

MorroBayLutherans.org

The Calvary Calling

Newsletter for **OCTOBER**, 2017

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Pastor's Notes

✚ FROM THE PASTOR ✚

This month we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The Theme for the national church and our congregation is: "Celebrating 500 Years of God's Grace in Action." These days are special because they serve as a wonderful reminder of the rediscovery of the Grace of God. It is not that the grace of God was not there, then or now, because God's grace has always been active, even before creation, but all too often we forget it is present.

The time of the Reformation was a remarkable time of change and transformation. The truth of the light of the Gospel was rediscovered and the darkness of corruption was driven back into the shadows, waiting for a more opportune time. Things were set into motion that changed the western church and culture dramatically. It was truly amazing, but then grace is always amazing.

God is and always has done remarkable things in the world and in his church and most of that has been done through people like you and me. And this too was one of the great rediscoveries of the Reformation. God works through ordinary people who in faith answer his call to follow him. This following does not always require us to serve in difficult ways or religious service but by simple acts of faith and love.

This month we will have several opportunities to learn more about our heritage of faith and since this is also our stewardship month there will be opportunities to think about how we live out our faith through the amazing grace of God.

Some of the opportunities for learning are:

- Adult Learning, Sundays at 9:00 a.m. – Topic: Martin Luther and the Lutherans
- Sunday Morning Worship Services
- Sunday, October 8th – Movie Night – Free Showing of Luther: One Man's Faith in God Launched the Greatest Revolution of All (2003)
- Sunday, October 29th - **REFORMATION 500 FESTIVAL** - Special Sunday Worship Service and Potluck – Bring a Friend, Associate or Neighbor and help us F.A.N. the Flame of God's Grace.

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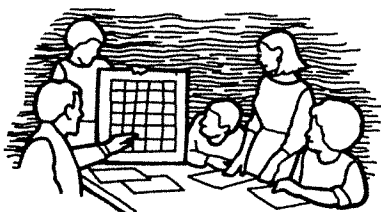
Some opportunities to serve are:

- Stewardship Sunday, October 15th - Come and learn about how you can support and participate in the Amazing Grace of God at Calvary
- Sunday, October 22 – Join us in making a commitment to generously support the work of God at Calvary
- Saturday, October 28th help decorate for the Reformation Festival
- Sunday, October 29th Bring a Friend, Associate or Neighbor and help us F.A.N. the Flame of God's Grace. And don't forget to wear the color of the day: RED!

Pastor Jim



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



The Congregational Council met on Wednesday, September 13. After a devotion by Maggie Muff and a leadership moment by Pastor Berg we began with a review of finances. YTD income and expense were on track with projections but we are still very close to the edge and need to do a little better in the income area. It was also reported that \$832 was raised at the Chamber music concert to be split between Calvary and the SLO Youth Symphony.

We discussed budget concerns for 2018. We also discussed the need to review salaries due to a lack of raises for several years and the need to balance that with the fact that we cannot keep drawing from our reserves. We are going to have to seriously work on this in the coming year. We talked about fundraising ideas and decided to wait until the beginning of the year for those.

It was noted that Pastor will be out of town for several weekdays during October for family times, as well as Police Department Training. He will not miss any Sundays. Other items covered were the painting of the Fellowship Hall exterior but no date has been established. It was decided that we need to have the Fellowship Hall carpet cleaned (that happened on September 25). We also reviewed coming events and assigned people to help with those.



REFORMATION FESTIVAL

On this 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 theses to the Wittenberg church door and setting off the Reformation, we will be having a special celebration festival on Sunday, October 29th. There will be a special worship service followed by a Potluck. As part of this festival you are being encouraged to participate in the spirit of the Reformation by spreading the Word. **F.A.N. THE FLAME** by bringing a Friend, Associate, or Neighbor to our festival. You are also encouraged to wear red, the color of the day – to help our celebration be even more festive!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Angelina Rice
- 3 Valerie Donohoo
- 8 Toni Tway
- 9 Barbara Dallmann
- 11 Mark Orback
- 25 Judy Kalin, and Edith Tway



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Jeff & Kea McKee, 35 years
- 5 Gary & Gail Brochtrup, 26 years



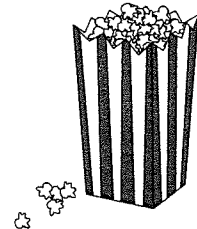
PRAYER LIST



- ♥ Sherie Barker, failing health, under hospice care
- ♥ Bob Jackman, recovering from heart surgery
- ♥ For health and growth for God's church here at Calvary
- ♥ Participation and success for our Fall activities and for our new Youth Group
- ♥ Help and protection for the victims of the recent hurricanes and earthquakes
- ♥ Peace for the Middle East
- ♥ Protection and courage for the many Christians in the world that are being persecuted
- ♥ Pray that the Lord would turn the hearts of the whole world toward Him and that everyone would worship Him as their Lord and Savior

MOVIE NIGHT!

On Sunday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a showing of **Luther: One Man's Faith in God Launched the Greatest Revolution of All.** This movie was released in 2003. It is very good, and more entertaining than the movie shown last month. There will be refreshments for sale by the Youth Group as a fundraiser. In this year of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation it is a good time to learn a little more about Martin Luther and our Lutheran heritage.



COMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

October 8 - 6:30 Movie Night – Free showing of Luther: One Man's Faith in God Launched the Greatest Revolution of All

October 13 – 3:00 Youth Group -- Friday the 13th Event

October 14 - Hiking Group

October 15 - **Stewardship Sunday**

3:00 Crafty Kids (Christmas Ornament workshop)

6:00 Confirmation Class

October 22 – **Generosity Sunday**

3:00 Board Game Afternoon

October 29 - **REFORMATION 500 FESTIVAL** - Special Sunday Worship Service and Potluck

F.A.N. THE FLAME - Bring a Friend, Associate, or Neighbor to our festival

October 31 - (Tuesday) 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

November 3 – Youth Group -- Sandwiches by the Sea

November 4 – 9:00-12:00, Fall Congregational Workday

November 5 - All Saints Sunday – Daylight Savings Ends

November 10 – Friday, Martin Luther's Birthday

November 10th through 12th -- High School Youth event at El Camino Pines

November 11 - Hiking Group

November 12 - Martin Luther's Birthday Party after the worship service on Sunday morning

3:00 -- Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Packing Party

November 19 - 3:00 Crafty Kids (Project: Sew your own Christmas Stocking)

November 21 – 6:30 Community Thanksgiving Service at Rock Harbor Christian Fellowship Church

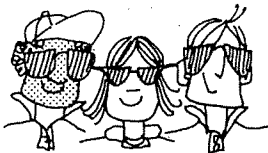
November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

November 26 - Christ the King Sunday

3:00 Board Game Afternoon



YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITY



Friday the 13th the Youth Group will be having a "spooktacular" event from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. All 7th-12th graders are welcome to join the fun and bring a friend or two!



BOARD GAME AFTERNOON

Are you Bored? Don't be! Join us in the church Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, October 22 from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. for Board Game Afternoon! Bring your favorite game and a snack to share. Be prepared for Board Game fun!



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH "Be A Part of God's Grace in Action"



This year our stewardship theme challenges us to think about our part in the work of God. God has richly blessed us as individuals and as a community of faith with every blessing in the heavenly realms. This year as we think about the 500 year history of the Lutheran Church and our roots of faith, it is time for us to ask how we will continue to be part of God's Amazing Grace? Our lives are full of this grace and we are challenged to think about how we will use these blessings for his work in our lives and world. Join us for Stewardship Sunday worship service and special presentation focusing on how God is leading us forward in his world.

Those present will receive their stewardship packets with details as to our needs and goals for the coming year. (If you are unable to be with us, packets will be mailed to you.) **We are asking that you return your pledge cards and your Time and Talent sheets as part of our offering on the following Sunday, October 22nd which is "Generosity Sunday"**. If you cannot be present with us on that day we ask that you return those items to us by mail as soon as possible. This information makes it possible for us to more accurately plan for the coming year, so we would like to hear from everyone. Your help is what makes all that we do possible as we seek to serve Christ.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Again this year we will be packing shoebox gifts to be distributed through Operation Christmas Child. The shoeboxes may contain small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, small clothing items, etc. You can help in several different ways:



- (1) You can pack a shoebox yourself including the \$9 shipping cost.
- (2) You may purchase small items and put them in the collection box in the entryway to be packed into shoeboxes.
- (3) You may donate money to buy supplies and/or to help cover shipping costs for shoeboxes.
- (4) Pray for the children who will receive these gifts, for their families and for those who distribute these very special gifts.

The shoeboxes are distributed to children around the world who have probably never received a Christmas gift, they are also used to introduce the Gospel to these children to help sow the seeds of faith in their communities. All items need to be at church by November 12th so we can fill the shoeboxes and get them delivered during national collection week which is November 13th – 20th. For more information pick up a brochure in the entryway or talk to Aldina Dunn, or Nancy Berg. Our collection box is looking pretty empty so please help us out so we have enough items to pack as many shoeboxes as possible!





CRAFTY KIDS FALL SCHEDULE

There will be two more Crafty Kids sessions this year. There will be one on Sunday, October 15th to make several different kinds of Christmas ornaments. Then we will meet on Sunday, November 19th to make our own Christmas stockings. We hope all you craft kids out there will join us for these two projects. Crafty Kids starts at 3:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. You are encouraged to invite friends but please call ahead so we have enough supplies and food for everyone!



SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

We had a good September in Sunday School. It's nice to be back to our regular schedule! We have a new theme: God's Wonderful Library. We will be learning about the books of the Bible and hearing some stories that we might not have heard before. Our teachers are working hard to make Sunday School fun and educational so please make an effort to be in Sunday School as often as possible! You might miss something really great...

☞ Sunday, October 1

Lesson: The Books of History, part 2 – 1st and 2nd Samuel

Story: Israel's First King

Craft: Paper Plate Crown

☞ Sunday, October 8

Lesson: Books of History, part 2 – 1 & 2 Kings and 1 & 2 Chronicles

Story: The Split Up Kingdom

Craft: Split Kingdom Cupcakes

☞ Sunday, October 15 – Stewardship Sunday

Lesson: Using the Gifts God Has Given Us to His Glory

Story: What Types of Gifts Do You Have?

☞ Sunday, October 22

Lesson: Book of History, part 4 – Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

Story: Rebuilding Jerusalem's Temple and Walls

Craft: Chex Cereal Temple

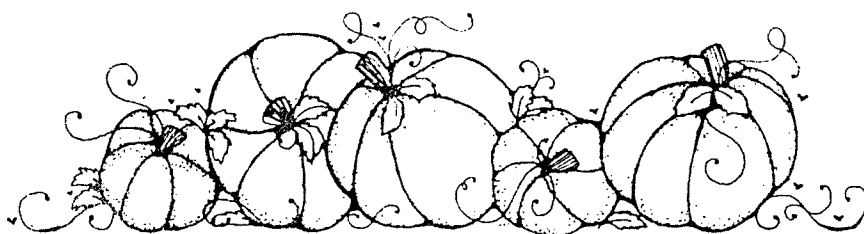
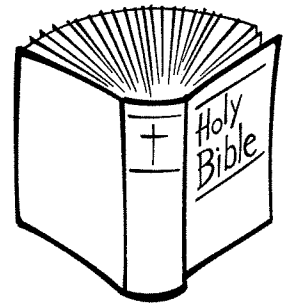
☞ Sunday, October 29

Lesson: Martin Luther Starts the Reformation

Story: Martin Luther, the Reformation, and the Bible

Craft: Martin Luther Stained Glass Look Picture

Here's...
WHAT'S
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at **Sunday!**
SCHOOL





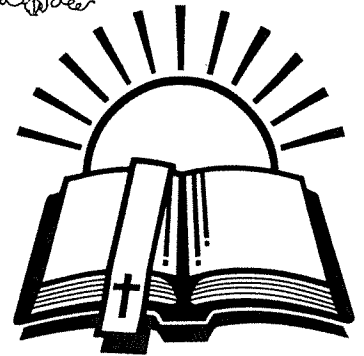
SUNDAY SCHOOL STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

We are very busy with our Stewardship Projects this time of year. We are corresponding with our new Compassion Child, Charite who just turned 6 in August. For more information check out our Stewardship bulletin board in the fellowship hall. We are also gearing up for Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. If you need ideas of what to bring check out the information in the church entryway. Then mark your calendars for

Sunday, November 12th for our Shoebox Packing Party. Let's try to make this year's Operation Christmas Child collection even bigger than last year! Thank you to everyone for helping to support our Sunday School Stewardship Projects!!!



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER



Sunday, October 1 – The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9
 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

Sunday, October 8 – The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
 Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15
 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 15 – The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost / Stewardship Sunday
 Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23
 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 22 – The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost / Generosity Sunday
 Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-13
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 29 – Reformation Sunday
 Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46
 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Notes</u>
8/27	50	(7)	57	
9/3	43	(4)	47	
9/10	47	13	60	Back-to-Church Sunday
9/17	51	7	58	
9/24	54	7	61	


SAINTS IN SERVICE

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Readers

- 1 Alice Kolb
- 8 Katie Edson
- 15 Nancy Berg
- 22 Joyce Bauer
- 29 Barbara Dallmann

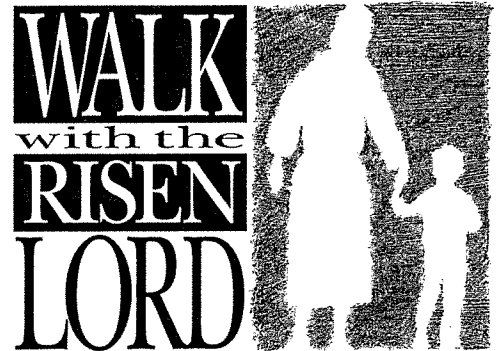


Greeters

- 1 Scott McCorkhill
- 8 Robin Karas
- 15 Jennifer Kurrle
- 22 _____
- 29 _____

Communion Assistants

- 1 Sharron Jackman, Joyce Bauer, Don Dallmann
- 15 Beth Davis, Michele Penzel, _____
- 29 Sharron Jackman, Joyce Bauer, Elaine Grawe

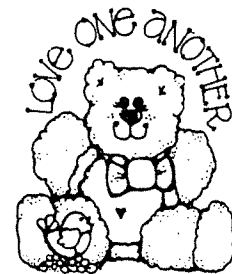


Clicker Operator

- 1 _____
- 8 Bob Penzel
- 15 Bob Penzel
- 22 _____
- 29 _____

Usher

- 1 Bruce Torgerson
- 8 Gary Orback
- 15 _____
- 22 Bruce Torgerson
- 29 _____



Refreshments

- 1 Nancy Koppl
- 8 Michele Penzel
- 15 Barbara Hagiwara
- 22 Beth Davis
- 29 Reformation Festival Potluck

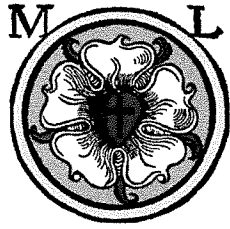
Altar Guild

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| | Set Up | |
| 1 | Sharron Jackman, Joyce Bauer | |
| 15 | Joe Hoeflich, Sharron Jackman | |
| 29 | _____ | |

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| | Clean Up |
| | Nikki Rocha |
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Altar Flowers

- 1 Joe & Debby Hoeflich
- 8 _____
- 15 Alice Kolb
- 22 Sharron Jackman
- 29 _____



OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>1</i></p> <p>6:00—8:00 Confirmation Class</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>*Pastor Jim & Nancy Berg</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>10:00 Bible Study</p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>*The Brochtrup Family</p>	<p><i>5</i></p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>*Ken Brocks</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>9:00 Worship Team Rehearsal 10:30 Finance Committee Meeting</p>
<p><i>8</i></p> <p>6:30 Luther Movie Night</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>*Von & Heidi Carney</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>10:00 Bible Study</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>6:30 Council Meeting</p> <p>*The Chrismen Family</p>	<p><i>12</i></p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>6:30 Youth Group</p> <p>*Bob Clemensson</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>No Worship Team Rehearsal Hiking Group</p>
<p><i>15</i></p> <p><u>STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY</u></p> <p>3:00 Crafty Kids 6:00 Confirmation Class</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>*David Cooper</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>No Bible Study</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>*Myles & Jo Anna Crebs</p>	<p><i>19</i></p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>*Don & Barbara Dallmann</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>9:00 Worship Team Rehearsal</p>
<p><i>22</i></p> <p><u>GENEROSITY SUNDAY</u></p> <p>3:00 Board Game Afternoon</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>*Ina Davenport</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>No Bible Study</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>*Allan & Beth Davis</p>	<p><i>26</i></p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>*James & Barbara Dilts</p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>9:00 Worship Team Rehearsal</p>
<p><i>29</i></p> <p><u>REFORMATION FESTIVAL</u></p> <p>10:00 Special Worship Service 11:15 Potluck <u>and</u> F.A.N. the Flame! Bring a <u>F</u>riend, <u>A</u>ssociate, or <u>N</u>eighbor</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>*Ken & Valerie Donohoo</p>	<p><i>31</i></p> <p>10:00 Bible Study</p> <p><u>The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation</u></p>	<p><u>Sunday Morning Schedule:</u> 9:00 Adult Learning Class 10:00 Worship and Sunday School</p>	<p><u>Holy Communion:</u> October 1, 15 & 29</p>		<p>*To Be Remembered in Prayer</p>