

the sower

... sowing the seeds of a new creation. . .

reflections. . .



I don't often recycle material from past sermons, but. . . A couple of Sundays ago, I came across a quote worth revisiting. It's from Dag Hammarskjöld – secretary-general of the United Nations, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, and Lutheran – written in 1953. . .

"From generations of soldiers and government officials on my father's side I inherited a belief that no life was more satisfactory than one of selfless service to your country – or humanity. . . . From scholars and clergymen on my mother's side, I inherited a belief that, in the very radical sense of the Gospels, all men were equals as children of God, and should be met and treated by us as our masters in God."

Reading those words – especially the legacy of his mother's family – I can't ever recall any better description of what it means to be "Lutheran"! Traditionally, October has been "our" month. . . when, as Lutherans, we turn our attention, once again, to the Reformation. And, as in the past, we'll be hearing a lot about the good Doctor Luther. . . from Lutherans and from non-Lutherans alike! Hearing about things like grace, faith, the bible, and all the rest! But the one thing, in all probability, we won't be hearing a lot about is how all of that changes us! How it sets us apart and makes us different! Knowing. . . believing. . . that god loves us the way god does, has its effect! For you see, we, too, inherited that same belief! And we, too, kneel before others with a basin and a towel!

until next month. . .

pastor bob



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News Briefing

October 2011

Congregational Newsletter Insert. More information available at www.ntnl.org

Celebrating our Ministry together
in the NT-NL Mission Area



Hay Lift Iowa to Texas

Texas has been dangerously hot, dry and ablaze this year. Cattle lost. Homes lost. Pastures lost. So it's **no surprise** that talk of the desperation became a topic of conversation between the voting members from NT-NL to the Churchwide Assembly in Orlando in mid-August and a delegation of voting members from Iowa. One of those who heard the plea from Stephanie Varnum (NT-NL Vice President) and Jesus Escamilla (NT-NL Lay Evangelist) was Pastor Harold McMillin of St. John Lutheran Church in Luana, Iowa. He suggested a Hay Lift from Iowa, where crops have been plentiful, to Texas. The idea caught on immediately. By early September five truckloads of hay had been delivered to three churches' doorsteps – Bethel in Avoca, San Gabriel in Alvarado, and Trinity in Miles – for distribution to families in the greatest need. It is “**God’s Work. Our Hands.**”

The needs are great. This is the worst drought in Texas history. Your prayers and gifts are invaluable. Learn more about Hay Lift 2011 at www.ntnl.org/index.php/news/hay-lift.



Hearing a Call to Service?

Have you thought about becoming a pastor or a lay professional church worker? Are you curious about seminary life and the requirements of theological education and candidacy? The NT-NL Candidacy Committee can assist you in your discernment. Info contact: Pastor Stan Meyer (Stan.Meyer@ntnl.org).

FYI (Go to www.NTNL.org)

October Emphases: **ELCA Hunger Appeal and Women & Men’s Ministries**

- ❖ **NT-NL Campus Ministry** hosts its annual *Trivia Challenge* on October 9 at Christ, Dallas, to support the work of its ministry on campus. Info contact: Pastor Celene Welch (PastorCWelch@msn.com).
- ❖ **The Mission Endowment Fund’s Dinner-Fundraiser** is October 22 at Advent, Arlington. The dinner includes a live and silent auction plus music by “Scattered Seeds”. Info contact: Hattie Hammer (Hattie.Hammer@att.net).
- ❖ **Wildfires:** Do you know of a Lutheran family that has suffered a loss due to the wildfires? Lutheran Disaster Response has small grants that can help. Info contact: Stephanie Varnum (Stephanie@ntnl.org). Also, the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod is receiving donations from individuals to help those affected by the fires (www.GulfCoastSynod.org).
- ❖ **The NT-NL Women of the ELCA** is offering its fall retreat on Oct. 8 at Briarwood. Learn more at NTNL.org.
- ❖ **Same Kind of Different:** The LYO Jr. High Gathering is Nov. 11-13 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Addison. It features the wit and wisdom of Wes Halula. Register by Oct. 10 for a discount. Registration information is at NTNL.org
- ❖ **Russia Adoption Program:** LSS of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan is seeking families who feel called to adopt a child. They have an active Russia Adoption Program. Info contact: Pastor Martha Nack (Martha.Nack@lsswis.org).
- ❖ **GUSTO!** is a speaker series for mature adults offered the second Monday of each month (Sept. through May) at King of Glory, Dallas. On Oct. 10 the program is *To Your Health: Air and Water Quality in North Texas* by Myron Knudson. More information at www.KingofGlory.com/Gusto.
- ❖ **TLU Concert Choir members of the 1980’s** are invited to a Concert Choir Reunion at this year’s *TLU Homecoming*, October 29. Info contact: Andrew Huang (AHuang@DowntownHouston.org).

DiscipleLife Alive!

Transforming the Future



DiscipleLife Alive! Leadership Training Celebrations are taking place all around the NT-NL Mission Area this fall. Come hear about the progress of the DLA! Initiative, learn how to share with others the story and excitement that DLA! has generated, and plan ways to get your congregation involved in supporting this crucial work. Learn more at NTNL.org.

Sept. 26 (6 p.m.) – Holy Trinity, Shreveport
Sept. 27 (6 p.m.) – First, Longview
Sept. 28 (6 p.m.) – Faith, Flower Mound

Oct. 8 (11 a.m.) – St. Paul, Levelland
Oct. 11 (7 p.m.) – Resurrection, Plano
Oct. 12 (6 p.m.) – Faith, Fort Worth
Oct. 13 (6 p.m.) – Shepherd of Life, Arlington
Oct. 15 (10 a.m.) – Trinity, Miles
Oct. 20 (6 p.m.) – New Life in Christ, Duncanville
Oct. 22 (10 a.m.) – St. Matthew, Waco
Oct. 27 (6:30 p.m.) – New Hope, Keller

NT-NL Mission Endowment Fund

Dinner-Fundraiser October 22

"Seeds That Change" – that's an apt image for the work of the NT-NL's Mission Endowment Fund, now in its 15th year. "Seeds" are things that are full of potential and life, things that hold within them the shape of the future, things that foster hope and optimism. "Change" means the arrival of a new creation, a transformation of the present, the in-breaking of the future. Our Mission Endowment Fund is the soil in which new, hopeful, energizing and missional things can take root and grow.



MEF focuses on assisting new mission congregations as they get started and grow, on supporting congregations with exceptional potential but inadequate financial resources to expand and enhance their ministry, and on launching innovative projects with special promise for carrying out God's mission in the NT-NL and world. And now, with the arrival of the exciting vision of the *DiscipleLife Alive! Initiative*, the MEF will also manage the investment of money given in endowment to provide the programming, technology and scholarships to support "Leadership Formation for Mission".



MEF Dinner-Fundraiser, October 22, Advent, Arlington

It's heartwarming to listen to the stories of congregations, children and pastors as they recount how MEF made a particular ministry possible ... and gratifying to know what prayer and financial support can do to help MEF do what it does. At this year's Dinner-Fundraiser such stories will be told. The event (4-7 p.m.) includes a live and a silent auction, a catered dinner, and the "Scattered Seeds" Band (composed of

Briarwood alums). The evening is likely to raise \$7,000 for MEF projects. Look for the flyer announcing the event on the homepage of NTNL.org and contact the Executive Director, Hattie Hammer (Hattie.Hammer@att.net) for more information.

MEF Announces the 2011 Grant Recipients

The following grants, totally \$20,000, were awarded for 2011 based on a competitive grant application process:

- Abiding Grace, Southlake, Mission Developer Training
- Community of Hope, Fort Worth - Childhood Obesity and Safe Playground Initiative
- First Sagrada Familia, Garland - Christian Education
- Grace, Carrollton - Grace on the Lawn evenings for the community
- Lord of Life, Glenn Heights - Children's Ministry, *Ya-hoo for Christ*
- Mount Olive, Dallas - 6th annual South Dallas Youth Conference
- Resurrection, Keller - Canvassing and Targeted Mail Effort
- St. Stephen, Shreveport - Vacation Church School with Briarwood staff
- San Miguel, Fort Worth - Sharing God's Love
- Trinity, Wichita Falls - Vacation Church School with Briarwood staff



More information at www.MissionEndowmentFund.org

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The Briarwood Vine

Providing a Natural Setting Where People Experience God's Love
October 2011



Fall is a wonderful time for a visit to Briarwood. The heat is breaking, the leaves will soon be changing, and many guests will be joining us for retreats, events, and learning. Come on out and join us.



Annual meeting and Fall Festival November 6, 2011

Briarwood is seeking your input. We are asking that each congregation from the NT-NL Mission Territory send a small group of representatives to our Annual Meeting on November 6, 2011 to form an advisory council. This council will be given the opportunity to share ideas, stories, and even concerns about Briarwood. The advisory council will help steer our ministry in the year to come and act as a liaison between your congregation and Briarwood.

The event will take place in the Briarwood Shalom center and will begin at 3:00pm with Hors d'oeuvres and some entertainment. The program and business meeting will begin at 4:00, and dinner will begin at 5:00. There is no charge for this event but reservations are needed. Please contact our office at (940) 241-2099 or email jean@briarwoodretreat.org for more information or to make your RSVP. See you there.

Advent Retreat for 4th-8th grades December 3-4th, 2011

Briarwood's Advent youth retreat is coming up soon. This event will begin on Saturday December 3rd and end the following day. The cost will be \$60 per participant and adult chaperones are free. Come explore the Advent season with us. Brochures and registration forms are available on our website: www.briarwoodretreat.org



DiscipleLife Alive Brunch and Program, December 4, 2011

A very special "free" Holiday Brunch will take place on December 4, 2011 to discuss the future of Briarwood and the DiscipleLife Alive initiative. In addition to our usual brunch fare there will be a program led by Bishop Kevin Kanouse starting at noon.

The program will include:

- Celebrating the current progress of DLA
- Discuss upcoming changes and opportunities
- Presentation of resources available to help help explain the DLA initiative
- Update on the Briarwood Master Site Plan

This is a free brunch but RSVP's are strongly encouraged, please contact us at (940) 241-2099 to reserve your place or for additional info.

Champagne and S'mores Gala/Auction

Briarwood would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the participants of our recent Gala fundraising event. We would once again like to acknowledge all of our sponsors and donors for helping make the event a success. This includes our Benefactors: the NT-NL Mission Territory and Rejoice Lutheran in Coppell, and our Patron Sponsors: Locke, Lord, Bissell & Liddell and Pastor Eric Schulze. We would also like to thank our Board Treasurer, Holly Trestler for her many hours of hard work organizing the event. This type of fundraising is a critical for the continued success of Briarwood and its summer ministries. Thanks again for all of your continued support.



Pastor Moore resigned as the Executive Director of Briarwood on August 29th. We thank him for his leadership over the past 3 years and wish him and his family God's blessings as he pursues a new call to ministry.

We believe that God's purpose for Briarwood is to provide a natural setting where people experience God's love. Thank you for your partnership in the camping and retreat ministry of the synod.

Meet Mahendra

NEPAL



In the past thirty years, many Bhutanese natives have been forced to flee their country in order to escape discrimination and human rights abuses. Most refugees live in camps throughout Nepal, faced with crippling poverty. Citizens of Nepal who live near the refugee camps struggle share land and resources needed to support the influx of people.

A pig-raising cooperative, funded by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger is working to help both refugees and citizens of Nepal overcome the economic strains and community tensions that

come with hosting a refugee camp.

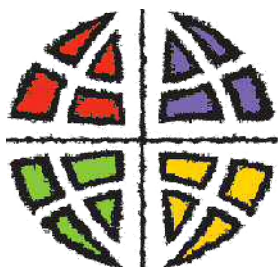
Each group of 20 families — including refugees and families from the host community — receive training and a gift of a few piglets. The group works together to raise and sell the pigs, which bring a big payoff at the market. In addition, fertilizer from the pigs can be used to help grow crops.

“We achieve more by raising the pigs together as a group,” says Mahendra, member and chair of the pig-raising group. He describes the joy of using the extra funds to send his children to school.

The members of the cooperative share both the responsibilities and the profits of the pigs. This system of teamwork has nurtured relationships, dispersed tensions and sparked economic growth — all the while building a more secure future for their children.

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support this program and others like it in more than 60 countries around the world. A gift of just \$30 could provide a pig to a family in need. Please make your check payable to “ELCA World Hunger” and place it in your congregation’s offering plate or mail it to: ELCA World Hunger, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764. To give online with a credit card, please visit:

www.elca.org/hunger



ELCA World Hunger
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**“Out of love and zeal for truth,
and the desire to bring it to light. . . .”**

the Reverend Father Martin Luther
october 31, 1517

10:00, SATURDAY MORNING, October 1st, in honor of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals – we'll host our 9th annual Blessing of the Animals! The service will be held under the elm tree. . . in the front of the parsonage. . . just to the west of the church building. . . All animals – scaly, furry, feathery – whether they're Lutheran or not – are welcome! However, for their safety and



yours, we ask that you make sure they're under control at all times. If, for any reason, you prefer not to bring them, feel free to bring, instead, a "surrogate". . . picture, collar, stuffed animal, etc.!

Anything that can "stand in" for your animal-friend! Any questions, just give a call or drop a line or two. . .

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SCHOOL'S IN SESSION! Each and every Sunday morning, from 9:15-or-so till 10:15! Right now, we have one class for all the kiddoes taught by Sherice Barndt! They meet in the "green" room off the west hallway. And the adults meet in the fellowship hall (as close to the coffee as they can get)! Right now, they're taking another look at Luther:

the man and the faith! If you're up, why not come join us! It's a great way to get ready for worship!



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THE TUESDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP is back at it! They're meeting every Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:00

or so! The coffee's hot! And the conversation, usually, is pretty good! The group is presently looking at Luther's lectures on the Psalms! It's what he was teaching BEFORE he nailed the theses to the door of the castle church! If you'd like to give it a try, just stop in! We'll be in the fountain room off the west hallway. Any questions, talk with the pastor. . .



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THE NEXT CLUSTER CONFAB between



Christ's and Midland Lutheran will be from 7-8:00, Thursday evening, October 6th, at Christ's in Odessa – 2002 N Lincoln Ave!

Anyone and every-one is welcome to join in the discussion! The purpose: to explore reasons for and ways of cultivating a closer working relationship between the two congregations! A "Pulpit Exchange" will take place Sunday, October 16th! And we'll spend "An After-noon Together" on Reformation Sunday, October 30th! We'll meet in the fellowship hall here at Midland Lutheran from 4:00-6:00 for popcorn and a movie! The movie **Luther**, released in 2003 and starring Joseph Fiennes as the good doctor and Claire Cox as Katie, was produced in part by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans! No need to RSVP! Just come on down! And be sure to bring a friend or two! It'll be an excellent way to learn – or to



remember – what we're all about!

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST #93 IS SERVED!



from 9-11:00, Saturday morning, October 8th! If you'd like to lend a hand, feel free to come earlier or stay later! Otherwise, come when you can

and stay as long as you'd like! Bring an appetite! A newspaper! A friend! And enjoy! Or you can join us for a bit of informal bible study. From 10-11, **FAITH TALK!** a relaxed conversation about things that matter! Everyone's welcome! That includes. . . **YOU!**

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THANKS TO YOU, the Women of the ELCA have wrapped up their drive to collect school supplies and personal hygiene items for the kids – and moms – at Safe Place, one of the local ministries serving victims of domestic violence! Looking ahead, in the months of November and December, they'll be collecting offerings for Teen Challenge! Mens' and women's hygiene products! Paper towels! Toilet paper! Cleaning supplies! And fresh fruit and vegetables! This month, the women will support the ministry of the Soup Kitchen with financial gifts. Any questions, talk with any of the women before or after worship any Sunday morning!



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THE CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

continues on the PATIO – our afternoon off for caregivers of seniors! Susan Frederickson, caregiver program specialist at the Area Agency on Aging of the Permian



Basin, is facilitator. The group meets from 2-3:30 (more or less), the second Thursday afternoon of each month and is for anyone who needs a place and an opportunity to talk with other caregivers just like themselves! If you have any questions, just give Susan a call or drop her a line or two, at. . .

432.563-1061

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By the way, please be sure to let your friends and neighbors know about the patio! Like most things here in the church, ministries "work" only when people are invited by other people! Without you, lives will never be changed. . . at least, not by us!

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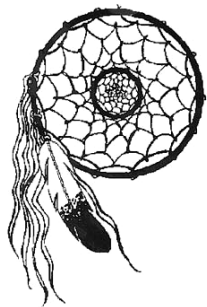
THE NEXT FAMILY FUN DAY is scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd, AND



after worship on Sunday, October 23rd! The plan is to paint at least one of the rooms we've been using for Family Promise of Midland – "a non-profit, non-

denominational, organization for families in housing transition." The mission: to end homelessness – one family at a time! We're one of thirteen congregations offering our building as a host location! One of seventeen working together in this ministry! By the way, the next week for us will be Sunday, Nov 6th, through Sunday Nov. 13th! Oh, if you'd like to lend a "brush". . . "consider yourself, part of the family!" and come on down!





THE NEXT MEETING of the DREAMCATCHERS steering committee – the neighborhood ministry with and for the kids & families @ our neighbor-hood school Lamar Elementary – will be the fourth Monday of this month. . . October 24th. . . from 7-8:00pm! If you'd like to join in the conversation, we'll be in the fellowship hall here at Midland Lutheran! Also, thanks to your generosity, you given \$3497²! On behalf of the kiddoes, "Muchas Gracias!" Some of the DREAMCATCHER activities to look forward to. . . The Fall Festival on Thursday evening, Oct. 27th; the Awards Assembly on Thursday, Dec. 15th; and helping out with the nurse's exam and the p.e. testing! Please keep your eyes and ears open for more information!

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IT'S THAT TIME, AGAIN!

Our annual Trunk 'r Treat "extravaganza" will be Wednesday evening, October 26th! The night will begin at 6:00 with hotdogs and chips! Bingo from 6:30 till 7:00! Then, at 7:00, we'll head out to the parking lot for another year of treating (No tricking, please)! We're hoping for 15-20 trunks complete with goodies! Whether you decorate the car or dress up is entirely up to you! More information will be coming. . . in worship and online! But, if you have any questions – or would like to help out – give Sherice a call or drop her a line. . .



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DISCIPLELIFE ALIVE IS HERE! A journey to form leaders for DiscipleLife across our territory – DiscipleLife Alive! – aims to create the DiscipleLife Center for Mission at Briarwood, provide financial support to sustain Leadership Formation activities, and complete the Jubilee Centre in Sierra Leone, West Africa. The pastor will be attending a Training Celebration on Saturday, October 15th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Miles, TX (just east of San Angelo). If you'd like to tag along, give him a call or drop a line. . .



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If you'd like to know more check out. . . <http://www.ntnl.org/> and follow the tabs to **DiscipleLife Alive!**

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REFORMATION DAY – October 31st – is our special day! It's the day we commemorate Martin Luther nailing the "Ninety-Five Theses" to the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, Electoral Saxony, Germany. An act that has come to signify the start of the reformation of the church in Northern Europe. If you'd like to see the theses – something we don't do all that often – take a look at this website. . .

bookofconcord.org/95theses.php

And, in order to see our "contribution" to the world, take a look at a music video by Lost and Found. . . The Lutherans Son! There's a few versions on YouTube. Just go to **www.youtube.com** and type "The Lutherans Song, Lost and Found" in the



search window! And enjoy!!!!

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JUST A REMINDER!

Next year, July 18-22, Lutheran Youth Gathering in New Orleans! As well as camp for Eden, Lanie, and MacKenzie! So, fundraising continues! Keep on bringing in those aluminum cans and using



<www.goodsearch.com>

Be sure to type "Midland Lutheran Church (Midland, TX)" where the home page asks, "Who do you goodsearch for?"

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THE "RICE BOWL" OFFERING – YTD –

taken up by the kids after the "sermonito" Sunday mornings for World Hunger Appeal, as of last Sunday is. . . drumroll please. . .



\$ 1,499¹⁵

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GETTING OUT THE WORD – our weekly email devotions – has been going out, now, for over seven months! Each week, hard copies of the latest installment are available on the shelves in the lobby – along with copies of the latest sermons. But, if you'd like to get yours online – and you haven't been – be sure to send an email to

bbarndt@juno.com No need to write anything, just put GOTW in the message line! We'll add you to the list!

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE in your thoughts, words, & DEEDS. . .

Adrian; Marv & Yvonne Armock; Bessie Arthur; Bob Bales; Sandra Burrese; Speck & Dorothy Chambers; Ted Cheuvront; Burgess & Sally Cooke; Linda Courtice's sister Laura; Adam Engram; Gene & Terri Gordon; Evelyn Herrera; Wanda Howell; Janette Jenson; Lynelle Kestler; Ann Knittle; Bill & Shirley Landureth; Bob & Nancy Martin; Cassie Martin; Frances Matthews; Jackie & Martin Meissner; Kristen Muehlbrad; Cindy Nelson; Lawanna Nelson; Eden Nicole; Jeanette Price; Bill Reinert; Bob & Gwen Restow; Jim & Nick Roop; Norma Saenger; Morris Snider; Maria's mom; Marie Walker

For telephone prayer chain requests – or if you'd like to be a link on the chain – please call Barbara Porsch (683-4474 *

bporsch@sbcglobal.net)

or Ginny Behnken (262-3374 *

fred_behnken@grandecom.net)

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the BIRTHDAYS

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| christopher keys | 10/01 | amanda schaffrina | 10/19 |
| jerry hayes | 10/03 | janette jenson | 10/24 |
| isaac schaffrina | 10/05 | speck chambers | 10/30 |
| maddie hickman | 10/06 | carla rowell | 10/30 |
| marylin boomer | 10/07 | elizabeth christensen | 10/31 |

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the ANNIVERSARIES

dave & judy swenson 10/04 37 yrs

if we've – unintentionally – omitted a birthday or anniversary, please let us know

the LEADERSHIP of the CONGREGATION

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|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| president | | | |
| secretary | marylin boomer | carol reinert | treasurer |
| ministry team | council representative/team leader | | |
| building and grounds | lonnie yee | | |
| education | sherice barndt | | |
| fellowship | | | |
| outreach | fred behnken | | |
| stewardship & finance | | | |
| worship | norma saenger | | |
| nominating team | bob & marylin boomer | | delegate(s) |
| organist | chad hauris | bob barndt | pastor |

the WORSHIP MINISTERS

| | acolyte | reader | worship ass't | tellers | altar flowers |
|-------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| oct 02 | joshua yee | bob boomer | bob boomer | del bowie & lonnie yee | the BOOMERs |
| oct 09 | lanie barndt | dorothy chambers | lonnie yee | tom daneker & lonnie yee | the BOWIEs the BOOMERs |
| oct 16 | eden brown | fred behnken | marylin boomer | gerald & ruth mendenhall | the BOOMERs |
| oct 23 | jonathan yee | marylin boomer | joshua yee | fred behnken & alan sewell | |
| oct 30 | joshua yee | jonathan yee | gretchen shults | del bowie & lonnie yee | the BOOMERs |
| altar guild | terri gordon & norma saenger | | burgess cooke lonnie yee | cantor lockup | |

*"Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
and rests in him unceasing;
and by its fruits true faith is known,
with love and hope increasing."*

Paul Speratus, 1484-1551
ELW # 590

average sunday attendance for august: **42**





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sunday morning schedule: **learning hour @ 9:15 * worship @ 10:30**

office hours: monday-thursday, 9am-noon & by appointment

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the PROPERs for october

the **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY** after **PENTECOST**, October 02

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READINGS**: Isaiah 5:1–7 + Psalm 80:7–15 + Philippians 3:4b–14 + Matthew 21:33–46

the **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY** after **PENTECOST**, October 09

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READINGS**: Isaiah 25:1–9 + Psalm 23 + Philippians 4:1–9 + Matthew 22:1–14

the **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY** after **PENTECOST**, October 16

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READINGS**: Isaiah 45:1–7 + Psalm 96:1–13 + 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 + Matthew 22:15–22

the **NINETEENTH SUNDAY** after **PENTECOST**, October 23

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.




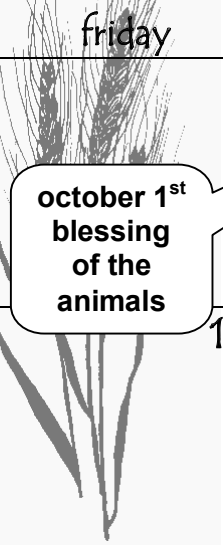














the **READINGS**: Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18 + Psalm 1 + 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8 + Matthew 22:34–46

REFORMATION SUNDAY, October 30

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

the **READINGS**: Jeremiah 31:31–34 + Psalm 46 + Romans 3:19–28 + John 8:31–36

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| sunday | monday | tuesday | wednesday | thursday | friday | saturday | |
|--|------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| 2  9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship | 3 | 4  7:00pm - tuesday evening study group | 5 | 6  1-5:00pm - the patio 7:00pm - cluster confab | 7  october 1 st blessing of the animals | 1/8  9-11:00am - "2 nd saturday" pancake breakfast | |
| 9  9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship | 10 | 11  7:00am - tuesday evening study group | 12  9:30am - women of e.l.c.a. | 13 2:00pm - caregiver support group 1-5:00pm - the patio  | 14 | 15 | |
| 16  9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship | 17 | 18  7:00pm - tuesday evening study group | 19 | 20 11:30am - congregation council 1-5:00pm - the patio  | 21 | 22 | |
| 23  9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship | 24 family fun day | 25  7:00pm - tuesday evening study group | 26  6:00pm - trunk 'r treat | 27 1-5:00pm - the patio  | 28 | 29 | |
| 30  9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship | 31 a reformation together | thesis # 62: The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of god! the rev. dr. martin luther | | | | |  |