



Bethany Lutheran Outlook
October 2017

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



**“Go out to deep waters, deep waters, where only faith will let you go.
Go out to deep waters, deep waters, harvests of faith with overflow.”**



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

For the past year the 500th anniversary of the Reformation has been commemorated in various ways across the church and also in the wider culture. (Public TV had an excellent program on Luther in September; if you didn't see it, watch it if it's offered again!) The observance will more or less culminate on the 31st of this month, the day in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses, statements that questioned what Luther saw as abuses taking place in the Catholic Church at that time. Reformation Sunday will be observed in church on the Sunday before that, October 29th.



During this Reformation 500 year, people have been careful to call it an observance or commemoration rather than a celebration because, as has been said, you don't celebrate a divorce; it might be a good thing, even a necessary thing, but still, you don't celebrate. Plus, any honest and objective study of the Reformation will note that there were positive and negative outcomes, things perhaps worthy of celebration, but others much less so. 500 years later it could be argued that that is still the case.

For better or for worse, Martin Luther and others brought change to the Church (Church with a capital C). What's important to note is that the Church survived the change; it was different with many varying expressions of Christianity evolving out of what Luther started, but it survived and, in many ways, both Christianity and the Church thrived. What we're reminded of 500 years later is that what Luther started continues, change continues. Living through the present evolution of the church, it doesn't seem so cataclysmic, more of a slow drift as opposed to what happened in the 1500's, but perhaps history will ultimately show that what is happening now is just as momentous.

In her writings, ELCA Churchwide Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has made note of the fact that the church is changing and our new Northern Great Lakes Synod bishop, Katherine Finegan has echoed that as she has assumed the office. For many people the changing church is a source of discomfort and even despair because the primary change they see is smaller numbers. That's true, but remember, the Church will survive. It may be different, but it will survive. For all of our churches, it's important to be faithful to our Lutheran tradition but also to be open to change and new possibilities rather than getting bogged down in longing for what used to be. The "good old days" are gone, and they're not coming back.

The Church will survive as it always has. In the meantime we are to be about the work of being disciples and followers of Jesus Christ in both word and deed. We continue to be focused on the Bible and interpreting it through Luther's lens of justification by grace through faith. Having received God's gift of grace and forgiveness, we are called follow in faith, open to where the Spirit is leading us, trusting that the Church is and always will be in God's hands.

Pastor Geier



Christ Still Calls Us

The rugged hills of Galilee
Drop down to meet the sea
Where burly men still mend their nets,
Still fish there eagerly.

The sea's the same place where Christ said,
"Lay down your nets and heed
My call to love all people
And serve them in their need."

"I'll help you fish for humankind,"
He told them long ago.
His call's still heard, His help's still real
Today, as we well know.

Yes, people still are leaving "nets"
Wherever they might be,
And as disciples still go forth
To serve Christ willingly.

—Peggy Ferrell



DAILY LECTIONARY



The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

“The Bible is the cradle wherein Christ is laid.”
—Martin Luther

October 2017

1 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

2 Psalm 42	Exodus 18:1-12	Philippians 1:3-14
3 Psalm 42	Exodus 18:13-27	Philippians 1:15-21
4 Psalm 42	Exodus 19:9b-25	Matthew 9:2-8
5 Psalm 19	Exodus 23:1-9	Colossians 2:16-23
6 Psalm 19	Exodus 23:14-19	Phil. 2:14-18 ; 3:1-4a
7 Psalm 19	Exodus 23:10-13	John 7:40-52

8 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Phil. 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46

9 Psalm 119:49-56	Deuteronomy 5:1-21	1 Peter 2:4-10
10 Psalm 119:49-56	Deuteronomy 5:22 — 6:3	2 Cor. 5:17-21
11 Psalm 119:49-56	Deuteronomy 6:10-25	John 11:45-57
12 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Exodus 24:1-8	1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14
13 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Exodus 24:9-11	James 4:4-10
14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Exodus 24:12-18	Mark 2:18-22

15 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Phil. 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

16 Psalm 97	Exodus 32:15-35	Jude 17-25
17 Psalm 97	Exodus 33:1-6	Phil. 3:13 — 4:1
18 Psalm 97	2 Kings 17:7-20	John 6:25-35

Readings for Luke, the Evangelist

Isaiah 43:8-13	Psalm 124	2 Tim. 4:5-11	Luke 1:1-4 ; 24:44-53
19 Psalm 99	Exodus 33:7-11	3	John 9-12
20 Psalm 99	Exodus 31:1-11		1 Peter 5:1-5
21 Psalm 99	Exodus 39: 32-43		Matthew 14:1-12

22 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thess. 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

23 Psalm 63:1-8	Exodus 40:34-38	Rev. 18:1-10, 19-20
24 Psalm 63:1-8	Numbers 12:1-9	Rev. 18:21-24
25 Psalm 63:1-8	Numbers 13:1-2, 17 — 14:9	Matthew 17:22-27
26 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17	Deut. 31:14-22	Titus 1:5-16
27 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17	Deut. 32:1-14, 18	Titus 2:7-8, 11-15
28 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17	Deut. 32:44-47	John 5:39-47

29 Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36

30 Psalm 119:41-48	Numbers 33:38-39	James 2:8-13
31 Psalm 119:41-48	Exodus 34:29-35	James 2:14-26

Readings for Reformation Day

Same as for Reformation Sunday

The Meaning of Discipleship

If we are disciples of Christ, we are learners under the instruction of Christ. Quite literally, a disciple is a pupil, scholar, student or learner. In the Oriental world a teacher with his band of disciples was to that culture what schools and universities are to our society. To be a disciple of Jesus is to go to school with him.

-Dwight E. Stevenson in Faith Takes a Name



Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

A Mighty Fortress is Our God



A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight,
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, reject-
ed.

But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of Hosts is He!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot over pow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

- Martin Luther, 1483-1546
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God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

A Mighty Fortress: the Story Behind the Hymn

October 31, 1517, is perhaps the most important date in Protestant history. This was the day when Martin Luther, an Augustinian monk and a professor of theology, posted on the doors of the Cathedral of Wittenberg, Germany, his Ninety-five theses (complaints) against the teaching and practices of the medieval Roman Church. With this event, the sixteenth-century Protestant Reformation was formally born.

The Protestant Reformation movement was built on three main tenets:

- The reestablishment of the Scriptures
- The clarification of the means of salvation
- The restoration of congregational singing



We think of Martin Luther as a great reformer, Bible translator, political leader, fiery preacher, and theologian. But he was also a musician, having been born in an area of Germany known for its music. There in his little Thuringian village, young Martin grew up listening to his mother sing. He joined a boys' choir that sang at weddings and funerals. He became proficient with the flute (recorder), and his volcanic emotions often erupted in song.

When the Protestant reformation began, Luther determined to restore worship to the German children. He worked with skilled musicians to create new music for Christians, to be sung in the vernacular. He helped revive congregational singing and wrote a number of hymns.

Often he “borrowed” popular secular melodies for his hymns, though occasionally a tune brought criticism and he was “compelled to let the devil have it back again: because it was too closely associated with bars and taverns.

In the forward of a book, Luther once wrote: “Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world. It controls our thoughts, minds, hearts, and spirits... A person who...does not regard music as a marvelous creation of God... does not deserve to be called a human being; he should be permitted to hear nothing but the braying of asses and the grunting of hogs.”

Luther's most famous hymn is “A Mighty fortress is Our God.” Based on Psalm 46, it reflects Luther's awareness of our intense struggle with Satan. In difficulty and danger, Luther would often resort to this song, saying to his associate, “Come, Philipp, let us sing the 46th Psalm.”

From *Amazing Grace* by Kenneth W Osbeck and *Then Sings My Soul* by Robert J. Morgan

Martin Luther

November 10, 1483—February 18, 1546



Martin Luther was born in Eisleben, Germany, shortly after his family moved there from Mohra where they had been farmers for generations. While an infant the family moved again, this time to Mansfeld where his father Hans got a job as a copper miner. Later his father became foreman of two smelting furnaces and as years went by he attained civic prestige and prosperity.

When of school age Martin was sent to Latin school by his father, who was determined that he should get a good education. At the age of fourteen his father sent him to Magdeburg to the most highly regarded school, where he continued his studies in Latin, Greek and Hebrew. As his father did not have enough money to pay Martin's board, Martin sang for his food at the windows of wealthy citizens. The following year Martin was sent to Eisenach to continue his studies and stayed there for four years. Once again he sang for his bread until one day an elderly woman, Ursula Citta, took him in and gave him a home.

From 1501 to 1505 Luther worked his way through the University of Erfurt where he studied law and obtained a Master of Arts degree. Then in July of 1505, on the road near Stotternheim, Martin was caught in a thunderstorm. When a bolt of lightning just missed him, he cried out to the family Saint, "Help me Saint Ann. I will become a monk." Martin was true to his word. Against the wishes of his father, he entered the order of the Augustinian Eremites and on April 4, 1507, was ordained.

In October of 1508 Luther was transferred to the prestigious University of Wittenberg where he lectured on the dialectics and physics of Aristotle. Four years later, at the age of 29, Luther was admitted to the faculty of theology at Wittenberg and began teaching the Bible.

It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther hurled his challenge to the church establishment, nailing his Ninety-five Theses concerning indulgences to the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg. The Reformation was begun.

During the next twenty-nine years Luther became immensely popular with the German people. Not only did he lead the scholarly fight for theological and Church reforms, he gave the German people a Bible they could read (the New Testament in 1521, the Old Testament in 1534), wrote a German Catechism and published German hymnals.

Luther was one of the few hymn writers who also composed the music for many of his hymns. He began writing hymns in 1523, when he wrote Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee, Luther's first hymnal of eight hymns (of which he wrote four) was published in 1524. It was so popular a second edition was published later that year containing twenty-five hymns, eighteen of which Luther wrote.

In the preface to the Spiritual Hymn Booklet Luther wrote:
“That the singing of spiritual hymns is a goodly thing and pleasing to God, I do not think is hidden from any Christian, since everyone is aware not only of the example of the kings and prophets in the Old Testament (who praised God with singing and playing, with poesy and all manner of string music), but also of the universality of this custom in Christendom from the beginning...”

Lu-ther's great hymn, A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, was written in 1529 shortly after the Diet of Spires, when German princes made formal protest against revoking some of their liberties and received the name protestants.

The hymn quickly became the battle hymn of the Reformation, inspiring people during the Reformation period and throughout the Thirty Years War between Catholics and Protestants, that racked Germany from 1618 to 1648.

When in 1529 Luther published his new hymnal, it replaced his earlier hymnals and was quickly put to use in his Wittenberg church where he retained the Catholic form of mass, adding only a sermon and his beloved hymn singing.

During his career Luther wrote a total of thirty-seven hymns. The last hymnal he supervised was published in 1545. It contained one hundred and twenty hymns and ninety-seven hymn tunes.

It is said that at the time of the Diet of Augsburg (1530) Luther gathered the people in the Castle (Coburg) about him and said, “Come, let us defy the devil:, whereupon he lead the singing of Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee. In 1546 the people of Halle sang this hymn. This time with tears in their eyes as Luther's coffin passed through the city on its way to its final resting place in Wittenberg.

Like the reformation, the spirit of Luther and Luther's evangelical hymns carried on, under new leaders, inspiring men and nations.

(Article from One Hundred & One Famous Hymns by Charles Johnson.)



Installation Service of The Reverend Katherine Finegan to Feature Hymn of Discipleship

At the installation of the Rev. Katherine Finegan, the choir will sing *Deep Waters*. This anthem is based on Luke 5:1-11 which tells of Jesus calling the first disciples.

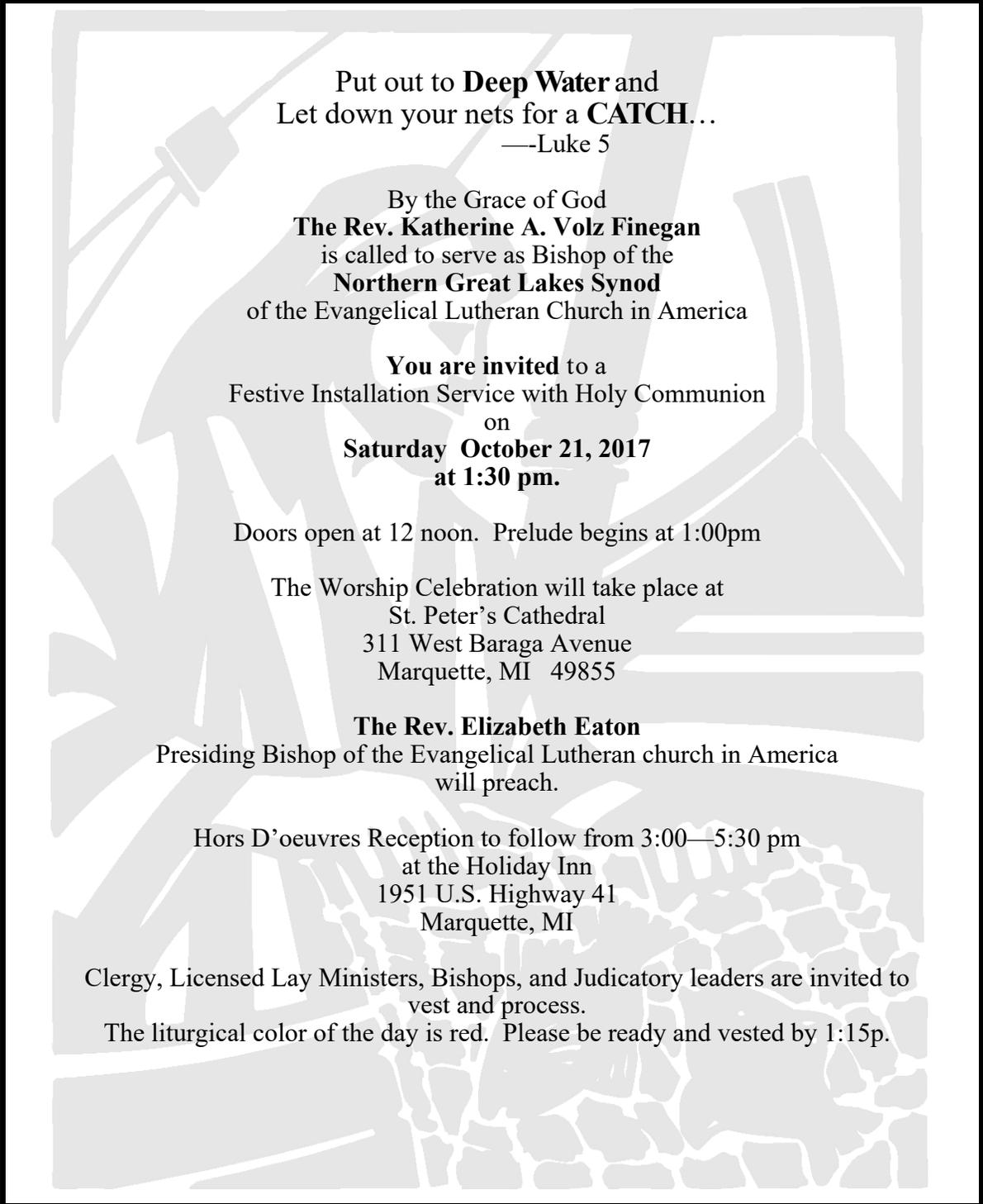
Deep Waters

Their fishing nets were empty when they first saw the Lord.
All night they had been fishing in the waters by the shore.
The Lord said, "Go to deep waters, cast your nets once more."
And because they obeyed, they would never be the same.
Go to deep waters, deep waters, where only faith will let you go.
Go out to deep waters, deep waters, harvests of faith will overflow.
Harvests of faith will overflow. Go.

They cast their nets and almost before they could begin,
Their nets were overflowing and they had to pull them in.
And though this was their greatest catch, their fishing days would end.
For they abandoned all when they heard the master's call.
Go to deep waters, deep waters, where only faith will let you go.
Go out to deep waters, deep waters, harvest of faith will overflow.
Harvests of faith will overflow. Go.

Words and music by Pepper Choplin





Put out to **Deep Water** and
Let down your nets for a **CATCH...**
—Luke 5

By the Grace of God
The Rev. Katherine A. Volz Finegan
is called to serve as Bishop of the
Northern Great Lakes Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

You are invited to a
Festive Installation Service with Holy Communion
on
Saturday October 21, 2017
at 1:30 pm.

Doors open at 12 noon. Prelude begins at 1:00pm

The Worship Celebration will take place at
St. Peter's Cathedral
311 West Baraga Avenue
Marquette, MI 49855

The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton
Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran church in America
will preach.

Hors D'oeuvres Reception to follow from 3:00—5:30 pm
at the Holiday Inn
1951 U.S. Highway 41
Marquette, MI

Clergy, Licensed Lay Ministers, Bishops, and Judicatory leaders are invited to
vest and process.
The liturgical color of the day is red. Please be ready and vested by 1:15p.

Castle Church at Wittenberg



Of course we've all heard of the famous Castle Church of Wittenberg, but it is actually named All Saints' Church, commonly referred to as *Schlosskirche* (Castle Church) to distinguish it from the *Stadtkirche* (Town Church) of St. Mary's. It is also sometimes known as the Reformation Memorial Church since it is the site where the *Ninety-five Theses* were likely posted by Martin Luther in 1517, the act that has been called the start of the Protestant Reformation

The first All Saints chapel was founded in 1340. After Elector Frederick III founded the University of Wittenberg (1502), All Saints' was incorporated to serve as a chapel to the university and it quickly evolved into an important academic and worship center. It was also the Elector's family chapel. Students were awarded their doctorates there, and the reformer Philipp Melancthon made his famous inaugural speech at the church.

The main portal was often used by the university staff to pin up messages and notices; it is generally believed that on 31 October 1517, the eve of All Saints' Day, Martin Luther posted his *Ninety-five Theses on the doors of All Saints' Church*. This act, meant to promote a disputation on the sale of indulgences, is commonly viewed to be a catalyst for the Protestant Reformation. Whether the event actually took place or not, however, has not been conclusively established. Nevertheless, Luther sent his objections in a letter to Archbishop Albert of Mainz on the same day.



Luther's patron Frederick the Wise died in 1525 and was buried in the Castle Church. In the same year, the Lutheran rite was implemented. The church became the burial site of Martin Luther himself in 1546 (near the pulpit) and of Philipp Melancthon in 1560. Both of their tombs are still visible today.

All Saints has withstood many changes throughout its existence. It was burned down to its foundations in 1760 (rebuilt almost immediately, but minus the famous Theses Doors). Commemorative bronze doors with the Theses inscribed in the original Latin were dedicated in 1858. A restoration in neo-Gothic style was undertaken between 1883 and 1892 (the 400th anniversary of Luther's birth and 375th anniversary

of the posting of the Theses respectively). This included the complete rebuilding of the distinctive 289-ft. tall steeple, visible from throughout Wittenberg. Twentieth century works have included a new glazed tile roof and a set of 12 new stained glass windows. Today, All Saints' Church serves not only as a place of worship, but it also houses the town's historical archives, is home to the Riemer-Museum, and a youth hostel. In view of the five-hundredth anniversary of Luther's *Theses*, the building has again undergone extensive renovation. It was festively reopened on 2 October 2016.



Remembering the Saints

During the month of October the Church celebrates saints' days for St. Francis of Assisi (4 Oct) and St. Luke the Evangelist (18 Oct) and prepares for the celebration of All Saints Sunday on Nov. 5th. The Bethany choir celebrates All Saints Day with the anthem "We are surrounded with a great cloud of witnesses" and those saints of Bethany who have died in the past year are remembered in the prayers. In recent years we have extended those memorials to all the departed saints of Bethany...those members of our families who have joined that great cloud of witnesses. Since this day is so close to Veterans' Day (11/11), we have decided to include Bethany's departed veterans in our observance as well. To make this memorial more visible, we invite you to bring a photo of someone you would like to remember and display it on special tables which will be set up in the sanctuary; there will be a special section set aside of veterans' photos. There will already be candles lit there, but you may also choose to light one as your special remembrance. As we celebrate Bethany's 147th anniversary, let's make All Saints Day the climax of that celebration as we remember before God all the Bethany saints who have gone before us. You may display the photo yourself on Nov. 5th or leave it in the church office from 29 October onwards. Please consider joining us in this addition to our All Saints celebration



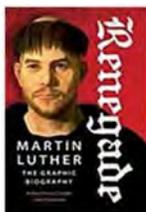


Library Notes for October 2017

By Keenan Tunnell

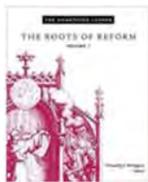
The Reformation 500

observance reaches its peak this month with Reformation Sunday on 29 Oct. There is another Luther graphic biography by two famed Italian graphic novelists, more works of Luther's theology, a Reformation atlas, and the Oxford Reformation handbook (with an unfortunate cover!) There's just not enough room to site all the Refo500 materials still on my shelf, so we'll conclude our list next month. Look for the Reformation display on the Library kiosk to recap Bethany Library's offerings, and maybe dig out your copy of the Small Catechism and consider "what does this mean?" in your life!



Ciponte, Andrea Grosso & Dacia Palmerino. **Renegade Martin Luther.** YA
920 LUT

Five hundred years ago a brash young monk single-handedly confronted the most powerful institutions of his day. His bold stand sparked the Protestant Reformation and marked one of the great turning points in history. Martin Luther, a spiritual and historical giant, is loved and hated to this day—and for good reason. The anniversary of the revolution he helped start has produced a spate of doorstep-sized biographies. Luckily, today there exists a more accessible format that does justice to such a colorful, complex character and his tumultuous life and times – the graphic novel....Each chapter of Luther's life comes vividly to life thanks to cutting-edge graphic techniques, meticulous historical research, and compelling writing. This could be the biggest breakthrough for Martin Luther since the Gutenberg press.



Wengert, Timothy, ed. The Annotated Luther, vol. 1: the Roots of Reform. 230.41 LUT

Volume 1 of The Annotated Luther series contains writings that defined the roots of reform, beginning with the 95 Theses (1517) through The Freedom of a Christian (1520). Included are treatises, letters, and sermons written from 1517–1520, which set the framework for key themes in all of Luther's later works. Also included are documents that reveal Luther's earliest confrontations with Rome leading to his excommunication by Leo X in 1520. These documents display a Luther grounded in late medieval theology, trained in the latest humanist methods of the Renaissance, and, most especially, showing sensitivity toward the pastoral consequences for theological positions and

church practice. Each volume in The Annotated Luther series contains new introductions, as well as annotations, illustrations, and notes to help shed light on Luther's context and interpret his writings for today



Dowley, Tim. **Atlas of the European Reformation.** 270.6 DOW

The atlas is broken into four primary parts. "Before the Reformation" presents the larger political, religious and economic context of Europe on the eve of the reformation. "Reformation" presents the major contours of the reformation, including Lutheran, Reformed, English, and Anabaptist movements. "Catholic Reform and Counter-Reformation" provides extensive information on the reforming movements within Catholicism and the responses to other movements. Finally, "Early Modern Europe" sheds fresh light on the movement and implications of the reformation in the later sixteenth and seventeenth centuries



Rublack, Ulinka, ed. **The Oxford Handbook of the Protestant Reformation.** 270.6 OXF

This is the first Handbook of the Reformations to include global Protestantism, and the most comprehensive Handbook on the development of Protestant practices which has been published so far. The volume brings together international scholars in the fields of theology, intellectual thought, and social and cultural history. Contributions focus on key themes... offering an up-to-date perspective on current scholarly debates, but they also address many new themes ...with particularly emphasis on the history of emotions, the history of knowledge, and global history. This new approach opens up fresh perspectives onto important questions: how did Protestant ways of conceiving the divine shape everyday life, ideas of the feminine or masculine, commercial practices, politics, notions of temporality, or violence? The aim of this Handbook is to bring to life the vitality of Reformation ideas stressing that the Protestant Reformations in all their variety, and with their important "radical" wings, must be understood as one of the lasting long-term historical transformations which changed Europe and, subsequently, significant parts of the world.



Living Lutheran—September 2017

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Study guide: livinglutheran.org

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Fellowship Hall Floor original 1962 Will patch asbestos floor and put down carpet squares which are replaceable if ruined.

Sanctuary original 1970 Carpet

Church Pews and Choir Chairs 1970 reupholster both



Operation Christmas Child



We are at that time of year again to start thinking about filling a shoebox for Operation Christmas child.

I am grateful and thank God for the million of individuals and families who pack shoeboxes every year for OCC. Just think of all the joy and hope these gifts bring to children and the joy as they learn about Jesus. Millions of children go through a 12 week discipleship program called The Greatest Journey. They learn how to be faithful followers of Christ and to share the Gospel with others.

I invite members of Bethany to fill a shoebox, so a child can have that joy and hope. Just before Jesus ascended to Heaven, he told his followers., “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations. (Matthew 28:19a)

A table will be set up from early October to November 17, 2017. All materials needed for the project will be on that table. Each box cost \$6 for shipping. If you would like to help with shipping, please make your check out to Bethany and in your memo, write Operation Christmas Child.

If you have any questions, please call me at 475-9229.

In Christ
Kay Chartre

On September 19, the Women of the ELCA of Bethel Lutheran Church hosted an evening inviting women from local ELCA congregations to meet the Bishop-elect Katherine Finegan.





Social Ministry

Help is needed for food baskets and the food pantry!



We are finally seeing some warm “summer” days, so it’s hard to believe that the holiday season is fast approaching, but it is! We especially start thinking of ways to help others at this time, and food is always a large part of that. OUR CONGREGATION continues to be generous, but this is just a reminder that we make several food baskets for others at this time as well as continue our donations to the food pantries. As a result, our food table becomes doubly important. So please remember as you shop to double up on purchases. This will help us help as many people as possible to have a good Thanksgiving. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. DOUBLE THE WORK IF POSSIBLE,** and keep plugging into the new year. Thank you, thank you, **THANK YOU.**



The October Noisy Offering will be given to Feeding America (Upper Peninsula Food Bank).

Thanks to everyone for your generosity!



The Eagerness of the Child

A church school teacher was instructing her class of young children about the need to bring an offering to buy food for hungry children. One eager lad spoke up and said, "I'll go home now to get money and I'll bring it right back. The children might starve before next Sunday."





CROP Hunger Walk

Annual Crop Walk—October 1

Marquette County's annual Crop Walk for world hunger relief will take place on **Sunday, October 1, 2017**, rain or shine, beginning and ending at First Presbyterian Church, 120 North Front Street, Marquette. Registration for the walk begins at 1:30 P.M., and the walk itself starts at 2 P.M. The 5 kilometer route follows Front Street to Fair Ave, then turns towards the Lake and proceeds down Lake Shore Drive to Spring Street and back again to Front Street, ending at the church, where refreshments will be available.



Bethany Celebrates 147th Anniversary on Reformation Sunday

**ANNIVERSARY DINNER
OCTOBER 29
AFTER 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE**

Invite family and friends to celebrate with us.

Community and guests are welcome.

**Proceeds from meal's goodwill offering will go to the
Fortune Lake Scholarship Fund. Please be generous.**



FLLC Fall fest

Quilt and fine arts AUCTION

Saturday, October 7, 2017



Quilt & Art Viewing: 9:00 - 11:00am

Auction begins at 11:00

Buffet Brunch available 9:00 - 11:00

Country Market: homemade breads & pies

Country Store features small handcrafted items



Kids Activities



Coming

to Fortune Lake

in November

November 3-4, 2017 Ref Fest: Junior High Retreat

Friday 6pm to Saturday 2pm; Grades 6-9

Journey through time as we explore Martin Luther, the Reformation, and what it means for us today. Join us for an exciting weekend of new friends, games, Bible Study, music, crafts, worship, and good food! Retreat includes meals, lodging, and programming.

November 3-5, 2017 UFO Retreat; "Unfinished Objects"

Join us for an opportunity to work on those crafts you haven't had time to finish, and get to know other great people in the process!! There will be time for work and time for play in a setting that can't be beat. Let us prepare your meals and do the dishes. Sign up today for this crafters' dream weekend!

Remember: Fortune Lake is on Central Time!

The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.



" _____ the _____ was _____
through _____ ; _____ and
_____ came _____
_____ ."

_____ 1:17, NIV

**Crock and Rocker
Traveling Fashion Show
at Bethany Lutheran Church**

Hosted by the Ishpeming Carnegie Friends of the Library

Saturday, October 14th

1:00 pm Browsing & Social

2:00 pm Style Show & Tea

***Promotions *Prizes *Fashion *Fun with the Girls *Great Food**

Tickets are \$12 and seating is limited.

For more information or to purchase a ticket
please call (906)323-6214.

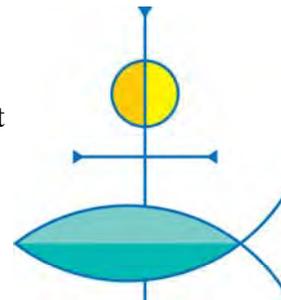
Tickets can be purchased at the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library
or the Crock and Rocker.



**Bring your favorite
tea cup!**

Fish

The first letters in the Greek phrase “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior” spell ICHTHUS, or fish. Early Christians used the sign to convey their faith and avoid persecution. In the gospels, fish are part of several miracles. They also represent people who need to be “caught” for Christ. Today, a fish bumper sticker is a popular indicator of Christian faith.



I C H T H U S





Baptism at Bethany

Dylan Thomas Duane Peterson was baptized as a child of God during the worship service on September 17, 2017. Dylan's parents are ShyAnn Holm-Brown and Brandon Peterson.



Congratulations Kayla

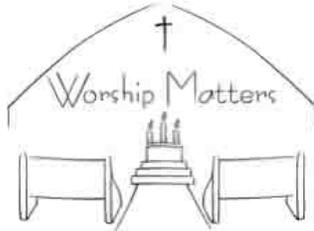
Congratulation to Kayla Kaukola for being named Ishpeming High School's homecoming queen.



Congratulation Karen Plaisier

Congratulations to Karen Plaisier for being inducted to the Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame. She earned her spot for her outstanding years coaching high school golf teams and also for her personal success as a golfer. In 2015 she won the UPLGA championship.

Council Highlights— September 2017



- Pastoral Acts: Baptism of Dylan Thomas Duane Peterson (9/17/17); Wedding of Kaitlyn Thompson and Jacob Yoho (9/23/17); Funeral of William H. Wooden (9/24/17)
- 147th year Anniversary Dinner is scheduled for October 29, 2017.
- Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2018.
- Ted Swanson informed Council this is his last term. Pastor Geier said Tom Ryan informed him of the same.
- Next council meeting—October 23, 2017.



YTD Income: \$129,994.96

YTD Expenses: \$141,489.25

Jan. - Aug.



Christian Gift-Planning

Below is the second part of a twelve part series explaining how Christians can incorporate the Church in their estate planning.

Why Give to Endowments? Many ELCA churches and ministries have endowment funds or foundations—in churches these are usually called “Mission endowment Funds.” A Mission Endowment Fund is intended to provide an opportunity and vehicle for congregations to provide for people beyond themselves—in other words, to provide outreach. Typically the endowment has provisions that preserve the bulk of the principal while allowing for annual distributions of a reasonable portion of the fund. Thus, such gifts outlive us, and continue to spread God’s blessings to future generations. None of us can fully predict what the needs will be of church ministries 20, 30, or even 50 years from now. A Mission Endowment fund receives, holds, invests and distributes assets with a long-term view centered on mission outreach. Consider giving to an ELCA ministry endowment fund in order to pass your blessings on to future generations.

For more information: Contact Timothy Knutson, ELCA Foundation at (414) 477-9979 or timothy.knutson@elca.org, or Pastor Larry Westfield, ELCA Foundation at (262) 224-9574 or larry.westfield@elca.org, or Bishop Katherine Finegan at (906) 228-2300 or kfinegan@nglsynod.org

Advice from a Pumpkin



Be well-rounded.
Get plenty of sunshine.
Give thanks for life’s bounty.
Have a thick skin.
Keep growing.
Be outstanding in your field.
Think big!

—Ilan Shami

“Autumn Song”

Now's the time when children's noses
All become as red as roses
And the color of their faces
Makes me think of orchard places
Where the juicy apples grow,
And tomatoes in a row.

Come then, find your ball and racket,
Pop into your winter jacket,
With the lovely bear-skin lining.
While the sun is brightly shining,
Let us run and play together
And just love the autumn weather.

—Katherine Mansfield



Bethany's Website

www.bethanyishpeming.org

To view the latest edition of the Outlook in color, please visit Bethany's website.



**Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Cocoa and Chocolate
Are Available at Bethany**



Café Salvador Coffee
Organic Decaf Coffee
Whole Bean Coffee
Whole Bean Decaf
Sisters' Blend, Reg. & Decaf
Teas
Hot cocoa
Baking Cocoa
Milk Chocolate Bar
Dark Chocolate Mini Bars

From Small Farmers With Love



Keep In Your Prayers

Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents:

Valente: Doreen Brown, Jean Sandstrom

Jacobetti: Allen Maki, Bob Waters, Pastor Bob Sutherland

Teal Lake Senior Living Community: Betty Geier, Jean Johns

Mill Creek: John Pontti

- Mark, Kathleen, and Karmen Slown
- Sharon Argall
- Dan Argall
- Ray Chartre
- Roger Solberg
- Ruth Solberg
- Carl Pellonpaa
- Debbie Cain
- John and Marilyn Pontti
- Kay Chartre
- Jim Sodergren, Jr.
- Cindy Warner
- Kaye Frederickson
- Bob Kaukola
- Ted Swanson
- Loreth Johnson
- Judy Hogan
- Brown family
- Mark
- Lois Goethe
- Doris Pellonpaa
- Robert Maki
- Zander Atkins
- Jim Bjerne
- Pastor Marcia Solberg
- Angie Kempainen
- June Forsberg
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



Answer to the puzzle “The Gift of Grace”

“For the law was given through Moses;
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”

John 1:17, NIV



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October Worship Assistants

October 1

Assisting Minister - Craig Kitchen
Acolytes - Abby Koski and DJ Bivins
Altar - Marian Medlyn
Coffee Hosts - Debbie & Bruce Bussone
Flowers -
Bread - Terra Frustaglio
Nursery -

October 8

Assisting Minister - Garrett Frustaglio
Acolytes - Ian Bivins and Jarin Johnson
Altar - Clara Carlson
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Flowers -
Bread - Bob Bucan
Nursery -

October 15

Assisting Minister - Tom Perry
Acolytes - Abbi Bruhnke and Faith Cain
Altar - Sue Ryan
Coffee Hosts - Friends of the Library members
Flowers -
Bread - Tonya Perry
Nursery -

October 22

Assisting Minister - Bob Maki
Acolytes - Luke Holmgren and Krya Holmgren
Altar - Clara Carlson
Coffee Hosts - WELCA
Flowers - In memory of Ned Johns by Jean
Bread - Cheryl Frederickson
Nursery -

October 29 Reformation Day

Assisting Minister - Brent Clark
Acolytes - Abby Koski and Blake Forbes
Altar - LaVerne Koski
Coffee Hosts - Anniversary Dinner
Flowers - In memory of Clayton Simons by Colleen Sundblad
Bread - Dan & Sharon Argall
Nursery -

October Ushers:

Robert Nadeau
James Anderson
John Carlson
Tom Brown
Maurice Hansen
Tom Sodergren
Greg Stahlmann



November Ushers:

John Beerling
Jerry Hager
Bill Heavyside
Robert Maki
Donald Meyer
Dan Sleeman

Thank You!

Happy Birthday!

- 3 Kris Hough
- 3 Paul Sundberg
- 6 Kay Frederickson
- 6 Tori Nault
- 6 Michael Toivonen
- 10 Ryan Lusardi
- 11 Bruce Bussone
- 12 Donald Meyer
- 14 LaVerne Koski
- 14 Paul Sandstrom
- 15 Griffin Argall
- 15 Penny Kipling
- 15 Wendy Koski
- 15 Jim Kinnunen
- 16 Jennifer Johnson
- 18 Greg Meyer
- 18 David Niemela
- 18 Matthew Waters
- 19 Bren Balzarini
- 19 Ryan Anderson
- 19 Barb Holmgren
- 22 Kristen Rasmussen
- 22 Jean Sandstrom
- 23 Courtney Allen
- 24 Jessica Dobson
- 26 Robert Bucan
- 27 Michael Harrington
- 28 Jan Swanson
- 30 Sarah Vekaria



Happy Anniversary!

Marvin & Jan Swanson
10/7/1972 45 years

Ken & Carol Carlson
10/8/1971 46 years

Duane & Marlene King
10/13/1962 55 years

Bob & Cindy Warner
10/13/1984 33 years

Robbie & Susan Dobson
10/15/1988 29 years

James & Wendy Penhale
10/15/1994 23 years

Michael & Donna DuBord
10/24/1981 36 years

