

Equipper

Equipping God's people as we celebrate, teach, and share God's Grace.

October, 2019

"Thoughts From Luther"

So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter. 2 Thessalonians 2:15

October 31st Is Reformation. The following are some special quotes from Martin Luther. Poignant and powerful, his words, almost 500-years-old, are still, by God's grace, most pertinent.

Please read, meditate, and enjoy:

- Every man must do two things alone; he must do his own believing and his own dying.
- If we are correct and right in our Christian life at every point, but refuse to stand for the truth at a particular point where the battle rages - then we are traitors to Christ.
- Some of us...think to ourselves, "If I had only been there! How quick I would have been to help the baby. I would have washed his linen. How happy I would have been to go with the shepherds to see the Lord lying in the manger!" Yes, we would! We say that because we know how great Christ is. But if we had been there at that time, we would have done no better than the people of Bethlehem. Why don't we do it now? We have Christ in our neighbor.
- The Christian is supposed to love his neighbor, and since his wife is his nearest neighbor, she should be his deepest love.
- When I preach, I regard neither doctors nor magistrates, of whom I have above forty in the congregation. I have all my eyes on the servant maids and on the children. And if the learned men are not well pleased with what they hear, well, the door is open.
- When I consider my crosses, tribulations, and temptations, I shame myself almost to death, thinking what are they in comparison to the sufferings of my blessed Savior, Christ Jesus.
- Next to faith this is the highest art -- to be content with the calling in which God has placed you. I have not learned it yet.
- No man should be alone when he opposes Satan. The church and the ministry of the Word were instituted for this purpose that hands may be joined together and one may help another. If the prayer of one doesn't help, the prayer of another will.
- "Listen to the angel's song, all you who have a troubled heart! 'I bring you good tidings of great joy!'" Jesus did not come to condemn you. If you want to define Christ rightly, then pay heed to how the angel defines Him, namely, 'a great joy!'"

And lest we think the only wise one in Luther's house was the Reformer....

- I will stick to Christ as a burr to a topcoat!"
(Those were the last words of Katherine Von Bora, Luther's wife.)

THE PRAYER: Dear heavenly Father, for raising up leaders in every generation, I give thanks. Today I ask that You raise me up. Let me be, by Your grace, a witness to Your Son who has given His life to save my life. In Jesus' Name, I ask it. Amen.

Taken from Lutheran Hour Ministry Archive Devotions.



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Calendar currently
under construction

Articles may be submitted
to: pastor@graceoakcreek.org

Deadline for
November Equipper:
October 17th

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Lutheran Bible Translators

Pastor Chuck & Karen Tessaro

October 20, 2019

9:15 am @ church

Pastor Chuck and Karen Tessaro have been in Jos, Plateau State, NIGERIA, West Africa. Pastor Tessaro has been serving with Lutheran Bible Translators as translation consultant with his wife Karen and their son John David, 7. They have recently returned to the States on furlough from their mission in Nigeria.

This is their first furlough in four years and they have been attending meetings with other missionaries and potential missionaries and LBT staff since July. Now they are traveling to various churches and speaking about the translation work in Nigeria. They will head back to Nigeria in 2020 where they will continue working with the Linguistics and Translation Department at the Theological College of Northern Nigeria and meet with the Mwaghaul, Yala and Ikwerre translation teams.

After the dedication of the Eleme New Testament and Psalms, the translation team concentrated on seeing that the translated Scriptures were put to good use and now would like to see the rest of the Scriptures translated to Eleme. This includes updating the Eleme writing system to the current best practices system.

“Simple Gifts”

A new devotional resource from LCMS Stewardship Ministry.

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador, senior pastor at St. John Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Wis., and assistant coordinator for LCMS Stewardship Ministry, said he wrote the devotional to emphasize that stewardship is “not simply a function of doing business in the local congregation” but “an act of worship ... that flows from God’s Word.

“Seeing stewardship from this perspective,” he noted,
“makes it a source not of dread, but of joy!”

“Simple Gifts” contains 22 one-page devotions around the theme of “gift,” with titles such as “The Gift of the Gospel,” “God’s Gift of Creation,” and “God’s Gift of Life.” Each devotion includes a Bible passage, a meditation and a prayer.

“As individual stewards pray through this devotional,” Meador added, “I hope they will see the real ‘why’ of their stewardship. They were created for this task by God.

“When our stewardship fails, God’s Word leads us back to Jesus, who is the One who restores us in the forgiveness of sins. As a result, we are ultimately stewards of the Gospel, using the First Article gifts God bestows on us.”

This devotional book will be handed out to you as a gift from our Stewardship Board on October 17 & 20 as we begin a 3 week stewardship focus.



Celebrating LWML Sunday-

Oct 10th and 13th

Based upon Luke 17:6 the theme chosen for LWML Sunday 2019 is

“Faith Like a Mustard Seed”

Faith as small as a mustard seed can move a mulberry tree.

We may long for a greater and more heroic faith, but what about the faith we have right now?

LWML Sunday 2019 celebrates the power of a daily walk with Jesus to transform lives and multiply disciples.

Little faith or great, there are mulberry trees to be moved!

Join us in worship and don't forget to wear purple!!

Ingathering- SOCKS for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission- all sizes are needed!

Collection box is downstairs by the church mailboxes.

Grace Ladies Guild Meeting

October 8th

7 pm @ school

Reveal Secret Sisters

Ladies Guild

Start working on Sleeping Mats

Plastic Sleeping Mats

Grace Ladies Guild has taken on a yearlong servant project to make sleeping mats for the Orphan Grain Train. These mats will be crocheted out of ordinary plastic grocery bags.

These types of mats are lightweight, easy to carry, provide protection when lying on the ground and are easily rinsed out.

The mats are shipped to Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Philippines and Haiti.

We need help in collecting plastic grocery bags!

There will be a collection box in the church basement for the bags if you would like to help us with this project.

Thank you!



4th Annual Grace Lutheran Panther Golf Outing

Sunday, October 13th at 1:00 pm

Grant Park Golf Course

We are playing a 9 hole Scramble format.

\$40 includes

golf, cart, 2 drink tickets, hole prizes, door prizes, raffle ticket and a donation to Grace Lutheran School.

Sign up as a team or individual! Sheets are located in the narthex.

Any questions can be directed to Tom Hengst at thengst@wi.rr.com

Grace Night Out with the Admirals

October 19th at 6:00 pm
\$20.00 per person



Grace Lutheran Church and School will be heading to an Admirals game for Lutheran Night at the Admirals on Saturday, October 19th. We hope you will join us to cheer on our Milwaukee Admirals as they take on the Colorado Eagles! Game starts at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 and include an exclusive Admirals hockey puck keychain.

Contact Jen Gettelman with any questions jengetty2@gmail.com or 630-567-4536

Be included in the Grace Lutheran directory

Lifetouch will be photographing all of our families for a new church directory.



What to expect

- A professional photography session, no session fees.
- View your images after your session and make your selections.
- You will receive one FREE 8x10 standard print and church directory plus other special offers.

Photography dates & hours:

Friday, October 25th, 2pm-9pm

Saturday, October 26th, 9am-4pm

Wednesday, October 30th, 2pm-9pm

Thursday, October 31st, 2pm-9pm

Sign up for your photography session

- Go to our website: graceoakcreek.org and hit the tab for the directory to sign up.
- Visit sign up tables before or after upcoming services
- Call the church office 414-762-8990
- Call Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281, Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

LWML Sunday	October 10 & 13th	
4 th Annual Panther Golf Outing	Sunday, Oct. 13	1:00 pm
LWML SWD Zone 1 Fall Rally @ School	Saturday, Oct. 19	
Grace Night Out with the Admirals	Saturday, Oct. 19	
Pictorial Directory Pictures	October 25, 26, 30 & 31	
Troubadors	Sunday, Nov. 17 th	8:00 & 10:30 am
Men's Bible Study @ Oak Creek Diner	Tuesday mornings	7:00 am
Women's Bible Study @ School	Wednesday mornings	9:30 am



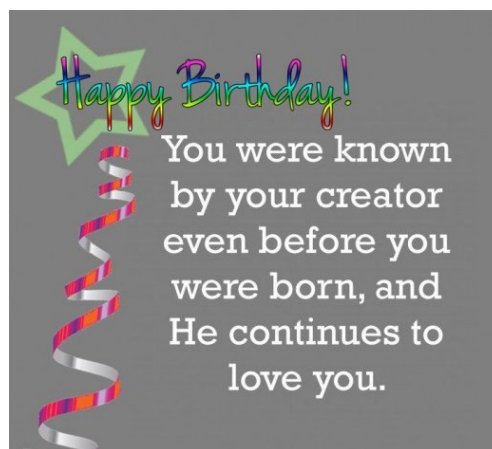
Pastor Update

Pastor will be having a partial cornea transplant performed on his second eye. It will take place on Tuesday, October 1st. He is required to spend the next four days lying flat on his back with eyes pointed only to the ceiling. Pastor Meyer will be conducting services in his place on October 3 & 6. It takes up to about a year for vision to improve to what will be the "new normal". Your prayers are appreciated.

Pastor will be taking off to attend the annual Fall Pastor's Conference for our South Wisconsin District which begins on Monday, Oct 7 and goes through the 9th.

October Birthdays

Morris, Haley	10/1
Dachel, Abigail	10/2
Puetz, Anthony	10/2
Toth, Kristin	10/2
Cotter, Aaron	10/3
Urbaniak, Jerry	10/5
Wenzel, Laurie	10/6
Pfeilstifter, JoEllyn	10/10
Kelley, Chase	10/12
Svicek, Anniston	10/12
Vitek, Natalie	10/12
Iseli, Sharon	10/13
Kisley, Nicole	10/14
Manoil, Norma	10/14
Beier, Marnie	10/16
Mallon, Carson	10/17
Flower, Richard	10/21
Medek, Reinhard	10/21
Dachel, Brandon	10/23
Tindall, John	10/23
Schmeiser, Virginia	10/24
Sauer, Clare	10/25
Spalholz, Nancy	10/26
Curran, Brian	10/27
Edgerton Jr., Christopher	10/27
Morgan, Isabelle	10/29
Poellet, Dachs	10/29
Serdynski, Carsen	10/30
Smith, Isabelle	10/30
Tindall, Nicole	10/30



Radio Worship Services

"The Lutheran Hour" can be heard every Sunday Morning at 6:00 AM on WGN 720 AM, Chicago or at 6:30 AM on WTMJ 620 AM or at 11:00 am WRRD 540 AM, Milwaukee.

"The Lutheran Hour," which began in 1930, is the world's oldest continually broadcast Gospel radio program. This weekly half-hour program, now heard on more than 1,200 radio stations, proclaims the message of Jesus Christ to a world-wide audience.

"Woman To Woman" is a nationally syndicated weekly half-hour radio talk show that nurtures and provides encouragement for women throughout North America. It can be heard on Saturday at 7:00 PM on WGLB 1560 AM, Milwaukee or on Sunday at 11:30 AM at WRRD 540 AM, Milwaukee.

Stimulating conversation between host Phyllis Wallace and her interesting guests explores issues which impact women. ***"Woman To Woman"*** promotes the spiritual growth of its listeners while providing practical lifestyle information. It equips women to live and share the truth of God's Word in their many relationships: friends, spouses, parents and children.

Lutheran TV — "On Main Street"

(WTMJ, Channel 4 Sunday 4:30 AM)

On Main Street is a pre-recorded half-hour weekly television program which shares practical spiritual teaching on today's issues from a Christ-centered, Biblical perspective.

Each On Main Street episode explores a different life problem. Program host, Dr. Dale A. Meyer, is joined by a featured expert guest and select panel members for a candid discussion of the program's topic.

Prayer Hot Line



In order to request prayers by members of Grace, please contact one of the following people. Your request will be made known to all members of our Prayer Line. Prayer requests for worship service should be directed to the church office or Pastor Dummer.

10 AM-3 PM
Carol Thurber — 762-9615

3 PM-9 PM
Chet & Pauline Parker — 764-5574

Internet Prayerline
Pauline Parker
paulinemom@aol.com

INFORMATION LINKS

Click on any of these Hyperlinks.
You'll be taken to the appropriate spot on our website!

Church Calendar

On-Line to Request a Prayer

(Opens an e-mail—Fill out your request ... it will be sent directly to pastor.)