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A Message From Pastor

There is no time like the present.

Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6:34 NIV)

Did you ever get upset because things didn't turn out the way you planned? I don't think anyone could honestly say they haven't. Many times, tomorrow will go exactly the way we plan it or at least close to it. Sometimes it won't at all. Yesterday is gone. We cannot change the past. Tomorrow is affected by more than just what we want. We can only affect what is happening right now. We wish we may. We wish we might. However, there is more to tomorrow than what I want. The only thing about the future that is certain is what God promises because he is the only one who can go there. Thinking what we want must happen is asking for trouble. Many times, we will miss the opportunity to do today what we can because we are too concerned about what we want to happen or what might happen.

The Reformation

In the Lutheran church, the Reformation, is regarded as a founding and formative event. However we must be careful not to limit ourselves to that alone. The following Bible verse portion helps us to understand this. "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." (Romans 12:2a) The human race has been in reformation since Adam and Eve sinned. We are in constant need of renewal. This renewal comes by faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. The principal of reformation has always been there and will always be there as long as God's forgiveness is needed. We rejoice in celebrating the 500th anniversary of the reformation but we remember that these 500 years are but a portion of God's reformation of mankind through Jesus Christ our Lord

October

A Month of Reformation

- 1st "Be ready to confess Jesus" (LWML Sunday)
- 8th "We confess Jesus through Lutheran heritage"
- 15th "We confess Jesus through education and preaching"
- 22nd "We confess Jesus through music and worship"
- 29th "We confess Jesus repenting and rejoicing" (Reformation Sunday)

The Reformation 500th Anniversary

Lutherans, not exclusively but in particular, remember that the founding event of the Reformation was in 1517 when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the Castle Church door in Wittenburg Germany. This event sparked the fire of reformation in Germany paving the way for the beginning of the Lutheran church. It must be pointed out that Luther never wanted to create a separate Christian church; the Lutheran church. The desire was to reform, to return what existed to what was as established in the Book of Acts. Unfortunately, it became clear that the only way to reform the church would come with the creation of the Lutheran Church with the famous three solas, sola fide, sola gratia, and sola scriptura. (only faith, only grace, and only scripture) This is what we celebrate, a reformation begun but also a reformation that continues into the future.

The sweetest time of the day is....when you pray. Why? Because you're talking to the One who loves you the most.

What's going on...



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League

LWML has been on "summer break" from our regular monthly meetings. Our meetings will resume on Thursday, September 21. We meet in the Fireside Room at 1:00 pm, and all women of our congregation are welcome to join us.

Mission Outreach is an important part of our LWML - "Lutheran Women's Missionary League" and the opportunities that we have to serve others. Thank You to all who continue to fill their Mite Boxes and donate your offerings to our Redeemer Mite Box. These Mites support Mission Projects at the CNH District Level and also the National Level. Mission Project information is on the LWML Table at the rear of our church as well as some resources. Presently we are also supporting the work of World Vision through our monthly sponsorship of a young girl, Norah, who lives in Kenya. More info about her is on the table also. Stop by and browse!

Again, mark your calendar for September 21 and join us if you can. We try to keep our meetings at about one hour, or a little more, but this also includes the time for the fellowship and dessert that goes along with our meetings. Hope to see you there!!



Men's Bible Fellowship -- WE WILL BE STUDYING THE BOOK OF ACTS TO BEGIN OUR FALL STUDY SESSION. We meet on Tuesday evenings in the Fireside Room at 7:00 pm, with the exception of the last Tuesday of the month when we meet at 6:00 pm for Pizza and a time of Fellowship before our Bible Study begins.

All men are invited and encouraged to join us in our goal of becoming more Godly men, leading more Godly lives, as we discover what power for living is available to us as we place ourselves in God's Holy truths. If you can join us please contact George Miller or Wally Peters

Women's Bible Study

The Thursday afternoon bible study will resume the beginning of October. We will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Fireside Room at 11:00am. We will be using the LWML Quarterly as our study guide. Please contact Carol Fennern for any questions.

Looking Ahead

- Nov 19th Thanksgiving Dinner; church service at 10am
- Nov. 19 Christmas tree set up and decorating following the dinner
- Nov 29th Advent Services, Wednesdays
- Dec 6th at 4:00pm
- Dec 13th
- Dec 20th
- Dec 10th Advent Celebration after the church service "The History of Christmas"
- Dec 24th Christmas Eve Sunday – regularly church service at 9:00am
- Dec 24th Christmas Eve service at 5:00pm
- Jan 7th Epiphany Sunday-take down Christmas tree after church service
- Jan 21st Congregation Annual Meeting after church service

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"¹ (which means "God with us").
Matthew 1:23 (NIV)

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Board of Properties

Sprinkler repairs completed

Outside BBQ doors secured

Wiring changed, on the outside plug on the Fireside room West, to inoperable. The new cover plate will be installed

Our prayers have power!

Our Lord could carry out His purposes for our world without us. But in grace He has chosen to make us partners with Him. What an honor!

Please keep our church and loved ones in your prayers.

- ◆ Julie Ashbaugh
- ◆ Ida Bentz
- ◆ Marlene Purdhel
- ◆ Gracie Reynolds
- ◆ David Stolz

Good News

Pastor may be in his office on Wednesdays from around 9:00am-2:00pm. These times will vary with council meetings, Advent Services, and Birthday luncheons. He will be on site, but also out of the office visiting our home bound members.

Evangelism

If you are aware of someone who is ill or absent from church, and would like us to send a card or a note; please contact Betty Hartwig. Diane Amaral notifies the Lodi New Sentinel with any information we would like published regarding the church.

Mission Outreach

Third Quarter:

Lodi Community Center on Sacramento Street.

Our donation of \$500, was used to purchase school supplies for the Lodi community and the surrounding area. Any additional funds received will be given at the end of the quarter.

If you have any information or comments for the Redeemer Report, please contact Diane Amaral
The deadline is Dec. 15th

Joseph waited 13 years
Abraham waited 25 years
Moses waited 40 years
Jesus waited 30 years.

If God is making you wait-you're in good company