playground is now in compliance. The Preschoolers are very happy they can use the additional slides.

Rev. Dobbins crossing the finish line ahead of Pastor Rich



RCLC EVENT PICTURES NEEDED

We have begun a project to update our RCLC history presentation, which we show new members and during special events. The current one hasn't been updated for over 10 years. If you have RCLC related pictures that you think are less than 10 years old and that we might be able to use, please put them on a thumb/pen drive and give to Bob Craven. You will get your drive back once we've downloaded the pictures. Thank you for your support.



Sisters in Christ



Did you know.....ladies of Risen Christ have been meeting to reorganize our women's group, "Sisters in Christ," which is a combination of our own Risen Christ Lutheran Church Women's group and the LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League). Working together in unity as women of Risen Christ we can accomplish much, enjoying fellowship with one another while sharing the love of Christ through our time, talents and treasures.

All women of Risen Christ are members of Sisters in Christ. Two organizational meetings were held on August 13 and September 10. We will be meeting again on October 1, following the second worship service. Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming activities.....

- October – LWML Sunday – Look for mite boxes in your mailbox.
- November – Look for details about a fun event coming on Saturday morning, November 4

Special Event

The Miami Valley Zone – of the LWML is hosting a **Fall Christian Life Retreat – WOMEN IN THE REFORMATION** on Saturday, October 21,

At St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 5040 Rye Drive, Huber Heights, Ohio.

The ladies of St. Timothy will serve a light breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$8:00. For additional information contact Norma Kettler 324-5869, carpooling is a possibility if you're interested.

Special Project (begins now)

We are collecting the following supplies needed for our school:

Pretzels, Saltines, Ramen Noodles (chicken flavor) Toilet Paper, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Applesauce in individual containers, Colored computer paper, Card Stock (white or colors)

A box to hold these items will be in the narthex.

Reformation Festival

Our Dayton Circuit will be conducting a joint Reformation Service at Emmanuel Lutheran (Kettering) on Sunday, October 29 at 4

pm. All of our pastors will be participating. In

addition, a joint choir and a joint brass team are forming.

Afterward an Oktoberfest will be celebrated. Please bring

pre-cooked sausage, German potato salad, sauerkraut, strudel, etc.





VERSE OF THE MONTH – October 2017

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...

Romans 3:22b-24a

Scriptures for October 2017

October 1

First Reading: 1 Kings 8:54-61

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-4

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Psalm 46

October 8

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Psalm 80:7-19

October 15

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-13

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Psalm 23

October 22

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Psalm 96:1-9

October 29

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36

Psalm 46

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Class 10:45 am HC Worship 12:00 pm Sisters in Christ 6:00 pm Confirmation	2 6:30 pm Parenting Class	3 9:45 am Women's Bible Study	4 10 am GriefShare	5	6	7
8 8 am HC Worship 9:30 am Bible Class 10:45 am Worship School Accreditation Celebration 6:00 pm Confirmation	9 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm Parenting Class	10 9:45 am Women's Bible Study 5 pm School Board Meeting 7 pm Leadership Meeting w/ Pres. Cripe	11 10 am GriefShare	12	13	14
15 8 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Class 10:45 am HC Worship 12 pm Jr High Road Clean-up	16 District Pastors Conference 6:30 pm Parenting Class	17 9:45 am Women's Bible Study 12-2 pm Food Pantry 7 pm Ministry Directors	18 10 am GriefShare CrossTalk Articles Due	19	20	21
22 8 am HC Worship 9:30 am Bible Class 10:45 am Worship 6 pm Confirmation 7 pm Sr High Youth Grp	23 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm Parenting Class	24 9:45 am Women's Bible Study	25 10 am GriefShare	26	27	28
29 9 am Bible Class 10 am ONE Service HC 11:30 am Church Potluck 12 pm Congregational meeting 4:30 pm Reformation Service Circuit @ Emmanuel	30 6:30 pm Parenting Class	31 9:45 am Women's Bible Study 7 pm Elders				*HC Holy Communion

THOSE SERVING US IN THE MONTH OCTOBER 2017

8:00 SERVICE

	Elder	Acolyte	Greeters	Ushers	Readers	Altar Care	Sound Board
10/1	Jim Perks	Stephen Wiebeck	Linn Sillman	Gene Baumgardner Ed Berg Rich Sillman	Jo Baumgardner		Scott Tursic
10/8	Bob Craven	Kelsey Vollrath	Helen Craig	Keith Vollrath Philip Sears Greg Shrader	Chuck Bern	Deb Rutledge	Steve Rutledge
10/15	Jamie McGuffey	Kaden McGuffey	Ed Berg	Dave Petersen Greg Shrader Gene Bumgardner	Bob Craven		Duane Wiebeck
10/22	Denny Norden	Benjamin McKee	Chandra Shrader	Ed Berg Paul Bok Chuck Bern	Sam McKee	Jo Baumgardner	Duane Wiebeck

10:45 SERVICE

	Elder	Acolyte	Greeters	Ushers	Readers	Altar Care	Sound Board	Counters
10/1	Jim Perks	Erica Cremeans	David Arnold	Homer Ryman Chris Heilmann Denny Norden	Marcella Caskey		Duane & Noelle Wiebeck	Deb Rutledge Denna Johnson
10/8	Bob Craven	Joey Koval	Judy Lemmon	Rick Miller Jessica Draganic Jon Linderman	Erika Linderman		Bob Craven & Sarah Bussell	Dave Thomas Dave Petersen
10/15	Jamie McGuffey	Ethan Cunningham	Phil Hawking	Bob Craven Jim Brueggeman David Arnold	Marti Brueggeman		Bob & Reed Dahle	Beryl Boggess Denny Norden
10/22	Denny Norden	Wesley Perks	Sharon Heilmann	Rick Miller Steve Rutledge Phil Hawkins	Jessica Draganic		Garrett & Dakota Perks	Steve Rutledge Chris Heilmann

10:00 Service

	Elder	Acolyte	Greeters	Ushers	Readers	Altar Care	Sound Board	Counters
10/29	Jim Perks	Colin Linderman	Marcella Caskey	Greg Shrader Paul Bok David Arnold	Gene Baumgardner	Deb Rutledge	Duane Wiebeck	Deb Rutledge Denna Johnson