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The Messenger

Reformation and Discipleship

By Pastor Ben Vineyard

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This is my first Reformation as a pastor and it's a big one: the 500th anniversary of Luther posting the 95 Theses in Wittenberg. Now I'm a pastor in this great tradition. Special 500th anniversary stoles were even donated to the seminary to be given out to pastors receiving their first call in 2017. I timed this just right!

There's much to celebrate with this 500-year milestone. Luther began the process of clarifying the faith, returning the church to what had been rightly taught in the past but clouded in his present.

Luther and his companions recalled and proclaimed the ancient faith, that God's grace in Jesus is *pro me*, for me (and for you!). God's saving work is done *extra nos*, outside of us, something God accomplishes in Jesus and declares to you and me!

Hearts were being liberated and returned to proper

alignment with God, trusting not in what could be done, trusting not even in how much faith one had, but rather trusting alone in what God said about them: "On account of Jesus who died and rose, your sin is forgiven. You are forever my beloved child sealed to me in baptism. I will nurture you in a new life of trust, providing you a meal for your strengthening and a community for your journey. Be filled with my Spirit to walk a new journey."

This is great news indeed! Forever good news! And it is forever the heart of Christian faith, that by Christ alone we receive God's grace. It alone grafts us into life with God. We trust these words said to us and about us by God our Father, that we are chosen, forgiven, and loved. These things we proclaim and meditate on as they come from Scripture alone. Here we stand; we can really do no other.



These things will swirl in my mind as we celebrate Reformation this year. One other thing will too, a recent learning from the seminary. I cherish the idea that "Protestant" doesn't really capture the essence of Lutheranism. Luther did not split from the Roman Catholic church. He declared what Rome once believed yet had then clouded. His desire was to see the church unified and focused on Christ and the gifts of God once again.

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Trunk or Treat

By Karen Jaime



Sunday, October 29

4:30-6:00pm

Mission Campus

Free event for the young and young-at-heart! Invite your neighbors and friends to join us!

- Balloon artist
- Mission firetruck and police car
- Family-friendly service project
- Cookie walk
- Popcorn buffet

- Games and goodies
 - Bring canned goods to fill a trunk for Rushton Elementary Food Pantry
- Much help is needed to make this a successful event in our community. Volunteer to help at tlcms.org or see the displays at either campus to sign up to decorate a trunk, donate goodies/cookies, or volunteer in other ways. Items can be dropped off

early at either campus or at Trunk or Treat. Contact Karen Jaime, kajaime29@gmail.com, for more info.

In addition, Trinity Youth will hold a dinner and “Octoberfest”-style Root Beer Garden as a fundraiser for youth events and trips in conjunction with Trunk or Treat. Enjoy dinner and a root beer float along with fellowship!

Service Project: Food Basket Assembly

By Pastor Ben Vineyard



October 29, 4:30 - 6pm

During Trunk or Treat

Mission Campus Foyer

Come out for all of the fun! Come join Pastor Ben’s Life Together Group as they host an assembly of food baskets containing staple food items for immigrant and refugee

families in need. All ages are welcome! Whether you want to spend a little time or a lot, your help is appreciated. After our baskets are assembled, we will deliver them to Mission Adelante in KCK for distribution to local families through their resource

center. If you would like to learn more about Mission Adelante, follow this link to view a short video clip: <http://www.missionadelante.org/media>. Thanks in advance for your caring hearts and helpful hands!

Hurricane Disaster Relief Opportunity

By Pastor Ben Vineyard



We’ve all heard the news and seen the pictures of disaster upon disaster, from Texas to Florida to Puerto Rico. We’ve prayed as a church. We’ve collected relief funds. And now I’m wondering if you would consider joining others at Trinity on a short mission

trip to Texas to help with relief and recovery efforts there. Right now there are no known dates or activities. The recovery efforts are still too new. But I (Pastor Ben) would like to know if you are interested in a possible trip to Texas. (Texas would be the easiest

place to get to.) Fill out a form if you are interested. A link to the form can be found at tlcms.org.

In time, we’ll collect more info, dates, and tasks. We’ll then see if you can make it work. For now, just let me know if you are interested.

All Saints' Potluck and Time Capsule

By Tom Perry

Sunday, November 5
12:15pm
Mission Campus
Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendars now for the annual All Saints' Potluck dinner. We will be celebrating many things. We will give a nod to the 500th anniversary of Luther

nailing his 95 theses, thank many of our volunteers and those who help at worship services, remember those who have died the past twelve months, and seal a new time capsule. The entree is provided and we ask that you bring a side dish to share. The new

fellowship hall is finished and we will celebrate in the new facility. Last year 170 members enjoyed the afternoon. Sign up in the foyer at each campus so we know how many to expect. It should be a great time!



Time Capsule

By Tom Perry

What should go into a new time capsule? Leo Schlesselman and Joel Shifflett are working on the plans to construct a display case for the items taken out of the time capsule we opened last November. They are also

going to create a new time capsule to be displayed and opened sometime in the future. We need your help. We want to know what you think should be included in the new time capsule and the future date you think it should be

opened. Since we will display the new capsule and not bury it, the size is not as limiting a factor (within reason). We plan to reveal the case and seal the new capsule at this year's All Saints' Day potluck. Send your ideas to Tom@tlcms.org.



Fellow Shipmates BBQ and Pumpkin Carving

By Janai Tisdale

October 26
6:30pm
Mission Campus

If you are a young adult, age 18-30, whether single, a

couple, or married, come and join the FellowShipmates group for an evening of barbeque and pumpkin carving. Bring a

side dish to share for the barbeque and a pumpkin and carving tools. Please RSVP to Janai Tisdale at naiclark13@gmail.com.



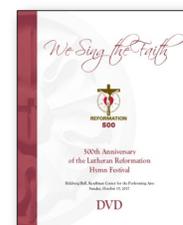
Reformation 500 Hymn Festival DVD

By Ben Spalding

Good news! We have received well over 200 orders for DVDs of the Reformation 500 Hymn

Festival. The DVD will be produced. We have hired a professional production company to create a

wonderful DVD that will be ready in 6-8 weeks. Order yours now for a donation of \$25. A sign-up sheet is at each campus.



Reformation and Discipleship (continued)

We are not protesting. We are being and we are trusting what God says about us and the world around us. We are the church and you'll find

While the Augsburg Confession is a fantastic confession (a speaking back to God what God has first spoken), having the AC in your back pocket does you

answers and are filled with compassion and peace. Trusting all the more in what God says about us, we begin to trust his call to follow him, to be disciples, to be a people who declare the Word of God in our neighborhoods and a few corners of the globe. We declare in word and action, voice and silence, story and song. We declare. We approach the world. We are filled with the peace of Christ which surpasses anything we can understand. And we move, filled with grace, trusting God who says, "You are my beloved child..."

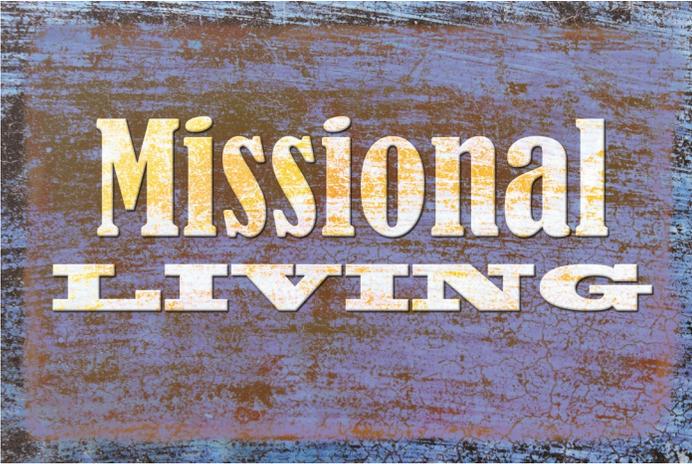
learning more about this through an LCMS organization called Pastoral Leadership Institute (PLI) - Discipleship to Missional Community (D2MC). The time in Omaha helped us recognize that the transition to becoming a discipling leader begins personally. We had the opportunity to see it, study it and experience a life integrated in discipling as they prepare to lead.

This formation process will continue for us. We'll keep learning and you'll keep seeing the fruit of it at Trinity. We want to all the more participate in your growth as Christians, to provide relationships and leaders who invite you and challenge you in the trusting walk of faith. We want to get better and better at this that the world around us may hear the Good Word of Jesus spoken to them and about them, that God loves all in Jesus, that God grants new life to all through forgiveness and grace.

Be filled with everlasting hope that your hearts may abound in the peace of Christ our Lord. Amen.

To nurture this process and journey in our church, Pastor Mark, Pastor Phil and Rebeka Cook, Jenny and me (Pastor Ben Vineyard), and Al and Julie von der Linden have started learning a specific rhythm that can be repeated over and over again to help people become closer followers of Christ and join with others to be a people on mission.

We were just in Omaha



pleasantly revealed in the Augsburg Confession a *regula fide*, a regular or normal content of faith that's always been taught in the true, universal (small "c") catholic church. The Augsburg Confession speaks back to God and the people what the Scriptures have faithfully presented since God inspired their writing.

The most beautiful thing about this is that we LCMS Lutherans are not the only ones. We are not alone.

little good unless your heart is bent to trust in Him of whom it speaks. The Confession echoes the Bible and the Bible echoes Jesus. Christ crucified. Christ risen. Christ reigning. Christ coming again. All for me, for you, for all Christians who trust in Jesus the Christ. We trust what is said about Jesus and said about us. We stand firm. We can do no other.

Yes, we stand, filled with conviction. Our hearts release pride in having the



NOISY COLLECTION

The Sunday school children will be having a noisy collection on Sunday, November 5, at all services. Bring your "noisy" loose change, and even some not-so-noisy money, if you feel so inclined. All money collected will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for needy children.

It's the Little Things That Matter

By Gretchen Hollman

It is a goal of the support department of Trinity to provide all who enter and use our facilities with the best possible experience, from hospitality to cleaning and room setups. Now that we are adjusting to the

move from a full-time custodian to a custodial service at the Mission campus, we are in need of one or more volunteers to put the finishing touches on the facility setups each morning. If you are

interested in helping, contact Gretchen Hollman, gretchen@tlcms.org, or Larry Conrad, larry@tlcms.org. We would be delighted to have the help!



Bountiful Blessings Gift and Craft Festival

November 18
Bethany Lutheran Church

9101 Lamar Avenue
Overland Park, KS

Gift and Craft Fair
9am-3pm

The Craft Fair is sponsored by the eighth grade classes from Christ Lutheran School and Bethany Lutheran School, with

proceeds going to their class trips. It is held at Bethany Lutheran Church and School, 9101 Lamar Avenue, Overland Park, KS. Over 50 vendors will be open for early Christmas shopping from 9am – 3pm. Live entertainment and concessions will be featured, too! For vendor booth information, contact Christ Lutheran School, 913 -754-5888.

Book Signing

10am – noon

Additionally, Mr. Greg Hardin, author and illustrator will be signing his newest children's book, "When I Grow Up, I Want To Be A K-State Wildcat" and "When I Grow Up, I Want To Be A Jayhawk" from 10am – noon. He will have his book and various posters on hand for you to purchase.



Kirchentag Reformation Celebration at Bethany Lutheran

By Donna Petersen

Friday—Sunday
October 27-29
Overland Park and Stilwell Campuses

Travel back in time to 1517 where royalty and Christian monks lived and breathed. Come see as we transform our church to the time period where life and faith were completely reformatted by a monk named Martin Luther. Join

us as we celebrate 500 years of the good news of salvation by grace alone through faith alone. Activities include:

- Werner's German food truck
- Pumpkin catapult
- Hymn sing
- Martin Luther story by firelight
- Church service and prayer
- Music groups

- Speakers
 - Service projects
 - Brewery tours
 - School auction
 - Louisberg donut and cider
 - Alpen Spielers polka band
 - Bratwurst toss
 - Beer
 - German meal
 - Archery and jousting
 - 16th century games
- For a full itinerary and details about all the events, visit tlcms.org.



Hope and Bethany Lutheran Churches Hiring

By Hope and Bethany Lutheran Churches



Hope Lutheran School in Shawnee, Kansas, is seeking a full-time second grade teacher. If interested, contact Principal Nancy Jankowski

at Jankowski@hopelutheran.org.

Bethany Lutheran Church in Overland Park, Kansas, is hiring a part

-time bookkeeper. If interested, contact Bart Miller at bmillerc@centrinex.com.

Luther Movie at Beautiful Savior

By Metro Lutheran Ministry



Friday, October 27 at 6:30pm and Saturday, October 28 at 2:30pm

Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation by attending a showing of the new Martin Luther film at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 13145 South Blackbob Road, Olathe, KS 66062. This special screening is the perfect outreach

opportunity... a chance to invite friends and neighbors to an event in a community setting.

Admission is FREE, but you must reserve tickets in advance. A free-will offering will be collected for the Kansas District Lutheran Laymen's League annual district project. The Kansas LLL annually provides scholarships for future

church workers. Popcorn will be provided. Drinks, and other treats will be available for purchase

Tickets can be reserved at a special website set up for the screening: <http://bit.ly/2x91mAw>. If you would rather not reserve tickets online, you can reserve tickets by contacting Fred Gruhn, 913-209-2785.

MLM Christmas Store Volunteers Needed

By Metro Lutheran Ministry



Metro Lutheran Ministry staff and volunteers are busy preparing for the 2017 Christmas Store! With your help, MLM will serve over 850 families at this special event. New this year, registration will take place at MLM throughout the month of October.

Christmas Store Elves (most needed!)

When: Wednesday, December 6 – Saturday, December 9

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1700 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO 64109

What: Walk through the store with guests and help them shop, assist with other Christmas Store needs.

Who: Friendly, joyful people of all ages. Some carrying may be required.

Christmas Store Set-up

When: Sunday, December 3

– Tuesday, December 5
Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1700 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO 64109

What: Receive warehouse deliveries and set up the store.

Who: Organizational experts, Christmas Store veterans, and adults/older youth to help carry boxes

For additional information about signing up, please visit tlcms.org.

Therefore encourage one another...

1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV

Birthdays



- October 25** – Jackson Crawford
- October 26** – Jeff Bycraft, Hurley Jaspersen, Adam Perry, Carena Prothe, Mark Schulz, John Towse, Linda Winter
- October 27** – Anna Myeong, Eric Snyder
- October 28** – Kristol Stenstrom, Tom Truax
- October 29** – Myrna DuBois, Chris Dunker, Rita Moser, Maddelyn Pearce
- October 30** – Kay Hopkins, Gary Singh, Rod Strahm
- October 31** – Jimmy Lewis, Becky Peters, Nathan Roney
- November 1** – Abbie Delaney, Eula Wainscott
- November 2** – Stephanie Brumley, Amy Culp, Leta Davis, Ken Ehle, Shirley Hemenway
- November 3** – Kalib Carr, Shannon Gunderson, Rebecca Kreisman, Nathan Mall, Sam Mitchell, Austin Ramirez, Kaydence Ryan, Kirsten Schalekamp
- November 4** – Peggy Myers, Carol Tobiason, Owen Walker
- November 6** – Karen Barth, Vicki Richardson, Doug Ryan
- November 7** – Tommy Cox, Chris Hansen, Phil Heitmeyer, Melvin Steffens, Bruce Kelm, Steven Whitter

Anniversaries



- Shane & Megan Cicero..... October 25 (14th)
- Steve & Carol Waage October 25 (37th)
- Dan & Valerie Owsley..... October 29 (29th)
- Bill & Linda Guerry..... November 1 (42nd)
- Bill & Julie Carr..... November 6 (24th)
- Bill & Heather Guerry November 6 (13th)
- Stan & Myrna DuBois November 7 (53rd)
- Howard & Roselea Nellis..... November 7 (19th)
- Ralph & Carol Schwartz..... November 7 (19th)

Anniversaries and birthdays are listed from October 24-November 7. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office.

Prayers



Retirement Facility/Homebound

- Rita Bartlett, *Good Samaritan*
- Betty Becker, *Park Meadows*
- Norma Brock, *at home*
- Ray Buckley, *Healthcare Resort of Shawnee Mission*
- Phyllis Corthon, *Victory Hills*
- Ted Dahl, *at home*
- Conrad Fassold, *Lakeview Village*
- Allene Gantz, *Addington Place*
- Ona Jean Harvey, *at home*
- Lois Haubein, *Overland Park Place*
- Phyllis Henderson, *at home*
- Lois Klausen, *Delmar Gardens of OP*
- Jean Klemp, *McCrites Plaza Asst. Living*
- Ruth Kroenke, *at home*
- Bob Mann, *Vintage Park, Gardner*
- Betty Peppers, *Park Meadows*
- Garry and Joanne Schottman, *at home*
- Jerry and Mary Ellen Stephenson, *at Santa Marta*
- Jeanne Stevenson, *Kingswood*
- Helen Wendlandt, *at home*
- George Zschoche, *Aberdeen Village*

Member Prayers-Mission

- Bob Bonn
- Tom Dempsey
- Ruth Hanusch
- Quintyn Hendrich
- Gretchen and Bob Hollman
- Denise Loeffler
- Clay Miller
- Karen Phipps
- Marty Quick
- Don Unger
- George Vetter

Member Prayers-Shawnee

- Patt Alft

Memory Verse: Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.





NEW MEMBER CLASS STARTING

Shawnee Campus, 5-6:15pm

Sundays, October 22 and November 5, 12, and 19

If you've been thinking about making Trinity your church home, now is the time to find out more about who we are and what it means for us to be a "Community Following Jesus." Contact phil@tlcms.org for more information.

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The next deadline is October 31 at noon.

Mission Campus

5601 West 62nd Street, Mission, Kansas 66202

Saturday Evening

5:30pm Communion Service

Sunday Mornings

8:30am Family-focused Worship with Communion

9:45am Praise Service with Communion

9:45am Sunday School

11am Family-focused Worship with Communion

Shawnee Campus

21320 Midland Drive, Shawnee, Kansas 66218

Sunday Mornings

8:30am Family-focused Worship with Communion

9:45am Sunday School

11am Family-focused Worship with Communion

Nursery

A professionally staffed nursery for ages six months to three years is available during most worship services and Sunday School.