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The *Good News*

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NEWSLETTER DEVOTION

The New Testament mentions divisions in the church being found early in the life of the church as mentioned in 1 John 2:18-19; *“Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.”*

In the 5th century, there was a division between the Church within the Byzantine Roman Empire, and Christians outside the empire. This was largely due to the churches outside the empire resisting the imposition of Byzantine (Greek) culture.

In the 11th century, the great split between the Church in the East (based in Constantinople) and the Church in the West (based in Rome) occurred. The presiding bishops at the time had a theological dispute regarding the Holy Spirit that led to their mutual excommunication. This division still exists today.

The Reformation of the 16th century was the third great schism, but involved only the Western Church. The Reformation took place in the context of the Renaissance period, in which Europe was coming out of the Middle Ages. An interesting aspect of this involves the cultural influence on Christians; for example, the Renaissance in southern Europe (which remained largely Roman Catholic) focused more on the visual arts, while the focus in Western Europe (where Lutheran and Reformed churches flourished) was more on literature.

Martin Luther came to religious certainty because of his studies and lectures on the Bible, especially the Psalms and St. Paul’s epistles to the Romans and Galatians. His insight that we cannot earn God’s favor by our good works, but rather must depend entirely on Christ, whose death on the cross atoned for all sins once and for all, sparked a theological revolution.

Starting with the 95 Theses in 1517, Luther began writing pamphlets calling for reform in the Church. By 1521 he had been excommunicated by Pope Leo X, and declared an outlaw by Charles V, ruler of the Holy Roman Empire.

What does it mean to be Lutheran? Is it a reliance on the concepts of grace alone, faith alone, Scripture alone, Christ alone? In our sound bite age, it is easy to reduce things to some simple slogans such as these. Lutheranism is more than slogans, and more than just one among many Protestant denominations. We are heirs of a theological tradition and a unique Church culture.

We live in a historically-challenged society; one in which very little is learned or valued from the past because the focus is on the present and future. But our traditions and culture provide us with something to build on as we move into the future. The Church of the 21st century needs to integrate the best of her heritage with the mission opportunities currently before her, and this requires knowledge of where we have come from.

And so Our Redeemer Lutheran church needs to define its mission and look for opportunities to serve one another in love, serving our neighbor and proclaim the greatest news the world has ever known. After 500 years we pray and continue to pray for all divisions of the church to fall and we be united with the word of God in its truth and purity! The reformation continues its calling back to Christ as Saint Paul taught in 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; *“For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”*

Pastor Christian



PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH



We continue to pray for those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic:

for those who have lost their jobs

for all first responders, doctors and nurses

we pray for protection of the elderly and those with underlying health conditions

We pray for those affected by the wildfires in California, Oregon and Washington.

We pray for the sick, injured, those undergoing and recovering from surgical procedures and those facing long term illness: Jose, Lorine, Bill, Coralee, Luella, Kathy, Carl, Randy, Cal, Peggy, Gabi, Karen, Joyce, Linda, Trudy, Bill, Scarlett, Laurie, Vivian, Audrey, Monica, Dan, Linda, Heather, Troy, Peter, Parker, Annie, Summy.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER



Dayna Owskey
Kathryn Koopman
Carl Seyfer
Nelda Peterson
David Casey

Marilyn Secretario
Suzanne Green
“Willie” Williams
Sharon Shinno
Dana Novak

ANNIVERSARY FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Nelson and Eleanor Mau
Lou and Gladys Crenshaw



We will continue to gather on Sunday mornings at 9 am and 10:30 am. We will be offering Zoom live at the 9 am service. We need to keep a balance between the services as we have limited capacity at each service to follow the guidelines for Hawaii.

We are asking everyone to let us know which service you plan to attend.

This helps us as we prepare the worship space and also helps the Worship Care Committee prepare for communion.

You will be sent a link by email. Please send your email address to the Church Office if you wish to receive the link.

Click on the link; select a time; click on button "Submit and sign up"; Enter your name; Quantity (number of persons); Click on button "Sign up now"

If you need assistance, please phone the office 946-4223 or send an email: office@ourredeemerlutheran.us

We are so pleased to see more people returning to "in-person" worship. Thank you for helping us follow the guidelines set for us.

Congratulations to Sharon Shinno as she is retiring at the end of October. As such, we are looking for people to fill the following positions: Financial Secretary (Volunteer from within Our Redeemer), Church Secretary (Part time hire), and Bookkeeper (Part time hire). If interested, or if you have a recommendation, contact Pastor, Roger Koopman, or Richard Lachman.

MEDIA TECHNOLOGY TEAM

We are in need of a few people to join the Media Technology team to monitor and record the Zoom worship services. No technical skills required. Please see Jerry Groth if you have an interest in helping out.

WORK DAY

In the near future, the Board of Property Management will plan a Church Work Day and will continue to work on small projects throughout the year. Those willing to help clean, paint, and do small repairs are asked to contact Michael Riess. The Board of Property Management and other volunteers have done a tremendous job of sprucing up parts of our facility. Please join them as they continue to fix up our property.

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 2020

Oct. 4	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalm 80:7-19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
Oct. 11	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 23	Philippians 4:4-13	Matthew 22:1-14
Oct. 18	Isaiah 45:1-7	Psalm 96:1-9	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
Oct. 25	Revelation 14:6-7	Psalm 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

Worship Care: Tom Windsor and Nelda Peterson

October 4, 2020 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am

Assistant: Henry Kuhn II
Usher: Lester Pelletier
Lectors: Andrew Casey, Henry Kuhn II

10:30am

Assistant: Jerry Groth
Usher: Marcy Reginelli
Lectors: Marcy Reginelli, Jerry Groth

October 11, 2020 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am

Assistant: Maxwell Hardoby
Usher: Lester Pelletier
Lectors: Sherry Spangler, Maxwell Hardoby

10:30am

Assistant: Joseph Krakowiak
Ushers: Anne and Samuel Krakowiak
Lectors: Sam Krakowiak, Joe Krakowiak

October 18, 2020 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am

Assistant: Henry Kuhn II
Usher: Matthew Schlechte
Lectors: Andrew Casey, Henry Kuhn II

10:30am

Assistant: Joseph Krakowiak
Usher: Marcy Reginelli
Lectors: Marcy Reginelli, Joe Krakowiak

October 25, 2020 – Reformation Day (observed)

9:00 am

Assistant: Joseph Krakowiak
Usher: Anne and Samuel Krakowiak
Lectors: Samuel Krakowiak, Joseph Krakowiak

10:30am

Assistant: Maxwell Hardoby
Usher: Lester Pelletier
Lectors: Iliana Dorazio, Max Hardoby

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Anniversary committee 4:00 Confirmation	5	6	7 10:00 Bible Study	8 10:00 Board of Property Management	9	10
11 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Divine Service 12:00 Board of Finance Management 4:00 Confirmation	12 6:30 Board of Spiritual Life	13	14 10:00 Bible Study	15	16	17
18 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Divine Service 12:00 Board of Directors 4:00 Confirmation	19	20	21 10:00 Bible Study	22	23	24
25 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Divine Service 4:00 Confirmation	26	27	28 10:00 Bible Study	29	30	31



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Pastor
Missionary to Kauai

The Rev. Christian J. Rasmussen
William Pierce

Administrative Assistant:
Director of Music:
Trumpet:

Sharon Shinno
Karl Bachman
Roger Koopman
Jillian Madanay

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President:
Vice-President:
Secretary:
Treasurer:
Board of Spiritual Life Director
Board of Community Life Director
Board of Finance Management Director
Board of Property Management Director

Stuart Peace
Stephanie Spangler
Bonnie Jo Alle
Roger Koopman
Joseph Krakowiak
Stephen Okumura
Richard Lachmann
Michael Riess

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Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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