

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

October REMINDER

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Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free"?'

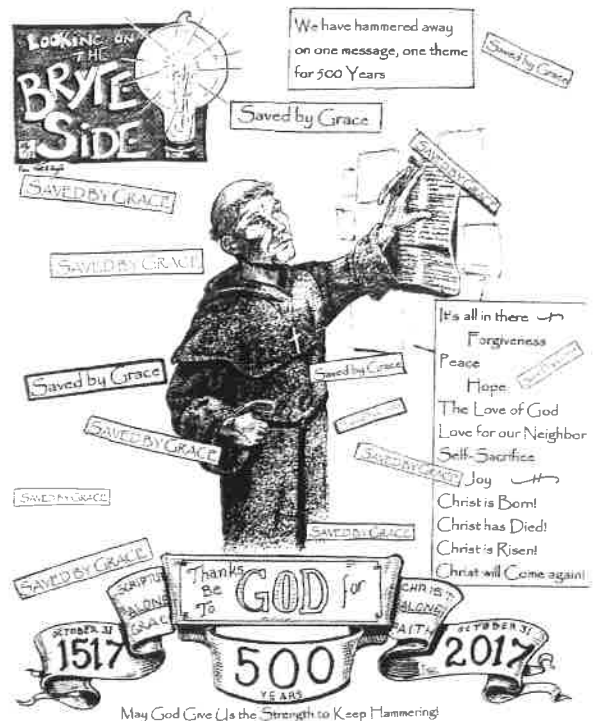
– John 8:31-33

These are the words we will remember and read again on reformation Sunday. This year is the 500th anniversary of a German priest, teacher, and champion beer drinker posting on the “old-world facebook” wall that spawned a thousand threads. In this action he angered the original “troll” and “call-out” champion Pope Leo the tenth. It was the bold claim that the love of God as demonstrated in Jesus Christ was given our freely by God and not dispensed by expense through the Roman Catholic church. It was this undeniable truth as revealed throughout the New Testament that allowed Luther and others to experience God as one of mercy and grace. It is that same discernment of grace that has empowered our workings in the world for the past 500 years.

There is still much work that we have yet to do. there are still a great many ways which we can be reformed by the message of God’s grace. There are still needs every day in the world for people to hear about the wondrous free love shown in Jesus Christ. This is the Gospel message that frees people from the slavery of law centered living to the liberation of a grace centered reality. May we always continue in the spirit of our brother Martin to hold fast to God’s mercy and share the loving word of the Lord with all people.

Enjoy our continued reformation brothers and sisters!

Pr. Erik Rundquist



Pastor's Report for September 2017

Thank You to everyone who has assisted with Family Promise

-It was a full week this time around, we have received glowing reports about guests staying with us. We can always use more volunteers, if there is enough interest we will host a special training.

Thank You to everyone who help setup and participated with God's Work our Hands Sunday.

-We had roughly 150 for service, 86 for lunch, packaged 127 meals and collected \$353.00. Additional food supplies were donated for the program to use at their discretion. Some foods donated to the food pantry at the campus ministry center.

-There were requests from members of every congregation to hold the event again either in the spring or next fall. Perhaps as an annual event(?)

Sunday School and Confirmation programs have started.

Thank You to Ryan Erickson, Camy Erickson, Marny Behrends, and Gretchen Lindblad for teaching this year.

There are currently four students in confirmation, with 1 scheduled to be confirmed in May.

Conference and Ministerial Gatherings have resumed.

I would like us to consider inviting a speaker from Isaiah to come to Svea to discuss changing errant popular narratives through conversation as well as current work with social justice workings related to immigration enforcement.

Attended Church Staff Workers Gathering with Deb.

1 of the Speakers from LSSMN spoke about finance in the church in a way that might be particularly helpful to young adults and or young families in our congregation. As well as everyone else.

Ministerial Acts:

September 3rd Peter Johnson & Alli Ternagel with Teagen became new members.

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS: Jerome Jacobson & Jerry Negen

VISUAL ARTS: Trudy Gorans & Christy Swanson

ACOLYTES: Matthew Johnson (Oct 1); Steven Carlson (Oct 8 & 29); Ashely Behrends (Oct 15)
Jacob Flannigan (Oct 22)

DATE	ASST MINISTER	LECTORS	GREETERS & OFFERING
October 1	Jessie Gatewood	Sherman Schueler	Karen & Sherman Schueler
October 8	Camy Erickson	Anne Christianson	Mary & LeRoy Hinthier
October 15	Marny Behrends	Karen Schueler	Darla & Taylor Sowers
October 22	Gene Gatewood	Doug Johnson	Julie & Gary Newberg
October 29	Lois Nelson	Matthew Johnson	Shelley Garberich & Tammy Garberich
October 31		Louise Swenson	

DATE	PROJECTION	SOUND	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	TELLERS
October 1		Brian Gorans	Tracy Gorans	2
October 8	Scott Johnson	Erin Johnson		3
October 15		Kim Gorans	Courtney Carlson	4
October 22	Brian Gorans	Jake Vlaminck		5
October 29		Scott Johnson	Kathy Lindblad	6
October 31			Kathy Lindblad	



MISSION SUNDAY-OCTOBER 15

Christina Nelson, wife of Pastor Jon Nelson from Tripolis, will be our guest speaker. She will give a message about

her recent trip to South Africa. Special envelopes will be available on October 8th. Proceeds will go to Disaster Relief.



Svea Church Library

The library committee has put together activity bags with coloring sheets, colored pencils, crayons and books for our youth to enjoy during Sunday worship services. The Activity bags are hanging outside the library.

"A ROSE IS A ROSE IS A ROSE"



Thank you Ina Holt for the lovely roses you have shared with our ladies this summer during Worship services.



Fall Church Suppers & Bazaars

October 5, United Lutheran Church, Lake Lillian
 October 7, St. John's Lutheran Church, Pennock
 October 7, Hope Lutheran Church, Sunburg
 October 12, Tripolis Lutheran Church, Kandiyohi
 (See church bulletin board for more details)

Daily Devotions



The quarterly devotional booklets

"Christ in Our Home" now available in the Narthex for all members. Also. available in large print.



Thanks again for everyone that volunteered for Family Promise. The families very much appreciated having a place to stay and a good meal while getting their lives back on track.

The Celebration of Allhallowtide in Svea



Allhallowtide celebrates the action of being sanctified, growing into our witnessing identity, and remembering those who have passed away this past year. We will observe this with two services of feasting.

We begin with All Hallows Eve on Tuesday October 31, 7:00 in Svea with a remembrance of our baptism- the marking of our identity and God's claim on us beyond the power of death. We will also light up our cemetery as mark the graves of our dearly departed and share in the meal the transcends time and space.

On Sunday November 5th we will give thanks for the saints and witnesses to the Gospel that continue to labor in our world. All Saints Day, Sunday morning will be the remembrance that we are all saints, with a special commendation for the martyrs of global proclamation. We will make use of prayers, psalms, and the 'Great Litany' to ask for encouragement and forgiveness with all Christians who work in the name of the peace and justice.



The Gospel According to Homer J. Simpson

Family Bible Study October 25
6:30 p.m.

Come join us for a look the Gospel in a modern perspective.

Stewardship, Finance, and Estate meeting 9-14-2017

Present: Peter S., Doug H., Doug J., Gene G., Karen S. and Pastor Erik R.

Absent: Jake V., Jon B.

Business:

1. Reviewed the statement of the General Fund dated 8-31-2017
 - a. YTD balance of **Neg. (\$3,462.90)**
 - i. Plus, our designated transfers \$1,050.88
 - ii. Plus, our balance due on LOC at Concorde \$6,675.00
 - b. Totaling a **Neg (\$11,188.78)** as of 8-31-2017
 - c. Total intake of \$8,706.27 in August
 - i. \$8,406.27 General fund offerings
 - ii. \$260.00 from Thrivent
 - iii. \$100.00 Custodian fee
 - d. \$14,830.47 in checks written in August
2. Budget planning
 - a. PORTICO- up 5% again this coming year
3. "Financial Literacy and Prophetic Witness Training"
 - a. Sponsored by LSS
 - b. Saturday October 14th, 2017 9am-4pm
 - c. At Peace Lutheran church in New London, MN
 - d. \$25.00/congregation fee
4. Next meeting: Thursday October 12th, 2017 @ 8:00pm.
Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Johnson
Secretary

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	August 31, 2017	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 75,849.00		\$ 49,251.91
Mission Support	\$ 18,000.00		\$ 11,550.00
Operation - Expenses	\$ 61,974.00		\$ 35,663.74
Total	\$ 155,823.00		\$ 96,465.65
Year to Date Receipts			\$ 90,053.63
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$ (6,412.02)
Net Designated/Transfer			\$ (1,050.88)
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer			\$ (7,462.90)

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	August 31, 2017	Budgeted	Year To Date
DISBURSEMENTS			
Organist	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 900.00
Office Secretary	\$ 8,363.00		\$ 4,341.32
Property Manager	\$ 2,400.00		\$ 450.19
Social Security (Employee), etc			\$ 2,176.70
Supply Pastors	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 156.48
Pastor's Salary (3)	\$ 39,226.00		\$ 26,127.50
Pension & Health	\$ 18,025.00		\$ 11,545.28
Pastor Social Security	\$ 3,835.00		\$ 2,554.44
Housing Equity	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,000.00
MISSION SUPPORT (BENEVOLENCE)			
SW MN Synod	\$ 15,300.00		\$ 10,200.00
Lakeland Conference	\$ 950.00		\$ 475.00
Green Lake Ministries	\$ 850.00		\$ 425.00
Lutheran Social Services	\$ 900.00		\$ 450.00
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OPERATIONS			
Social Security	\$ 824.00		\$ 608.56
Professional Expenses (1)	\$ 4,200.00		\$ 2,431.39
Insurance	\$ 7,173.00		\$ 4,681.59
Fuel (2)	\$ 7,200.00		\$ 3,240.26
Utilities (2)	\$ 5,327.00		\$ 3,844.59
Parsonage (2)	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 381.14
Property	\$ 5,075.00		\$ 4,706.83
The Lutheran	\$ 760.00		\$ 463.45
Church/Office Supples	\$ 6,165.00		\$ 4,306.26
Church-Copier/Lease, Etc	\$ 2,800.00		\$ 1,915.92
Worship/Music Ministry	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 330.70
Youth Ministry	\$ 1,000.00		\$ -
Education/SCS	\$ 1,750.00		\$ 764.05
Library	\$ 100.00		\$ -
Delegates/Conference	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,260.00
Custodian/Contractor	\$ 8,640.00		\$ 4,201.49
Mowing	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 1,164.00
Discretionary Fund	\$ 500.00		\$ -
Worship Arts	\$ 160.00		\$ -
Sewer Assessment	\$ 2,400.00		\$ 1,266.20
Other - Loan Interest)			\$ 97.31
Other			\$ -
Total	\$ 155,823.00		\$ 96,465.65
Year to Date Receipts			\$ 90,053.63
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$ (6,412.02)
Designated/Transfer Income			\$ 9,353.84
Designated/Transfer Expenditures			\$ 10,404.72
Total Designated/Transfer			\$ (1,050.88)
Funds Available from 2016			\$ 4,000.00
TOTAL YEAR TO DATE AVAILABLE BALANCE			\$ (3,462.90)

Saturday Morning Coffee & Treats

Where: Parsonage

When: October 21, November 11,
& December 9

(Further dates TBD)

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

Come and join in fellowship, enjoy a cup of coffee (or two) and have some yummy treats!

Please let Rachel know if you are interested or plan to come to the coffee times.



CHAPLAIN AND FATHER INSPIRE MARINE TO PURSUE MINISTRY

While deployed as a Marine in Iraq in 2005, Nathan Huffman received a visit from a chaplain that would change his life.

"He came to me and he asked me how I was doing," Huffman said. "[I gave him the] 'I'm fine' typical Marine response. But he knew I wasn't."

When the chaplain pushed for a real answer, Huffman said he hadn't received communion in over a month due to combat readiness. So the chaplain brought out his communion kit and offered him the sacrament before Huffman started his nightly patrol.

"After receiving communion, I felt at peace with dying," Huffman said. "It wasn't because I was so brave; it was because I was confident in Christ."

Nothing happened during that patrol, but that year Huffman's unit lost 46 Marines and two Navy corpsmen. Now a father of three, he counts himself blessed to be alive.

After returning from deployment, Huffman was a police officer in Richmond, Va., for several years before he and his wife began talking seriously about seminary and chaplaincy. The son of a retired ELCA pastor, Huffman was very involved in church growing up and was an active member of Epiphany Lutheran Church in Richmond.

"My father's ministry helped to illustrate the relevance of faith outside the four walls of the

sanctuary," Huffman said. "My father and my (Epiphany's) pastor both emphasized the importance of faith in times of challenge. I've carried that through my life and into ministry today."

Because others had helped him, Huffman said he felt called to help military personnel and veterans who were suffering. "My faith had been a large part of that," he said.

In 2012, Huffman began his studies at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (Pa.), receiving generous support from his home congregation, Epiphany. As part of his journey to ordination, he applied to and was accepted in the chaplain candidate program.

Before candidates can enter a full-time specialized ministry like chaplaincy, they must have three years of pastoral experience. Huffman is currently associate pastor of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Virginia Beach, Va., where roughly half of the parishioners are former or current members of the military.

Huffman hopes his ministry can bring light to those facing challenges today. "No one needs a light in bright places, but in dark times everyone longs for light," he said. "Christ is that flame that we carry into those dark places, and in our baptisms we are called to be the candles that carry those flames."

Your Mission Support dollars are used by the ELCA churchwide organization to support the ministry of chaplains across this church and to support the ELCA's seven seminaries that train them.

Please Join Us

United Lutheran Church

In Lake Lillian, MN

Is hosting its Annual

FALL FESTIVAL

5:00-7:00 PM

**Swedish Meatball Supper
Produce, Craft, & Bake Sale**

Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017

Adults ♦ \$10 6-12 yrs ♦ \$3 5 yrs & under ♦ FREE

MENU: Swedish Meatballs, Potatoes, Vegetable, Beverage,
Coleslaw, Rolls, Desserts, Beverage



Tripolis
Lutheran Church

Fall Supper




Thursday, Oct. 12
Serving 4:00 – 7:30 pm

Menu:
Swedish Meatballs,
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
Ostkaka, Cole Slaw,
Home-Grown Corn,
Home-Made Bread,
Dessert, Beverage

Adults \$10.00
Ages 5-10 \$ 5.00

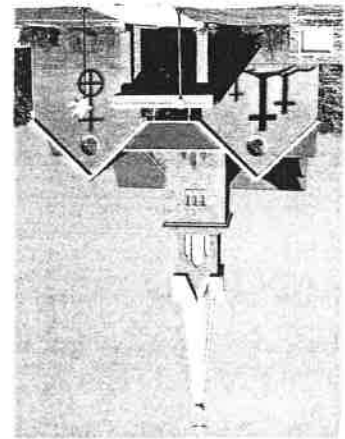
Tripolis is located 3 miles south of
Kandyohi on County Road #8

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am SCS 9:45 am Coffee Fellowship 10:45 LBW Worship/Communion	2	3 6:00 am LMM/Bible Study/ Breakfast 2:00 pm Peace Circle/potluck lunch at Church 7:30 pm Worship/Music Mtg	4 6:30 pm Confirmation	5 1:30 pm Patience Circle at Trudy Gorans	6	7
8 9:30 am SCS 9:45 am Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am Praise Service	9 Columbus Day 	10 6:00 am LMM/Prayer	11 6:30 pm Confirmation	12 6:30 pm Mission Mtg 8:00 pm SFF	13	14 9 am-4 pm Financial Literacy Training at Peace Church in New London
15 Mission Sunday 9:30 am SCS 9:45 am Luther League Mtg & Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am WOV/Communion	16	17 6:00 am LMM/Prayer	18 NO Confirmation	19 7:00 pm Council	20	21 9:30-10:30 am "Coffee with Rachel" at Parsonage 
22 9:30 am SCS 9:45 am Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am Praise Service	23	24 6:00 am LMM/Bible Study/ Breakfast	25 6:30 pm Confirmation	26 <i>Post a quick reminder!</i> Reminder articles due	27	28
29 Reformation Sunday 9:30 am SCS 9:45 am Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am LBW/Communion	30 Reminder Published	31 6:00 am LMM/Prayer 7:00 pm All Hallows Eve Service	Nov 1 6:30 pm Confirmation			

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Carly Wenberg
2. Darla Sowers
4. Ty Larson
5. Roger Moran
6. Violet Newberg
8. Blake Bowen
9. Jessica Gatewood
10. Jada Jacobson
11. Shelly Gatewood
13. Trent Thompson
14. Zachary Sowers
17. Kyrin Cadmus
- Janet Thompson
18. Opal Fixsen
19. Julie Moenkedick
21. Anne Christianson
22. Kathleen Lindblad
24. Stephanie Kardell
26. Nicole Kowalczyk
27. Douglas Hopp Jr.
29. Chris Pederson
30. Emma Hopp
30. Patti Schultz
- John Gorans
- Judy Sebring
- Jennifer Lindblad
- Carol Johnson
31. Stacey Vlamnick
- Amber Schueler



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