

GOOD NEWS

Good News

September 2017

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO BE IN GOD'S WORD

Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.

This group has been using the magazine "Good News", which is published by Concordia Mission Society. The editor is the former LHM speaker Wallace Schultz. There are several editions available in the pastor's study/office for anyone who would like to review a topic or use one for personal Bible study.

Ladies Bible study WEDNESDAY 10:00 a.m. This is a group of ladies mostly around young family age although all ages do attend. They have just recently started *Power of a Praying Parent* so now is a great time to join! If you know of someone who would benefit from this group, let them know.

If evenings are better, join us at the **Cottage Meetings** the last Friday of the month at 7 p.m. hosted at a member's home. This is a casual bible study and desert and coffee time. **November needs a host.**

Pastor Snider's Sunday Adult Bible Study is doing an 8 week study on stewardship "Stewardship Basics," a new eight-part Bible study from LCMS Stewardship Ministry, is available at no charge to help congregations start a discussion of whole-life stewardship.

We hope to see all of you at one or more of these Bible Studies.



*Trinity Lutheran Church,
Pinckney, Michigan*

STEWARDSHIP

By Lynda Minger

Trinity Stewardship and Evangelism teams have been working together for quite some time. Over the last couple of months, Mike Myher has been worked out a list for guidance in getting the finishing touches taken care of so we can move forward in our out reach and evangelism efforts.

One of our goals is to make our presence more known in the community. Some of the ways we do this are helping with food pantry and community outreach. We have been involved, thanks to the initiative of Cathie Snider, in the Stockbridge Community outreach and a shared effort in food pantries with St. Mary in Pinckney and St. Paul in Hamburg. The work that Deb Dugan and Barb Yek do at MOST ministries is another area. There is also our Angel Tree Ministry. Things like this will help bring

our name into the community with the prayer that is will also attract the unchurched to find a church home here.

Several of us will be attending a PICO workshop. *Practical Ideas for Community Outreach* will help us in our upcoming plans to expand our Trinity Family which is the purpose of every church according to the command of Jesus.¹⁵ *And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Mark 16:15 English Standard Version (ESV).*

So...watch for more information and events from the Stewardship and Evangelism committees!

PASTOR'S PAGE

On Your Marks, Get Set, It is Time to Go, Church!

by Debby Fall, Michigan District LCMS

"Here We Stand, as one, with united voices to worship God by bringing glory and honor to Him, giving thanks to Him for our heritage and history as Lutheran Christians, giving witness of our salvation through faith in Jesus Christ alone; and, through repentance and renewal in Christ, asking God's blessings upon a new Reformation in our generation." – Mission Statement of the 500th Worship Service Planning Committee

On Sunday, October 15, 2017, approximately 13,000 Lutherans from all over the state of Michigan gathered at the Breslin Center on the campus of Michigan State University for the once-in-a-lifetime worship event, *"Here We Stand, Here We Go!"* This celebration event commemorated the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, which began when Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses—a list of questions and propositions to his colleagues of the Catholic Church—on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany.

As the soloist lyrics faded—*This to Thy praise, O Lord, our God, be sung Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*—the silence was broken with the mighty sound of a hammer. An actor, portraying Martin Luther, then pointed to the processional cross. Eighty church workers, each carrying water from various parts of Michigan, processed and poured their container into water percussion vessels representing our baptismal waters.

The Christ-centered order of worship from Luther's German Mass was enriched by a 30-piece orchestra, and 1,100 choir members, singing hymns and spiritual songs. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has been

known as the "singing church," and this worship service did not disappoint.

A pre-service concert included three student honors choirs with a total of 275 voices under the direction of three renowned conductors: Hannah Bingham, Josh Pedde, and Dr. Jerry Blackstone. Later, they joined the festival choir in a selection written for the event by Dr. Scott Hyslop of St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth. The orchestra and festival choir were led by Dr. Brian Altevogt from Concordia University Ann Arbor.

Rev. Dr. Patrick T. Ferry, Ph.D., president of Concordia University Wisconsin and Ann Arbor, was the guest preacher. The congregation broke into spontaneous applause as he shared these words: *"Ours is a world that desperately needs Jesus."* He further shared, *"We may not agree on everything, but certainly we can agree on this—people around us are in trouble ... God has seen fit to have us live in this time and this place so that at this moment we would figure out ways to bring others—struggling, suffering, sinking—that faith, that grace, that peace, that hope of the glory of God that Paul preaches; that Word, those Sacraments, that Gospel that marks the Lord's Church. Luther surely had his moment, and thank the Lord he seized the day. We are all blessed because of the Reformation. But Luther's moment is not ours. Ours is now, and it is time ... Let's do this. Let's Go!"*

A thanksgiving offering was taken in support of the Michigan District's **Here We Stand** campaign. The \$50,929.63 will go into each of the four campaign initiatives: Church Worker Scholarships, Innovative Missional Ministry, the Michigan District Endowment fund, and International Ministry. The campaign video featured Rev. Dr. David P. E. Maier, who

gave this challenge in the final scene: *"Here We Stand ... secure in God's love and grace ... ready, eager, and equipped to GO forward with the eternal, life-giving message of the Gospel for this generation ... and for future generations ... so that all whom the Lord our God calls to Himself may experience eternity with our Savior."*

Rev. Mandla Khumalo from St. Peter's Confessional Lutheran Church in Middelburg, South Africa, commissioned the participants with these words: *"Children of God ... Rev. Dr. Pat Ferry ... reminded me of a time in my own congregation when a young girl, age of 17, started a song [with] on the mark, get set, ready, GO! And she said 'We are ready for the Kingdom of God!' It is very true that the stance of [Martin] Luther, which is our stance today, has saved many. In India, in Africa, in Asia, in Latin America this great witness is still standing. This German boy [from] 500 years ago has been able to make a Zulu boy from South Africa ... know God by grace alone, faith alone, and Scripture alone ... This Word of God caused Luther to stand up and say 'No, I can't recant. Here I stand.' On these words, go in peace my brothers, on the marks, get set, go!"*

Martin Luther's stirring hymn, *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*, closed the worship service.

Earlier concourse activities of the day included dancers, children's activities, a Martin Luther photo op, Concordia Publishing House merchandise, and a Reformation historical exhibit. Decorated doors from District congregations were displayed throughout the concourse, each representing Gospel-rich ministries and community events held throughout the anniversary year. Coordinated by Wellspring Lutheran Services, and in support of the Michigan District's



POSSE NEWS *by Barb Yek*

There is lots going on over the next couple months!!

November 2--Next posse meeting hosted by Kristin and Gretchen. All ladies of Trinity are invited and encouraged to come. We have lots going on over the next couple months and need your help in planning.

November Altar Care is Cathie and Barb

November 11 is the Ann Arbor LWML Zone Rally at St. Thomas in Ann Arbor from 9-noon. There is a \$5 registration fee to cover lunch and a free will offering will also be taken. Jodi Manning from St. Thomas will be our speaker and share with us her experiences on her mission trips to Guatemala. It is always a fun, uplifting morning with our sisters in Christ. Ladies, please mark your calendars and watch for

more details in the bulletins. We will be carpooling from church.



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

ON YOUR MARKS... *Continued*

Great Compassion Ministry, an ingathering of non-perishable food and other items was gathered and distributed to four Lansing-area charities.

The District wishes to thank the Breslin Center staff and workers, as well as all of the volunteers, greeters, ushers, choir directors and singers, the concourse experience teams, the Worship Service Committee, Church Extension Fund, and the District staff for their participation in the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Worship Service. To God be the Glory!

November 18 is craft day from 8 am to 6pm. Then please join us after as we plan to attend the choral concert in Stockbridge that some of our ladies will be singing in.

Food is provided all day as well as table space. There is a \$20 suggested donation for the day if you can.

The Posse Holiday outing this year which we extend an invitation to anyone in the congregation who would like to join us will be on Saturday, December 2. We will be going to the "Manor Christmas" and Christkindlmarket at Concordia University in Ann Arbor. Again, watch for more details in the bulletins. You will want to save the dates on your calendars.

We will be participating with Well-spring in the Christmas Caring Program again this year. We call it our "ANGEL TREE" where we purchase gifts for children and adults who might not otherwise receive any. It is one of the many ways we can show God's Love in out-

reach. The tree will go up right after Thanksgiving. More to come throughout the weeks.



We will be adorning the Altar with poinsettias again this Christmas. Order forms will be in your mail boxes right after Thanksgiving.

Advent Wednesday evening services and soup suppers will start on December 6 and continue on the 15 and 22.

We will be decorating the tree and church for Christmas on Thursday, December 7th, beginning with a light supper at 6 pm. Everyone is invited and it is always a fun filled evening.

Check out the following link or go to Trinity Facebook page to see the recording of the whole service.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6WuZqOUKbs&feature=share>



by
Lynda
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The Children's Program will be on Sunday, December 17. It will be a new program this year. The kids will be starting practice starting November 26 on the Sundays before the program. Be sure to not miss this fun experience in a child's life during the practices and the program. Regular Sunday school lessons will resume on January 7.

PRAYERS

Praise and thanksgiving:

Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power and might be to You, our God, now and forever! Hear us who pray in peace in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. O God, Holy and eternal, who did permit us to enter into the fellowship of that holy suffering by which Your dear Son, our Savior, conquered sin and death; grant that we may celebrate the remembrance of His passion with true devotion, accept the cross as his disciples, and thus fulfill Your holy will; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. We pray for those among us who are in special need of your guidance and healing:

- * Shut-ins--Lorena Luckhardt, Betty Jean Sigro, Caroline Cadeau, Al Jacoby, Marlene Comfort
- * Abbey Yeip (12 yrs)--diagnosed with Leukemia

- * Genine (Barb's friend's niece, 10 yr old)--Surgery Nov 7-pray cyst on optic nerve bursts on its own
- * Tim Erisman - continued healing and strength from surgery
- * Carolyn and Joe Benkovsky, Tom Corcoran, Jude Pittenger and Dave Finazzo, Robin Fletcher, Faith Kukuk, Dianne and Rudy Vik, Bill Opp, Dennis Miller, Christi and Kristie (God knows them), Jordan Keen -- strength and health
- * Continued healing Tina Albrechtson, Cynthia Snider, Joanne and Bob Hickman, Don Keiser.
- * Lorena Luckhardt, Jerry Colone, Mary and John Martinowicz, Julie Haggerty, Robin Fletcher, Kyle Knipp, Don Fogel, Ava Allen, Tracy Brohmen, Kenny Cadle, Terry Kaczmarek, Carol Thompson,

Sarah Burns, Tonya Roberts, Libby in their battles with cancer

- * for the soldiers here and overseas who are still protecting freedoms, our own and others in the world: Matt Hall, Casey Sampson, Brenden Finazzo, stationed in the States. Scott Mikkelson stationed in Hawaii and Jill (Engel) Graves, Corbin Sherman. Scott Drexler, Barb Yek's nephew, now in Afghanistan.

Other Prayers This Month were:

- * Edna Fleming -Suffered a Heart Attack
- * Menning Family-death of Mark Menning, John Menning's son
- * Genine (10 yr old)-Surgery Nov 7-pray cyst on optic nerve bursts on its own rendering surgery unnecessary

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Betty Love	11/2	Jarred Snider	11/15
Daniel Krueger	11/8	Cha Snider	11/17
Joseph Benkovsky	11/11	Sharon Huetteman	11/25
Russ Borders	11/11	Mitch Minger	11/29
Faith Kukuk	11/11	Gilbert Minock	11/30
Tom Voltattorni	11/12		
Craig Rydzewski	11/14		
Caroline Cadeau	11/15		
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		Bryan & Amy Bickel	11/28



Happy Anniversary

500TH ANNIVERSARY THANK OFFERING

Over \$50,000 was collected at the 500th Anniversary Worship Service on October 15, 2017, towards the Here We Stand campaign. This thank offering will be distributed among the four initiatives: Professional Church Worker Scholarships, Innovative Ministry, En-

dowment Fund, and International Ministry. If you are still interested in giving towards the 500th Anniversary Worship Service Offering, please mail a check made payable to: Michigan District, LCMS; 3773 Geddes Rd; Ann Arbor MI 48105. Please write 500th Anni-

versary Worship Thank Offering on the memo line. You can also give online by going to: <https://herewestand.michigandistrict.org/donate>



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Special Holiday Services

- Nov 22 Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7pm
- Dec. 6, 15, 22: Advent Soup Supper at 6pm
Worship at 7pm
- Dec 17 Children's Christmas Program
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service
5pm,
- Dec 25 Christmas Day Service at 10am
- Jan 1 New Year's Day Service at 10am

*Unto Us
a Child is Born*



Please feel free to call and speak with Pastor Snider if there is any way we can assist you in your spiritual needs.

Many Blessings
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