



THE ANCHOR

OCTOBER 2007

Reformation? So what?

490 years ago this October 31st, Martin Luther hung his now infamous 95 Theses on the door of the Schlosskirche in Wittenberg, Germany. While the Theses were only meant to spark theological conversation and debate, their posting is now widely regarded as the beginning of the Reformation.

Early July this year, Pope Benedict XVI released a statement saying that the Roman Catholic Church was the only true Church and that other churches were either defective or not true churches. Many—if not most—Christian leaders were up in arms at the Pope’s assertion.

I’m not all that bothered by the Pope’s statement. It’s not so different from what the Reformers said about the Church: “The Church is the congregation of saints in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered” (Augsburg Confession, Article VII). In other words, Lutherans don’t believe the Pope’s is the true Church. And Baptists don’t believe the church of the Augsburg Confession is the true Church. And so on.

So what was the Reformation? From the Pope’s eyes, it was a rebellious group leaving the true Church. From the eyes of the Reformers, it was calling the Roman church to repentance. Lutherans don’t think their church began in 1517. We think that, as long as the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered therein, ours is the “One, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church” that has existed since Christ instituted it.

We can say that even while confessing that there must be true Christians in every denomination. It’s the Word of God that creates faith (Romans 10:17), after all, not our words of doctrine. But any church that doesn’t think that there are some other church bodies who are not “true Church” either is being intentionally naïve about what divides denominations or has an exceedingly broad definition of the Church.

The Reformation was not about starting a new church, not about jettisoning whatever was Roman Catholic, not about factionalizing the Body of Christ. The Reformation was about allowing the purity of the Gospel of God to dominate the Church. In that regard, the Reformation was about *uniting* all of Christendom, but not at the expense of the Gospel.

Acknowledging what makes us different is the first step toward healthy conversation that—God willing—will lead to repentance and forgiveness and the unity of confession of the Body of Christ. For the purity of the Gospel and the unity of all Christians we fervently pray. Join me in this prayer.

In Christ’s Service,

Pastor Hemmer

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

AUGUST ATTENDANCE

Sunday school Adult Bible Study Sunday Worship/Communion

<u>5TH:</u>	11	25	128/90
<u>12TH:</u>	14	22	133
<u>19th:</u>	16	26	129/93
<u>26TH:</u>	22	20	123



SERVING THE LORD IN OCTOBER

ELDER:

BRYAN MCKENNON

ALTAR GUILD:

RUTH BLATTNER & DIANE DECKER

GREETERS:

7TH: MARVIN FRAZER & CHANCE TRISLER

14TH: BOB & BETTE HALL

21ST: BOB & YVONNE HARTMANN

28TH: BILL & ROSEMARY IVERS

USHERS:

7TH: RICK ANGEL, LEN STRAUB, MARVIN FRAZER & RANDY MARGESON

14TH: JOHN & STEVE FICKER, NATHAN MARTIN & BILL IVERS

21ST: JOHN LYMING, MIKE ROTH & JERRY & SCOTT SUMMERS

28TH: DAVE ROTH, DON CARPENTER, ERIC TRISLER & KRIS MCGUIRE

Carpet Fund

THE CARPET FUND AS OF 9/31/07 IS \$6032.74



A CHRISTIAN GIVES BECAUSE JESUS WAS FIRST GIVEN TO US...SO THAT THROUGH HIM WE HAVE LIFE AND WE HAVE IT TO THE FULL! [GOD] WHO DID NOT SPARE HIS OWN SON BUT GAVE HIM UP FOR US ALL – HOW WILL HE NOT ALSO WITH HIM GIVE US ALL THINGS? (ROMANS 8:32) GOD DOESN'T NEED OUR MONEY!!! WE NEED GOD AND WE NEED THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK HIM BY WORSHIPING WITH OUR **GOD-GIVEN** TIME, TALENTS AND FINANCIAL TREASURES.

FINANCIAL REPORT: SEPTEMBER

NEEDED PER WEEK: \$2548.09



2ND:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: \$16.65
PLATE: \$167.32
ENVELOPE: \$1886
DEBT FUND: \$105
MISSIONS: \$0
GENERAL FUND: \$2174.97
CARPET FUND: \$0
FLOWERS: \$15
IMPROV. FUND: \$0
MEMORIALS: \$0
WITNESS: \$0
PARKING: \$0
OTHER: \$15



9TH:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: \$13.50
PLATE: \$155.43
ENVELOPE: \$1733
DEBT FUND: \$25
MISSIONS: \$0
GENERAL FUND: \$1926.43
CARPET FUND: \$0
FLOWERS: \$0
IMPROV. FUND: \$0
MEMORIALS: \$0
WITNESS: \$0
PARKING: \$0
OTHER: \$0

16TH:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: \$38
PLATE: \$210.01
ENVELOPE: \$1633
DEBT FUND: \$30
MISSIONS: \$0
GENERAL FUND: \$1911.01
CARPET FUND: \$0
FLOWERS: \$0
IMPROV. FUND: \$0
MEMORIALS: \$0
WITNESS: \$0
MOVING: \$0
PARKING: \$0
OTHER: \$80

23RD:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: \$28
PLATE: \$172.04
ENVELOPE: \$1545
DEBT FUND: \$5
MISSIONS: \$0
GENERAL FUND: \$1750.04
CARPET FUND: \$0

FLOWERS: \$0
IMPROV. FUND: \$0
MEMORIALS: \$0
WITNESS: \$0
MOVING: \$0
PARKING: \$0
OTHER: \$0

30TH:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: \$15.60
PLATE: \$165.35
ENVELOPE: \$2232
DEBT FUND: \$5
MISSIONS: \$0
GENERAL FUND: \$2443.35
CARPET FUND: \$0
FLOWERS: \$0
IMPROV. FUND: \$0
MEMORIALS: \$0
WITNESS: \$0
MOVING: \$0
PARKING: \$0
OTHER: \$100



PRAYER PARTNERS

7TH: FRED STARKS; LEROY & RUTH STILES (SARAH); LEN & DONNA STRAUB

14TH: STEPHANIE & AMY STRAUB; JENNIFER & MIKE STRUBBERG

21ST: JERRY & ETHEL MAE SUMMERS (SARAH); PAT SUMMERS

28TH: SCOTT & MICHELL SUMMERS (JORDAN & MACKENZI)



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BIRTHDAYS

1ST: PAULINE ARNOLDI	17TH: DONNA STRAUB
3RD: MATTHEW BAECHT	BLAKE FOX
4TH: SHARON BUTLER	18TH: BRAIN WHITE
STEVE LEBLANC	20TH: KAREN BRINKMAN
5TH: LISA MCKENNON	23RD: JEFF BLASA
7TH: DENNIS HENNEMAN	24TH: ANITA ASSAR
11TH: RANDY MARGESON	27TH: KRISTIN RODRIQUEZ
12TH: DEBBIE BASHAM	JORDAN FOX
CARRIE CARPENTER	28TH: TIME BUTLER
13TH: SARAH STILES	ED POINTER
16TH: MARTHA EBERHARDT	30TH: KELSEY PYRTLE
MATTHEW MCKENNON	
JOEY MCKENNON	

ANNIVERSARIES

5TH: BUTCH & SANDY PURCELL	22ND: FRED & LINDA BLASA
7TH: LEROY & RUTH STILES	DENNIS & PATTI HENNEMAN
11TH: CHRISTI & MIKE PERKINSON	JD & MARIE LYMING
16TH: KIM & CARY ROBERTS	26TH: MARTHA & RON EBERHARDT
18TH: TAD & KAREN DROSTE	31ST: ED & ELLA POINTER
	TINA & ALAN RAPP





THE LADIES WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL WOMEN TO JOIN IN ON THEIR FUN. THE LADIES MEET ON WED. AT 9:30A. THE LWML WILL HAVE A FALL WORKSHOP IN COTTAGE HILLS ON OCT. 20TH STARTING AT 9:30A. ANYONE WISHING TO ATTEND, PLEASE SEE ELKE MONROE.



The youth bowled September 22, 07 and had 16 children bowl as well as 9 adults attending. Sophie Martin bowled a Turkey (3 strikes in a row). And all youth enjoyed the evening of fun, food, and fellowship. There will be a Youth Group Meeting October 4, 2007 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Youth will be raking leaves for shut-in's. Dates to be determined.

Youth have set a tentative date for the Yard Sale work night and Sale on October 23 and 24, 2007

Youth are still taking donations of all clothing and household items for the Sale.

Thanks for your continued Support.





SCHOOL DAYS

THE CHILDREN WILL BE LEARNING THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES IN SUNDAY SCHOOL. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO GO OVER THESE WITH YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME AS WELL. THE MORE FAMILIAR THEY ARE WITH THE SCRIPTURES THE EASIER IT WILL BE FOR THE TEACHERS TO GO MORE IN DEPTH. LISA IS COLLECTING TOILET PAPER AND PAPER TOWEL CARDBOARD TUBING FOR CRAFT PROJECTS. PLEASE PLACE ITEMS IN THE PRESCHOOL ROOM.

OCT. 7TH: JOSEPH FORGIVES GENESIS 42-45

14TH: THE BIRTH OF MOSES EXODUS 1:1-2:10

21ST: MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH EXODUS 2:11-4:31

28TH: MOSES AND THE PLAGUES EXODUS 5-10

NOV. 4TH: THE PASSOVER EXODUS 11-12

11TH: CROSSING THE RED SEA EXODUS 13:17-15:21

18TH: GOD PROVIDES MANNA, WATER AND QUAIL EXODUS 16-17

25TH: THE TEN COMANDMENTS EXODUS 19-20



Miscellaneous News

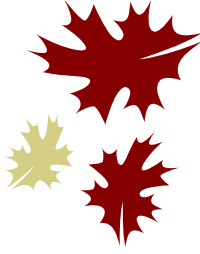
THE ALTAR GUILD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS.

The Concordia Seminary Institute on Lay Vocation in St. Louis will host a unique event called "German Days at the Sem" on Oct. 12-13, on the Seminary campus. The two-day event marks the first of a series of 10 significant gatherings of its type, which will be held every fall leading up to the 500-year anniversary of the Reformation on Oct. 31, 2017.

THERE WILL BE A LAY BIBLE INSTITUTE ON OCT. 3RD, 10TH, 17TH, AND THE 24TH AT CONCORDIA. ANYONE INTERESTED PLEASE SEE PASTOR OR BRANDY PURCELL FOR MORE INFO.

ANY CONFIRMAND THAT NEEDS COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS PLEASE TALK TO CAROL SKIBBE OR BRANDY PURCELL.

PAPER EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE IN YOUR MAIL BOXES. IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE EMAIL VERSION INSTEAD, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NAME IN THE OFFICE.



LET'S MEET THE FRAZER'S

Herb and Kim have 3 girls and have been married 26 years. Callie is 22 and resides in Canton IL. She works for the Duck Creek Power Plant a division of Ameren as a Section Secretary and part time at Family Video all in Canton. She just recently bought her first home, and has 1 dog and 2 cats.

Maggie is 18 and is attending her freshman year at Blackburn in Carlinville, Illinois. She is majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education. She lives on Campus.



Emily is 16 years old and a Junior at J.C.H.S. She is involved in the music and band programs as well as the Hope Lutheran Youth Group. Herb works at U.S. Steel Corporation in Granite City Illinois and has been there 7 years. He is a manager in Material Movement Division. Herb is a avid deer hunter and enjoys being outdoors.

Kim works at RE/MAX Country in Jerseyville as a real estate agent and has been there 2 1/2 years. Kim is active in Youth Program and teaches Sunday School.



Herb and the Girls have been life long members of Hope and Kim has been a member 26 years. We are grateful for our family at Hope that has always been a constant blessing and support system through all trials, tribulations, and happiness throughout our life. Thanks and God Bless.





JOKES:

A little boy was afraid of the dark. One night his mother told him to go out to the back porch and bring her the broom. The little boy turned to his mother and said, "Mama, I don't want to go out there. It's dark." The mother smiled reassuringly at her son. "You don't have to be afraid of the dark," she explained. "Jesus is out there. He'll look after you and protect you." The little boy looked at his mother real hard and asked, "Are you sure he's out there?" Yes, I'm sure. He is everywhere, and he is always ready to help you when you need him," she said. The little boy thought about that for a minute and then went to the back door and cracked it a little. Peering out into the darkness, he called, "Jesus? If you're out there, would you please hand me the broom?"

Why did the cows go to church?
They heard there was a new pasture!

Once upon a time there were three sisters, ages 92, 94 and 96, and they all lived together. One night the 96 year old ran a bath. She put one foot in and paused. "Was I getting in the tub or out?" she yelled. The 94 year old hollered back, "I don't know. I'll come and see." She started up the stairs and stopped. She shouted, "Was I going up or coming down?" The 92 year old sitting at the kitchen table having tea, listening to her sister's shook her head and said, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful," and knocked on wood for good measure. Then she yelled, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."