



### ***“From Faith For Faith”***

***For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”***  
***Romans 1:16-17***

The life of Martin Luther is one of the most fascinating stories in the history of Christianity. It has all the stuff of a good novel: parental conflict, spiritual agony, life-changing moments, near-misses, princes, popes, emperors, castles, kidnapping, mobs, revolution, massacres, politics, courage, controversy, disguises, daring escapes, humor and romance. And not only is it a good story, it marks a change. A great big change for the world! But more importantly a great big change in how we see God and how we see ourselves.

In this year and month marking the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, Luther is celebrated for his contributions to Western Civilization. He is remembered as the first person to speak about the concept of the individual and individual rights, the nobility of one's work and vocation in life, the need for universal education (including women and girls), mass communication through the printing press and the development of economic systems that have are common place in our lives. In short, Martin Luther sparked the beginning of much of the things we take for granted in everyday life. That is why the world celebrates Luther with documentaries on Public Television and the History Channel. But there is more. Much, much more!

Martin Luther is known or should be known among us as the man who restored the correct understanding of our standing in the sight of God. That is the essence of what the Reformation was all about and still is all about. Luther's question still needs to be answered. "How do people stand before the holy, righteous God?" That is what is forgotten in today's world because people believe that they

themselves are what life is all about. Born in 1483 to a strict German Catholic family, his father intended him for a law career, but Luther became a monk and a theology professor instead. Why? Because his conscience and his pursuit of goodness gave him no rest! A sensitive soul, he struggled mightily with a guilty conscience and an intense fear of God and hell until he realized the doctrine of "justification by faith" while studying the book of Romans.

What Luther discovered is that his standing before God could not be himself but only Christ alone. That is where the words from Romans 1:16-17 at the top of the page are so important. Hear what Luther has to say about how important these words of Paul and all of Scripture are for each and every human being:

*“At first, I clearly saw that the free grace of God is absolutely necessary to attain eternal life; and I anxiously and busily worked to understand what Paul meant in Romans 1:17 of the righteousness of God revealed in the Gospel. I questioned this passage for a long time and labored over it, because that expression ‘righteousness of God’ was a road block. This phrase ‘the righteousness of God’ was explained to me to mean that God Himself is righteous and condemns sinners. All the teachers of the Church with the exception of Augustine, interpreted this passage this way. They said: ‘The righteousness of God is the wrath/anger of God’. As I read this passage, I wished that God had never revealed the Gospel. For who could love a God who was angry, who judged and condemned people? This misunderstanding that I had, continued until the Holy Spirit enlightened me through the Scriptures. I finally examined more carefully the words of Habakkuk (2:4), “the just shall live by his faith”. From this passage I concluded that life before God must be derived from faith...then the entire Holy Scriptures became clear to me and heaven itself was opened to me.”* (What Luther Says, Pless, 2600)

What Luther describes with his own words, is what the Holy Spirit did for him through His study of the Word of God. Luther saw and understood the wonder of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. Our



standing before God isn't what we produce through our words, our actions, our thoughts or our emotions. Our standing before God is what Christ has done and Christ alone. God doesn't give us a bit of His righteousness to "jump-start" us on the road to heaven. Jesus isn't a role model, a coach or wise teacher to follow. What God reveals to us through Christ, is the God-Man, His Son, our Savior and Redeemer. Christ created "the righteousness of God" with His own body and life through His words, His actions, His thoughts and His emotions that counts and matters in the sight of God. His death, holy and perfect, paid for all sins. In short, it is all about Christ!

As God gave us Christ; this same God gives us the gift of faith. Faith is nothing more and nothing less than trust in God's Words and Promises. Faith isn't anything you produce or give to God! Simply because everyone has a sinful nature that fights and rebels against God. Part of us doesn't like to hear that because we think there is something God can still use in us. But God has do it all right down to giving us the ability to believe. This trust to believe Christ come from God the Holy Spirit as we hear and listen to God's Holy Scriptures. At your baptism, God the Holy Spirit begins your life with Him. This gift of faith is carried out through-out life as the Holy Spirit keep you plugged into His love through the Word and Sacraments. This righteousness of God through Christ keeps you safe and secure in this world of sin and trouble. This righteousness of God through Christ will be revealed in all of its glory when you are glorified in eternal life.

As we observe the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, Luther would be greatly annoyed if we simply praise him. It wasn't all about him. What his life and the events of his life centered upon was a simple but profound question. A question that still needs to be answered by every single person in this self-absorbed ME-oriented culture: "How can I stand before the holy and righteous God?" The answer then, is the same as it has always been. It's still all about Christ! Thanks be to God that this truth is still proclaimed. God give us the strength and the courage to still proclaim it.

### **Nominations needed for Church Council Officers & Board Members**

St. Paul's is seeking nominations to fill boards and committees of our congregation for 2018. Elections will be held at the October Quarterly Meeting. Your input, your advice and volunteering is welcomed and encouraged. Please contact the Church Office or one of the Elders if you are interested in being nominated for a position.

### **Quarterly Meeting of the Voters**

The Quarterly Meeting for our congregation will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 9:15 AM. Please come and be about the Savior's business. Business before the congregations is the annual election for church officers, council members and board members of the congregation.

### **Westmeyer Scholarship**

Applications for the Westmeyer Educational Fund will be considered until November 1, 2017. This scholarship fund was established in memory of Pastor H. Paul Westmeyer, a former pastor of St. Paul's. The scholarship is open to students pursuing Christian education at Lutheran institutions. Students and families applying for this scholarship need to be a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Applications are available in the church office.

### **Oktoberfest Thank-You's**

Thanks to all our members for all the ways in which they helped with this year's Oktoberfest. This annual event is a way to welcome our Fremont/Weyauwega community to our congregation. Your efforts with the Red Envelope, the drawing for the tent, Nesco round-up, the helping hands in set-up/take-down, the kitchen prep and clean-up, and the serving together with the smiles; are all ways in which we show forth the love of the Savior. Thanks to one and all!

## New Martin Luther Film To Open

In addition to *Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed The World*; Marcus Cinemas will be screening *A Return To Grace: Luther's Life*. This will be shown on October 23, 25 and 30 with an added matinee for the October 30<sup>th</sup> screening. This movie goes into theological depth of what God accomplished through Martin Luther and the rediscovery of what the Gospel of Jesus Christ is and how it changes life. A synopsis of the film at the Marcus Cinemas website says: *Martin Luther's great adventure story comes alive in this vivid portrayal of the penniless monk's quest for truth—a movement that would re-shape the church, and the world. Perhaps the most faithful movie about Luther's life ever made, the film does not shy away from the deep questions—and answers—that mark Luther as one of the most influential people of the last thousand years.* This screening of *Return To Grace: Martin Luther* will occur at all 45 Marcus Cinemas through-out the Midwest. Pastor will put on a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall to see if there is an interest in the congregation to go as a group. Or you can purchase advance tickets at [www.marcustheaters.com](http://www.marcustheaters.com).



## Martin Luther Presentation on PBS

Throughout the month of October on Wisconsin Public Television a movie/docudrama: *Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed The World* will air on all public television outlets through-out Wisconsin. This new movie funded through *Thrivent Financial*, explores the ramifications that Luther's life had on Western civilization and still continues to impacts on us in America today. This movie on PBS explores the significant achievements that the life of Martin Luther contributed to modern life that we know today. To find the date and time, please check local listings.

## Attention Thrivent Members

Are you a Thrivent member? Did you know that you have Thrivent Action Funds that are available to you to help your congregation? These special gift cards at \$250 each can be used for a variety of ways to fund events at St. Paul's. All you have to do is to call the Church Office to learn how you can help our congregation with your Thrivent Action Funds.

## Hands-On Mission Opportunity!

We have a wonderful opportunity for hands-on mission work. Lorraine Ebert, a member of our congregation, as well as Pastor Pope are inviting you to help the *International Children's Fund (ICF)*. The *ICF* is a Christian humanitarian organization that was formed in Neenah, Wisconsin over 40 years ago. It began as one man's mission to help children around the world and is unique in its work because there is no bureaucracy, just dedicated people who are committed to making a difference in the lives of those who need it most. At the moment the work of this organization is to provide needed supplies for families and children in West Africa. And best of all, it is easy to participate in. This is called a "*Shoe-Box Ministry*" and provides Christmas joy to African Christians who are being persecuted for the faith through Muslim insurgency. *ICF* works through a network of Christian African pastors to help with this Christmas distribution. All that this involves is taking a simple shoe box and filling it with items for either a boy or girl or family. Write on the top of the shoe box cover if it is for a boy/girl/family and put the cover on the box. A Christmas card or note of Christian encouragement can also be included. Items that are appreciated are school supplies, hygiene items as well as miscellaneous items (t-shirts, socks, hard candy). Boxes (unsealed) need to be brought to church by October 15, 2017 so that they can be delivered to the office in Neenah. Best of all, these shoe boxes will be shipped and delivered free of charge. *ICF* partners with container ships that have room in their vessels for this humanitarian work. This is a wonderful opportunity to spread the Gospel of Christ with our notes of encouragement and gifts to people who will gladly receive it. *ICF's* headquarters are; PO Box 583, Neenah, Wisconsin. They have a website [www.icfaid.org](http://www.icfaid.org). There is a display and examples, plus additional information on the table by the window in the fellowship area.



## **Fall and Early Winter 2017 Spotlights**

### **500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation**

- ***Sunday Morning Bible Class*** –It’s not too late to come to Sunday Morning Bible Class as we continue in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Installment of *A Man Named Martin: Part 3- The Movement*. From Luther’s 95 Theses on October 31, 1517 to the Peace of Westphalia bringing to end the 30 Years War in 1648; God was still at work in spite of a time of great upheaval. These 5 session presentations will examine what God accomplished through Martin Luther and how Lutheranism continues to impact the world today!
- ***Reformation Journeys October 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>***! These Sundays in October in our worship will highlight blessings that God restored to His Church through the Reformation. Each Sunday Service leading up to our Reformation Celebration on October 29, 2017 will focus on blessings that are ours through the Gospel of Christ. On Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>: *“God’s Blessing of Family and Faith”* October 15, 2017: *“God’s Blessing of Education and Preaching/Teaching”* October 22, 2017: *“God’s Blessing of Music and Worship”*.
- ***500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of The Reformation October 29, 2017*** – This milestone of our history and heritage will be honored with a festival service at St. Paul and a special Reformation Walk at St. Paul which will teach children by means of historical reenactment the importance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the life of Martin Luther. There will be one festival service at 9:30AM on October 29, 2017!
- ***Reformation Walk & Luncheon on October 29, 2017*** – Part of our celebration of the Reformation will be a *Reformation Walk at 10:45 on Sunday, October 29, 2017*. This will give families the opportunity to step back in time 500 years and experience by means of various stations what happened during the Reformation. Each participants will receive a “passport” with stickers to be placed on the passport. Each station will have a historical figure from Luther and the Reformation explaining what happened or what they did during the life and times of Martin Luther. This is a great “outreach event” that you can invite friends and families to attend. After *The Reformation Walk* you are invited to a Reformation Lunch in the church basement. Tickets for the meal will be sold for \$5 each. Please see Matt Voigt or contact the church office at 446-3251 to purchase tickets.
- ***A Reformation Christmas*** - This year’s Sunday School Christmas Service will be *“A Sola Christmas”*. A *“Sola Christmas”* pairs the traditional Christmas recitations with the five solas of the Reformation: Scripture Alone, Faith Alone, Grace Alone, Christ Alone, and To God Alone Be the Glory. Sunday School Practice will get underway on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at 9:15AM.
- ***Special Commemorative 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reformation Book*** – Concordia Publishing House has produced a special commemorative anniversary book for the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary called: *The Reformation* by *Cameron A MacKenzie*. Special introductory cost is \$ 22.49. This book richly illustrated and engagingly written views this period of time that brought about the renewal of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to His Church. Please see the display for this book in the fellowship area! The deadline to order this book is Monday, October 16, 2017! Shipment to St. Paul’s will be in early November as soon as the book is released.



Commemorating the Reformation • 1517-2017

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
August 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Doug Ehrenberg at 6:32 pm.

Doug read a devotion from the hymnal.

**Roll Call:** Matthew Voigt, Mark Peters, Sandy Smith, Phil Lewin, Ken Rothe, Paul Krause, Doug Ehrenberg  
**Absent:** Pastor, Bobbi Marks, Trustee, Stewardship/Evangelism

**Minutes:** The minutes from the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Phil Lewin, seconded by Mark Peters. Motion carried.

**Treasurer:** The July treasurer report was reviewed. A motion was made by Ken Rothe, seconded by Mark Peters. Motion Carried.

**Pastor:** Not Present.

**Elders:** Shut in's reviewed. Looking at LED lights. We will have a guest minister this Sunday.

**Trustees:** Not Present.

**Board of Education:** Film Fest was two weeks ago. About 32 people attended. Sunday School has all teachers lined up. State wide youth rally in November. Daycare is having carpets cleaned.

**Stewardship/Evangelism:** Not Present:

**Old Business:**

**Master Planning:** This needs to get started.

**LED Lighting:** Roger is looking into.

**Health Plan:** We agreed to stay on current plan.

**Reformation Walk:** Meal ideas were reviewed.

**New Business:**

**Oktoberfest Thrivent Cards:** If we could get multiple cards it would help with expenses. People have been contacted to see if they will apply for one.

**Memorial Gift:** We received a check for the Esther Drews estate. A motion was made by Phil Lewin, seconded by Mark Peters to invest it at the LCMS Foundation. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mark Peters, seconded by Phil Lewin to adjourn. We adjourned at 7:01 pm.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted – Matthew Voigt – Secretary



- October 1 – Anthony Hillskotter, Rodney Hillskotter
- October 3 – Daniel Baker
- October 5 – Joshua Buckholz, Ronald Kester,  
Thomas Schmoltd
- October 7 – Seth Miller, Natalie Rieckmann  
Esther Baker, Cynthia Wheaton
- October 8 – Rachel Baker, Cameron Borremans
- October 11 – Mary Ann Oehlke, Lola Schroeder
- October 13 – Terry Oehlke
- October 14 – Brenda Hansen, Inez Hanson  
Ryan Braun, Tim Lager
- October 15 – Lainey Berrens
- October 16 – Matthew Oehlke, Lorraine Berg
- October 17 – Doug Hillskotter
- October 20 – Patrick Kons
- October 21 – Kristin Groholski, Robert Selle
- October 22 – Brody Bartol
- October 23 – Karen Abraham, Brigette Mapes
- October 24 – Kay Buckholz, Sharon Wohlt
- October 25 – Jennifer Ehrenberg, Katherine Miller
- October 26 – Ryan Emond, Sommer Harris  
Holly Schreiber, McKenna Ferg
- October 27 – Luke Ehrenberg
- October 28 – Hudson Block
- October 29 – Mike Beilfuss, Joe Ferg,  
Paul Fischer, Violet Berrens
- October 30 – Melanie Ebert, Willard Rieckmann
- October 31 – Mitchel Beilfuss, Andy Ebert, John Sasse



- October 1 – Andrew & Hailey Erdmann
- October 4 – Ben & Billie Claassen
- October 6 – Jim & Lauri Struck
- October 8 – Dan & Diane Kohl
- October 9 – Mark & Holly Peters
- October 10 – Doug & Jenny Ehrenberg
- October 11 – David & Bonnie Gitter
- October 16 – Andy & Melanie Ebert
- October 22 – Casey & Becca Schalkowski
- October 23 – Roy & Carol Toepke
- October 28 – Matt & Rebecca Looker
- October 30 – Paul & Terry Fischer



## Serving the Lord ...

### October 8 & 15

**Greeters** 1st – Butch & Sally Owen  
2nd – Kevin & Barb Miller

**Ushers** 1st – Butch Owen, Darnell Burow  
Glenn Pomrening, Quentin Borremans  
2nd – Pat Gorchals, Ron Kester  
Harley Bartel, Peter Kohl

### October 22

**Greeters** 1st – Roger & Holly Schreiber  
2nd – Bobbi Marks

**Ushers** 1st – Debbie Thorne, Pat Kons,  
Emily Kons, Kyle Kons  
2nd – Paul & Karen Hartrick  
Tabby Bucholtz, Doug Ehrenberg

### October 29

**Greeters** 9:30 – Roger & Holly Schreiber

**Ushers** 9:30 – Debbie Thorne, Pat Kons,  
Emily Kons, Kyle Kons

### Acolytes

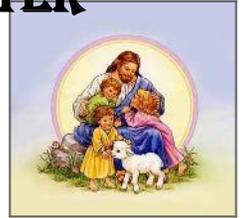
**October 8** 1st – Grace Ebert  
2nd – Carson Arrowood

**October 15** 1st – Emma Looker  
2nd – Morgan Hansen

**October 22** 1st – Colton Connor  
2nd – Landen Berrens

**October 29** 9:30 Service—Reilly Claassen

# ST. PAUL CHILD CARE-PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2017

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E-mail: [stpaulchildcare@centurytel.net](mailto:stpaulchildcare@centurytel.net)

Director: Sandra Smith (920-407-1191)

Preschool Program Teacher: Nancy Bleck School Age Teachers: Tammy Yonke Little Learners Teacher: Nan Young

Child Care Teachers: Shelly Kohl, Susan McGlin, Cindy Billington, Jane Freer, Tammy Ebert, Becca Schalkowski  
Lori Gabrielson, Dawn Kauper & Terry Fischer

Assistant Teacher: Karen Hartrick

## Calendar

Sunday, October 1

10:30 AM Preschool/Little Learners Sing at Oktoberfest

Wednesday, October 4

Field Trip to Cuff's

Wednesday, October 11

WF-No School St. Paul No Preschool/Child Care Open

**If there is a change in your child's schedule for this day, please mark it in the notebook as soon as possible.**

Wednesday & Thursday  
October 25-26

St. Paul Parent Teacher Conferences Noon-6PM

The teachers will have sign-up sheets by their rooms.

Sunday, October 29

Celebration of Lutheran Reformation



## NAPTIME CHANGE

After checking with licensing, we have decided that children will no longer take their shoes off during naptime. If an emergency would occur the children would have their shoes on in order to evacuate or move around the building. If you have any questions, please stop in and see Ms Sandy or call her at 920-407-1191.



Please notify us if you would like the school age teachers to check your child's agenda for homework.



PARENT/CONGREGATION/TEACHER MEETING

FAMILY NIGHT STONE SOUP, NOVEMBER 1



St. Paul Lutheran Church

# October 2017



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>11th Annual Oktoberfest</b> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Outdoor Worship  (under tent) <b>(4K- 4th Grade Sunday School &amp; Preschool Sings 10:30)</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	7:45 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5:30 PM Board of Ed 6:30 PM Elders Mtg 6:30 PM Book Group	<b>11</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	7:45 AM Worship w/HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship w/HC	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:00 PM Trustees 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	<b>18</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	7:45 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Qtrly. Voters' Meeting 10:30 AM Worship	<b>23</b>		<b>25</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b> 9:30 Worship Service Reformation Walk & Luncheon To Follow	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				