



ANCHOR NEWS

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Post Scripts

It has been said that no one (other than Our Lord Jesus) has had more written about him than Martin Luther, the German monk that "started" the Reformation in October of 1517. Whether that is accurate or not, it IS true that there has been a lot of interpretation of Luther throughout the centuries.

A lot of the interpretation is very helpful: Roland Bainton's classic about Luther, "Here I Stand," keeps its place as a fine summary of his life. By contrast, Erik Erikson's "Young Man Luther," while a lot of fun (!), goes too far (for me) in trying to examine Luther through the lens of (now out of favor) psychoanalytic ways of looking at things. For example, yes, Luther had "issues" with his father who wanted him to be a lawyer (and not an Augustinian monk); and yes, Luther's fixations on sin and his body to the point of personal flagellation—and impolite personal habits—probably indicates a number of things about his psyche. But really, does any of this really help with Luther's insistence on being saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus? Walter Maier's book about Luther is great; Jim Nestingen wrote a 10 chapter, short summary of Luther that is a fine introduction.

During the next year as we get ready for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation we will get some of these books and other resources out to you. In fact, some have already borrowed some from my shelves, so come by the office sometime and have a look, don't wait! Currently one can join an online list of Luther's writings, the "Luther Reading Challenge" (LRC), and get a regular taste the Reformer's many thoughts. For me, the essential thought about Luther's genius is in the quote to the right of this article, about the paradox of freedom that indeed God's grace through Jesus Christ offers to us, through faith, as a gift. "Put that in your smoke and pipe it!" as my brother Mark would say.

In this 70th year of our church's history, and with the 499th anniversary of the Reformation upon us, we can take some significant, purposeful time together to reflect on who we are as Lutherans in this 21st century, here in this part of God's world. It has been said that the Church is always in need of being reformed, and I concur. Who are we—who am I, you can, *must* ask—then, and now? How is God at work already in our lives/my life, and how can we/I open the eyes of faith to see and assist with the ongoing reform of God's Good News of grace? "A perfectly free Lord of all, subject to none..." and "a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all." What does God want me/us to do/be about?

Come and see. We have answers. Really.

EIn feste Burg is unser Gott! ("A Mighty Fortress is Our God!").

Peace. Pastor Erik

Quote of the Month—

"A Christian is a perfectly free Lord of all, subject to none; a Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all."

Martin Luther
"On Christian Liberty"

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Jeanne Lovaasen

Meet & Greet Jeanne Lovaasen

By Michelle Guillory & Jeanne Lovaasen—Jeanne is a delightful gal who has lived a long and fascinating life. She was born in Manchester, England 87 years ago. She was baptized, confirmed and married in the Church of England. She was married twice and widowed twice...her first husband was her pen pal for four years before they ever met!

A couple of days before WW2 was declared, when she was 10, she was evacuated to country villages and “billeted with strangers” along with millions of other city kids. She lived there for about a year before her parents brought her home just in time for the bombings to start...and last for several years. Both her parents were Air Raid Wardens and it was easier to sleep in the air raid shelter than get up and go there repeatedly each night. It was her bedroom, by herself, for two years.

Her education culminated at Sheffield University with a BS in Botany, Zoology, and Chemistry. This led to her first two jobs in research labs in England and at the University of Massachusetts. She has taught in schools in England and the US.

Her first husband was career USAF...so for 24 years, she moved a lot. She made homes and raised kids in England, Spain, Massachusetts, Maryland, and Minnesota. She also travelled in Europe and the US. I bet she has a ton of stories of the places she's been.

Through out her life she's had four children, and gotten four grandkids and four great-grandkids. Their religious affiliations are Lutheran, Methodist, Mormon, Catholic, and Jewish.

She seems to like variety...check out some of her hobbies. She used to enjoy hiking, camping, rock climbing, climbing, sewing, wood carving, pottery, basket making (she sold a lot of pine needle baskets!) She still knits kids hats and scarves and listens to audio books...I like audio books as I can knit while listening...audio books are awesome!

Her life experiences, prayer, and supportive friends and family have helped to give her the strength and independence to deal with her vision loss and many other crises through out her life.

At SLC, she's been the Prayer Chain chair, Social Concerns chair, and worked with our LWR quilters. She is currently active in the Women's Circle, Monday Bible Study, Book Group, and Fringe Benefits discussion group.

The most important thing to know when you meet her is that she has Macular Degeneration and is nearly completely blind...definitely legally blind, but it's getting worse. She cannot see your face, but will recognize your voice...after she gets to know you, of course. Be sure to introduce yourself when you go talk with her.

Chi Rho Lecture Series

November 11-13, 2016

We have been invited to attend the annual Chi Rho lectures. This year's speaker is Carl Holladay of Emory University. Dr. Holladay has just published a commentary on the Acts of the Apostles. He will be sharing his thoughts on Acts during the presentations. Specifically, he will be speaking to the topic “Deepening the Church's Sensibilities: Reflections on Acts”.

More information can be found at: [http://](http://www.welcometocentral.org/2016-chi-rho)

www.welcometocentral.org/2016-chi-rho.

- Friday, 11/11, 7:30 pm—Central Lutheran Church—“Exploring Acts - The Shape of the Story”
- Saturday, 11/12, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm—Northwest Christian University, Library, Room 203—“A Sense of History: Roots and Origins” and “A Sense of Inquiry: Searching the Scriptures”.
- Saturday, 11/12, 7:30 pm—Central Lutheran Church—“A Sense of Community: Meals, Meetings, Networks, and Possessions”.
- Sunday, 11/13, 9:45 am—Central Lutheran Church—“A Sense of Mission: To the End of the Earth”.

LWR Projects

There is a booklet in the office that lists, in detail, all the various projects we can participate in with LWR. You may also choose some to do by yourself. You can also go to www.lwr.org for more ideas and an opportunity for online giving.

Here is a brief list of the standard projects that are always needed:

- School Kits/
Backpacks
- Baby Care Kits
- Personal Care Kits
- Fabric Kits
- Mission Quilts
- Fleece Tied Blankets

There are specific requirements for each item, so be sure to either check out the booklet or the website for that list. All items are needed all year round. All items are greatly appreciated by those who receive them.

Thank you for joining with us in contributing to the greater world in need.

www.lwr.org

Lutheran World Relief
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Baltimore, MD 21230

Journeying Toward Unity

Taken from *Stories of Faith in Action, Your Offering at Work 2016*, by the ELCA—As the 500th anniversary of the Reformation approaches in 2017, Christians in the US and around the world are taking steps toward unity. In the US, “Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist”—and ecumenical document that marks a pathway toward greater unity between Catholics and Lutherans—was released in October 2015.

“Five hundred years ago wars were fought over the very issues about which Lutherans and Roman Catholics have now achieved consensus,” said the ELCA Presiding Bishop [Elizabeth Eaton]. “The declaration is so exciting because it shows us 32 important points where already we can say there are not church-dividing issues between us, and it gives us both hope and direction for the future.”

The statements in the “Declaration on the Way” were received and affirmed by the ELCA Conference of Bishops, the ELCA Church Council and the Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In January 2016 The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) with the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity invited Lutheran churches across the world to use a jointly developed Common Prayer in preparation to commemorate the Reformation Anniversary in 2017.

This piece is the first jointly developed liturgical order prepared by a liturgical task force of the Lutheran Catholic Commission on Unity of the LWF and the Pontifical Council. It is based on the recent study report “From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017” and is calling Catholic and Lutheran communities to joint prayer in this commemoration.

“This common prayer marks a very special moment in our common journey from conflict to communion,” wrote Martin Junge, LWF general secretary, and Kurt Koch, Pontifical Council president, in a joint letter to church leaders. “We are grateful for being able to invite you to participate in this journey in witnessing to the grace of God in the world.”

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A portion of your offering supports national ecumenical work as well as the work of The Lutheran World Federation, a global communion of 145 churches in the Lutheran tradition representing more than 72 million Christians in 98 countries worldwide. The ELCA is the communion’s only member church from the United States.

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More stories can be found in the “Stories of Faith in Action” booklet that is on the bulletin board near the church office. If you’d prefer, you can look online at ELCA.org/Resources/Stories-of-Faith-in-Action.



Giving Opportunities

Edited by Michelle Guillory—Our Giving Opportunities article comes from Mark Allen Powell: [Giving to God: The Bible's Good News about Living a Generous Life](#). He is a Bible scholar and theologian...and a Lutheran! This month, our excerpt is from pages 12 and 13:

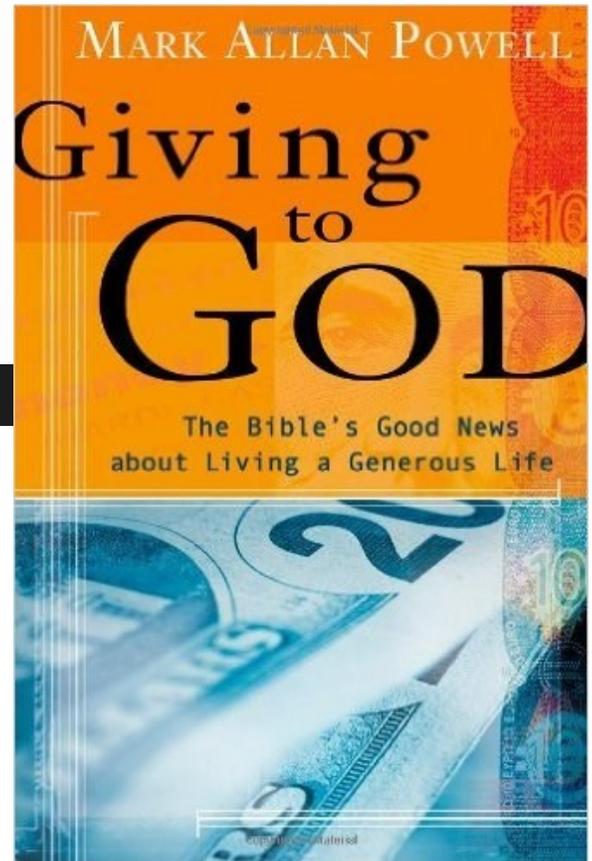
“The good news of stewardship is that the church offerings are not fund-raising rituals but acts of worship in which we are invited to express our heartfelt devotion to the God who is so good to us. If we think the point of the offering is collecting funds to meet the church’s budgetary expenses then we will probably derive no more satisfaction from this portion of the liturgy than we do from paying our gas bill. Why should it be part of the church service at all? Why not just send out notices in the mail and let church members write checks and mail them in, as they do when tending to other financial commitments? Indeed, many churches now encourage their members to do exactly that—they even set up electronic transfers that allow for donations to be deducted automatically from the parishioners’ checking accounts. I actually have nothing against this; in fact, I think it’s a great way to make sure that members give their intended contributions toward meeting the church’s operating expenses. But churches that do this *still* have offerings on Sunday morning. Why?”

“Giving as an act of worship takes us beyond duty to delight.”

Because the purpose of the Sunday morning offering is not to collect funds for covering the church’s operating expenses. The Sunday offering is a worship event that provides us with an opportunity for expressing our love for God in the purest way imaginable, by giving up something that we value.

The essence of faith is worship and the essence of worship is sacrifice—giving of ourselves in devotion to God. In that regard, ancient Israelites and modern Christians are the same. There is more to the matter, but this is the first, and possibly the most important thing to learn about biblical stewardship: we give to God as an act of worship.”

That’s all for this month. I think we’ve given you plenty to ponder. The book can be found in a variety of places and Pastor Erik recommends it.



Camp Lutherwood Event:

Saturday, **October 1**, from 3-7 pm, is the 3rd Annual Harvest Fest out at camp. Join as they celebrate an amazing summer season and look forward to 2017.

Enjoy a farm-to-table meal (at 5 pm), live and silent auctions, live music and more festive seasonal fun in support of camp.

Tickets are limited, so order yours soon. They are \$50 each.

Contact the camp for more information. The web site is www.lutherwoodoregon.org and their phone is 541.998.6444.

Your Council Members for 2016:

President:
Linda Loomis

Vice President/
Stewardship:
Open

Secretary:
Rita Grimes

Treasurer:
Gail Rogers

Budget:
Bill Maack

Financial Secretary
Liz Hurley

Property/Maintenance:
Ray Miller

Worship Committee:
Open

Hospitality:
Alicia Fisher

Social Concerns/
Outreach:
Susan Squire



President's Corner

Your church council did not meet in September. There was no quorum. However, here's a few bits and pieces of house keeping to keep you occupied.

Financially, all bills have been paid up thanks to the congregation giving so consistently in the first half of the year. However, please note that we were short in June, July, and August...a total of \$7,000. If we could make that up, it would help us match our budget. Thank you.

We will be hiring one or two musicians for our Sunday services. Look for interviews with them in future Meet & Greet articles.

Task List—The whiteboard outside the church office has a list of things that need doing...by anyone...For jumpstarting us, thanks to the Squires for de-cobwebbing the exterior walkways and hanging the hand-crocheted Lord's Prayer in the Fire-side Room and to Dick Allely for shaving 1/2" off the bottom of the door to the old Sunday school room.

We are always in need of Readers, Communion Assistants and greeters. There are signup sheets in the Narthex on the bulletin board.

Our church's 70th anniversary celebration will be on Sunday, **October 30**. Pastor Erik's anniversary luncheon will be Sunday, **November 20**. More is information coming, so pay attention to the Sunday bulletins and the November newsletter.

We are seeking people to be nominated for positions on council for 2017. Our open positions are Vice President/Stewardship and Worship Committee. Please contact the office if you are interested or know of someone who is willing.

Have a great month!

Linda Loomis
President
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A small section of the art at St. Peter's Lutheran, NYC

Parts of a Church

By Michelle Guillory—Parts of a Church...Narthex, Sanctuary, Altar, Vestry, Sacristy, Nave, Chancel, Steeple or Tower, Stoup, Pews, Pulpit, Lectern, Chapel, etc. Springfield Lutheran has all of these parts, except for the last one...the Chapel.

The Narthex is the entry area. The Sanctuary (or sacred place) is the whole room that Worship is held in. The Altar is at the front of the Sanctuary. The Vestry is the room where Pastor Erik gets dressed in his Vestments. The Sacristy is the room where the Holy Communion elements and vessels are kept and prepared. The Nave is the area of the Sanctuary where the Pews are. The Chancel is the area between the Pews and the Altar. The Steeple/Tower holds the bells. The Stoup is the bowl of Holy Water in the Narthex. The Pews are the benches we sit on. The Pulpit is where the Pastor preaches. The Lectern is where the lessons are read.

And the Chapel...according to Wikipedia a Chapel is "a religious place of fellowship, prayer and worship that is attached to a larger, often nonreligious institution or that is considered an extension of a primary religious institution." They can be found in a variety of situations...Navy ships, hospitals, the UN, Embassies, cathedrals, off on their own, inside other churches...or synagogues! Chapels are not even restricted to Christianity. Often you will find a generic Chapel that will be open to a variety of worship practices.

Chapels often include (but not all do include) a secondary Altar, Icons and art, seasonal banners, another Stoup or font of remembrance. Generally the theme of the Chapel is some sort of quiet worship. Chapels are not loud places and they are not generally used by large groups...although the Catholics have some rather large Chapels, which are almost like small churches and are used as such.

I have been in a few Chapels in England, France, and Germany. They're typically of a historical and classically artistic theme. They're beautiful. I found that they have a heavy sense of connectivity...you're connected to all those who have used the space before and to those who will come after. I've also been in and used the Chapel at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in NYC on 54th and Lexington. It is all white and natural/neutral beige. It's very modern and it has beautiful, but expensive, modern art hanging on three of the walls. In the beginning it was intimidating as I was always afraid I would get things dirty (I have dogs, I don't own much white on purpose). However, the more I used the space, the more I got used to the idea behind the theme. The art has its own postcard that explains what it's supposed to be (the Trinity) and once I understood what the artist was thinking it became a wonderful place for meditation...especially when the pastor spilled wine on one of the seat cushions (I was so thankful it wasn't me!). They often hold small services there...like for Lent or Advent midweek when there's only a handful of people. It's lovely.

The reason for this article is that we have an empty room...the empty Sunday school room near the office, that Council, some SLC members, Pastor Erik, and I think could make a great Chapel. It doesn't have to be as fancy as Saint Peter's in NYC or as elaborate as some of the many Chapels in the Vatican. We have no plans or ideas as of yet. We are starting from scratch with a blank template. We would like it to be nice and simple, comfortable, a place of prayer and contemplation.

We would like for you to be involved in the development of it. If you think of something that could be a good thing for the Chapel, take a picture of it and e-mail it to the office or bring it (the picture) and talk to Pastor Erik and Council President, Linda Loomis, about it. We are not making any decisions today as we would like to see what everyone thinks before we act. Whatever you do, *don't* bring any items to the church for this project...we want to coordinate and plan before we do anything as we'd like to do it right the first time and pictures of ideas would be a big help.

SLC Quilting Schedule:

We have two groups here at SLC. SLCW LWR Quilters and the Springfield Lutheran Sewing Sisters (SLSS).

The SLCW LWR Quilters meet Tuesdays, from 9:00 to 10:30 am. We follow the LWR guidelines and make quilts for those in areas of crisis throughout the world. Miriam Jones & Carol McAllister are your contacts for the LWR Quilters.

The SLSS now meets on all Mondays from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Michelle Marroquin and Miriam Jones are your contacts for the SLSS.

Come, join one group or both! Help those in need and learn new quilting techniques along the way.



The Chapel of the Good Shepherd at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, NYC, is a complete sculptural environment by Louise Nevelson.

Three suspended columns to the side of the altar suggest the Holy Trinity. Five sculptures affixed to the walls are titled the Cross of the Good Shepherd, Frieze of the Apostles, Cross of the Resurrection, Grapes and Wheat Lintel and Sky Vestment — Trinity.

Info taken from saintpeters.org.

Suggested Food Pantry Items to Donate:

Fats, Oils, Sweets

- Jelly & Jam
- Honey & Sugar & Syrup
- Mayonnaise
- Vegetable Oil
- Salad Dressing

Milk Yogurt, Cheese

- Infant Formula
- Powdered Milk
- Instant Breakfast Drinks
- Canned & Boxed Pudding

Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dry Beans, Nuts

- Canned Tuna & Chicken
- Canned Beef Stew & Bean
Soups & Chilis
- Canned or Dried Beans
- Baked Beans
- Canned Nuts

Vegetables

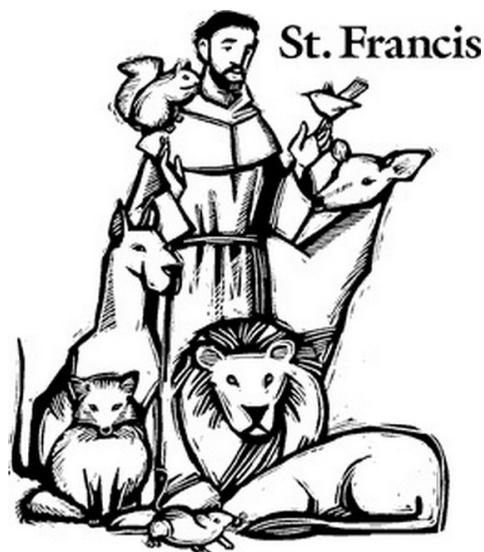
- Canned Vegetables & Toma-
to Products
- Vegetable Soup
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Baby Food Vegetables
- V-8 Juice

Fruits

- Canned Fruit
- Raisins & Dried Fruits
- Applesauce
- Baby Food Fruit
- Fruit Leather (100% Fruit)

Bread, Cereal, Rice, Pasta

- Rice & Rice Mixes
- Canned Pastas
- Noodle Mixes
- Dry Noodles & Pastas
- Macaroni & Cheese Mix
- Cold Cereals
- Bran Cereal & Shredded
Wheat
- Infant Cereal
- Hot Cereal Mixes & Oatmeal
- Bread & Muffin Mixes
- Pancake Mix
- Granola Bars & Graham
Crackers
- Flour



The Pet Blessing

By Pastor Erik—"Qui cum canibus concumbunt cum pulicibus surgent." --attributed to Seneca, Benjamin Franklin, and many others. Translated it reads: "He who lies with dogs will rise with fleas."

This Latin phrase is meant as a warning, like "be careful of the company you keep." But with respect to our annual pet blessing, this year on October 2, I rather like to think of it in a happy sort of way. Some "research" has shown a propensity for people, and pets, to look similar to each other if they spend a lot of time together. Maybe that's why there is a better showing of dogs and cats as pets than lizards or snakes or bugs!

Much more serious research, though, supports what pet owners throughout the ages have known to be true: pets bring much joy to life. Sure, owners of pets put up with fleas, and, like we do at our home, go on "poo-poo patrol" out of necessity. Indeed, there is a "pet industry", and almost what borders on idolatry, with an attention to pets that can go too far in the pampering of "Fifi" and "Mr. Whiskers". I get that.

But for most of us, the "pet thing" is kept in good order. Over the years I have met with many homebound members who have as a companion...a dog or a cat, or birds, a turtle, or bunnies. Pet owners will always agree that pets give so much unconditional love and support. The connection can be strong, for sure, between owner and pet. Singer Jim Stafford's rendition of the song "Mr. Bo Jangles" has a line that illustrates this sentiment: twenty years after his dog "up and died", so the song goes, Mr. Bo Jangles still grieves, and then says: "I wonder why it is that a dog don't get to live too long, but he still has to die old?" Where's my Kleenex; gets me every time...

Luther, himself a dog lover, once wrote: "The dog is the most faithful of animals and would be much esteemed were it not so common. Our Lord God has made His greatest gifts the commonest," and, "if only I could pray the way that dog looks at meat." How about these words of comfort: "Be Thou comforted, little dog, Thou too in Resurrection shall have a golden tail." St. Francis, whose commemoration day, on October 4, gives calendar justification for our own little commemoration during worship on October 2, loved God's creation genuinely and affectionately. And, frankly, in a cynical and chaotic world, the blessing of pets and owners helps provide a positive, generous perspective to life.

So we offer, with no apologies, the taking of a few minutes on a Sunday, to offer thanks, encouragement, and blessing pet owners and their critters. We're thankful, gracious, and adult enough to handle the "down side" of fleas and poop just fine.

Every Week

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30 am Worship with Communion	Office Closed	9:00 LWR Quilting	9:30 HS Cooking	9:30 HS Cooking	12 noon AA	12:30 AA
9:30 am Fellowship	9:00 SLSS Quilting	9:00 Tai Chi	12 noon AA	12 noon AA	12:30 Nar-Anon	
10:00 am Worship with Communion	12 noon AA	12 noon AA	12:30 Nar Anon			
	6:30 Bible Study	5:30 NA	2:00 Sr. Mat Yoga			
			3:30 Sr. Chair Yoga			
			5:30 AA			
			6:45 Midwk Worship			

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 3-7 Camp Lutherwood Harvest Festival @ Camp
2 Pentecost 20 St. Francis Sunday (aka Pet Sunday) 2:00 CROP Walk	3	4 7:00 Hope Lutheran's AA Group	5	6	7	8
9 Pentecost 21	10 1:00 Women's Circle @ D. Carlson's	11 11:30 Book Group @ Heritage Restaurant	12 9:30 Kate Morgan's Mindfulness group in Gym	13	14	15
16 Pentecost 22 11:05 Council	17	18	19 9:30 Kate Morgan's Mindfulness group in Gym	20 1:30 Fringe Benefits @ Ricksons'	21	22
23/30 Pentecost 23/24 23—Quilt Sunday 30—Reformation Day	24/31 31—Halloween	25 1:15 Wise Guys @ Hole in the Wall BBQ	26 9:30 Kate Morgan's Mindfulness group in Gym	27 7:00 MCCB @ TBD	28	29 <i>Luther House Anniversary—see next page for details</i>

Bulletin Board

In the main hall by the church office, is a bulletin board that is for everyone. It's been titled Our Church—Our Community—Our World.

It is for news and events happening around our church, around Springfield, around Lane County, and around Oregon, and around the US, and around the World.

Not everything is applicable, but most things are. The grandson doing well in sports (our church), another church bazaar (our community), various volunteer opportunities (our community/our world), the latest newsletters from a variety of organizations (our community/our world).

Our goal is to share happenings, not to indoctrinate or recruit for something that is unrelated to the church. The big 'no' is secular politics and activism. There can be news of a meeting, but no views or opinions. We understand that politics and activism impact our church, our community, and our world; but this board is too small a forum for such a task.

Should you like something to go up, contact the church office and we will put it up if applicable.



Our Church—Our Community —Our World—

- **Pet Sunday**—Our annual Blessing of the Pets will be on Sunday, **October 2**. Please remember that well-behaved, leashed pets are welcome.
- **The CROP Walk** is back. The 2016 Eugene-Springfield CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, **October 2**, at Alton Baker Park. Registration begins at 1:00 and the walk at 2:00 pm. For more information, see the website: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/eugeneor/>
- **Women's Circle**—The next regular Women's Circle meeting will be at 1:00 pm, Monday, **October 10**, Joan Boriack will host it at church.
- **Book Group**—The next meeting will be held at the Heritage restaurant and will be on **Tuesday, October 11** at 11:30 am. The book is Sister of Heart and Snow by Margaret Dilloway.
- **Council**—meets Sunday, **October 16**, after church.
- **Fringe Benefits Returns**—The Ricksons' will be hosting on Thursday, **October 20** at 1:30 pm.
- **Quilt Sunday—October 23** will be our semi-annual Quilt Sunday showcasing the hard work our quilters have put in for LWR. Their fall ingathering is October 28 and 29. Contact Miriam Jones with questions.
- **The Wise Guys** are scheduled for Tuesday, **October 25** over at the Hole in the Wall BBQ joint at 1:15 pm
- **The MCCB's** meeting on **October 27** at 7 pm. Speak to Pastor Erik about the location.
- **Luther House 90th Anniversary & Homecoming Celebration**—3 hours before kick-off on Saturday, **October 29**, there's a party at Luther House in Corvallis. See the postcard on the bulletin board for more information.
- **70th Anniversary Celebration Dinner**—This coming Reformation Sunday is the day we have chosen to gather to remember all 70 years we've been active as a congregation. There will be details yet to come. Mark **October 30** on your calendars and plan to be here.
- **Free Community Breakfast**—Sunday, **November 13**. The meal is served from 8:00 to 10:00 am. All are welcome. The parade is at 1:30 pm. Volunteers, sign up sheets will be on the Narthex Table closer to the event. Contact Susan Squire with questions.
- **Newsletters**—Don't forget to check our bulletin board for a wide variety of newsletters with more information than our little newsletter can handle and still stay little.

Prayer of Abandonment

By Charles de Foucauld

Father,

I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may doo, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures—I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul: I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father.



Contact Us

If you need the church, the Pastor, the Secretary, prayer, comfort, or guidance; please contact us at:

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ELCA**

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Visit us on the web at
www.springfieldlutheran.org

The Narthex Table

By Michelle Guillory—For October, here's the current list of what's on the Narthex Table:

- **Event Sign Up Sheets**—There's a breakfast on November 13, so the sign up sheets will be located on this table closer to the event.
- **Grocery List**—What? Well, it's a list of **items that are good for Food Pantries**. Non-perishable items that are healthy and keep well and are good movers at Food for Lane County and the various pantries that it serves. Take one if you feel you need ideas.
- **Shopping List**—Another one? This one's different. It's **for the LWR School Kits**. Snag a copy and bring the items to the wicker basket next to the table.
- **Christ In Our Homes**—These are quarterly devotionals that cost \$5 for an annual subscription. The money goes to the SLCW who pays the bill.
- This **newsletter** (including the monthly calendar) can be found there, as well. We provide it for folks who do not have internet access or those want a quick read while waiting. If you have access to the internet, please leave the paper copies for those who don't. Thank you.
- On the easel near the entry to the Narthex, you'll find **signup sheets** for bringing flowers on Sundays and for reading the Scriptures during the services...you can pick which service to read during. This bulletin board also has the selected readings so those who choose to read may have time to practice.

Periodically check there to see if there's something new with your name on it in the basket on the table with the alphabetical tabs...it won't necessarily be another giving statement, but perhaps something that needed to be passed on to you. Thank you.