



Zion Lutheran Monthly

October 2017

Pastor's Corner

He was not sure he was saved. All he could see were his sins before him. He felt lost. He literally described his soul as being in a “dark place.” He tried to make himself purer: he tried to pray more, he tried to confess all of his sins; but nothing brought him comfort.

This is not the picture of Martin Luther we usually think of, is it? We usually envision Luther as someone nailing the 95 these to the church door, or preaching, or standing up to fight the selling of indulgences. It is true, Luther did all that. But before he did all that, he described himself as a “lost soul.”

Conversion is never easy. Becoming a Christian and staying a Christian can be a challenge. But the gospel does call us. The gospel calls us away from ourselves, away from our desires to try and “improve” ourselves, the gospel calls us away from focusing on us and instead calls us to focus on Christ and on Him alone.

In the midst of Luther's despair, he began to read the scriptures in a new light. One passage in particular was from Paul's letter to the church in the city of Ephesus:

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

– Ephesians 2:8-9

Passages like this one were eye opening to Luther, they were revolutionary – salvation did NOT depend upon what Luther did. He could pray night and day, fast until he was skin and bones, confess every sin imaginable . . . but none of that would give him the certainty of salvation. Luther realized he was not saved by his works. He was saved by Christ's works. And Christ's works were being given to Luther, and all of us, by grace – a gift – given to us by Jesus Christ.

Martin Luther did not start the Reformation, Jesus Christ did. It was Jesus who gave His Word to Martin Luther. It was Jesus who called Luther away from self-justifying works to find comfort in the salvation Jesus and Jesus alone can provide. And Jesus is still reforming His church today.

As we prepare to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, my prayer is that we at Zion might be called daily to find our comfort in Christ and in Christ alone. My prayer is that each and every one of us can find the certainty of our salvation in the works of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection given to us for the forgiveness of all of our sins. We are given such a gift in Jesus Christ who continues to bless His church with His Word and sacraments – means of grace whereby the reformation continues in us to this day as we look to Christ and Him alone for salvation. Paul's words ring true to this day:

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The Lord be with you,

Pastor Grimenstein

PRESCHOOL NEWS!



Children enjoying playdoh together during the "Free Choice" portion of the day.



Zion's own Roland Chilcott and Sam Trentini playing in the sand.



Learning how to use a glue stick. A big deal for two year olds.



Recognize this cutie? It's London Killinger getting ready to call her mom to tell her what a great time she's having at preschool!



Mrs. Kellie getting ready to read "The World God Made" to the twos for Jesus Time.



"Today is Thursday, September 28th" Mrs. Jen teaches the children during Circle Time.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT!



KIDS PRAISE

Each month I will "spotlight" something different. Kids Praise is one of my favorite things that I get to do at the school. It's a time when all of the classes get together for music and movement, singing and praising. We are blessed to have two of our members also involved with Kids Praise: Mr. Doug (aka Doug Krantz) and Mrs. Carrie (aka Carrie Lemonovich) who play the piano for us. We sing silly, fun songs with lots of actions. Most importantly, we learn to sing the beautiful Bible songs we all learned as children. For some of these children, it's their first time hearing "Jesus Loves Me" and "This little Gospel Light of Mine". What an awesome way to share God's love to children, and then to share it with their family and friends through the songs they've learned.



"This little gospel light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine"



"I've got joy like a fountain in my soul"



"Jesus loves me, this I know"

Chairman's Report

Council Meeting

The Elders are continuing their search to fill the open Officers positions for 2018. This is a great opportunity for everyone to consider serving in one of the various positions that will become vacant next year.

We also discussed making a change to Zion's constitution centered on voting members. The change will be reviewed at the next Voters meeting scheduled for November 5, 2017.

We established a new committee lead by the Elders to focus on member visitations.

Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances

August Income	\$29,477.39
August Expenses	<u>\$45,380.26</u>
Unfavorable to Income	-\$15,902.87



Fiscal Year Income	\$68,567.89
Fiscal Year Expenses	<u>\$75,866.81</u>
Unfavorable to Income	-\$ 7,298.92

The unfavorable income will improve next month as we begin to collect tuition payments in September. The various growth funds continue to show positive growth.

Please continue to pray for Zion and support our ministries with the time and gifts that God has given each of us. May God continue to bless our ministries.

Bob Schmidt
Chairman



Food Bank

Collection for this month's Bridgeville area food bank is Sunday, October 8th. The "item of the month" is **baking supplies**. Thanks to the generosity of Zion and other local churches, 81 families were assisted during the 9/16 distribution!

You are also welcome to help at the food bank the third Saturday of every month between 7:45 am and 12:00 pm at Bethany Presbyterian Church.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday school in October



Travel back five hundred years and walk in the footsteps of Martin Luther. In 1517, as young priest, Martin walked a short distance from his room to the doors of the church nearby. Little did he know that what he nailed to the church door would change the world.

Find out more about that day as you take a Reformation Walk.

At Reformation Walk, you will experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of life during the time of Martin Luther. This special event is designed for people of all ages, so bring the whole family to take a step back in time.

Date	Description	Where
October 1	Meet Hans and Margaret Luther (Martin's parents)	At the baptismal font in the church sanctuary
	Meet Ursula Cotta (Martin's mentor) and learn some German	Luther's Schoolhouse (Classroom)
October 8	Meet Martin Luther and learn about the 95 Theses	Castle Church (Classroom)
	Meet John Tetzel and learn about indulgences	Indulgence Sales (Classroom)
October 15	Meet Leonard Kopp and play a game to learn about Martin, fish and a group of nuns	Fish Merchant (School lobby patio)
	Meet Frederick the Wise and learn about Martin's scary adventure	Wartburg Castle (Classroom)
October 22	Meet a church cantor and learn some of Martin's favorite music	Music Class (Choir Loft)
	Meet some servants, learn how to make a pretzel and eat!	Wittenberg Café (Classroom)
October 29	Learn about Hans Lufft and his printing shop. Make a Luther's Seal craft.	Printer's Shop (Classroom)

2017 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

"And It Came to Pass" Sunday, December 10, 1 PM

Lunch will be served following second service and prior to the program. Be on the **lookout** for more information, including a sign-up sheet for the luncheon.

The program will feature a **Jesse Tree** with ornaments that symbolize an ancestor or prophecy which foretold the coming of the Messiah. *Come, Lord Jesus!*

SAVE THE DATE!



Join us on Sunday Oct. 29th!

REFORMATION FESTIVAL!

Zion Lutheran Church 3197 Washington Pike

Join us
for all
or some!

Special festivities to follow regular morning worship and Sunday School:

12:00-1:30 - Picnic Style Lunch

1:30-3:00 - Activities

3:00-3:30 - Reformation Vespers

3:30-4:30 - Activities

4:30-5:30 - Oktoberfest Dinner *

5:30-7:30 - Trunk or Treat & Outreach

7:30-8:00 - Reformation Compline

*** Paid Ticket Required for Oktoberfest Dinner, All other events & activities FREE**

**Hayrides!
Pumpkin Decorating!
Bounce House!
Face Painting!
Duck Pond!**

**Bible Bingo!
"Pin the Thesis on the Door!"
Luther Rose Toss!
Toss the Indulgence!
Lollipop Game!**

**Wheel of Fortune!
Quill Pen Writing!
Play games & earn
tickets to help us fill boxes for
Operation Christmas Child!**



**500TH
ANNIVERSARY OF
THE REFORMATION**



**REFORMATION
2017 It's Still All About
Jesus**

E-BLASTS

Feel like you are missing out on news from Zion?

Members can sign up for our weekly eBlast at:

www.zlcb.org/join-email-list

And for daily website, like our Facebook page at:

www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranBridgeville



THANK YOU

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ZION'S 2nd ANNUAL MINISTRY FAIR

To all who served whether at ministry tables, in the kitchen, or elsewhere as needed...

I thank my God every time I remember you!

Join us for the Chili Cook Off on Saturday October 7th from 12:00—4:00pm. Help us continue our winning streak! Come out and vote for the BEST Chili in the 'burgh! Zions of course!!



Sixth Annual "Adopt a Grandparent"

By partnering with Ginny, you can contribute \$15 which will provide two residents at a nursing home a fragrance free hand cream. This is an item that is requested by caregivers.

If you would like to donate towards this cause please contact Ginny Granke-Kimberland (412-427-9013).





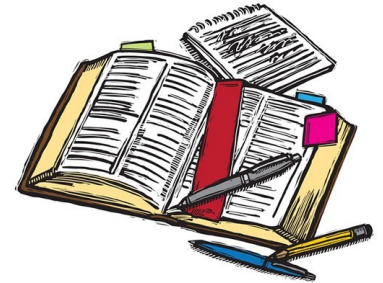
Pastor Appreciation Month

Did you know that October is Pastor appreciation month? So, on behalf of Zion congregation, I would like to publicly thank Pastor Grimenstein for his spiritual leadership, and especially for his outstanding preaching and teaching ministry.

I would also like to encourage each of you to take time out of your busy schedule to thank Pastor Grimenstein for his spiritual leadership this month and throughout the rest of the year.

Let me encourage you to join one of our many Bible studies and fellowship activities to study God's Word:

- Midweek Service and Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
- Adult Bible Study - Thursdays at 10:00 am
- Women's Bible Study - Thursdays at 7:15 pm
- Men's Bible Breakfast - Saturdays at 8:00 am
- Adult Bible Study - Sundays at 9:30 am



These are great opportunities for you to study God's word and enjoy fellowship. So take the opportunity this month to show your appreciation and join one of these study groups. ***You will NOT be sorry you did!***

Bob Schmidt

GREAT TAKEAWAYS from Lessons 1-4 of

Peter...from Fisherman to Fisher of Men

LESSON 1

- Jesus chose fishermen (ordinary men) not Biblical scholars or full-time church workers to be His first disciples.
- The first to be called, Andrew, did not accomplish much as far as we know, except that he brought his brother Peter to Christ, which accomplished much.
- **When witnessing to family, a life changed through the power of the Holy Spirit is the most effective witness.**

LESSON 2

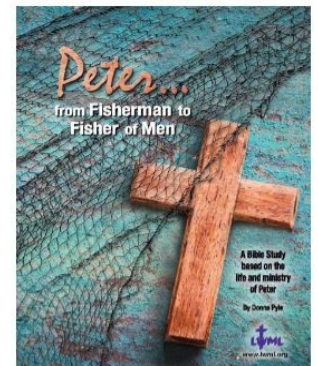
- A disciple's primary purpose is to proclaim the Gospel.

LESSON 3

- **Jesus went to church:** believers need to meet together and encourage one another in the faith.

LESSON 4

- When we doubt God's forgiveness, we commit the sin of disbelief in the power of Christ to remove it.



Drop-ins always welcome at Women's Bible Study on Thursday nights at 7:15-8:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall through October 19th. Please contact linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com or 281-684-9895. Thank you!

Creation-Evolution 101

Join us **Sunday October 22 at 9:15 am** as Dr. Jerry Bergman, noted author and creation scientist, discusses key creation-evolution issues during the Sunday school hour at Zion Lutheran, Bridgeville. There will be time for audience questions following the talk. Topics include:

guest
speaker



- What have we learned about the so-called “vestigial organs” from our alleged evolutionary past? (tonsils, appendix, etc.)
- Do transitional fossils really prove evolution?

Dr. Bergman’s talk will be non-technical, and relevant for adults, as well as high-school students, who are being taught the principles of evolution in their public high schools. Dr. Bergman will also be speaking at two events the same week in the Pittsburgh area sponsored by the Creation Science Fellowship of Pittsburgh.

Jerry Bergman, Ph. D. Author, Professor & Creationist Speaker

Dr. Bergman has taught biology, genetics, geochemistry and other subjects at U of Toledo Medical College and Bowling Green U over the last 47 years. He has more than 600 publications in 14 languages, more than 40 books in print, and has been a courageous defender of academic freedom for the past 40 years.

Don't miss this chance to hear Dr. Bergman at Zion



Join us for Midweek Services in October.

The theme of these services is “Listening to Luther”



As we look forward to celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation join us Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm!

Service Participants

Date	Time	Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery
October 1	8:00 AM	Ron & Judy Meier	Matt Liberatore	Darla & Carley Rockovich
	10:30 AM	Chuck & Debbie LaJeunesse	Augie Bishop	
October 8	8:00 AM	Peter & Barbara Fisher	Ava Pasquini	Jenna & Stephanie Eckels & Carrie Lemonovich
	10:30 AM	Katie & John Gielarowski	Anna Gresh	
October 15	8:00 AM	Jack & Jacque Oelschlager	Ava Pasquini	Megan Glasser & Adele Goodge
	10:30 AM	Lee & Megan Glasser	Augie Bishop	
October 22	8:00 AM	Robert & Diana Schmidt	Alex Yellig	Barb Oechslein & Marian Oelschlager
	10:30 AM	Darren, Jennifer & Adam Elikor	Faith Wallace	
October 29	8:00 AM	Clara Hayes	Lauren Liberatore	Megan Meyer, Darla & Carley Rockovich
	10:30 AM	Mike & Michelle Wallace	Sarah Grimenstein	
November 5	8:00 AM	Sharon & Gene Koop	Matt Liberatore	Brittany Dill & Susie Bishop
	10:30 AM	Carolyn Wible	Bella Bonacci	
November 12	8:00 AM	Brent, Marianne Miller &	Ava Pasquini	Nell Wilson & Tess Carter
	10:30 AM	Millie Thielet Lemonvich Family	Max Gresh	



Month	Elders	Altar Guild	8:00 AM Ushers	10:30 AM Ushers
October	Mike Wallace Bill Bishop	Judy Meier, Marianne Miller & Millie Thielet	Melanie & Bill Becker, Ed Malachosky & Dale Miller	Ross Chilcott, Sam Dragan, Dan Harris & Chuck LaJeunesse
November	Paul Klemash James Neill	Kathleen Conn & Mary Hutula	Dale Miller, Barb & Wayne Oechslein Brian & Megan Pasquini	Bob Bonacci, Mike Kozak, Michael Grimenstein & Bill Koester

If you are unable to participate on the assigned date, please find your own substitute and notify the church office (412) 221-4776 or secretary@zlc.org of the change.

Visit our website for past sermons, informative videos, thought-provoking articles, pictures from recent church events, and updated information about upcoming events. Check it out: zlc.org

October Birthdays

1 Dale Miller

2 Aidan Dibert

3 Dwight Weldon

3 Jodi Fitzgerald

3 William Bishop

6 Lindsey Liberatore

7 Carolyn Wible

7 Dorothea Heslop

9 Jesse Carter

9 Aaron Hunsberger

10 Diana Schmidt

11 Dylan Walsh

12 Sandra Bryant

12 Sheryl Piper

13 Renee Trudel

14 LaVerne Eckels

14 Steve Gauger

14 Craig Scott

15 Nathan Boyle

16 Sara Jones

16 John Lemonovich

17 Don Jones

17 Michelle Conner

18 Wayne Oechslein

19 Carol Wuerthele

21 Lois Sauro

22 Jennifer Elikor

26 John Gielarowski

29 George Boehme

30 Laurie Coleman

30 Sharon Koop



October Anniversaries



3 Donald & Sara Jones

11 Wayne & Kathleen Conn

13 Ross & Christine Chilcott

15 Paul & Theresa Hayes


18 Wayne & Barb Oechslein

19 James & Stephanie Eckels



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>8:00 am Worship w/communion 9:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/communion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00 pm Confirmation class 7:00 pm Confirmation class</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:15 pm Grace Bell Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir 7:30 pm Trustees Meeting 8:00 pm Faith Bell Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 pm Midweek Service</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Elders Meeting</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 12:00 -4:00 Chili Cook-Off (Fairview Park)</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:00 am Worship w/communion 9:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/communion 11:45 am Stephen Ministry Meeting</p> <p>Food Bank Collection</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00 pm Confirmation class 7:00 pm Confirmation class</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:15 pm Grace Bell Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir 8:00 pm Faith Bell Choir</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 pm Midweek Service</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study 7:30 am Council Meeting</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:00 am Worship w/communion 9:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/communion</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00 pm Confirmation class 7:00 pm Confirmation class</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:15 pm Grace Bell Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir 8:00 pm Faith Bell Choir</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 pm Midweek Service</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:00 am Worship w/communion 9:15 am Bible Class (guest: Dr. Bergman) & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/communion 11:45 am Stephen Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00 pm Confirmation class 7:00 pm Confirmation class</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:15 pm Grace Bell Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir 8:00 pm Faith Bell Choir 6:30 pm Sunday School Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00 pm Midweek Service</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 9:30 am Men's Choir Practice</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:00 am Worship w/communion 9:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/communion</p> <p>12:0-8:00 Reformation Celebration</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:15 pm Grace Bell Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir 8:00 pm Faith Bell Choir</p>	<p>31</p> 	<p><i>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.</i> <i>Romans 12:12</i></p> 			

Sunday morning worship at 8:00am and 10:30am



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