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Post Scripts

Many folks reading this column are at least somewhat familiar, if not moved profoundly, with these essential Christian hymns: "The Church's One Foundation", "Built On a Rock the Church ("Doth") Does Stand", "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." At least, that's what I assume, especially with this being the culminating month of some attention given--worldwide!--to the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

We have great heritage as Lutherans: as we have provided here at Springfield Lutheran with the recent year-long remembrance of our own 70+ years of ministry, and we have focused regularly on the impact of Martin Luther and the events surrounding the church in 16th century Europe. We will certainly continue to do so this month and into the future!

Yet the point I'm steering toward is this: for many (maybe even for a majority), the events of religious, cultural, and political landscape of that time and its impact throughout the centuries for the entire world--to this day!--don't mean beans to them. Who cares? So what? That really shouldn't be so surprising, actually, given the current distractions, moods, and fears of this 21st century. I have heard and seen such attitudes *throughout* my life though, even among Christians (and some Lutherans who should know better).

Seriously: my purpose here is not to be cute, scolding, or snarky. That does no good, frankly, and such attitudes play into our current national atmosphere of combativeness, for sure, on many levels religious, cultural, and political. I think about these things in this way, that indeed, our 21st century is as "ripe" for Reformation insights as was the 16th century. I propose and am convinced we as Lutherans now have, and will continue to have, something of contemporary and eternal value to cling to and especially to share.

Therefore, I simply want to give deep thanks for and fervent encouragement to all those in our churches and institutions--that's you reading this, too, I assume--who deeply appreciate (or have at least a respectful curiosity) about those startling Reformation events of the centuries. Their impact is reflected in the hymns mentioned above, and ongoing worship, preaching, teaching, and service to neighbors in need. In those ways and more, the Reformation continues to be an ongoing and vital, dynamic phenomenon and not merely an archaic bit of history that had its day, and is only the subject for academics and bored, stilted personalities. Yes, it takes some work to even begin to absorb The Reformation and its continuing vitality, but it's worth it. "This is most certainly true." No joke, really.

Put another way (and please forgive the metaphor): at its best, our Lutheran heritage's firm insistence/approach of God's grace through Jesus Christ is an essential gift to the Church; it may not be flashy or full of gimmicks, but we can see that being attentive and firmly connected to such Grace we are "glue" that holds the Gospel together through the years. It's not easy being glue...

OK, let's stick with "Foundation," "Rock", and "Fortress"! "Ein Feste Burg" (und so weiter).

Grace, mercy and peace be with you all through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, treatise, "The Freedom of a Christian"

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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 & Chili

Vegetables

- Canned or Dried Beans
- Baked Beans
- Canned Nuts
- Canned Vegetables & Tomato Products
- Vegetable Soup
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Baby Food Vegetables

Fruits

- V-8 Juice
- 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

Bits & Pieces...

By Rita Grimes—As there are always “bits & pieces” scattered about our lives like Post-It Notes, here’s a few more...and a few updated items...

* Hurricane Relief Efforts

- ⇒ **Medical Teams International**—For a family who has lost everything, a \$7 Hygiene Kit will provide dignity and comfort with essentials. Please consider a gift of \$35 to provide for 5 families. More information can be found at: www.medicalteams.org
- ⇒ **ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response**—Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, designated for "Hurricane Response – United States" will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Check the ELCA website for more information.
- ⇒ **Red Cross**—They are working around the clock to provide support and could use our help. The Red Cross website has a page dedicated to donations.
- ⇒ **Other**—Go to your internet page and search Hurricane “Relief Efforts” and see what other agencies are doing.

* Food Collection Drives—UPDATED!

- ◇ We are in need of protein items in the Food for Lane County barrels and hearty meals for the Dexter drive. Thank you.
- ◇ We need small tubes of toothpaste for the health kits given out at the Free Community Breakfast...just travel size tubes only. Thank you.
- ◇ Please note we cannot give foods that are in previously opened packages (or simply without packaging) or items with expired “best by” or “sell by” dates. Thank you.
- ◇ Please make sure that you give what you would be willing to eat. Thank you.
- ◇ And lastly, please remember that we are often times giving to poor people without can openers, so if it’s an affordable option, please give easy open cans with “pull tabs” or “pop tops”. For all you do, thank you.

* Health Kit Collection

We are collecting small tubes of toothpaste for health kits to be given out at the next community breakfast. The deadline for this collection is October 29. Please leave them on the Narthex Table or talk to Susan Squire for more information.

Every Week

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30 am Worship with Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Worship with Communion	Office Closed 12 noon AA 6:30 Al-Anon	9:00 LWR Quilting 12 noon AA 5:30 NA	9:00 SLSS Quilting 9:30 HS Cooking 12 noon AA 12:30 Nar Anon 2:00 Sr. Mat Yoga 3:30 Sr. Chair Yoga 5:30 AA 6:45 Mid-week Service	9:30 HS Cooking 12 noon AA	12 noon AA 12:30 Nar-Anon	10:00 Women's AA 12:00 noon AA

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pentecost 17 2 pm Camp Luther-wood Harvest Festival	2	3 7 pm Hope Lutheran AA	4 No Nar-Anon until 10/18 6:45 pm Midweek Worship	5	6	7
8 Pentecost 18	9 1 pm Women's Circle in Fireside Room	10	11 9:30 HS Cooking No Nar-Anon until 10/18 6:45 pm Midweek Worship	12 9:30 HS Cooking	13	14
15 Pentecost 19 11:05 COUNCIL	16	17	18 9:30 HS Cooking	19 9:30 HS Cooking 1:30 Fringe Benefits	20	21 9-11 am Baby Gifts Brunch
22 Pentecost 20 Quilt Sunday	23	24	25 9:30 HS Cooking 6:45 pm Midweek Worship	26 9:30 HS Cooking	27	28 Gratitude Dinner
29 Reformation Sunday	30	31 1:15 Wise Guys @ Hole in the Wall	1 9:30 HS Cooking 6:45 pm Midweek Worship	2 9:30 HS Cooking	3 11:30 Book Group	4

Bulletin Board

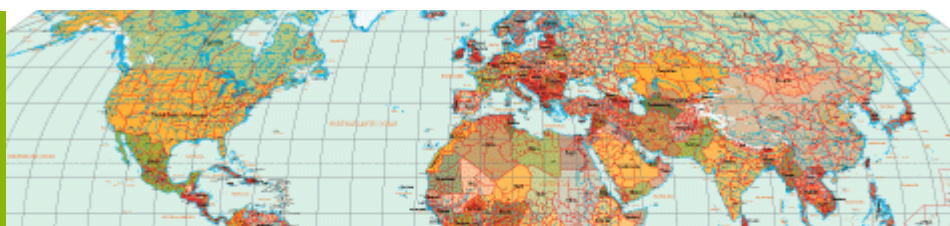
In the main hall by the church office, is a bulletin board that is for everyone. It's been titled Our Church—Our Community—Our World.

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

- **Women's Circle**—The standing date is the second Monday of each month at 1:00 pm. Next meeting is **October 9** in the Fellowship Hall hosted by Dorothy Vetter-Atkins. Contact Miriam Jones for details.
- **Council**—The next meeting will be held on Sunday, **October 15**, after the second service. Please mark your calendar accordingly.
- **Monday Bible Study**—Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.
- **Midweek Worship**—Wednesdays at 6:45 pm.
- **Wise Guys**—Meets at the Hole in the Wall BBQ off Mohawk on Tuesday, **October 31**, at 1:15 pm.
- **Book Group**—The book group is currently reading *Follow the River* by James Alexander Thom. They will meet to discuss on **November 3** at an, as yet, undermined location.
- **Newsletters**—Don't forget to check our bulletin board near the Church Office for a wide variety of newsletters with more information than our little newsletter can handle and still stay little.

The Narthex Table

- **All Saints Sunday, Nov. 5**—The list of the Dearly Departed for the reading of their names during worship services on All Saints Sunday. **Please be sure to have your loved one's name listed and properly spelled before November 2**, so the office has time to create a legible list for the Pastor and Assistant.
- Signup sheets to volunteer for our **November 5 Veterans Day Free Community Breakfast** will be on the table soon. Contact Susan Squire with questions.
- **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 printed copies for folks who do not have internet access. If you do have access to the internet, please feel free to peruse, but 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.