

Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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#### Martin Luther 500 Years of the Reformation

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I would like to thank you all for such a tremendous welcome. Everyone has been so kind and patient with me as I begin my first lap at Friendship. I'm glad to be here! If there's any frustration I have, it's that I don't know what I want to know about you all. It will come with time and shared experiences. But the plus side of being at a new congregation is that I am now entirely free to blab about all the people at my prior congregation! Well, not really...

But I do want to share, with his permission, a story about my retired military friend Gene. He was my tech guy at Faith, Lacey, and whenever I needed help (which was often in that department) Gene was there to solve my computer issues. That's why I called him Genius. However, I knew there was one day in particular I could not reach him for any help whatsoever. You see, Genius had a habit of taking off just one Sunday morning the entire year. What for? To watch the Indy 500. I remember how I asked him, "Isn't it kind of boring though, watching them just go around in circles?" He said, "Yes, if you don't understand the nuances of what's going on" like the speed and talent of drivers as they are constantly calculating. "Every lap is different."

This month we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Every year has been different for the church since the Reformation began. There have been calculations and adjustments along the way. In honor of Genius, instead of taking off a Sunday worship service, I am asking you to add one to it. There will be a special joint worship service celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on Sunday, October 29th, at 4 pm at Northwest Nazarene University. It's an opportunity for many congregations and friends to celebrate our faith, the centrality of justification and God's Word in our lives, hear a joint choir, and partake in the celebration of our historic Christian faith.

Such an event is 500 years in the making. It's not just another lap around the track. There's a lot to the life of the church. And one may not appreciate it. I happen to think the life as the people of God is thrilling. To know that we are saved by grace through faith and invited to join God in His mission to the world? To make disciples of Jesus of all nations? How could it get any more significant than that? There is always more than we realize and appreciate about our life in Christ. To take Jesus up on His invitation to know Him more fully is what I call genius.

In Christ,

Pastor Matt Henry



### **Preschool News**



Happy Harvest!

The Meridian Fire Dept. visited the preschool in September. The firefighters showed us the special clothes they have to wear to protect them from a fire. We appreciate the time they spend with us and we like their truck!

Our outside time is so important to developing our large motor skills and our new friendships. The cooler fall weather is a welcome change from our very warm summer days.

We are learning that red and yellow make orange and apples, pumpkins and sunflowers decorate our classrooms. We'll be visiting Linder Farms later this month to pick a pumpkin, visit some animals and enjoy a hay ride.

Our annual Preschool Sunday Sing will be on October 22, for all classes, and is during the 11 am service at FCLC. We're practicing some special songs to sing for you.

In His love,

The Preschool Staff



### From Pastor Tom's Pen

At the end of the month we remember the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, but do you know what the "Gem of the Reformation" is? You probably have one in your home. The story goes something like this:

In the interest of good schools, Luther made a survey in a part of Saxony and found many priests lazy, ignorant, and unfaithful. Many did not know the Ten Commandments and the basics of the Christian faith and therefore did not teach them to children or their parents. He began giving the people an explanation of the basic teachings of the Bible as early as 1520.

From year to year this work continued and in 1529 he published his Small Catechism. This handbook was for parents, teachers, and pastors. The chief parts of the Christian faith with short explanation were contained in the Catechism. In the preface he wrote: "I beg you for God's sake, my dear sirs and brethren, heartily to discharge the functions of your office, sympathize with the people committed to your care, and help us to bring the Catechism among them, especially the young."

Luther later wrote to the elector that "thanks to this simple instruction, the youth of Saxony now understand the Bible better than the monks and the nuns under the Papacy." He called it "a right Bible for the laity."

The Small Catechism has been used all over the world since then, and many have praised it over the centuries as a simple and very solid explanation of the Christian faith. It has rightly been called the "Gem of the Reformation." One famous theologian says of this gem: "It is as childlike as it is deepminded, as plain as it is unfathomable,

# The Gem of the Reformation

simple and subline. Happy is he who feeds his soul with it! He has unfailing comfort in every moment, behind the thin shell the kernel of truth, which satisfies the wisest of the wise." Have you opened your Catechism in recent days to refresh your mind and heart with God's special plan for you?

### Pastor Tom

P.S. Here is how one writer summarizes the message Of Luther's Catechism:

By Luther's hand a little gem Was brought out from an ancient mine, Where precious pearls of priceless truth In all their early beauty shine.

This gem unfolds the Law of God That we might know what He requires, And walk the way of His commands In deeds and words and in desires.

It tells us how the worlds were framed And man before his Maker stood, To prove the power of Him who spake And found His works were very good.

It glorifies a Father's love, A love that did not spare to give His Son to shed His sacred blood, That sinners might not die, but live.

It praises God the Holy Ghost, The Teacher of all saving grace, Who guides us into all the truth And makes our hearts His dwelling place.

It tells us how we ought to pray, As our dear Lord Himself has said. It speaks of "water and the world" And of the breaking of the bread.

We prize this Reformation gem And pray that God may bless its way In church and school and in the home, For time and for eternity.

(W.M. Czamanske)

#### Watch a FREE Live Stream of Dave Ramsey's Smart Money Event

Over the last 25 years, millions of lives have been changed through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. This November, Dave will be live streaming his Smart Money event to churches and Financial Peace University classes across the country. We are excited to announce that we will be a host site for this event. The best part? It's absolutely free for you to attend!



Dave and Rachel Cruze will take the stage on November 7 in Phoenix, and we will stream the event in real time here at Friendship Celebration at 6:00 pm. We'd love for you to join us and learn the steps you and your family can take to live like no one else. Sign up today to be a part of this amazing event.

We look forward to seeing you in November!

np, np, and Away Western Zone L.W.M.L. Fall Rally Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ. Ephesians 4:15 Bible Study Leader: Terri Bentley "Above All" Saturday, October 7, 2017 Immanuel Lutheran Church Special Guest Speaker: 104 W Boulevard New Plymouth, ID 83655 Nichelle Dykma Registration 9-9:30 Missionary to Peru \$3.00 (suggested donation) Lunch will be provided Ingathering to benefit: Next Chapter Food Pantry Please bring canned goods and cereal products. Especially protein rich canned goods.



#### **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS:**

Meets every Sunday Morning unless otherwise posted.

9:45am to 10:45am UPSTAIRS

**Contact Nicole Sarty** 

Email: beautifyid@msn.com



Trunk or Treat is a great family event! Friday October 27th 6:30pm - 8:30pm Hotdogs & Pastor Toms Hobo Stew We're aiming for 50 Trunks this year! Pumpkin Patch, Hay Ride, & More! Contact: Brett Lindemood



**Questions: Contact Brett Lindemood** 

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### WHO'S READY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL?







#### Vacation Bible School (V.B.S.)

November 20th - 22nd 9am to 3pm For Pre-School - 6th Grade Theme: "A Thankful Jedi" COST = No Cost (Free will Offering) (Devotions, Games, Snacks, & Fun Provided)



#### **Spring Break Servant Trip**

This Spring Break 2018 we will be taking Youth and families down to Texas to help with the relief effort.

**Co Leaders: Jennifer Schutte & Brett Lindemood** 

We are working with the Texas District LCMS & personal contacts to figure out how we can best serve next spring. We are taking youth and families.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED SIGN UP FOR THE INFO MEETING SUNDAY October 1st @ 945am

7th Grade Confirmation (1st Yr)

Begins Sept 24th 3:30pm

Meets Every 2nd & 4th Sunday

**8th Grade Confirmation (2nd Yr)** 

Begins Sept 24th 3:30pm

**Meets Every Week** 





#### Jr/Sr High Sunday Morning

Meets: Every Sunday 9:45am Read and talk through Scripture Leader: Jeff Herridge Connect with friends & peers

#### Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

Everyone is welcome every Sunday Night from 6pm to 8:30pm. We play games, eat food, check-in with each other , hear God's Word for the week, and have a great time.

We hope you consider joining us as we get to know God & each other better.





#### **Prayer & Praise**

Meets:	Every Sunday 5pm
What:	<b>Interactive Prayer &amp; Praise</b>
Who:	For Everyone / Gear for Families
with	5th through College

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### "Going to the Dogs"

*By Linda Going Varnes* 

Our dog Buddy was the inspiration for a Thrivent Action Team project to benefit victims of hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Buddy was our Golden Retriever who peacefully passed away last spring. He would welcome all who entered our home, wag his tail, make eye contact, and nudge his head under a hand for a pat on the head.

Nurturing dogs like Buddy are currently trained at Peace Lutheran Church in Grand Island, Nebraska. They are part of the Comfort Dog Ministry of Lutheran Church Charities, located in over 20 U.S. states. These dogs serve in their local communities and are also deployed in times of disaster and crisis to comfort those affected, as well as first responders and volunteers. All this is done through donations.

When Thrivent approved this project with seed money, we coordinated with the extended Going family to visit our home churches and schools in Nebraska, Minnesota, Montana, and Idaho. We offered for donation to the Comfort Dog Ministry a Galatians Bible study and a short self-published play titled I Know a Little German (and her name is Katie). The Luther family dog was a comfort for Luther himself in times of stress during the Reformation. The people of Peace Lutheran Church, where two of our sisters attend, donated \$175 during the last weekend of August.

With hurricanes bearing down on Texas and Florida, our offer of support was most timely. Comfort Dog Eddie and his handlers in Nebraska will soon be deployed. Trinity Lutheran elementary school in Grand Island was gifted with ten copies of Katie and will be donating their August and September chapel offerings to the Comfort Dogs. Nebraska's Heartland Lutheran High School is considering the play as a future drama production to benefit this ministry. The staffs of both schools were also given Galatians Bible studies.

In Minnesota we were able to speak to the Bible classes at Christ Lutheran Church in Eagan and at St. Martin's in Winona on the first Sunday in September with the help of a Going sister, brother, and son, and raised \$55. A third Going sister who is principal of the Lutheran School in Winona has invited Comfort Dog Gideon to meet with the children at chapel later in the month before he is deployed. Another Going brother took a box of books and brochures to share at his home church at Mt. Olive in Billings, Montana.

The Comfort Dog Ministry and Katie will be shared at our Rally Day at our home church, Friendship Celebration, in Meridian, Idaho, on September 17 and at a Lutheran Women in Mission event on October 7. Our goal is to double the \$250 Thrivent grant. On New Year's Day, a Comfort Dog and handler will be among the honored riders on the 2018 Lutheran Hour Float, "Bringing Christ to the Nations", in the Pasadena Rose Parade. The Parade's theme, "Making a Difference", will be answered well by this ministry.

Special thanks to the Going family members and their ministry teams, who made this a productive two weeks, and to Eddie and Gideon, dogs of comfort and valor. "There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:2



Comfort Dog Eddie and Linda Going Varnes at an early morning Bible study in Grand Island, Nebraska.



Eddie and friends ready to deploy in Houston.

"Going to the Dogs" Thrivent Action Team Project

The 2018 Pasadena Rose Parade theme "Making a Difference" will present the Lutheran Hour Ministries Float titled "Bringing Christ to the Nations." One of the honored riders on this Float includes a comfort dog and handler who are also making a difference in ministry in the lives of others in distress.



Celebrating five hundred years of the Lutheran Reformation, the lives of Martin

and Katie Luther and their children are presented in "I Know a Little German (and her name is Katie)", written by Linda Going Varnes. The Luther family dog, named Tolpel, was a comfort to Luther himself during his times of depression. Also available is a beginning German Bible study based on Paul's Epistle to the Galatians. 100% of the donations towards these publications will be donated to the comfort dog training center at Peace Lutheran Church, Grand Island, Nebraska, thanks to a Thrivent Action Team Grant.



**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST** for October will be on Saturday, October 28th at 9:30 am. We are having a brunch potluck to welcome Sally Henry. If everyone brings something to share for the meal, we can visit and get acquainted with our new pastor's wife. Any questions, give Gail Davis a call at 208-996-9934.



#### Children/Youth October Calendar Oct 1

Children's Message: Brett Lindemood (both svcs.) 3rd & 4th Grade youth group noon to 3pm (Lunch is covered - no cost) Jr & Sr High Youth Group 6pm - 830pm

#### Oct 8

Children's message : Nicole Sarty (Both svcs.) Confirmation 1st & 2nd Year 3:30 - 5pm No Prayer & Prayer or Youth Group come support Pastor Matt Henry's Installation at 4pm

#### Oct 15

Children's Message: 8:15 Walt Varnes 11am Brett Lindemood 5th & 6th Grade Youth Group noon to 3:30pm Going to Wahooz - lunch included - cost \$20 Jr & Sr High Youth Group 6pm - 8:30pm

#### Oct 22

Children's Message: Joelle Holmquist (both svc.) Confirmation 1st & 2nd year 3:30 - 5pm Jr & Sr High Youth Group 6pm - 8:30pm

#### Oct 27

Trunk or Treat 6:30 - 8:30

#### Oct 29

Children's Message: Brett (both svcs.) Jr & Sr High Youth Group 6pm - 8:30pm

Caring Ministry reaches out in love to offer support, caring, comfort, and fellowship to those experiencing loneliness, illness, loss, or other life changes.. This is our mission. Our next meeting is on Monday, October 9th at 9:30 a.m. at Maui Wowi. The invitation is always open to any who would desire to be a part of the Caring Ministry team. Contact Donnette House (297-0775) or Patsy Kern (888-2979) if you are interested in join this awesome ministry.

#### Quilters News

**The Quilters Group needs your help:** The Quilters Group has is in need of ongoing funds for their quilting ministry to cover the cost of quilt batting and shipping for quilts shipped to Lutheran World Relief. Those costs have been running around \$100 every 6 weeks. Any monetary donations are very much appreciated. Regular Work Days are <u>every</u> Saturday at 9:00am. AND lunch is provided! Mike Sivey

Workday Fellowship

Work Dav at the church is on Saturday.

October 14th from 9:00am - Noon. Indoor

and outdoor projects to help with. Lunch is

served. As always, you can find out what's

needed and work on your own time schedule.

Property Chairman (208-859-0079)

The Hospitality Committee needs your help! The

Weekly GRUNT Crew and the Monthly Saturday Workday Fellowship Crew need lunch! Can you help? Please sign up on the sheet on the Information Desk in the foyer or contact Susan Banker (208-455-9499). *Thank you*!



### **SUNDAYS at Friendship Celebration**

Worship Services: 8:15 am & 11:00 am (Nursery care available both services & Sunday School Hour)
Fellowship Time: 9:15-9:45 am
Children Sunday School: 9:45-10:45 am
Adult Bible Classes: 9:45-10:45am
Prayer & Praise 5:00 pm

Pastor Tom's Class-meets in Room 132. Guest Leader: Ralph Cavalieri

Topic: Martin Luther & the Reformation (Concludes Oct. 15)

- Study on Book of 2 Peter– Led by Matt Holmquist (Room 125)
- 🛄 Study of Greek through the Gospel of Luke Led by Linda Varnes & Lynn House (Room 130)
- Study on the Book of Acts Led by Ken Priebe (Room 113)
- 💷 Study Adult Special Needs Led by Neal Lindemood & Jack Hansen (Room 121)

#### **Coming Soon to Sunday Mornings!**

Beginning on Sunday, Oct. 22, Pastor Matt will teach a Sunday morning adult Bible study class entitled "The Parables of Jesus". The class will meet in room 132

#### Weekday Bible Studies

Women's Thursday Bible Study (FCLC)

Meets Thursday mornings at 9:15 am. Contact Karen Graham 208-870-7764 Topic: *Armor of God* 

#### Women's Friday Bible Study (FCLC)

Meets Friday mornings at 10:00 am Contact Carol Jo Richter 208-377-3746 Topic: *Song of Solomon* 

*Women's Friday Breakfast (Star)* Contact Dottie Basye 208-949-5020

<u>Men's Friday Morning Breakfast</u> <u>(50's Café - Meridian)</u> Contact Merlyn Schmeckpeper 208-888-9494

<u>Men's Friday Morning Breakfast (Star)</u> Contact Bill Basye 208-286-0691

<u>Men's Friday Morning Breakfast</u> <u>(Maui Wowi - Meridian)</u> Contacts Dale Bentley (208-859-4001) & Chuck DeVito (208-505-7579)





### **Nurture Groups**

#### South Meridian Nurture Group

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm at Merlyn Schmeckpeper's 157 E. Ada, Meridian (208-888-9494)

#### <u>Eagle Nurture Group</u>

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 7:00 at Dick & Ruth Kanemasu's home at 990 W. Oakhampton Dr. Eagle (208-830-0706).

#### <u>Star-Eagle Nurture Group</u>

Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm at David & Susan Banker's home at 300 W. Sutter Dr. Eagle Contact Bill Basye (208-286-0691). Or Mike Sivey (208-859-0079)

#### <u>Star Nurture Group</u>

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at Rick & Emelie Woodall's home. Contact them at 208-286-7508 for more information.

#### <u>West Boise Nurture Group</u>

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00pm at FCLC. (Except during Advent and Lent) Free childcare available! Contact Aaron or Rachel Hubler. Email or text: 208-559-2560 or 208-859-9095.

#### Safety & Preparedness Group

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 at FCLC. Contact Lynn House for more information (208-830-0078)

#### <u>Bible & Brew-Homestead Grill (Meridian)</u>

1st Wednesday each month 6:00pm Contact Brett Lindemood (208-982-1461)

## *FYI*

- Worship Service available on DVD for those homebound, or anyone who would like to hear and see last Sunday's message. Call church office.
- To put a prayer on the Prayer Chain contact: Jenny Kandler 362-5410 or email her at *bob54109@msn.com*. (Note: Also call to let her know you sent a prayer request) In the event that, Jenny Kandler. In the event that, Jenny Kandler can't be reached for prayer chain, please call/ notify, Donnette House (208-297-0775) at donnette15@gmail.com.
- Fellowship Time with coffee/juice and treats from 9:15-9:45am on Sundays. Thanks to various people/ groups for providing each month. You may provide treats for a <u>special occasion</u> (Baptism, Birthday, Confirmation, etc.) if you wish for our Fellowship Time. Contact Gaylynn Mikasa 761-4034.
- Stay up to date on congregation happenings by receiving the Friendly 411 Weekly via email every Thursday afternoon. To subscribe email Joan Hammerson at *jhammerson@friendshipcelebration.org*
- Your "<u>Friendly Findings</u>" Newsletter is available in the foyer at church or on our church website: *www.friendshipcelebration.org*. Newsletter article deadline is 20th of each month and may be submitted by email to: *office@friendshipcelebration.org*. Or contact the church office at (208) 288-2404.
- Church Office Hours: Kayla Liehe (Office Mgr.) Monday through Friday 8:30am—4:00pm. Joan Hammerson (Secretary) Tuesday-Thursday-Friday 8:30am-2:00pm.



#### **Church Staff:**

Senior Pastor: Matt Henry mhenry@friendshipcelebration.org

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#### Lay Leadership Council

**President:** Karl Bokenkamp

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**Director Evangelism:** John Wiemer

**Director Education:** Nicole Sarty

**Director Property Mgmt.:** Mike Sivey

Every Sunday. 8:15 am & 11:00 am Worship Services 9:15 am Fellowship Time 9:45 am Sunday School for All Off-site Bible studies & Nurture Groups. See Newsletter or online





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