

Cotta Guild's Soup Supper Meeting

Thursday, October 13, at 6:00 PM.

Each circle is to bring a crock pot of soup.

Come and hear Bev Kitzmann's report on the National LWML Convention in Peoria this summer.

We have invited some neighboring LSMS ladies' groups to join us.

Bring a couple of small-sized snacks for our military care packages which we will send to those who serve from our congregation.

Saturday, October 1: We are hosting the LWML Owatonna Conference Fall Rally. Come and hear Pastor Boehme speak about the work our mite offerings are doing in Kazakhstan.

Sunday, October 2: LWML Sunday. There will be a free-will offering for mites.

Sunday, October 9: Clergy Appreciation Sunday. Come to the parish hall after church to the reception to thank Pastor Zimmer for his service to us at St. Paul Lutheran. Cards and well-wishes are welcomed.

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October is "Clergy Appreciation Month".

To thank and honor Pastor Zimmer, our vacancy pastor, Cotta Guild is serving the coffee/fellowship time following the church service on Sunday, October 9.

Please come and join us in thanking our pastor, who proclaims the Gospel and administers the Sacraments to us and serves us in many other ways.

You are invited to bring a card expressing your thanks or, simply by your presence, to acknowledge your appreciation for his encouragement in our spiritual lives.

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Cindy opened the meeting with prayer. Judie read a devotion on “The Lord’s Prayer”.

Saturday, October 1, is LWML’s Fall Rally here at St. Paul’s from 9 am to noon. Registration is \$6, which includes a luncheon. For the rally each circle is asked to furnish one 9x13 coffee cake, one large quick bread, two large salads(10-12 people each), and provide one server for the lunch. Pastor Boehme will speak on his work in Kazakhstan.

Sunday, October 2, is LWML Sunday. A free will offering will be collected after service by Judie Waters, Barb Denn, and Kathy Flogstad. Cotta Guild will sponsor altar flowers for LWML Sunday.

Sunday, October 9, is clergy appreciation Sunday. Cotta Guild will give a gift and card to Pastor Zimmer. Linda Seifert’s circle will serve October 9. Each circle is to furnish one 10x15 pan of bars or two 9x13 pan of bars.

We met Saturday, September 10, to help the quilters from 9 am -11:30. Following quilting, we went for a bite to eat at the Pheasant Café.

The quilters have been approved to collect bar soap for a mission project. We have an altar guild replacement for Ruth Hawker.

Cindy thanked Helen Schmidt’s circle for serving Irene Hoffman’s funeral which was September 12. Judie Water’s will serve as chair of the nominating committee. Barb Denn’s circle will be next to serve.

Cotta Guild will meet October 13. Each circle is to furnish a large crock pot of soup and each person should bring two small snacks (no chocolate) for our military boxes.

Judie Water’s will serve as bazaar chair. A sign up sheet is going around for workers. Prayerfully consider this when you are called upon.

Kathy Flogstad  
Public Relations

St. Pauls Lutheran Little Lambs Childcare

Fall is in the air today as October nears. We enjoy the cooler weather, both inside and out. It is more fun to be outdoors when the humidity is gone and there are no mosquitoes.

We have been learning about God's wonderful creations as well as focusing on where apples grow and what colors they can be, school has started and watching the fall leaves start to come off the trees.

In October we will be learning about the following things:

Bible Story

Noah and his Ark  
(Genesis 6:9-9:17)

Monthly Themes

More Leaves are Falling  
Fire Safety  
Pumpkins/Jack O'Lanterns  
Harvest Time  
Noah's Animals  
The Color Orange  
The Letter B  
The Shape Square  
The Number 2

We have welcomed 2 new Little Lambs since the last newsletter. One infant and one 2 year old, but we still have room for more children depending on ages and days of care needed.

***Even though you sometimes feel inadequate in your task, you need not rely on your own skills or abilities. Instead, take comfort in this: The Lord Jesus has given you his Word—a powerful Word that always accomplishes what He sends it to do!***

### Bible Reading Schedule

On October 31st, 1517 a monk named Martin Luther nailed a piece of paper to the door of a church in Wittenburg, Germany. This event is known as the beginning of the Reformation. The Reformation put the Bible back into the hands of the lay people of the Christian Church. Luther translated the Bible into the everyday language of the people. Today we are able to read God's Word in our own language. God's Word tells us of the blessed work of Christ. He came that sinners, like the penitent Publican, might be justified (Luke 18:14). In Acts God tells us that all who believe in Christ are justified (Acts 3:39). Because of God's justifying grace in Christ we shall be dressed in white linen robes. They symbolize the righteousness of Christ in which we have been clothed. In these robes we shall live as God's holy people for all eternity (Isaiah 61:10; Revelation 7:9-17).

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1. Zechariah 10,11,12; Psalm 126; Luke 14
2. Zechariah 13,14; Psalm 147,134; Luke 15
3. Ezra 5,6; Psalm 138; Luke 16
4. Esther 1,2; Psalm 150; Luke 17
5. Esther 3,4,5,6; Luke 18
6. Esther 7,8,9,10; Luke 19
7. Ezra 7,8; Luke 20
8. Ezra 9,10; Psalm 131; Luke 21
9. Nehemiah 1,2; Psalm 133; Luke 22
10. Nehemiah 3,4; Luke 23
11. Nehemiah 5,6; Psalm 146; Luke 24
12. Nehemiah 7,8; Acts 1
13. Nehemiah 9,10; Acts 2
14. Nehemiah 11,12; Psalm 1; Acts 3
15. Nehemiah 13; Malachi 1,2; Acts 4
16. Malachi 3,4; Psalm 148; Acts 5
17. Job 1,2; Acts 6,7
18. Job 3,4; Acts 8,9
19. Job 5; Psalm 108; Acts 10,11
20. Job 6,7,8; Acts 12
21. Job 9,10; Acts 13,14
22. Job 11,12; Acts 15,16
23. Job 13,14; Acts 17,18
24. Job 15; Acts 19,20
25. Job 16; Acts 21,22,23
26. Job 17; Acts 24,25,26
27. Job 18; Psalm 114; Acts 27,28
28. Job 19; Mark 1,2
29. Job 20; Mark 3,4
30. Job 21; Mark 5,6
31. Job 22; Mark 7,8

## Church Library—October 2011

### Happy 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Carl Ferdinand Wilhelm Walther!

It's important to know about our spiritual roots. October 25, 2011, is the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of C. F. W. Walther, the first president of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. You can read about him and the early history of LCMS in the following books.

- Zion on the Mississippi by Walter Forster (call number: 14-For)
- Doctor Carl Ferdinand Wilhelm Walther by D. H. Steffans (call number: 4-Ste)
- C. F. W. Walther: The American Luther by Arthur Drevlow (call number: 4-Dre)
- The Life of Dr. C.F.W. Walther by Lewis Spitz (call number: 4-Spi)
- Servant of the Word: The Life and Ministry of C.F.W. Walther by August Suelflow (call number: 4-Sue)

There are also some books by C. F. W. Walther in the church library.

We also celebrate the Reformation in October. We have books by and about Martin Luther and the Reformation in the church library.

Some books by Martin Luther include

- Martin Luther's Christmas Book (call number: 6-Lut)
- Martin Luther's Small and Large Catechisms (call number: 8-Lut)

Books about Martin Luther's wife are

- Katharina von Bora: A Reformation Life by Rudolf Markwald (call number: 4-Mar) is a biography.
- Kitty, My Rib, by E. Jane Mall (call number: 1-Mal) is a fiction book.

Some books about Martin Luther include

- Luther: Biography of a Reformer by Frederick Nohl (call number: 4-Noh)
- Here I Stand by Roland Bainton (call number: 4-Bai)
- The Life of Dr. Martin Luther by Ernst Brueggemann (call number: 4-Bru)
- Martin Luther by William Dallmann (call number: 4-Dal)
- Luther for Armchair Theologians by Steven Paulson (call number: 8-Pau)

Books for children about Martin Luther include

- Adventures of Martin Luther by Carolyn Bergt (call number: A-Ber)
- Martin Luther: A Man for Whom God Had Great Plans by Ruth Hatzung (call number: B-Hat)
- Thunderstorm in Church by Louise Vernon (call number: B-Ver)
- Martin Luther: A Man Who Changed the World by Paul L. Maier (call number: B-Mai)

These books are in the church library. You are welcome to use the library at your convenience. The library is located in room 103 on the lower level of the education building, next to the Sunday School Superintendent's office. Use the card catalog in the library to find more books.

The following DVD and videos are in the church office in the library box for your convenience during October for checking out.

DVD

Luther. This is the 2003 production, starring Joseph Fiennes.

Videos

Martin Luther. This is the original black-and-white classic of Luther's life from a guilt-burdened monk through the monumental events that led to his break with the Roman Church.

Where Luther Walked. This video is narrated by Roland Bainton with stories of Luther's life, feelings, and struggles in some of the actual locations where Luther lived, studied, and served.

These movies remind us of the corruption of the church and how far the church had strayed from God's Word by the time of the Reformation. Dedicated Christian believers throughout history, who faithfully studied and preached God's Word—men like Martin Luther—were used by God to purify and preserve our Christian faith.

October is Clergy Appreciation Month. We should thank God for faithful pastors like Martin Luther, C.F.W. Walter, and many others through the ages who have passed on the faith to our ancestors so that we can have the blessings of faith. May the Holy Spirit bless our Pastor Zimmer, as our vacancy pastor, to proclaim God's Word clearly and boldly to us.

Cindy Wood

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The month of September is almost gone. All the activities that go with the month of September have begun. The children have gone back to school, the young people to colleges, the children to Sunday School, the singers to choir, the quilters to quilting, and the Sunday morning Bible studies for the adults have also begun. We are very thankful for the many people who serve our risen Lord in these activities, but there are still many hidden talents in this group who are St. Paul Lutheran Church. Shall we each look within our own heart to see what is hidden there-ways in which we can serve and please our heavenly Father. One thing we can all do is pray. If we are in a wheelchair, a hospital bed, our favorite arm chair, doing the dishes-our Lord hears our prayers-no matter what we are doing. And He promises to answer them-in His own good time. All praise and thanks to God!

With thankful hearts we look forward to the month of October, with the many blessings poured down into our lives-cool, crisp days, the leaves on the trees turning color, red, yellow, orange. God uses His paint brush lavishly to brighten the earth before He sends the white snow to cover up all the filth on this earth. Just as Jesus shed His blood to wash away all the sin in our lives. Thanks be to God!

October also brings Halloween. This is the time when the ghosts and goblins and strange spirits take over. It used to be a fun day and night-with a Halloween party at school. We dressed up in old clothes and hats and our dads shoes and spent the last hour of the school day playing games and singing songs and eating. The teacher always brought the treats. There was no such thing as "Tricks or treats;-the other farm houses were a mile or more away. Sometimes the older kids got to go out for an hour or two at night, but sometimes the tricks they played back fired and the trick was played on them. I remember one incident (that I can't tell you about here) but my brothers friend never forgot that Halloween. Now Halloween has become so commercialized, it has become more of a special holiday, or a celebration of the spirits.

However, we who are believers in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ remember that November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints Day and October 31<sup>st</sup> was "hallowed eve" (thus came the name Halloween). It was the day Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the door of the church. He wanted a chance to debate these thoughts with the church leaders at the time. A "spirit" was also involved in this activity. God sent the Holy Spirit to guide the hearts and minds of all the people involved, especially Martin Luther. And here we are, believers in Jesus Christ, God's Son our Savior members in a group called St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Heavenly Father, let us never forget that with you we, your children, can do great things-without you we can do absolutely nothing. To God be the Glory! May our Lord continue to send each of you His best blessings.

In Jesus Love,  
Your sister in Christ,  
MaeDean

**Psalm 23:1-6 (KJV)**

*[1] The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. [2] He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. [3] He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. [4] Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. [5] Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. [6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*