



Faith's Tide

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Celebration Worship, 11:00 AM
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Ages 3 - adult 9:45 - 10:45 AM
Child care available 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
for children ages one and up.

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is to know God's grace
and make it known.*

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**Reformation Sunday
October 29, 2017**



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Sundays:
Ages 3 – adult,
9:45 – 10:45 A.M.
In-service Kid's Chat : 11:00 AM
Children's Church 11 :00 AM

Weekdays:

Bible Study
Wednesdays, 10:00 AM
Youth Events
2nd & 4th Fridays
6:30 - 9:30 PM

WOMEN OF FAITH!

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(no exceptions).

From the Pastors Desk

Well October is finally here! It seems like we have been pointing to this month for a long time. Unless somehow you have been on a deserted island for the last year, you are surely aware that at the end of this month, on the 31st, we and the whole Lutheran Church around the world will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. What a monumental event. Even secular sources acknowledge that Martin Luther was one of the most influential persons of the last 1000 years.

As we have seen in our Sunday morning bible class, as we have studied now for three years, the man "Martin" was at the beginning of the cultural and historical earthquake that was the reformation.

Many of us are aware of Luther's inspiring defense of his faith, spoken at the Diet of Worms – "Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason....I am bound to the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me. Amen"

Those marvelous words, along with Luther's insistence on "Grace Alone" and "Faith Alone" and "Scripture Alone" are at the heart and essence of who we are as Lutheran Christians.

But it is not just a man we celebrate. We are forever thankful to God that he so used Martin Luther in such a powerful way. That we today can know the power of the grace of God; that we can read the Holy Scriptures in our own language; that we have the Christian freedom to worship God as our conscience dictates are just some of the things that are cause for celebration.

This whole month is going to be a celebration of the Reformation. We will have a special series of sermons for each Sunday in October. Titled "Justified!" The five worship services for October will celebrate the teachings of God's Word that were brought to light again through the work of Martin Luther. The services are based on Reformation teachings

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concerning the Word of God, Baptism, the two Kingdoms, our callings or vocations and justification by faith.

Each Sunday during the Bible Study hour, the adult bible class will center around each of these teachings as we study and reflect on the worship service with the same theme.

I am truly looking forward to October this year. I am excited about the upcoming services and messages, and joy that God is going to bring to us through His Word. October would be a great month for you to invite someone to join you for worship and bible study. Many people do not know much about us as Lutherans and this is going to be a great opportunity to share who we are and how much we stand for the word of God. So think about asking someone to join you for these special worship services as we give God thanks for Martin Luther, but more importantly for all He accomplished through this humble monk.

Remember **THIS IS A BIG DEAL!** These articles of faith are what makes us Lutherans, and it is these truths of scripture that indeed make us children of God.

So please, I encourage you to be with us every Sunday in October, and may this truly be a wonderful time to strengthen our faith, our hope and our trust in God

Pastor Paul

Grace Alone
Faith Alone
Scripture Alone



Faith Leadership

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Elders

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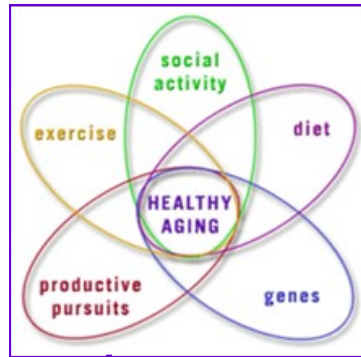
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“Serve the Lord”
with gladness!”



Birthdays of the Month

Wayne Ancher	1
Arlene Grav	3
Anneliese Metz	6
Rick Willems	8
Barbara Kennison	9
Joyce Schoenegge	9
Gerald Sheeter	12
Mark Schwene	14
Benedek Dudas	20
Alice Burden	21
Reagan Durbin	22
Lois Martynece	22
Eric Sutton	22
Sarah Tennes	27



Note for Retirees and Seniors: Perhaps you have read that socialization and going to church increases your life span! Some interest has been expressed in

getting together and discussing the possibility of forming some sort of daytime senior fellowship group. ***Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining such a group.***



October 8th is Pastor Appreciation Day!
Take a moment to show Pastor Paul that you appreciate him.

We want you to know
That we appreciate you,
Your tireless service for the Lord
Is reflected in all you do
So we pray that you will know
How special you are to us
And to carry on the work of God,
Serving in His love.

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Happy Anniversary

Arlene & Peter Grav	3
Gary & Ellen Burton	4
Jon & Diane Whitcomb	4
Karl & Katrina Brinkert	9
Marge & Tom Loppnow	14
Jack & Diane Janssen	20
Cathy & Gregg Leonard	23
David & Mary Swiger	25

Holiday Craft Faire

Saturday, October 21, 2017

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Halloween – Thanksgiving – Christmas

Decorations, gifts, gourmet food
and more!

Support local crafters, consultants
and artisans.

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You can find Women of Faith on Facebook at
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Child of Faith Preschool

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Our Mission - Child of Faith is committed to providing quality care in a loving, Christ-centered environment where children can develop to their fullest social, physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual potentials.

The month of October is so exciting for children with Halloween and all of the festivities!

We pray that you and your child are adjusting to the new routine of childcare, work, and home.



(The following is a partial reprint with permission of LCMS School Ministry)

All of us, including our children, find security in knowing what's going to happen next. When something out of the ordinary happens, it's easy to become frightened and stressed.

It happened to Jesus' friends/disciples. After a busy day of teaching and healing, Jesus was tired. And yet the people continued to come. Jesus needed to get away, so He asked His friends to take Him for a boat ride. The rocking motion of the boat soon put Jesus to sleep. Then something out of the ordinary happened. A sudden violent storm developed, and Jesus' friends feared for their lives. They woke Jesus and asked Him for help. Jesus showed He truly is God when He commanded the storm to end. He saved them.

Our children have fears just like the disciples. Maybe it's the fear of the dark, strangers, loud noises, getting immunization shots, seeing the masks and costumes of Halloween, looking around and not seeing you, and so on. Remind your child of your love, care and protection. Remind your child of Jesus' love and forgiveness, care and protection.

Since night seems to be an especially frightening time for young children, here are some things you can do to help your child feel secure and safe:

- ♥ Have a nightlight
- ♥ Sing or play quiet music
- ♥ Hang a picture of Jesus in your child's room. Talk about it. Remind your child that Jesus promises to be with us and take care of us always.
- ♥ Pray to Jesus before giving your child a goodnight kiss and tucking him/her into bed. A favorite prayer is: Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. Guard me through the starry night and wake me at the morning light. Amen.

Another prayer you might use: *Dear God, thank You for Your care all day and all I did in work and play. Thank You, too, for Jesus from heaven, so my sins are all forgiven. Amen*

This month we will have a visit from the **dentist** on Wednesday, October 4th! **Picture Day** is Wednesday, October 11th. Look for classroom Halloween party signups for Tuesday, October 31st!

In His Service,

Callie Paesano, Director

Youth Dinners



Wednesday evenings many youth attend 1st Communion and Confirmation class and then go directly to a Youth Gathering, leaving no time for dinner. We are looking for volunteers, in addition to our youth families, to provide simple dinners for our youth and teachers (approximately 10 people). If you are interested, please contact the church office for more information and to reserve your date.

Thank you!

It's time to gather the flock!



General Assembly Meeting

Sunday, October 29th

1:15 PM

All Faith Lutheran Church members are encouraged to attend.



Friday
October 13th
6:00 - 9:00 PM

WE HOPE YOUR KIDS WILL JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!

We have a lot of great activities planned this month. After the kids gather and enjoy some time outside, we'll eat dinner and then enjoy several activities including games, craft, movie, etc.

Parents Night Out is time that YOU get to spend doing something for yourself...shopping, a date with your significant other, a movie, a NAP! Enjoy some time kid free, knowing that we are taking great care of your kids FREE of charge.

Any child, preschool age (potty trained) through 5th grade is welcome to participate and attend. Any student in Middle School and older, is welcome to come and help out. Friends and family are ALWAYS welcome as well.

Please RSVP...

To help us plan food, crafts, etc., please let us know how many children you will bring to Parents' Night Out. Please call the church office or send an email directly to the church by Wednesday, October 11th. No worries if your plans change, we will plan for extras. Thank you so much!

If you have questions or would like to serve, please contact:

Spencer at spencer@faithhb.org or our church office at office@faithhb.org.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Thoughts from Spencer

Worship is a tremendous passion of mine.

But it wasn't always this way. When I moved off to Concordia University – Ann Arbor in the fall of 2009, I wasn't familiar at all with the world of contemporary worship. Once it became known that I had musical gifts, I was asked to participate in some of the contemporary worship events that happened on campus and this was my introduction to this style of worship. At first, I found it difficult to get into. I loved to sing and play guitar but it didn't seem to connect with me. The lyrics weren't relatable. The sounds weren't inspiring. It seemed repetitive at times. I continued to engage but my heart wasn't in it. But over the course of my three years at Concordia, things began to change. My heart began to soften and I started to have experiences in worship that were very powerful.

One such time was at the beginning of my third year. I was asked to lead a couple songs for a kickoff devotional event. We sang the song "How He Loves" by John Mark McMillan out on a riverside patio on the night before classes started. The song ramped up and soon we were all screaming at the top of our lungs about how God loved us. ***The lyrics of that song began to sink in, that God's love was like a hurricane and His grace was like an ocean.*** My eyes were opening up to why people did this contemporary worship thing.

A couple years later, I was working for a church and commuting 30 minutes each way. I would listen to worship music on my drive and the song "Voice of Truth" by Casting Crowns came on. I heard the words ***"When I stop and listen to the sound of Jesus singing over me." I started to get emotional over the idea that Jesus would sing over me, that He would delight in me.***

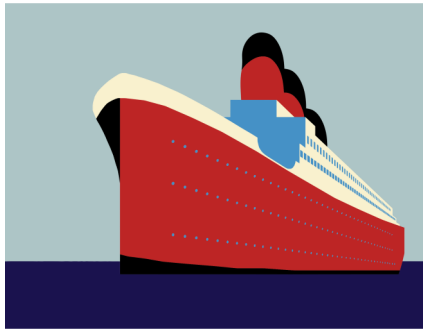
In January of this year, I went to a young adults worship event called Passion Conference in Atlanta and I started to realize why worship was such a powerful and necessary thing. I was in the midst of a difficult season of life that seemed like it would never end. But then the worship started and suddenly I was becoming less aware of the difficulties of my life circumstances and more aware of the reality of my relationship with God as my Father and His plan for me to participate in the things He was doing in the world as well as His plan for me to spend eternity with Him and others in restored creation. When my heart and mind became consumed with these things, everything else took a backseat. I started to crave that time of worship which would regularly bring a reminder of the things to come. It's hard to describe what kind of effect this has had on my life, especially in the middle of difficult life situations.

It's my hope that you get to experience the presence of God in such a way that it changes your life and stokes the fire in your heart. Our monthly Coffee & Community Night is designed to provide such an opportunity. If you'd like to talk more about this or if you have a similar experience, I'd love to hear from you.

-Spencer Behmlander, Director of Youth & Family Ministries (spencer@faithhb.org)

Women of Faith European River Boat Cruise

Everyone attending the Women of Faith European River Boat Cruise had an extraordinary evening. Captain Dawn Bennett and her crew lead us on a beautiful journey down the Danube River. A stowaway was discovered and allowed to stay after proving himself worthy by entertaining the crowd with several jokes. The dinner buffet had many scrumptious dishes and finished with a decadent chocolate dessert. The evening included many talented artists who sang, played the piano and taught several guests a ballroom dance. Many thanks to our Women of Faith for providing such an incredible evening!



Entertainment & Crew

