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October Worship Matters

- Oct. 8. 9am Matthew 21:33-46**
- The parable of the vineyard owner's son.
 - The annual fund appeal continues with theme: Let Your Light Shine

****Note there will be no Second Saturday Service until further notice.**

- Oct. 15 9am Matthew 22:1-14**
- The parable of the unwelcome guest at the wedding feast.
 - Discussion forum on ministry goals for 2018.

- Oct. 22 9am Matthew 22:15-22**
- A teaching on giving to the emperor and to Go.
 - Check out the temple talk this Sunday!

- Oct. 29 9am Matthew 22:34-46**
- Two great commandments: love for God and neighbor.
 - This is Reformation Sunday and the culmination of the fund appeal.
 - Pot-luck follows worship this Sunday.

October Comm. Corner Café Menu

- Oct 6 Spaghetti**
Mormon Church
- Oct 13 Chicken**
Shepherd of the Mountains
- Oct 20 Beef Stroganoff**
Salvation Army
- Oct 27 Grill Night**
Police Auxillary



Let Your Light Shine Celebration Potluck! Sunday, Oct. 29th, 10am

To celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and the culmination of the congregational fund appeal, Let Your Light Shine, SMLC is having a potluck. Details are still being planned and so stay tuned for announcements and notices about what you might contribute. If our past is any indicator of the future, there will be an abundance for all to enjoy. Mark your calendars!

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Ron Bockhaus - Contact me at ron.bockhaus@smlc.us 970-646-6657



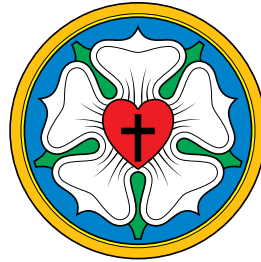
Let Your Light Shine

Every so often someone asks me about my motivation for doing what I do as a pastor. Although the question is challenging, it keeps me honest and continually searching for the words that best describe my life and vocation. Now that we are in October with the excitement of a fund appeal and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation I'll borrow from Martin Luther who had borrowed from St Paul.

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. 1 Corinthians 4:1

“St. Paul might well have said here, We are stewards of the wisdom of God, or the righteousness of God,” or the like. But that would be speaking in fragments. Therefore, to comprise everything that is offered in Christ, he uses the word “mysteries.” It is as if he wished to say, “We are spiritual stewards and we distribute the grace of God, the truth of God, and who could count all his innumerable virtues? I call them mysteries and hidden things because they can be obtained by faith alone.”

Sermon on the Third Sunday in Advent, 1522. WA 10/1(ii): 128f



Martin Luther & 500th year of Reformation

Luther captures the heart of ministry for pastor and laity alike when he identifies our work as stewards who give what we have first received in faith. The innumerable gifts of God at work in our lives is the mystery we share and our reason to be generous. If our lives in Christ depended on our hard work and sacrifice we would be beating the air with uncertainty. But now since God has taken salvation out of our hands into his own, by his grace, we can be assured that each offering we make is a sign of God's abundance. This frees us to be who God made us: children of our loving God.

By the time you read this I hope you have a general idea of the plans for the appeal, *Let Your Light Shine*, happening throughout this month. You will soon receive a letter containing a brochure explaining the goals of our appeal for 2018. Your thoughts and questions about the future are important. We encourage your participation in one or more of the opportunities to share your perspective. Those opportunities will come in the form of small group meetings in people's homes; discussion forums following each worship service for the next three Sundays; and in regular monthly gatherings of committees, studies and fellowship groups. Our congregation will benefit from each of us joining the conversation on how we can faithfully envision the future. Please pray for our joint work this month and what it means to Let Your Light Shine. Thank you.

In Christ, Pastor Ron

October Calendar at a Glance

Sunday, October 1

9:00am Sunday Worship
10:00am Coffee
10:30 Adult Forum
4:00pm Oratorio Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 3

9:00am PEO

Wednesday, October 4

7:00am Sacred Space
10:45am Centering Prayer
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 5

9:15am Quilters
1:00pm CCC Cooking

Friday, October 6

8:00am CCC Cooking
4:30pm Community Corner Cafe

Saturday, October 7

8am La Puente Cooking
9:00am Book Discussion
10:30am Organ Rehearsal

Sunday, October 8

9:00am Sunday Worship
10:00am Coffee
10:30 Adult Forum
4:00pm Oratorio Rehearsal

Monday, October 9

9am Learning Committee

Tuesday, October 10

8am La Puente Cooking
1:00pm WELCA

Wednesday, October 11

7:00am Sacred Space
10:45am Centering Prayer
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal
5:00pm Church Council

Thursday, October 12

9:15am Quilters
1:00pm CCC Cooking

Friday, October 13

8:00am CCC Cooking
4:30pm Community Corner Cafe

Saturday, October 14

8:30am Men's Breakfast
9:00am Book Discussion
10:30am Organ Rehearsal

Sunday, October 15

9:00am Sunday Worship
10:00am Coffee
10:30 Adult Forum
4:00pm Oratorio Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 17

9:00am PEO

Wednesday, October 18

7:00am Sacred Space
10:45am Centering Prayer
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 19

1:00pm CCC Cooking

Friday, October 20

8:00am CCC Cooking
4:30pm Community Corner Cafe

Saturday, October 21

8am La Puente Cooking
10:30am Organ Rehearsal

Sunday, October 22

9:00am Sunday Worship
10:00am Coffee
10:30 Adult Forum
4:00pm Oratorio Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 24

8am La Puente Cooking

Wednesday, October 25

7:00am Sacred Space
10:45am Centering Prayer
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 26

9:00am Worship Committee
9:15am Quilters
1:00pm CCC Cooking

Friday, October 27

8:00am CCC Cooking
4:30pm Community Corner Cafe

Saturday, October 28

8am La Puente Cooking
10:30am Organ Rehearsal

Sunday, October 29

9:00am Sunday Worship
10:30 Reformation Brunch Potluck
4:00pm Oratorio Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 31

8am La Puente Cooking



Important Dates of Note

Anniversaries

Ron Bockhaus & Susan Anderson	October 08
Ron & Marilyn Dutton	October 19
Earl & Nancy Matson	October 21

Birthdays

Evelyn Kehl	October 02
Roxy Hause	October 09
Cate Berridge	October 10
Jean Siddle	October 10
Don Bowen	October 11
Larry Olson	October 15
Michael Kellam	October 19
Caroline O'Neil	October 20
Dorothy Refsell	October 21
Marilyn Kienker	October 23
Maxine Peebles	October 27
Mary Settje	October 30

A Crossroads Benefit - Vintage 2017

The Dunraven Inn invites you to experience a unique evening benefiting Crossroads Ministry of Estes Park. For the fourth year, this much anticipated event, known as Vintage 2017 will include amazing wines, great food, and fabulous auction items. Tickets for this event are \$100 each, and include entry into a raffle for a \$6500 travel voucher from Columbine Travel Agency. All proceeds from this event benefit Crossroads Ministries of Estes Park. The event will be held at the Dunraven Inn on Sunday, October 29 from 4:00 to 7:00PM. Tickets may be purchased at the Dunraven Inn or by contacting Jim or Debbie Paddock (970) 591-0002, or Tim McLemore (970)577-0610. We hope to see you there!

September Prayer Reminders

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- Sally Tessler, ongoing testing and treatments
- Victims of the recent hurricanes
- Darby, granddaughter of Carole Rouse, volunteering in Coast Rica
- Father of Peggy Lorenz, hospitalized

Guess Who Is Featured?

Opened up my latest *Guideposts Magazine* this morning to find a wonderful article by our own Lin Smith! I thought that beautiful dog looked familiar and sure enough it was a picture of Trixie. Wow! I knew first hand Lin was a great story teller but I was still amazed the way she shared how God is working in she and Don's life through Trixie and their involvement with the Kairos prison ministry. The local Women's prison even played a part. But read it for yourself. Kudos to our latest celebrity who was brave enough to wonderfully share her special "God story" with the whole world!

An ardent admirer, Linda Schlitt

Individual Giving In Response to Hurricane Harvey

If you are a Thrivent Member and would like to give in response to the destruction resulting from Hurricane Harvey, here's a unique opportunity. Thrivent is matching contributions up to \$500,000 from all Thrivent members. Call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. Otherwise, you can email at mail@thrivent.com; or you can go to www.Thrivent.com and visit the Disaster Response page.



October, when aspen trees are revealing their true inner colors of gold and orange, and we will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation - what better time to take a look at how the Apostle's creed first came about! Tara McConnell will be leading us in discussions of the creed's second article and John 20; 24-31 as we explore just who Jesus is for us today. Won't you join us in that discussion on Tuesday, October 10 starting at 1 p.m. in the church library. Our lesson can be found in the October GATHER magazine. (Extra copies of the lesson are available on the counter in the Narthex.) Marilyn Kienker will be providing light refreshments after a brief business meeting. All women are welcome.

Linda Schlitt, SMLC WELCA President

Men's Breakfast

As many of you know, John Stencil is stepping down as the leader of the Men in Mission group of the church. He is being replaced by a committee of three: Bill Hayford, John Tessler and John Nydegger. Yes, three people to replace John!!!

The next breakfast will be Saturday, October 14th at 8:30 AM at the church. The program is currently being finalized. For future reference, put on your calendar as a save the date, the second Saturday of each month for our breakfasts.

All men of the church and their friends are welcome to attend and enjoy breakfast, devotions and a short program. All breakfasts should be over by 9:30/9:45.

Respectfully submitted, John Tessler

An Open Invitation to You

The Flower Committee invites both men and women to join us in creating our Sunday alter flowers. The procedures are simple and the support from our team is endless. Please contact Jan Trunnell at jtrunnell@gmail.com with any ideas or questions.

October Bible Readings

October 8
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 15
Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 22
Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 29
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Count-Down To Quilting In-Gathering

As temps. drop in October we begin to count-down toward our November In-Gathering of Quilts which is a wonderful part of our annual Thank Offering worship service in November. So this month we are especially busy trying to get as many quilts finished as possible. Who knows, maybe with your help we can far surpass the number we were able to send to Lutheran World Relief and La Puente last year. There is so much need in our hemisphere and the rest of the world as people reel from natural disasters and violent conflicts. You can still be part of our 500th Reformation Anniversary effort to help make the world a better a more caring place.

Join us at church on Thursday, October 12 and Thursday, October 26 from 9 to 11:30am as we assemble, tie, and sew quilts for people in need. Bring your hearts and hands and we'll provide the rest.

Linda Schlitt, Quilting Group