

CrossTalk October 2018

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See This Wonder in the Making

That's the title of a beloved baptismal hymn, which gives glory to God for the wonders He performs, including making Elaina Buck a child of God on October 7. Of course, ordinary water is not able to produce such a wonder, but, as my Naaman chapel lesson with the school kids pointed out this week, when the promises of God are added, look out. Before our very eyes the Holy Spirit works a wonder...of eternal significance!

The Spirit is working too through our Christian Education programs. Rally Day ignited the launch of more than balloons but also that of several new adult studies: Stewardship and Intertestamental Times/Luke/Acts. Immerse yourself in God's Word and be blessed. Since the promise of Jesus is that he is present where two or more are gathered in his name, he will produce wonders in you. Indeed, the Spirit works powerfully too through the Word, another means of grace.

Being recipients of such an outpouring of love in Christ, we have the opportunity and power to work wonders in our community. First of all, Financial Peace is up and running for both adults and kids. When I ran into one participant at the post office this morning, she remarked: *My husband and I are so excited to be working together with a plan to knock out our debt.* Their children also are excited that they're now working for an allowance, helping break the cycle of poverty. Secondly, our Food Pantry continues to bring renewal to 30-50 families each month. Work a wonder yourself by handing out some much needed food to our financially strapped neighbors on the third Tuesday of a month. Thirdly, consider joining our short-term mission team which desires to help Carolinians clean up after Hurricane Florence and renew their lives in the hope of Christ's love. Finally, look for ways you can plug into what's being discussed in your neighborhood: working to preserve your immediate environment by being better ecological stewards, providing better services to seniors or the disadvantaged, or doing whatever else is on people's hearts. We have Thrivent Action Team dollars for such projects!

The Lord also has given us another wonder: fellowship. What joy to join hands with so many like-hearted people! Celebrate the colorful wonders of fall with our school families at this month's Fall Festival (Friday, October 26). Approve the 2019 work plan and budget of the congregation at the Voters Meeting between services on October 28. Lastly, lift up your voices with all the faithful of Risen Christ as we celebrate Reformation Sunday on October 28. Grace alone, Faith alone, Scripture alone—here is where we stand together!

Since I began with one sacrament, I'll end with the other. Come to the Table often to receive the wonder of wonders—the body and blood of our Lord Jesus, the God-man, our Savior.

Pastor Rich

A BIG "THANK YOU" TO...

- David Petersen, Paul Bok, Rob Hunt, Steve Rutledge, Rich Silliman, Pastor Rich, Rick Miller, Homer Ryman and Chuck Bern for helping fix the drainage.
- Kathy Tursic, Deb Rutledge and Kim Hunt for making lunch for those working on the drains.
- Sarah Bussell for taking over as Office Manager during Celeste's 5 month absence.
- Keith Vollrath for spraying weeds.
- All those who donated dinner items for Financial Peace University.
- Chris Heilmann and Steve Rutledge for counting the kids' church offering
- Jeff Ford for painting the library.



Financial Peace University



A big thank you to all who have donated, and continue to donate, food items for our Monday dinners prior to Financial Peace University class. It's a nice way for you to be involved, even if you can't be present! The participants (many are school families with no church affiliation) have thanked us many times for the delicious dinners. By providing dinner at



6:00, entire families can come to the classes. We have a children's Financial Peace Junior class that runs concurrently with the adult session. We also have babysitting services for the little tots. So, you

are touching the hearts of many people by doing your normal grocery shopping which allows families to come, eat and learn to use Christian principles to manage their money. Thank you.

Classes run through November 5, come stop by and join us for dinner sometime! A few extra folks is no trouble.



October Birthdays & Anniversaries



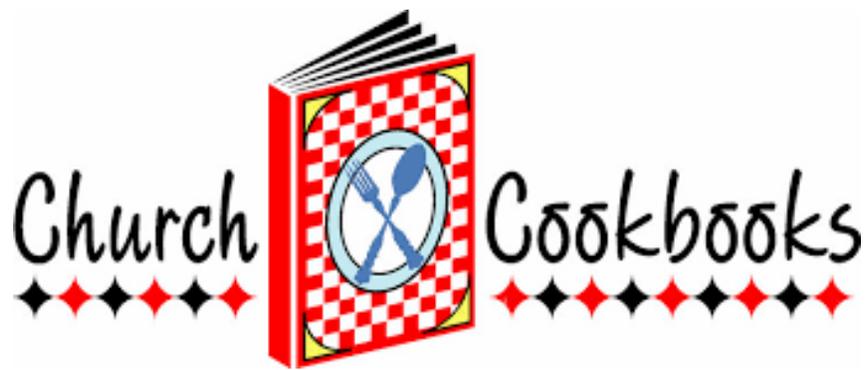
2 Richard Cremeans
3 Gabriel Kaiser
Matthew Rutledge
4 Ben McKee
Jody Rizzotte
9 Jim Mote
11 Kole Vollrath
14 Melvin Corron
15 Samuel Rizzotte
16 Ruth Willfong
17 Ann Dobbins
18 Dylan Ackley
20 Vikki Bauer
Jim Brueggeman
21 Tamara Walters
26 Deb Rutledge
28 Becky Williams
30 Beryl Boggess
John Arthur Draganic



5 Aaron Schwarz
7 Kylee Schafer
Noah Schafer
9 Chris Heilmann
Sharon Heilmann
Veronica Heilmann
Kyle Heilmann
15 Paul Bok
27 Susan Motter
30 Cora Kitt
Lily Kitt



1 Sam & Tamara Walters
6 Bill & Beth Ervin
17 Paul & Linda Bok
20 Jeff & Linda Kaiser
30 Danny & Sandi Click



EXCITING NEWS FOR ALL RISEN CHRIST FAMILIES

Have you submitted your favorite recipe for our new Cookbook? There is still time for you to share your favorite recipe. We have even extended our deadline to October 7, so get your favorite recipes to us. If you would like to advertise in the new cookbook, you can contact Denna Johnson. The more recipes we have, the better our cookbook will be, so you may submit as many as you like.

Here is what to do:

1. Choose a favorite recipe and print it neatly on the back of the form, which you can find on the old altar in the Narthex and by the church mailboxes. **Don't forget your name.** If you think you would like to reserve your order for one or more books, there is a line for you to indicate how many you will want.
2. Drop your recipe in the box by the church mailboxes, or in the red basket labeled "Recipes," which is in the narthex , or, if it's more convenient, you can email it to: mkaiser.62442@gmail.com
3. The recipes will be collected by Patty Arnold.

Thank you, The Risen Christ Cookbook committee.



ELDER ARTICLE

Greetings I hope this finds all of God's people in good spirits, health, mind and soul.

I have been thinking a lot about what to write, Its funny because if you know me at all I have no problem talking, writing on the other hand ? Because you see when you put it in black and white people can go back and read what you said, whereas if you say it there more likely to forget.

I just have some thoughts about the verse of the month, and how incredibly hard it is to follow Gods word sometimes. The first part about not being anxious about your life, let's think about that for just a minute. With the 24 hour news cycle alone I am not sure how any of us can even function, you add your daily grind with family, friends, and of course the weather, it's amazing that we even leave our house. Obviously god never imagined there would be CNN, CSPAN, FOX, FOX Sports, ESPN 1 and 2, CBS, ABC, and of course Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and my favorite YOUTUBE...those cats get me every time. What was god thinking when he said that, and how can we ever follow that when there is so much to do.

On to the second, about not to worry about what we will eat or drink. Well again when this was written there was no 24 hour drive thru, no Dinners Drive inns and Dives on TV and there was definitely no STARBUCKS in Springfield. I mean the thought of all that delicious food and coffee why would we worry at all. Then to top it off he says not to be anxious about your body...really...did you not read what I just said. Between the anxiety attack I had from watching the news, compounded by the 48 ounce coffee I just drank while I was tweeting about my cat. There should not be any reason to worry about my body, nor the sweat pants and cat shirt I have had on because I haven't left my house for days.

To put it all together our grandparents, and of course god said it best. Everything in moderation. Slow down as much as you can and be aware of God's presents, embrace it and do your best to navigate this crazy world we live in. Seek God's kingdom and bring anyone that is close to you with you into his word. May God bless you all, may He keep you always in His hands.

Jamie McGuffey

What's in a Milestone?

by Mike Rodewald, CEO of Lutheran Bible Translators

Today (August 25) I attended the dedication of the full Bible in the Kalanga language of eastern Botswana and western Zimbabwe, moving the count of full Bibles completed from 670 to 671. That is a milestone for all of us. But for Kalanga speaking peoples and the nation of Botswana, it was much more.

The full Kalanga Bible has been long in the making. Remember Forward in Remembrance? The Kalanga project started with funding from that initiative. A missionary started the work, but soon sickness and other delays occurred. Other missionaries continued later, picking up the task. Then a writing system was devised and accepted. Translators were trained. Again sickness, technical issues, and even disagreements slowed progress. The first New Testament was finally published in 1999. Then a fresh exegete, LBT missionary Dr. Michael Megahan, assisted local translators in revising Psalms and New Testament, published in 2009. Now the Old Testament is completed. From start to end: Kalanga-speaking peoples waited 34 years for this day.

As I sat there in the stadium, watching as the dedication ceremony unfolded, I couldn't help but marvel at God's timing. At the start, there was resistance from government officials, who believed that the nation only needed one Bible in a local language and one international language (English). That local language was not Kalanga. In fact, those who spoke minority languages such as Kalanga, were excluded in many ways. But today a brass band led the way in front of the Kalanga Bible, carried on a bed of sorghum showing all that the Word is the Bread of Life. A praise singer sang poems in front of the Bible as women in the crowd ululated. A series of pastors and bishops each prayed over the Bible, before handing it over to a representative from the Botswana House of Chiefs. It was a huge honor that The Honorable Chairwoman of the Botswana National Assembly gave the keynote speech. While it may have been the 671st full Bible in the world, it was the FIRST ever dedicated in Botswana. A major milestone! She said, "Other languages of Botswana are waiting for the same to happen." Other milestones!

Years ago, missionaries started translating the Bible. Today, the Bible means national pride in which local people fully participate. God's Word is powerful. It brings change, not only to the individual but also to nations. We rejoice that others know Jesus Christ through the hearing of the Word in their own language, and also in the changes to nations that this brings. Thank you for participating with us as God changes the world through His Word.

A letter from Susan Motter

I thank each one of you for your expressions of sympathy. All were very much appreciated. Larry received lots of cards, beautiful cards. Many of you helped with the funeral meal here at church. Some sent flowers, some memorial donations; many came to the viewing and many more to the funeral. I am blessed by my wonderful Risen Christ Family.

Thank you.

Love,

Susan Motter



Save the Date!
Sunday, November 11 3:00-5:00

Come join the *Sisters in Christ* to create a **prayer box** and learn how these boxes can enhance your prayer life. Be sure to sign up so that enough materials are available and please bring your scissors. More information is coming!



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH



SILENT SERVICE AUCTION

Need some yard work done? Cleaning? Want your car washed? Then, the High School Youth Silent Service Auction is for you! Starting **Sunday, September 30** after each worship service in the Narthex, you can see our GSLC high school students' lists of talents and skills they are willing to share with you. Each set of tasks will have a suggested starting bid. You sign up indicating the amount you are willing to pay for services rendered. Of course, you are welcome to outbid each other! May the highest bid win! Bidding will stop after services on **Sunday, October 14**. The top bidders will be contacted, and that winner and the high schooler set up the time and date for the work tasks to be completed. Winning bidder can pay in cash or check. All proceeds will go to help fund the 6 students heading to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN in July of 2019. Thanks for your support! Please contact Amy McGuffey if you have questions: mcguffeyar@gmail.com



LWML Fall Christian Life Retreat Miami Valley Zone

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church
240 S. Maple, Fairborn**



Join us as we celebrate the unique contributions of four women who wrote memorable hymns. One was the most prolific translator of hymns from German into English.

Saturday, Oct 20, 2018
9:30 a.m. registration & light breakfast
10:00 a.m. Welcome
\$8.00 reservation

*The ladies of Bethlehem will serve a light breakfast and lunch. Please RSVP to Eileen Hitzeman to leaningi@aol.com by **October 15th** so they know how many to expect.

Our ingathering will be for the Bethlehem Food Pantry. They help many families! They need canned foods, such as meats, veggies, & fruits. Crackers, peanut butter, cereals, jelly, breakfast bars, pop tarts, cookies, toilet paper & paper towels.



VERSE OF THE MONTH – OCTOBER 2018

*Lets us then with confidence
draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and
find grace to help in time of need.*

Hebrews 4:16 (ESV)

Scriptures for October 2018

October 7

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament: Daniel 6:12-27

Epistle: Hebrews 2:1-13

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Psalm 128

October 14

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Epistle: Hebrews 3:12-19

Gospel: Mark 10:17-22

Psalm 90:12-17

October 21

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

Epistle: Hebrews 4:1-13

Gospel: Mark 10:23-31

Psalm 119:6-16

October 28

Reformation Day

Old Testament: Revelation 14:6-7

Epistle: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36 OR Matthew 11:12-19

Psalm 46

October 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| *HC Holy Communion | 1 6 pm Financial Peace | 2 9:45 am Women's Bible Study | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| LWML Sunday 7 8 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Class 10:45 am HC Worship 6 pm Confirmation at McGuffey's | 8 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 6 pm Financial Peace | 9 9:45 am Women's Bible Study 5 pm School Board 7 pm Ministry Team Leaders | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 8 am HC Worship 9:30 am Bible Class 10:45 am Worship 12 pm Sisters in Christ 12 pm Youth Road Cleanup (No Confirmation) | 15 Ohio District Pastor Conference 6 pm Financial Peace | 16 9:45 am Women's Bible Study 12-2 pm Food Pantry 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Board of Directors | 17 | 18 | 19 CrossTalk Articles Due | 20 |
| 21 8 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Class 10:45 am HC Worship 6 pm Confirmation | 22 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 6 pm Financial Peace | 23 9:45 am Women's Bible Study 7 pm Elders | 24 | 25 | 26 6 pm Fall Festival | 27 |
| Reformation Sunday 28 8 am HC Worship 9:30 am Voters Meeting 10:45 am Worship 6 pm Confirmation | 29 6 pm Financial Peace | 30 9:45 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Girl Scouts | 31 | | | |

Those serving us in the month of October 2018

8:00 SERVICE

| | Elder | Acolyte | Greeters | Ushers | Reader | Altar Care | Sound Board |
|-------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 10/7 | Rob Hunt | Blake Vollrath | Norma Kettler | Gayle Roberts Lilian Swain Mickey Dahle | Sara Hale | | Scott Tursic |
| 10/14 | Randy Schwarz | Isabel Brown | Helen Craig | Rich Silliman Gene Baumgardner Dave Petersen | Linda Sears | Deb Rutledge | Steve Rutledge |
| 10/21 | Jamie McGuffey | Jackson Windeknecht | Lynn Petersen | Keith Vollrath Philip Sears Steve Rutledge | Eric Matrin | | Wiebecks |
| 10/28 | Bob Craven | Kelsey Vollrath | Ed Berg | Chuck Bern Dave Petersen Chuck Bern | Ben McKee | Jo Baumgardner | Wiebecks |

10:45 SERVICE

| | Elder | Acolyte | Greeter | Ushers | Reader | Altar Care | Sound Board | Counters |
|-------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 10/7 | Rob Hunt | Ethan Cunningham | Patty Arnold | Becky Krieger Beryl Boggess Alisha Ervin | Marcella Caskey | Deb Rutledge | Wiebecks | Deb Rutledge Denna Johnson |
| 10/14 | Randy Schwarz | Joey Koval | Sharon Heilmann | David Arnold Rick Miller Phil Hawkins | Anthony Montecalvo | | Sarah Bussell & Duane Wiebeck | Dave Thomas Dave Petersen |
| 10/21 | Jamie McGuffey | Collin Linderman | Marcella Caskey | Chris Heilmann Jim Brueggeman Rick Miller | Sharon Perks | Deb Rutledge | Bob & Reed Dahle | Chris Heilmann Denny Norden |
| 10/28 | Bob Craven | Veronica Heilmann | Patty Arnold | Phil Hawkins David Arnold Homer Ryman | Jon Linderman | | Scott Tursic | Steve Rutledge Beryl Boggess |