



TRINITY TIDINGS



*“Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings”
Psalm 17:8 (ESV)*

SEPTEMBER 2017

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Is Something Important/Special Happening October 31, 2017?



You betcha! This year we celebrate the 500 Anniversary of the Reformation. On October 31, 1517 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther posted 95 theses on the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany. At the very top he wrote: “Out of love for the truth and from desire to elucidate it, the Reverend Father Martin Luther, Master of Arts and Sacred Theology, and ordinary lecturer therein at Wittenberg, intends to defend the following statements and to dispute on them in that place. Therefore, he asks that those who cannot be present and dispute with him orally shall do so in their absence by letter. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.” What followed were 95 specific points where the Church of his day had departed from Scripture or had been teaching in a way which obscured God’s truth. But if you thought that our celebration ends this October, you are mistaken because the next 29 years offer us additional opportunities to remember and celebrate other important

events which are part of what we call the Reformation era.

Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Rast Jr., President of Concordia Theological Seminary and Professor of Historical Theology, addresses the joy and tasks that await us. I was blessed to sit at Prof. Rast’s feet for a couple of the historical courses that I was required to take while at the seminary. I have since been blessed to be a student whenever he has taught within the Mid-South District. While teaching abroad, he wrote:

In many ways, the task handed to the Lutherans of the post-Luther period was to give institutional and concrete theological shape to what before had largely been an independent movement. And while it is unquestionable that mistakes were made in the process (e.g., the way the relationship of the Church and the State was defined), it is more so the case that the Church’s confession was established more firmly and clearly by the end of this period. We are the humble heirs of this work, and this course helped us to realize and appreciate that more than ever before.

In 2018, it’s the anniversary of the Heidleburg Disputation and in 2019 the 500th anniversary of the Leipzig Debate. In 2020, we will have the opportunity to recall the three great Reformation Treatises of Luther: “The Babylonia Captivity of the Church”, “Appeal to the German Nobility” and, especially, “The Freedom of a Christian.” And who could forget the Diet of Worms—2021 is the quincentenary of that landmark event. The list goes on and on: Luther’s “Small” and “Large Catechisms” (1529), the “Augsburg Confession” (1530), the “Wittenberg Concord” (1535), the “Smalcald Articles” (1537) – and that’s only to name a few.

Professor Rast spoke these words in Wittenberg while teaching pastors from Sweden, Norway, Latvia, Russia and the Czech Republic. They were focusing their study on the years 1546 to 1580, a period in the history of the Lutheran Church when it struggled with many theological, social, and political questions. The course was entitled: “The Formation of the Formula of Concord,” and it examined the history and theology of the Lutheran Church in the years following the death of Martin Luther (1546) and culminated in the adoption of the “Book of Concord (1580). During this time period, the Lutheran Church struggled to finalize its doctrinal position and establish the boundaries of its practice, all while facing increased pressure from Rome and the mercenaries that had been hired to

militarily attack Lutheran Princes, lands, and churches; and of course, there was the threat of the Turks facing all of Europe. They not only examined Luther's early reforming efforts, they also re-familiarized themselves with both the primary theological themes of the Lutheran Reformation, but also the political and social realities that framed the context in which these themes were confessed.

There was the impact of the Schmalkaldic War (1546-1547), the imposition of the Augsburg and Leipzig Interims (1548) and the eventual Religious Peace developed at Augsburg in 1555. There were many theological controversies during that period, including questions about Christ's descent into hell, the election of grace and the Lutheran views over against other heretical and sectarian groups. Each of them received due attention on the basis of Scripture and the Confessions. He further states that,

In many ways, the task handed to the Lutherans of the post-Luther period was to give institutional and concrete theological shape to what before had largely been an independent movement. And while it is unquestionable that mistakes were made in the process (e.g., the way the relationship of the Church and the State was defined), it is more so the case that the Church's confession was established more firmly and clearly by the end of this period. We are the humble heirs of this work, and this course helped us to realize and appreciate that more than ever before.

Our task today is to make these confessions our own. What was truth then is STILL truth today – because they are God's truths. We must absolutely hold to this conviction, especially as we face challenging demographic changes and an increasingly secularized and hostile culture. This is our moment! This is our turn to stand for truth and to pass on the truth to the next generation. How?

- Dig deeply and abide in the Word. *“He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it”* (Titus 1:9).
- Share the truths of the Lutheran Confessions in a winsome manner. We have been given a great gift!
- When feeling frustrated by a culture that appears not interested or receptive to our Lord's gifts, be confident in God's promise that His Word does not return void (Is. 55).
- And, rejoice in the Lord always, even in the midst of challenges and trials.

Oh, to have been there seeing and studying in the same places that our early Lutheran forefathers lived and served would have been remarkable. In addition to studying, they were able to spend time at the Luther sites in Wittenberg, make a day trip to the site of Luther's birth, baptism and death, Eisleben, and to visit the Thomas Kirche at Leipzig, where Johann Sebastian Bach was kantor for many years (yes, Bach was Lutheran). Rast writes: “All in all it was an incredibly enriching experience that helped establish relationships that will serve the future leaders of confessional Lutheranism well. For my part, it was an honor to study together with faithful pastors from another part of the world and to appreciate their sincere and deep commitment to the Lutheran Church and its Confessions, but most especially, their love for their Savior, Jesus Christ, and their devotion to sharing His Gospel throughout the world. These men are servants of Jesus Christ who are teaching the faithful, [sharing God's Word *“to the ends of the earth”* (Acts 13:47)] and caring for all!” It was a treat for me to read about what Prof. Rast has been doing and it certainly brought back many fond memories of listening to him teach. We are blessed as a church to have so many wonderful and faithful theologians who are equipping the next generations of Lutheran pastors and missionaries. God's blessings!

+ The Lord be with you +

With Christ's Everlasting Peace, Pastor Shaw

The ‘Other’ Lutheran Composer

March 2, 2009, [Lutheran Witness](#)
by Douglas Campbell

Two generations junior to Bach, Felix Mendelssohn made significant contributions to western music and Lutheran hymnody during his short life. This past Feb. 3 marked the 200th birthday of a composer of exceptional talent, deep faith, and high character. Often overshadowed in our Lutheran music tradition by the great J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847) is described as “the Classical Romantic”—linking the Classical ideal of form with the Romantic emphasis on expressiveness in music. In addition to “rediscovering” Bach, Mendelssohn enriched not only the music of his own time but also of ours, in church as well as in the salon and concert hall.



Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
(19th century) artist unknown;
Musikbibliothek der Stadt,
Leipzig, Germany.

A Vibrant Childhood

Jakob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn, born in Hamburg Feb. 3, 1809, of Jewish descent, was the second child and elder son of Abraham and Leah Mendelssohn. Their surname was already well-known—Abraham’s father, Moses Mendelssohn, gained fame for his Jewish philosophical writings and translation of the Pentateuch. Both Abraham and Leah were secure financially, and several years after they were married, they established a home in Berlin.

The Mendelssohn children were first home-schooled by their parents and later by private tutors. Both their mother and the family’s music teacher had been pupils of one of Bach’s students. Opportunities abounded elsewhere in Mendelssohn’s youth: Composers, scientists, artists, and architects frequented the family home, and travel included Paris, Switzerland, Britain, and Italy. Years later, Felix’s nephew wrote, “Without his father, Felix Mendelssohn would never have become what he was.”

In 1816, Abraham and Leah Mendelssohn converted their family to Christianity, adding the last name Bartholdy. Although this came about largely because of ethnic social pressure, subsequent years reveal a Christian faith genuinely embraced by Felix and his siblings. The Mendelssohn children were baptized on March 21, 1816, when Felix was seven. His confirmation confession from September 1825 opens with John 3:16.

The Blessings of Family

From childhood Felix and his older sister, Fanny, formed a “mutual admiration society.” (Their mother facetiously commented, “They are really vain and proud of one another.”) Sibling relations were close: At the first performance of the oratorio *St. Paul* in 1836, Fanny sang in the chorus while brother Paul and his wife attended.

“There are no husbands who love their wives as much as Felix loves you,” penned Mendelssohn’s sister, Rebecca, to Cecile Jeanrenaud. United in a happy marriage in 1837, Felix and Cecile enjoyed art, studying English, the outdoors, and reading together. They had five children. Mendelssohn referred to his children as a “great blessing.” Family letters record him teaching them math, geography, Greek, and music (naturally), reading them “Rumpelstiltskin,” and dispensing discipline.

As a musician, Mendelssohn gave his first public concert when he was nine years old. Compositions began at a young age with numerous works being completed as a teenager. As a conductor, composer, pianist, and organist, Mendelssohn was regularly in demand during his lifetime, with offers from places as far away as New York. More famous appointments included the Leipzig Gewandhaus orchestra, the Birmingham Festival in England, and service to the King of Prussia. Casual concertizing included Sunday afternoons in the family's Berlin home; a 19th-century "jam session" with Queen Victoria and Prince Albert; and playing a broken, borrowed fiddle for friends at a bonfire.

Faith and Music

A contemporary stated, "[Mendelssohn] believes firmly in his Lutheran creed." His manuscripts are initialed with the prayers *L.e.g.G.* (*Laß es gelingen, Gott*: "Let it succeed, God") or H.D.m. (*Hilf Du mir*: "Help Thou me.")

We can laud Mendelssohn's opinion of the Word and of music. Consistent with Heb. 4:12, "*The Word of God is living and active*," he wrote: "When composing, I usually look up the Bible passages myself," and "I have felt with fresh pleasure how forcible, exhaustive and harmonious the Scripture language is for music to me. There is an inimitable force in it." Reflecting Ps. 33:3, "Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy," Mendelssohn wrote: "I take music in a very serious light, and I consider it quite inadmissible to compose anything that I do not thoroughly feel," and "Every kind of music ought . . . to attend to the glory of God."

Mendelssohn composed choral settings of the Psalms and liturgy and cantatas on Lutheran chorales such as "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (*LSB* 449), "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" (*LSB* 743), and "From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come" (*LSB* 358).

His Organ Sonata No. 1 employs the tune for "The Will of God Is Always Best" (*LSB* 758) and Organ Sonata No. 6 showcases variations on "Our Father" (*LSB* 766), Luther's catechetical hymn on the Lord's Prayer.

The distribution of five chorales in the oratorio *St. Paul* helps recount the history of the Apostle to the Gentiles. The 1846 oratorio *Elijah* is considered by some to show that prophet as a type of Christ. (Elijah's confrontation with the priests of Baal is particularly dramatic!)

Symphony No. 5, *Reformation*, concludes powerfully with the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation," "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (*LSB* 657). This music was intended to commemorate the 1830 tercentennial of the Augsburg Confession.

Mendelssohn received a commission for the 1840 Gutenberg Festival in Leipzig (a center for book publishing), celebrating 400 years of the Gutenberg printing press. At Bach's own St. Thomas's Church in Leipzig, Symphony No. 2, *Hymn of Praise* premiered, featuring "Now Thank We All Our God" (*LSB* 895) and opening and closing choirs declaring Psalm 150: "*Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Alleluia!*"

Cultural Fixtures

Some of Mendelssohn's work has become a fixture in western culture. The "Spring Song" for piano is a background music staple in classic Saturday morning cartoons. Many couples exit their church

ceremony into married life to his “Wedding March,” incidental music written for Shakespeare’s play, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*.

At the 1840 Gutenberg Festival, Mendelssohn also composed a patriotic tune for a chorus of 200 men and brass band. The tune was for the dedication of a statue of the printer. Mendelssohn said: “I am sure that piece will be liked very much by singers and by hearers but it will never do to sacred words.” Fifteen years later, it was combined with a Charles Wesley text, creating a popular carol. The ubiquitous presence of “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” at Christmas might surprise Mendelssohn today.

An Inspiring Legacy

In spite of anti-Semitic disparagement following his 1847 death and a Nazi ban in the 20th century, Mendelssohn’s work has endured. His music totals more than 250 pieces from all genres, many popular in the modern repertoire. Besides composition, he is credited with coining the oxymoron “song without words,” which persists in musical terminology. Modern concert programming is also attributed to him, where music is played from a wide variety of periods at a single sitting. His keen interest in Bach, fueled by his parents and teachers, led to the performance of Bach’s *St. Matthew Passion* in 1829. At the time, Bach’s work was commonly perceived as outdated drudgery. Mendelssohn’s presentation of the piece after 80 years in obscurity spurred the “Bach revival.”

The life, influence, and especially the music of Mendelssohn serve as an inspiration to us in 2009. Take the opportunity this year to explore and discover the music of Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy—the “other” Lutheran composer.

Our Hymns: Much More Than Words and Music

Every hymn is much more than words and music. Each hymn is a skilled instructor, a fascinating time capsule, and a spiritual mentor. Each and every hymn in our hymnal is there because of a wonderful interaction of creativity, devotion, and history. Knowing the resources contained in the pew edition of the hymnal and also located in its support volumes can lead to an expanded appreciation of the blessings contained within the hymn itself. The process of discovering those blessings begins by taking a closer look at the hymn on the hymnbook page.

Not only are there texts and the music notes on a hymnal page, there is other information to present a fuller picture of the work. The names of the text writer, musical composer, and other people who have worked with the words and music, such as translators and arrangers, are noted beneath the hymn. Each of those people is a special contributor and has a singular life story. As we learn about them, these gifted people become skilled instructors for us.

The life story of Felix Mendelssohn is a good example of that kind of inspiring instruction. Mendelssohn not only composed music, he enriched the faith of countless Christians through his broader musical skills. In the back of our *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)* is a set of indexes which share the scope of work of a given contributor to the hymnal. If you look under Felix Mendelssohn (on p. 1005) you will discover that not only did he compose the tune for “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (*LSB* 380) and one of the melodies for “Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord” (*LSB* 777), he supplied the setting of the hymn tune “Munich” which is used three times in *LSB*: hymns 523, 606, and 658.

In its way, each of the hymns in the hymnbook is a fascinating time capsule. The words were written in a specific time and place in the history of God's people. The tunes were composed in various eras in the rich history of world music. Coming to understand more about that history is an enriching experience. At the present time, the LCMS Commission on Worship and Concordia Publishing House are cooperating on the publication of the *Lutheran Service Book Hymnal Companion*. This volume, written for both professionals and the wider membership of the Church, will be sharing the amazing history of our hymnody and telling the stories of the people behind the words and music. The *Hymnal Companion* will be available throughout the Church in June 2010.

As presented in *LSB*, each hymn serves as a spiritual mentor. At the end of each hymn is a listing of Bible texts that relate to the theme of the hymn. These can be studied in a devotional manner. Also a newly released resource, *Lutheran Service Book Concordance*, provides further opportunities for discovery and growth by listing each word in every hymn in *LSB* in an easily understood alphabetical sequence. Choosing a word such as "mercy" or "peace" or "blessings" or "prayer" and then looking up the hymn stanzas in which they are found can be a rewarding devotional exercise. Each hymn is so much more than just words and music! Start to make that discovery for yourself soon!

— *By Dr. Gregory J. Wismar*

Reformation 500 Presentation

Rev. Dr. Gerhard Bode, Jr.

**Associate Professor of Historical Theology
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis**

will be speaking on

“Martin Luther’s Reformation: Bringing God’s Word to God’s People”

Saturday, September 30, 2017

at

Redeemer Lutheran, Nashville (free event)

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Lecture 1 (with Q & A)

5:00 – 5:45 p.m. – Dinner provided

5:45 – 7:15 p.m. – Lecture 2 (with Q & A)

On Sunday, October 1, 2017

Dr. Bode will be leading the

Adult Bible Class (9:30 a.m.) and

preaching in the Divine Service (10:30 a.m.).

If you plan to attend, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board.

The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Is Near!

September 15, 2015 in *Lutherans Engage*

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017 is not about Martin Luther but the One who forgave him freely by grace through faith. It's the perfect time to confess Jesus Christ alone as our conscience cleanser. (Erik M. Lunsford/LCMS Communications)

by Randall Golter



A careful reading of a letter Martin Luther wrote to Cardinal Albert of Mainz on the same day (Oct. 31, 1517) he nailed the 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg's Castle Church shows his pastor's heart. This letter delightfully details Luther's deep concern for the laity.

What was his concern? For their clean conscience and that they remain clean, a cleansing made possible by hearing the comforting Word of Christ! Luther simply asks: "How can the [indulgence agents] then make the people feel secure and without fear [concerning salvation] by the means of false stories and promises of pardon?" Luther goes on to identify what is most crucial: "The first and only duty of the [pastors], however, is to see that the people learn the gospel and the love of Christ."

For Luther, the fundamental issue for the church of his time was proper pastoral care, that is, the sweet and clear preaching of Jesus Christ alone, without addition. The church in America is under fresh and aggressively hostile attack. God's weaponry — the church's surgical sword — remains the same. "*It pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe*" (1 Cor. 1:21). And the apostle John chimes in some 40 years later, "*They have conquered [the devil] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony*" (Rev. 12:11).

Right around the corner is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation! Some people will consider this event an opportune time to highlight Luther's heroism. Others might complain about his later caustic words or the church division that resulted. Fundamentally, the anniversary is not about Luther but the One who forgave Luther freely by grace through faith. It's the perfect time to confess Jesus Christ alone as our conscience cleanser! In other words, it is still all about Jesus! "*The blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin*" (1 John 1:7b). This remains the Father's way of bringing everyone home to Him.

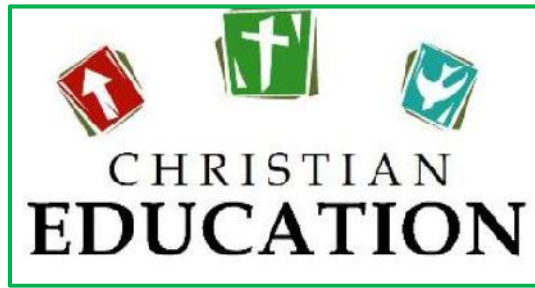
Make plans for how you and your church might magnify the Savior's name inside and outside the walls of the church. Take a look at *LutheranReformation.org*, and mark your calendar for the four dates of celebration that begin in November 2016 (Nov. 10, 2016 — Luther's birth; Feb. 18, 2017 — Luther's death; June 25, 2017 — Presentation of the Augsburg Confession; and Oct. 31, 2017 — Reformation Day).

Along with Reformation opportunities and resources, a renewed focus on preaching is starting, called "Preach the Word." This effort will provide pastors an opportunity to improve on the craft of preaching and the laity in their hearing of it. Oh, how the devil hates this focus on the communication of God's enlivening Word!

Luther says it so well: "The Word is so effective that whenever it is seriously contemplated, heard, and used, it is bound never to be without fruit [Isaiah 55:11; Mark 4:20]. It always awakens new understanding, pleasure, and devoutness and produces a pure heart and pure thoughts [Philippians 4:8]" (Large Catechism I 101).

Learn more: Reformation 2017 website: *LutheranReformation.org*

The Rev. Randall Golter is special assistant to the LCMS president. He is responsible for leading the Synod in planning the 2017 Reformation-anniversary celebration.



Hello from Christian Education. I hope everyone had a great summer. We have enjoyed taking a break which allowed the teachers to attend Pastor's bible study. The school year has started, and now Sunday school will start the first Sunday in September.

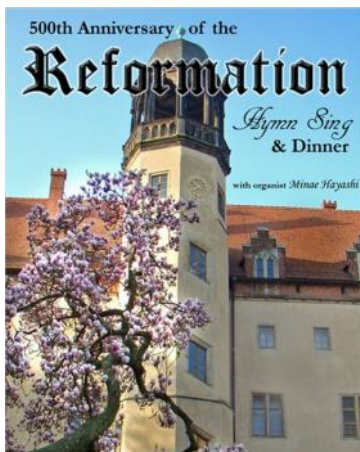
Jennifer Hygrell will be teaching K-second grade. Jennifer Loftis will be teaching third-sixth grade. Lisa Benjamin will be teaching 7-12 grades. Thank you again for teaching another year.

The children will be learning about King Solomon and Elijah in the first few weeks.

I hope everyone had a chance to see the solar eclipse. I was in awe when the total eclipse occurred. My faith in God was strengthened as I know he placed the sun, the earth and the moon in the sky so we could see the amazing spectacle. What a great teaching opportunity for us to share with children the amazing things God does for us.

Remember Pastor has a great bible study.

Jennifer Loftis,
Christian Education



Sunday, October 29, 2017

At 2:30 p.m.

At

Ascension Lutheran Church

610 W. Old Hickory Blvd.

Madison, TN 37115

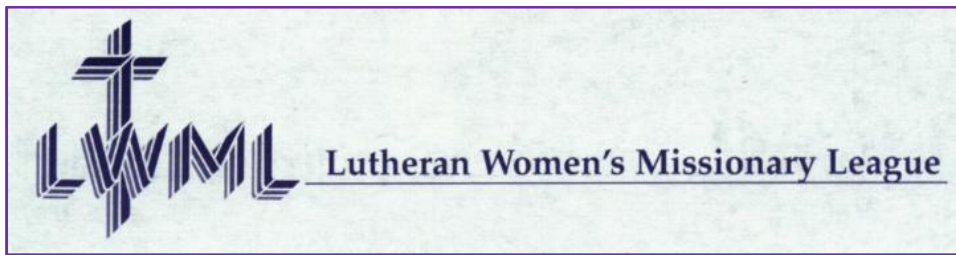
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www.ascensionmadison.com

All are invited to hear the rich history and theology of early-Reformation hymnody while joining together to sing timeless musical confessions of the Christian faith!

Dinner to follow immediately after the Hymn Sing.

*If you plan to attend, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board
so we may tell them how many to prepare for.*



LWML

Fall Zone Rally

Saturday, September 30

St. John Lutheran Church

Burns, TN

will host our Fall Zone Rally

We will be celebrating the

500th Anniversary of the Reformation

and

75th Anniversary of LWML.

See Rosalie Replogle for more information.

VOLUNTEER CLEANING



All the weeks until the end of the year are available for you to volunteer!!!

We depend on you - the members

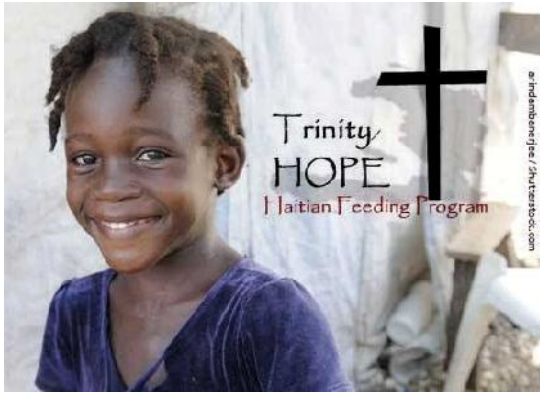
to keep our church building clean.

It would only take a few hours out of your week.

Can you volunteer?

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

For more information, see James Hygrell or Pastor Shaw.



News from TrinityHOPE

This is one of a series of articles which we make available each month to keep congregations informed about our activities. TrinityHOPE, a not-for profit charitable organization, raises funds and administers feeding programs that provide a noon meal for the hungry children who attend our schools in Haiti where the Good News of Jesus is daily shared. It is blessed to have numerous supporters in this church.

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● Web Page: www.TrinityHope.org ● Facebook: [trinityhopehaiti](https://www.facebook.com/trinityhopehaiti)

GOD IS GREAT!

By Kim Beihl

It's a prayer I grew up saying, *"God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our food. Amen"* It was a simple prayer and then later on we learned another version that we sang and added "cha-cha-cha's" at the end! I loved singing that prayer, before a meal, when I was growing up, actually I still do! Whenever our family is together it's one of the first prayers that is chosen to bless our food and give thanks to God. It brings all the adults such joy to watch the little ones sing at the top of their lungs . . . *"God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our food. We're gonna thank Him in the morning, noon, and night. We're gonna thank our God cause He's out of sight. Amen. Cha-cha-cha... Amen. Cha-cha-cha... Yeah!!"*

Soon, the children of Haiti will be gathering for school and they pray before their meals, giving thanks to Lord for what He has given them . . . a bowl of rice and beans! I remember visiting our first school ever, during our first mission trip, and watching and listening to the children pray. They all stood, closed their eyes really tightly, while others covered their eyes, which is common in Haiti and respectful to do during a prayer. Then the children began praying loudly and with passion and gratitude. We didn't know exactly what they were saying until they got to the end of the prayer and they said *"Merci Papa. Amen"* which means *"Thank You Father. Amen"*.



There is so much to be thankful for as TrinityHOPE enters into a new school season. Let's come to our Father, our Papa with thanksgiving and praise and pray like a child . . . loud, bold, passionate and grateful! Every time we sit down to pray before our meals let us remember the children of Haiti and pray for them as well, thanking God for the amazing work He is doing and praising Him for the many blessings He continues to pour out on TrinityHOPE and the people of Haiti!

God is Great! And we all say, *"Merci Papa. Amen"*



Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl. 9:10).

God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). And He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach and teach and those who hear and learn). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord’s Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them.

As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil—those who live contrary to God’s will—and to reward those who do good—those whose lives are lived in conformity with God’s will. Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for their leaders bear the sword of God’s temporal justice for a purpose.

As members of God’s own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works in accordance with God’s will. They are to preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off. Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are to support them by their prayers and their gifts.

Each of these callings from God places a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence, our prayers, and on our time, talents, and treasures. So, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10). Pray for your family, for your government, and your church. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your government, and your Church. That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.

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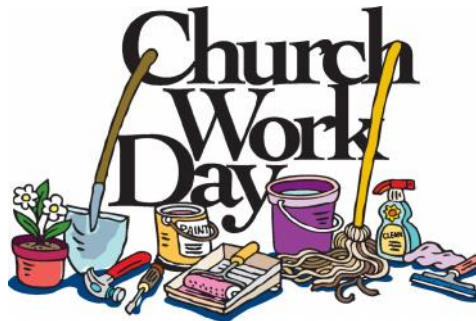
OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you are in need of a box of offering envelopes,
please contact the church office.
A new box will be placed in you mailbox at Trinity.



Members, if you have made changes to your phone service
(dropped a landline and only have a cell), or changed your phone number,
e-mail or mailing address, please send that information to the church office so we can
“update” our records and be able to contact you as needed.

Thank you!



OUR FALL WORK DAY IS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Let's all pitch in to clean up and fix up on the inside and outside.

More information to follow.

See James Hygrell for more information.



HENRIETTA CHURCH MOUSE'S PAGE!

Henrietta Church Mouse Here!

September is here and offering the wonderful gift of Labor Day! A day for the hard working force to take it easy. This day also tells us that summer is coming to an end. Don't fret though. Here in Tennessee we have quite a bit of summer weather left to enjoy.

I'm so excited because as summer ends my favorite season begins! Yep, Autumn will officially arrive later this month. Of course it will be a while before we see the beauty of season. In the meantime I've got to get started on my craft for Grandparents Day. It's my way of showing my grandparents how much I love them. How do you show yours?



Grandmas and Grandpas are ever so nice.
Like presents and candy and raspberry ice.
And chocolate fudge sundaes, with cherries on top.
And popcorn and peanuts and grape soda pop.
In winter or summer, in rain or in sun,
Grandmas and Grandpas are wonderful fun!

Until Next Month,
Henrietta Church Mouse in Residence

I'd love to hear from you. Drop me a note in my mailbox (#125) and I'll be sure to respond.



The Third Annual Lutheran Services in Tennessee

GOLF FOR HOPE TOURNAMENT

To be held on

Monday, October 9

at the new

HIDEAWAY at Arrington Championship Golf Course.

8000 Club View Drive, College Grove, TN 37046

Registration is at 11:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:15 p.m.

Cost is \$125 per person or \$500 per foursome.

Perks and prizes include:

- Box Lunch/beverages
- Championship Golf
 - Cart
 - Range Balls
- Awards Reception

AND

a

**Hole-in-One Winner of a
new car sponsored by Nissan of Cool Springs!**

Get your foursome together today or invite your golfer friends to participate.

Registration is open at www.LSTN.org.

You can also volunteer during the event.

Contact Nick Hafner, Volunteer Tournament Director at 305.283.6273.

We look forward to your participation at this fun charity event!

Ellen Koester
Lutheran Services in Tennessee
615-838-5550

**WE THANK GOD FOR THESE
CELEBRATIONS IN SEPTEMBER**

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Icelyn Ferguson
- 4 David Bush
- 4 Edna Wolf
- 9 Briley Gramse
- 9 Lori Kissinger
- 9 Tom Riesterer
- 11 William Bush
- 12 Corey Gramse
- 12 Addie Riley
- 14 Steven King
- 14 John Simon
- 14 Ethan Smith
- 15 Carol Kraemer
- 17 Jennifer Smith
- 19 Drew Gibson
- 20 Shirley Johnson
- 25 Aubrey Henning



ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 Tom & Linda Riesterer (1993)
- 30 Gene & Karin Lehmann (1968)



SERVANT SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

PASTOR

Kenneth B. Shaw

ELDER

Chris Loftis

OFFERING COUNTERS

Loren Replogle & Tim Hartley

ALTAR STEWARD

Lisa Benjamin

GREETERS

Clyde & Carolyn Schroeder

USHERS

**Rob Benjamin & Bill Pfingsten - Center Aisle
James Hygrell & Les Keller - Side Aisles**

ACOLYTES

**September 3 – Paige Smith
September 10 - Gabriel Alvarado
September 17 – Kristina Levan
September 24 – Elena Alvarado**

VOLUNTEER CLEANING SCHEDULE

**August 27 – September 2 –
September 3 – 9
September 10 -16
September 17 – 23
September 24 – 30**