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October, 2022 Newsletter

Insight from the Word of God: Martin Luther & The Reformation



On October 31, 1517 God moved Dr. Martin Luther (A. D. 1483-1546), an Augustinian monk and Doctor of Old Testament theology, to nail what has become known as the Ninety-five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. These theses or sentences attacked the Roman Catholic practice and teaching of indulgences,

which sold forgiveness for money.

Pope Leo the 10th had issued an official proclamation, called an indulgence, which offered to sell the forgiveness of sins for both the living and dead, without the presence of sorrow over sin or faith in Christ.

John Tetzel, a Dominican monk, became wealthy selling these indulgences, this forgiveness paperwork, in the area near Wittenberg, Germany where Luther lived. Tetzel was a large, eloquent man with a flare for sales psychology. His arrival was announced some weeks before his visit to a town. When he finally arrived, the whole town would come out to greet him with a great celebration.

In the town square, Tetzel gave his first sermon on "Hell," in which he pictured the place of the damned in language made vivid with fire and brimstone.

The second sermon which dramatically portrayed the sufferings of the relatives of the townspeople in "Purgatory" was spoken in the town cathedral. He would ask his audience, if they could not hear the wailing and suffering cries of their relatives rising up from purgatory, while they, their descendants, enjoyed their inheritance here on earth.

Tetzel's third sermon was on the joys of "Heaven." How sweet and peaceful were the souls in heaven in contrast to the sufferings of the poor souls in hell!

Now the audience was ripe for the sale of the indulgences. Tetzel sold the indulgence paperwork to the people based on their ability to pay. Businessmen would have to pay as much as \$80, while the poor were charged only \$7!

After this selling of forgiveness had gone on for a few years, Martin Luther in righteous indignation posted his Ninety-five Theses against this indulgence traffic. While Luther posted these statements with the intention of sparking a scholarly dialogue within the Roman Catholic Church, God used this event to trigger the Lutheran Reformation, the fruits of which Protestant churches still enjoy, today.

The Lutheran Reformation continues to be celebrated in our day, because through this renewal of the church the Holy Spirit taught the church the biblical doctrine of justification by God's grace through faith alone in Jesus Christ as Savior. Justification means that God declares all believers in Christ "not guilty" and innocent of all their sins through their baptismal and faith connection to Christ. Justification, this teaching of forgiveness through faith in Christ alone, is the central doctrine of the Bible by which the church stands and continues to grow. Pastor Brechbuhl

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"We Are All Beggars"

In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. Before that happened, the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words: "We are all beggars. This is true." And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free. Ironic, isn't it? In order to be free, you must be a beggar. You must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable - the way we're uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas present when we haven't gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don't like being in someone's debt like that. But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. And we're not just anyone's beggars. We're God's beggars. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners. If we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives. And here's the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything. Forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This isn't because of any worthiness or merit in us. It is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace. On account of Christ's death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true. This is the heart and soul of

Christianity and the lifeblood of the Christian Church. God justifies us and declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This isn't because of our works but because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children. This is what Luther pointed us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled "We are all beggars. This is true." We are beggars, but we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us and who doesn't pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners. We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – still in us by grace for Christ's sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God's grace. The riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism, and in Holy Communion – are so inexhaustible that our cups overflow. We, who are God's beggars, are inexhaustibly satisfied, and we have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

OCTOBER BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

DUFELMEIER, Mary	1-Oct
GAIN, Bonnie V.	1-Oct
PRICE, ANDREA	1-Oct
PRICE, ANDREA L.	1-Oct
WILSON,B, Megan K.	3-Oct
HANNEL, Matthew A.	4-Oct
PICKENS, Retta J.	4-Oct
LAWSON, Mary A.	5-Oct
KRICK, Brian D.	6-Oct
GARMAN, Alicia A.	7-Oct
BRUNE, Debra E.	10-Oct
BRUNE, Kylie M.	10-Oct
BRUNE, Sarah N.	10-Oct
FREED, Landon A.	10-Oct
GEERS, Andrea N.	10-Oct
HANNEL, David B.	10-Oct
THIES, Linda J.	10-Oct
BAKER, Alan D.	11-Oct
AUSTIN, Vickie M.	13-Oct
CARLS, Trenton J.	13-Oct
CAMPBELL, Whitney L.	15-Oct
EVANS, Patrick M.	15-Oct
MORRIS, Robert A. (Bob)	15-Oct
WELLENKAMP, Lucas A. (15-Oct
NAGY, MARILYN	16-Oct
RIEMER, Judith A. (Judy)	16-Oct
SIEVING, Ashley J.	16-Oct
STURGEON, Matthew E.	16-Oct
FARMER, James	17-Oct

KRAUSE, Mary L.	18-Oct
PETERSON, Ryder K.	18-Oct
HOOD, Liam C. (Liam)	19-Oct
BARTLOW, Kelsey A.	20-Oct
PRATT, Logan W.	20-Oct
Shaughnessy, Evan J.	20-Oct
ENGBRECHT, Kara L.	21-Oct
LOWERY, Justin E.	22-Oct
SMITH, Bretta A.	22-Oct
KUNZEMAN, Teresa L.	23-Oct
SCOBIE, John A. (Alex)	23-Oct
SHIREMAN, Abigail S.	23-Oct
CHUMLEY, Ella G.	24-Oct
KING, Barbara A.	24-Oct
STRUBBE,W, Sabre M.	25-Oct
WARCUP, Karl W.	25-Oct
SCHUMACHER, Sara E.	26-Oct
WHEELER, Brittany L.	28-Oct
WILSON,B, Joshua A.	28-Oct
BEZLER, Anna G.	29-Oct
BEZLER, Emilie R.	29-Oct
FAIRFIELD, Katelyn E.	29-Oct
GREGORY, Clay	29-Oct
DAY, Elizabeth M.	30-Oct
ENGBRECHT, Bruce A.	30-Oct
MICHAEL Sr., Robert K.	31-Oct

IN SYMPATHY: Former student, Steve Six, graduated from Salem in 1952 passed away on August 15th in El Cajon, CA Please remember his family in your prayers. If you would like more information, please contact Rose Sheeley (217)-245-7917

NEW BABY: Abby and Caulyn Crow became proud parents of a new baby girl. Lucy Kay Crow was born on Tuesday, September 12th weighing in at 7 lbs and 4 oz. Grandparents are John and Sherri Tomhave, Shaun and Kirby Crow, Great Grandmother, Karen Tomhave. May the Lord bless this new addition and the parents.

UPCOMING SALEM WORSHIP START TIMES:

Sept 25th 9:00 am Rev. Riemer
 Oct 2nd 9:00 am Rev. Brechbuhl
 Oct. 9th 9:00 am Rev. Brechbuhl
 Oct. 16th **8:30 am** Rev. Stratmann
 Oct. 23rd 9:00 am Rev. Riemer
 Oct. 30th 9:00 am Rev. Brechbuhl
 Nov. 6th **8:30 am** Rev. Stratmann
 Nov. 13th 9:00 am Rev. Brechbuhl
 Nov. 20th 9:00 am Rev. Brechbuhl
 Nov. 23th **6:00 pm** Rev. Brechbuhl Wednesday
 Thanksgiving

Eve Service

Nov. 27th 9:00 am Rev. Brechbuhl Sunday Advent 1
 Nov. 30th **6:00 pm** Rev. Brechbuhl Wednesday Midweek

Advent 1

+ The Adult Bible Class will be immediately after the service and taught by Rev. Riemer, when other pastors have to leave to preach elsewhere.

+ Since Rev. Brechbuhl will be preaching a monthly average of three times at Salem, the service will start at 8:30 am about once a month to allow Revs. Phillips and Strattman to preach at their own congregations at 10:00 am.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

2022 Illinois Valley Lutherans for Life Annual Nut

Sale: Nationally, Lutherans for Life is celebrating 44 years as an organization! Our local Illinois Valley Lutherans for Life will be having their annual nut sale from **September 11th to October 9th** this year. If you value life and wish to support our mission, please help by ordering some pecans and/or other nuts from Lutherans for Life. Order forms will be available soon. If you wish to order any nuts, please fill out a form along with your payment and give it to one of the Lutherans for Life volunteers—Ruth Werries, Karen Engebrecht, Karen Tomhave or you may leave it in the church office. Illinois Valley Lutherans for Life appreciates all the support you have given them in the past. Nut sale proceeds are used to help support the Pregnancy Resource Centers in Jacksonville and Rushville, to provide funding for Students for Life events and to support our national LFL office. Locally, funds are used to provide age-appropriate books and educational materials for our Lutheran School. “Thanks for supporting Life”!

THANK YOU: A huge thank you goes out to the following who helped deliver Doorbell Dinners during the week of September 5-9: Randy and Mary Anne Lawson, Elaine Jarman, Danny Magelitz, Jane Henderson, Joanne Campbell, Ruth Werries, Linda Strubbe, and the students from Grades 6-7. The students used words to describe their experiences as “fast” and “helpful” and “caring” and “fun”. You can find pictures from the week on Salem School’s webpage. Our meal recipients enjoyed having the students bring their lunches. Sometimes, we are the only visitors they might have in a day and many times we have to remind them that we have other stops to make on our routes. If you wish to volunteer for this program please contact Rita Tendick at 217-473-5017. Our next assigned week will be December 5-9.

NEEDING A TRAILER: Salem School is in search of a trailer (flatbed) to decorate and use in some of the upcoming parades. If you have one and are willing to loan it, please give Ms Reistma a call. Thank you.

COOKIE WALK: Mark your Calendars. Salem Lutheran Annual Cookie Walk will be held on December 2nd. More info to follow. Thank you

LADIES GUILD: The Ladies Guild meeting will be held on Monday, November 14th at 3:00 pm.

LLL OKTOBERFEST - Please plan to attend the Lutheran Laymen's League "Oktoberfest" to be held at Trinity Lutheran Gym at Arenzville, Illinois on Saturday October 8th. We will serve the regular - Brats, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, Red Cabbage, HomeMade Root Beer, Pie and cake for dessert. Please help support the LLL to keep the broadcast on the air.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS: Salem School is in need of willing hands for helping with Advent Costumes. If interested in helping, please contact the Church & School Office. Thank you.

RADIO OPENING: Salem Lutheran is in search of volunteers that would like to learn how to broadcast our services. If you would be interested in the opportunity to do that or would just like to see if you would enjoy doing this, please see Kevin Eckhoff. He would be willing to let you sit in and check it out. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated. An opportunity to learn something new and help Salem out. Thank you

SCRIPT CARDS: Please remember the script card program here at Salem. The money made from you purchasing gift cards goes directly to the School. In today’s world, it is much safer to use a gift card to make purchases, buy gasoline and etc., that way you are not putting your credit card into a machine that might get compromised. Please remember Salem when making purchases of gift cards.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Salem is back to having monthly committee meetings. With the COVID19 we all have become lacks and have taken a step back to being in meetings. We would like to invite all who are on committees back to the meetings and invite anyone new that would like to participate on a committee to come. Committee meetings are held the second Tuesday night at 6:30 pm here at Salem. All are welcome and everyone needs to come together and get involved. Thank you.

DEACONS: Listed below are the names of the Deacons for Salem Lutheran 2022. Please feel free to give your Deacon a call.

Group 1: “AA-GARM” Wade Mathis 217-690-2693

Group 2: “GARR-MAN” Austin Tomhave 217-883-3461

Group 3: “MASS-SHE”

Group 4: “SHIR-ZIM” Dwayne Middendorf 217-248-2091

Two Elders assisting Deacons:
 Larry Baker (217)370-1480, Gerald Warcup (217)243-2620

**OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
 WORK PROGRAM**

Fiscal Year 8/2020-7/2021
 (from 9/30/2020 Treasurer's Report)

**CURRENT FINANCIAL
 INDEBTEDNESS**

7/31/20	7/31/22
Farmers State Bank Line of Credit	
\$122,900.20	\$0.00
Internal Loan from Restricted	
\$63,725.00	\$0.00
LEAP	
\$828,100.60	\$675,233.16

**Financial Status Report for
 July 2022**

Our total operating needs monthly:	\$ 48,227.92
Our operating receipts July, 2022:	\$ 30,855.91
Our total operating needs YTD:	\$615,040.04
Our total operating receipts YTD:	\$615,040.04
Our Shortfall or Excess YTD:	\$ 0.00

SCHOOL NEWS

News from Principal Joy Reitsma: This month has been very busy! Our littlest Cyclones (preschool) have been practicing to sing in church to share the love of Jesus with their families and the congregation. We had the church and school picnic where even the damp weather couldn't stop the fellowship. Our students were wet but happy to spend time together out at the Steinacher's home. We thank the Steinacher's for their hospitality! Our school website has received a facelift! It is VERY user friendly! Thank you to Kevin Echhoff and company for overseeing these changes. Be sure to go and check it out at www.salemjaxschool.net. School Spirit Friday's are back! Thank you to Samantha Robinson for designing and printing our spirit wear! If you would like to order a shirt to wear to church/school events see the office for an order form. We will also be having a float in the Illinois College Homecoming parade. We are seeking all past graduates to ride on our: *165 Years of Excellence in Christian Education* float. If you or someone you know is a graduate of Salem

and can ride on the float, please contact the office. We will be hosting a trunk or treat in October! We would love to have as many cars decorated as possible. The theme is: *your favorite book*. You can either have candy to give out or a game for the children to play. We are making this a community event to encourage people to come check us out! If you would like to be a car, please let the office know so we can map out where to place the cars. We are also looking for help to make costumes for the Advent/Christmas Service the school will be doing. If you would like to help, please contact the office.



PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN News from Mrs. Mindy Lysaythong: Hello preschool and kindergarten parents, it has been an exciting month getting to know each other, our families, and working together as a team. The children have been working hard rehearsing their song and getting ready for the show on September 25 at 9 am just for you!

I want to thank everyone for taking the time to work with your child with his/her homework. The first thing the children wanted to tell me in the morning is that they got

the homework done by waving it in front of my face. It amazes me how much they love to learn and play with their friends! I appreciate your dedication to your child's educational endeavors! As teachers, Mrs. Weigand and I have the best job to educate them and watch them blossom not just academically but as a child of God. The children have been very responsible in terms of getting their classroom work done and most importantly cleaning up after themselves. To thank our students we threw them a watermelon party. They have earned it! They ate watermelon with friends, received a watermelon cookie, and tried to break a watermelon piñata with a stick! It was a blast of fun!



1st & 2nd GRADE NEWS from Mrs. Deborah Steinacher: School is going so well! We are off to a fantastic start to another wonderful school year! We have been doing a variety of classroom projects already. In religion we have been learning about how God made the world and everything in it. We have also been learning that many things around us are God-made while other things are human-made. In science we really liked learning about what would sink and what would float. It was a lot of fun using water and a variety of things to make our predictions. We are already working on filling the hallway with our artwork. They have made rainbows to remind us of God's promise to never flood the whole world again. They have also been learning about lines and have made some line designs. We have been practicing the song "Father Welcomes." We have been working on reading through the verses and knowing what the song means. They are doing a wonderful job of learning the

Song and are looking forward to singing in church on October 9th. Thank you for your support. God's blessings

Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 25: PreK sings in church
- Sept. 28- Oct. 5: Book Fair
- Sept. 30: Family Fun Night 4:30-6:30pm
- Oct. 1: Illinois College Homecoming Parade- AM
- Oct. 9: K-7 sing in church
- Oct. 30: Trunk or Treat 4-6pm

3rd, 4th & 5th GRADE NEWS from Mrs. Blayre Petri:

It is so fun to see the excitement on the student's face when a familiar hymn or song is played during music time on Fridays. My 3rd and 4th grade students truly enjoy praising God through music. We have been joining the 1st and 2nd graders on Fridays which is also so much fun! For the past few months we have been working hard on our hymn "Father Welcomes," that we will be singing in October. The Christian songs we sing during music remind us of the everlasting love God has for each and every one of us! God Bless, Mrs. Petri

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE NUT SALE
(Sept. 11--Oct. 9, 2022)
Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____

<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Price/Bag</i>
_____ <i>Shelled Mammoth Pecan Halves</i>	<i>\$11.50</i>
_____ <i>Shelled medium Broken Pecan Pieces</i>	<i>\$11.00</i>
_____ <i>Shelled English Walnuts</i>	<i>\$9.50</i>
_____ <i>Shelled Black Walnuts, Large Pieces</i>	<i>\$13.50</i>
_____ <i>Shelled Mixed Nuts (No Peanuts)</i>	<i>\$10.50</i>
_____ <i>Shelled Toasted & Salted Cashews</i>	<i>\$11.00</i>
_____ <i>Extra Large Whole Almonds (unblanched)</i>	<i>\$9.00</i>
_____ <i>Dry Roasted & In The Shell Pistachios</i>	<i>\$11.50</i>
_____ <i>Deluxe Milk Chocolate Covered Pecan Halves</i>	<i>\$10.50</i>
_____ <i>Praline Pecan Halves</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>
_____ <i>Cinnamon & Spice Pecan Halves</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>
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_____ <i>Total Quantity</i>	<i>Total Price</i> _____

Please return this order form to _____ Ruth Werries

Make checks payable to Lutherans for Life.

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