



As you know, October 31st is commonly marked on people’s calendars because it is the holiday known as Halloween. However, I would say that October 31st is a day to mark on the calendar for a much more important reason than Halloween. It was on October 31st, 1517, that Martin Luther pounded his list of 95 Theses onto the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany.

Now, if you notice not only the day, but the year of that date above, and do a little basic math, you now know that a significant anniversary is upon us! It was, on the last day of this month, exactly 500 years ago that Luther took a bold stand – a stand that changed not only the course of the history of Christianity, but the course of a great deal of human history!

It was the bold proclamation of the Gospel by Luther and his fellow like-minded workers of the Protestant Reformation, and their rootedness in the authority of Jesus Christ and the words of the Holy Scriptures, that brought about wonderful changes in how many churches would operate in the future, and how God would work in the individual minds and hearts of His people.

What did Luther say in these 95 Theses? And what are some of these wonderful changes that resulted from the Protestant Reformation? Well, I definitely don’t have room to write about that in this brief newsletter article! But, I do invite and encourage you to learn more about it in adult class in the coming weeks. Starting on Sunday October 15th, come be a part of adult class at 9am each Sunday in the Fireside Room, as together we explore the great significance of the Protestant Reformation upon the past, the present and the future!

In Christ, *Pastor Dan*

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group is starting up once again and last Sunday, the youth participated in a scavenger hunt for items for the food pantry - and collected over 100 items. This year, Youth Group will be starting up with a series from Right Now Media called ‘Awaken.’ It focuses on waking them up from the mundane every day life and to live out the life God has called them to.

Coming up on October 1 at Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp is the first Outreach Night from 5-8 p.m.

-Chris Baugh



THANK YOU to those who were very generous in donating when the youth group did their scavenger hunt around Everly on Sunday evening, September 24. They collected over 150 items for the food pantry!

WORSHIP: 10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of the month.
EDUCATION: 9:00 am Adult Study
9:00 am Sunday School

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MISSION STATEMENT
 “As a community of Christians, we commit ourselves to worship, grow in faith, to witness and reach out with Christ’s love to promote healing, support and service to one another, society, and the world.”

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday School kids will sing in worship on **Sunday, October 15**. A noisy offering will be received.
On **Sunday, October 22**, Bibles will be given to 3 year olds and 3rd graders during worship.
Quilt Day will be **Wednesday, October 25**, starting at 9 am.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Jon Berends	5 Lester Tessum	14 Pat Jensen	22 John Kelly Geerdes
1 Tracy Meyer	7 Jill Foss	16 Adam Quail	25 Erik Beougher
2 Jack Berends	10 David Holtz	18 Hunter Pearson	25 Todd Meyer
2 Wyatt Haffner	11 Leslie Tesch	18 Mitch Schoelerman	26 Cindy Pearson
2 Curtis Tessum	12 Tyler Tessum	18 Gary Seversen	27 Darin Christofferson
3 Sharon Maaland	13 James Bunge	19 Aidan Quail	28 LaVonne Peters
3 Doris Wilson	13 Karen Geerdes	20 Quinton Harmon	29 Paula Beunger
4 Steve Smith	13 Gary Scharnberg	20 Adam Schoelerman	

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 Brent and Leah Keene	8 Joel and Paula Buenger	27 Arvin and Pat Tesch
4 Nicholas and Jessica Hurst	24 Rod and Janet Thomsen	29 Arnold and Ardie Dodge
7 Lester and Kim Tessum	27 Tim and Sherri Steffen	

IT'S ALREADY THAT TIME... raffle tickets for Harvest Festival will be for sale every Sunday from now until November 12 as well as at the Election night soup supper on Tuesday, November 7.



WOMEN'S DAY AWAY at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp

October 21, 9:00 am- 5:00 pm www.okoboji.org / 1-800-OKOBOJI to register - Just \$29!

Are you ready to get a little time away from stresses of daily life? How about a wonderful day of relaxation, friendship, faith, and fun! This one-day retreat will include sessions, worship, great food, free time activities (massages, cake decorating, photo or painting class), and more. Escape for a day away!

The theme is "Pressing On". Each session throughout the day will cover one chapter of Philippians.

Session 1- Pressing On to Love like Jesus. Session 2- Pressing On to Think like Jesus.

Session 3- Pressing On to Know Jesus More. Session 4- Pressing On to Joy and Peace.

ARE YOU HANDY?

Work has started on a fourth cabin remodel at Ingham Lake Lutheran Bible camp. Call Richard Hildebrand (330-2606) or Dan Shinkle (332-7087) if you want to help fix a 1950 era building at the Ingham Bible Camp. Thrivent has again given seed money of \$250.00 to help. We car pool from Milford.



HOPE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Hope Lutheran Food Pantry opened its doors on February 25, 2017. Although it started slowly with only two or three families a week, it has grown steadily since, now serving up to 10 families weekly. So far, we have served 20 families from our community and the surrounding area.

Our food pantry currently is open from 10 am to 2 pm on Mondays and 2 pm to 6 pm on Wednesdays. We carry a variety of items including canned goods, juices, puddings, sugar and flour, peanut butter and jelly, cleaning items and personal hygiene items. We also have many items for babies and toddlers. Our pantry is open to anyone in our surrounding area who is in need, either in the short-term or long-term. Our church is handicap accessible with elevators accessed by the front door.

We encourage all to utilize our pantry. If you know of a friend in need who cannot come on their own, please get a list from them and pick up the items for them.

Our pantry has been financed through grants from Thrivent, donations from church members, our mission outreach funds, our Hope Lutheran Endowment Fund, and most recently from a \$2500 donation from the city of Every.

Our pantry is run strictly by volunteers, and we welcome anyone who would like to help by working a 2 or 4 hour shift. Our hours can be increased if we are told there is a need. Any questions can be addressed by calling Dave Hoyer at 712-834-2160, or Sharon Maaland at 728-3282.

FUNDS FOR PROJECTS

Do you wish you could help with a need you see in our community but could use some help to make a plan and get it off the ground? There is a fantastic partner for you, aiming to encourage more outreach by churches and their members: Thrivent!

How could you, with others from Hope, reach out to others in need with the love of Christ? The Thrivent Action Team is designed to turn what you wish you could do into a reality, by having you round up a team of other volunteers, write out steps in a plan, and by providing you with supplies and even funds to get it going.

Thrivent member or not, if you have an idea, talk to Pastor Dan or Kara to get help with the application process or to see if others want to join in your vision.

If you are a Thrivent member, depending on your level, you have a Thrivent Action Team benefit available once or twice a year. This means you could receive \$250 once or twice a year to go toward a project.

The funds are meant to be seed money, a starting point on your mission to make a on-going difference.

The steps:

1. Think about an unmet need in our community and how you could help.
2. Apply online to lead other volunteers in a 1-time service activity/event/fundraiser that can be completed within 90 days.
3. Once approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including:
 - Promotional banner
 - Invitations and thank-you cards
 - Thrivent Action Team T-shirts
 - \$250 Community Impact Card to use as seed money to get your project off the ground and make a bigger impact

This benefit has been utilized to provide seed money for the opening of the Hope Food Pantry. It has also been used to support the flood bucket project sent to hurricane Harvey victims, by allowing for additional supplies to be purchased.

Thank you, Thrivent!

For more information or to see what other churches have done, visit thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/



Church Council Meeting - OCTOBER MINUTES

President Adolf called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM on September 6, 2017. Pastor Dan gave devotions from Psalm 119 v. 153, praying for preservation and deliverance.

Members present: Kevin Adolf – President Allen Boyles – Deacon Brian Kahl – Trustee
John Jensen – Treasurer Carol Schmeling – Deacon Tracy Adrian – Vice President
Monica Glime – Secretary Todd Meyer – Trustee Brook Schueller – Board of Ed

Secretary's report reviewed. M/S/C by Meyer/Schmeling to approve report.

Treasurer's report reviewed, M/S/C by Adrian/Kahl to approve report as presented and pay current bills.

President's report: Looking for volunteers for Harvest Festival.

Member's report: Baptism: Bennett Johnson, son of Holly Johnson

Trustees' report: Bell Tower update – none

Painting update on outside – painting is complete. Waiting for George to finish fascia.

Parsonage window project and Fireside Room ceiling – Bid is \$3000 total to scrape, recaulk and repaint the windows at the parsonage and the garage door and to paint the ceiling in the Fireside Room. M/S/C Boyles/Schmeling.

Board of Education: Sunday School: First day of Sunday School will be Sunday, September 24, estimating 40 kids.

Confirmation: Class resumes September 27.

High School: Kick off get-together will be Sunday, September 24 with a scavenger hunt and meal in the city park beginning at 5:00 pm. First Youth Group meeting September 27.

Women of Hope: Fall Annual Gathering, November 8.

UMCOR – sent items to Texas – 23 cleaning buckets and 16 health kits.

Old Business: Harvest Festival – know of any prospects to head it up?

New Business: Church picnic – after worship on Sunday, Sept. 24. Tracy will smoke pork loin. Pot luck for remainder of meal.

Mission – We are going to have a special collection plate to go to LCMC disaster relief fund. This fund will spread funds donated nationwide to those in need. We will be collecting September 24 and October 1. Make checks to Hope Lutheran Church and the church will send one check.

Special Project – Carol brought up the need of sponsors for children in our school system needing milk money for afternoon snack. At this time there are 18 children who do not get milk at snack time. The cost is \$30/semester per child. Sunday school is going to take on this project.

The next council meeting will be **Wednesday, October 11 at 8:00 p.m.**

Tidings material is due in the office on Tuesday, September 26, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:06 pm.

Secretary, Monica Glime



Women of Hope

MEETING MINUTES

Women of Hope Board Meeting – September 6, 2017

The WOH board meeting was held on Sept 6, 2017 at 5PM with 5 members present. President Kris Keene called the meeting to order with devotions.

Secretary's Report was read and approved M/S/C Cynthia/Kara. Several thank yous were received and read for the Lovebaskets (Arvin Schmidt & Merlyn Fell), camperships (Presley Glime, Haley, Jack, & Ryan Berends), and 1 Love gift. We also had thank yous from Caasa for 10 quilts, Ingham Okoboji Camp for the auction quilt that was sold for \$200, and Global Health Ministries for the hospice kits, quilts, and bandages(rolled by Dale & Shirley Adolf).

Treasurer's Report – General Fund \$2400.47 Love Fund \$1259.13 The following bills were presented and approved M/S/C Marlene/Kara: White Glove \$45.71 paper products, Spencer Trophy \$17.77 baptism plaques, Concordia \$109.50 for Portals of Prayer. Discussion on increasing the number of copies of Portals of Prayer was held and Cynthia will inquire about that. 1 Love gift was approved. Final approval was also given for the summer fellowship offerings to go to the Food Pantry and the Love service offerings were divided between the Victory House in Spencer and the Mav Pak program.

Mission Action - June quilt day had 9 ladies making 7 quilts. July quilt day had 11 ladies making 8 quilts. August quilt day was cancelled. Sept 27 will be the next quilt day. Hope Lutheran and Bethlehem Lutheran worked together to fill 23 buckets with cleaning supplies and 16 health kits for the Hurricane Harvey victims through the UMCOR in Sheldon. 17 quilts were also sent along. Thank you to everyone who donated items or money to make this happen, and to Kara for her work on this project.

In a fallen world, disasters happen — and for two millennia, Christians have been at the forefront of relief efforts, helping to ease suffering and provide care in Jesus's name.

Providing disaster relief is one of the most visible ways for Christians to put their faith into action.

The Good Samaritan in Luke 10 didn't pause to question whether or not a man who had been robbed and beaten was worth his time. He didn't ask himself whether he had anything to gain or whether or not he would be reimbursed from his investment. Instead he did what Christians witnessing any natural disaster should do: give and give with a generous heart....

Christians see generous giving as a way to express their faith and live out Jesus' command to love God and neighbor above self.

That generous giving for the relief effort has been very evident here the past month at Hope Lutheran. A generous collection of buckets and supplies have been sent to Texas. It will take a long time, a lot of effort, and a lot of money before people living in the disaster areas will return to normal. Continue to include those affected in your prayers.

LCMC has a dozen congregations that were in the direct path of Hurricane Harvey, some of which reported damage to their buildings. As we know here at Hope when we experienced flooding in our basement, it can be very expensive to fix and insurance doesn't always cover all the costs. LCMC has set up a Lutheran

Disaster Assistance Fund (LDA) to responsibly handle the administration of donations in response to natural disasters. We are currently receiving donations to be sent to LDA. An offering was taken on September 24th and will be taken again on October 1. Make checks payable to Hope Lutheran and designate on the check that it is a donation for disaster relief. The money will be sent to LDA after our Council meeting on October 11 so you still have time to make a contribution.

Three groups within LCMC are coordinating efforts to help with the disaster relief for victims of the tropical storm. Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Victoria, TX, is setting up a center to assist those in that area. The LCMC Texas District has a Facebook page set up to coordinate efforts as well. You can visit that page at www.facebook.com/groups/LCMCHurricaneHarvey. And the Lutheran Disaster Assistance Fund (LDA) has been set up to facilitate contributions designated for Hurricane Harvey relief.

Whether you give to LDA via Hope Lutheran or offer other direct assistances to people affected by a disaster, you are serving as a conduit for the grace and provision of God — the One who is an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1–3: *God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.*

As Christians, whenever we give, whatever we give: To God be the Glory.

MINUTES, Continued

Mission Communities - 4 baptisms reported. Hat/mitten drive will again be held this fall so watch for sales on these items. A volunteer will be needed for Christian Women Speaks in late November and again in early February. Anyone interested please contact Teresa Hansen.

Mission Growth – Ladies Night Out was held in June at Tracy & Todd Meyer's Lake Park lake home and was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to Tracy for hosting. It was M/S/C Kara/Marlene to have our Fall Gathering program on Nov. 8th at 6:30. Group #1 will be in charge of refreshments. Plans are starting to be made for the program. A thank you was received from the Cherish House for the \$595.74 received through the Baby Bottle campaign held in May/June here at Hope.

Old business - There was no old business.

New business - A donation will be made to the CCE school for elementary students needing assistance with milk. M/S/C Sherri/Marlene to donate to cover one month for these students. Watch for sign-up for new fall Bible Studies. Sunday School kickoff will be Sept 25th. Confirmation will be in October.

The next board meeting will be **October 11 at 5:00 PM**. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Sherri Steffen

OCTOBER

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Altar: LaVonne Peters & Sue Adams Ushers: George Thiessen, Brian Kahl, Tracy Adrian, Travis Tesch, TJ Doppler Communion: Allen Boyles & Lester Tessum Service Group #1						
9:00 Adult Study/Sunday School 10:00 Worship/Communion Greeter: George Thiessen & family Reader: Kris Keene Organist: Cynthia Knapp Projection: Denny Harmon	10-2 Food Pantry		2:00-6:00 Food Pantry 3:30 Confirmation 6:15 Youth Group Meal 7:00 Youth Group 7:00 WOW Bible Study			
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship/SS Singing Greeter: Brian Kahl & family Reader: Paula Buenger Pianist: Connie Goeken Projection: Judy Englert	10-2 Food Pantry		2:00-6:00 Food Pantry 3:30 Confirmation 6:15 Youth Group Meal 7:00 Youth Group 8:00 Council Meeting	2:15 Service at Hartley Care Center		
9:00 Adult Study/Sunday School 10:00 Worship/Communion/Bibles Greeter: Tracy Adrian & family Reader: Allen Boyles Organist: Cynthia Knapp Projection: Kara Taylor	10-2 Food Pantry		9:30 Naomi Bible Study 2:00 Martha Bible Study 2:00-6:00 Food Pantry 3:30 Confirmation 5:00 WOH Board Mtg 6:15 Youth Group Meal 7:00 Youth Group 7:00 WOW Bible Study			
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Naomi Bible Study - Held in the Fireside Room. Study by Donna Schoelerman, coffee by Audrey Thiessen
 Martha Bible Study - Held at Marlene Schoelerman's home. Study by Arlene Meyer.
 Women of Word Study - Held in the Fireside Room.