

“You are all one in Christ Jesus.” *Galatians 3:28b*

There is a little symbol in Beautiful Savior’s sanctuary that might have escaped your notice, even though there are eighty-four of them. I’m talking about the plain crosses engraved on either end of our forty-two pews. These crosses may seem rather unimpressive, but they hold a lot of meaning.

As worshipers go to their places for Wednesday morning chapel, Thursday morning toddlers’ chapel, Thursday evening Divine Service, or Sunday morning Divine Service, they must all pass one of these small crosses as they enter their chosen pew. What does this show? That there is one way to God, namely, through faith in Christ, the crucified Savior. With the engraved crosses being at either end of a pew, the persons sharing a pew become bracketed—“crossed in,” if you will—between the symbols of our Lord’s saving death. The eighty-four crosses around our sanctuary signify that we are *all* part of the group called “Those Loved by God, for Whom Jesus Died”. If you think about it, these inconspicuous crosses really serve as a quiet reminder of something profoundly important. They remind us that those we sit next to in church are close kin with us, for we baptized believers are “all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:28b).

Christians don’t think enough about the unity we have been given in Christ. We focus more on our differences and divisions. “They sit on the west side, but *we* sit on the *east* side.” “Those are all the old folks. But we’re young.” “I come to church every Sunday, but she’s only here every once in a while.” “He irritates me, and I don’t like him.” What if we thought less about our differences and more about our shared redemption by Jesus, and our common call to faith and to service in His kingdom?

The best thing we have going for us at Beautiful Savior is Jesus. Our sanctuary crosses drive that point home. Through Christ’s Word and sacraments God forgives our sins and strengthens our bond of unity with one another. He makes love grow among us. The beautiful words of the post-Communion collect ask that God would “strengthen us through [His Sacrament] in faith toward [God] and *in fervent love toward one another*.”

If God is touching your heart by this message, then begin by praying more often for your fellow believers at Beautiful Savior. Get to know them by talking to them at church, so that you can understand what joys and challenges they are facing. Support them, encourage them, guide them and even lovingly correct them on the basis of God’s Word if you see they are walking apart from the Lord. Always give thanks to the Lord for setting you within His one eternal family, the one Body of Christ.

Dear friends, the first and greatest discovery every Christian makes is the glorious Gospel truth that “God loves me!” The second great discovery we make—and I pray you are discovering it through this month’s pastor’s article—is that God also loves the people sitting beside you and around you. In Christ Jesus God has made us one through our Baptism. This is a beautiful truth which we have the privilege of living out. May God bless us with increasing joy as we celebrate and nurture the unity He has given us in Christ!

Pastor Groth



THOSE SERVING IN NOVEMBER

Ushers

Dan Adams	Roger Ruff	Mark Robey
Scott Davidson	Fred Brechbuhl	David Robey

Elders

<u>11/1</u>	<u>Rick Mericle & Cal Meisner</u>
<u>11/8</u>	<u>Cliff Evans & Mike Brown</u>
<u>11/15</u>	<u>Rick Mericle & Cal Meisner</u>
<u>11/22</u>	<u>Cliff Evans & Mike Brown</u>
<u>11/26</u>	<u>Cliff Evans & Mike Brown (Thanksgiving)</u>
<u>11/29</u>	<u>Rick Mericle & Cal Meisner</u>

Acolytes

<u>11/1</u>	<u>Damien Dittrich</u>
<u>11/8</u>	<u>Emily Bower</u>
<u>11/15</u>	<u>John Acker</u>
<u>11/22</u>	<u>Nicholas Little</u>
<u>11/26</u>	<u>Emily Bower (Thanksgiving)</u>
<u>11/29</u>	<u>Damien Dittrich</u>

Altar Guild Jeanne Mericle & Sandy Akmenkalns



We Are Lutherans. What Does This Mean?

by **Jordan McKinley**

On Oct. 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg. This is a significant day in Church history, which we often think of as the beginning of the Reformation. Those bearing the name Lutheran and some Protestant congregations commemorated this day at the end of October. So, what was the Reformation, and why is it so significant?

Ultimately, the Reformation came down to a single issue: how sinners were to be forgiven and obtain eternal life. On the one hand, Rome claimed that sinners needed to earn forgiveness of sins by their doing: praying certain prayers, paying for church services, buying indulgences, making pilgrimages and more. .

The Reformation wasn't about making a new church. It wasn't about how statues, crucifixes, liturgy, vestments and sacraments were "too Catholic." It wasn't about personal preferences. The Reformation was about how God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into the flesh in order to be the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world in order to bring us eternal life. That's what the Reformation really is about. That's what being Lutheran is really all about.

And that's why Lutherans do what we do. We baptize babies because they need the work of Jesus that gives them the forgiveness of sins. We confess our sins at the beginning of the Divine Service because we need the forgiveness given in the absolution. We cry out to God for mercy, because we know that we deserve to be punished instead. We hear the Law condemn us, because our flesh needs to be put to death. We hear the Gospel, because we need the comfort and forgiveness it brings us. We receive Christ's body and blood, because apart from Christ, we have no life in our flesh. But don't be fooled: These things are not about what we are doing; they are about God doing something for you, namely bringing you the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation.

We're not disgruntled, but we are sinners who need the forgiveness Christ brings. We are Lutherans.

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Submitted by Cal Meisner for the Board of Elders





November Birthdays

- Nov. 2 Pat Hanket
- 4 Marianne Burnworth
Maurisa Mounger
- 5 Brenda Davis
Adam Hayden
- 8 Lucy Adams
Millie Johnson
- 9 Randy Brech
Pat Sall
- 10 Iola Park
- 14 Fred Brechbuhl
- 15 TJ Williams
- 21 Joslyn-Riley Pettit
- 26 Jaci Brown
Jeanne Hayden
Kitty McDaniel
Bobbi Schasny
Jim Woodburn

Answers to October's Word Search

In these remarks are hidden the names of 15 books of the Bible. As a puzzle, it's a real lulu. Kept me looking so hard for the facts I missed the revelations. I was in a jam, especially since the names were not capitalized.

The truth will come to numbers of readers. To others, it will be a real job. For all, I sincerely hope it will be a most fascinating search.

Yes, there will be some that are easy to spot and others that will be hard to judge. So I admit it usually results in loud lamentations when you can't find them.

One lady says she brews coffee while puzzling over it.



November Anniversaries

- Nov. 3 Dan & Heather Brechbuhl
- 5 Joe & Pat Hanket
- 7 Dave & Cheri Esslinger
- 28 Mani & Patrisha Boniek



November 14 Open House at Pastor & Dawn's

We would again this year like to invite our entire Beautiful Savior family (church and school) to an Open House to enjoy seasonal treats and some relaxed fellowship. We hope you will join us Saturday morning, November 14th, between 9:00 and 11:00. Children are most welcome. Our address is 8732 Quigley St., Westminster, CO 80031. Call (720) 737-1283 for more details.



“The Lutheran Hour” Sermon Schedule for November 2015

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- Nov. 1st** ***“Who Do You Think You Are?”*** (Isaiah 51:4-6)
Don’t just look up, down or around - look to Jesus Christ for life and salvation.
(Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Gregory Seltz**)
- Nov. 8th** ***“Do You Know THIS Jesus?”*** (Hebrews 9:24-28)
If you think Jesus is just one of those very good and capable people who show us a better way to treat others, you haven’t really captured who Jesus is.
(Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Gregory Seltz**)
- Nov. 15th** ***“Readied for That Time”*** (Mark 13:1-13)
Our most advanced technology soon becomes worthless and obsolete, but God has a life for you in Jesus that lasts forever. (Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Gregory Seltz**)
- Nov. 22nd** ***“Our Heart-Song of Thanks”*** (Ephesians 5:18b-21)
Heart-songs of praise are sung by those who realize the Lord loves the unlovable and saves those who thought they were beyond saving.
(Lutheran Hour Speaker-Emeritus: **Rev. Ken Klaus**)
- Nov. 29th** ***“Are You Ready?”*** (Luke 21:34-36)
Advent looks forward to Christmas and that final day when Christ will return. Are you Ready? (Lutheran Hour Speaker-Emeritus: **Rev. Ken Klaus**)

Please contact Mike Brown at (303) 438-5766 or mbrown_lllrm@gmail.com with any questions you may have about *“The Lutheran Hour”* or any of the excellent **Outreach Resources** available from **LHM**.

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Our Stewardship Message

(November 2015)



“In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering He had no regard” (Gen 4:2). Why did the Lord not have regard for Cain and his offering, but did regard Abel and his offering? Was it because Abel’s offering was better intrinsically than Cain’s? No. The Book of Hebrews tells us: “By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts” (Heb

11:4). The thing that distinguished Abel’s offering from that of Cain’s is faith. By faith, Abel offered a more acceptable offering.

Faith and giving are inseparable. They are two sides of the same coin. It is faith in the promises of God that leads us to give. By faith we trust that God will do what He says. By faith, we receive everything God gives as a gift from His divine mercy and goodness. For what do we have that we have not received (1 Cor 4:7)? Nothing. Everything we have comes from the Lord. By faith we give to others because God has first given to us, and by faith we trust that He will continue to provide for us all that we need for this body and life. And when by faith we give, God accepts our offerings and commends us as righteous. For by faith we are accounted righteous before God on account of Christ. **Giving is a spiritual issue.**

But there is a flip side to this two-sided coin: Cain didn’t give an offering to God by faith. His offering did not come from faith but from someplace else. And since it didn’t originate with faith in God and His promises, it was not regarded by God. And he was not accounted righteous. This is a warning to us. Pay attention to your faith and your offerings, and from where they come.

From where do your offerings come? Like all good works, offerings acceptable in God’s sight flow from faith in Christ. They are given in response to the gifts God has given to us, especially the gift of forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ. And since they are given by faith, they will be the target of Satan’s attacks to ruin the church, do damage to the gospel of Christ, and to weaken your faith in Him. For sin is crouching at our doors and the temptation to sin in giving is great because of the fallen world and our sinful flesh. But Jesus is greater than our hearts. Jesus has overcome the world. And by faith, so have we. By faith, we rule over them.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!



Christ, for the Church and the World

“In grateful response to God’s grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, the mission of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is vigorously to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches, communities and the world.” (LCMS Mission Statement – 2010)

Dear Family in Christ:

Greetings in Christ! In keeping with the information I have been providing in our previous newsletters I have selected the following article to further expand upon our understanding and calling to be His ***Witness*** in a world of increasing darkness and despair.

NOTHING NEW

by Rev. Todd Kollbaum, Director of LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission
(The Lutheran Witness, Sept. 2014, Vol. 133 No. 9)

*It’s easy to get tongue-tied when talking to others about the faith.
Here’s one way to always have a faithful confession on the tip of your tongue!*

“I don’t know what to say!” This is probably the most common response given when a person is asked if he or she is equipped and prepared to discuss the Christian faith with someone outside his or her innermost circle. We are told in 1 Peter 3:15 to always be “prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.” We, as God’s children, are given the privilege of telling other about this great gift of life that our heavenly Father has lavished on us in Jesus, His Son; and yet, we are often gripped with the fear of actually having to tell someone what we believe.

Good news! We are promised that we don’t have to trust our own wisdom. In fact, we are told that this isn’t a good idea at all. God promised us that He would provide for us all that we need and He has delivered on this promise through the work of the His Holy Spirit.

Why not just confess what we already know? We don’t have to come up with something new and dynamic. We have already been provided great words and statements that sum up everything we need to say. We call this the Apostles’ Creed. In this statement of what we believe, we have a clear, concise and memorable way to teach others what Scripture says about the “reason for the hope that is in you.”

What could be better than to relate to someone that you “believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth”? You don’t place your hope and trust in some wishy-washy god who has his own best interest at heart. No, you believe in the Father of all things, Creator of everything.

Then, when we confess that we believe “in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,” we make known to the world that “there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12) This one – conceived by God, born of a virgin, lived perfectly, died

unjustly, rose again and defeated hell – now reigns on our behalf until that glorious day of His return. All this is for us, so that we don’t have to die eternally but instead can live forever. Talk about a reason for hope!

But it doesn’t end there. When we confess “I believe in the Holy Spirit,” we are proclaiming that God the Father called us to this faith by His Spirit and freely pours out His grace and forgiveness upon us, “the holy Christian Church.” Now, forgiven in Christ and for His sake, we can live in hope because we believe that there will one day be “the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.” Amen!

Your fellow servant in the Lord;

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“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7)

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Praise GOD from Whom all blessings flow!



Listed below are the names and addresses of some of our members that are either homebound or due to distance and/or lack of transportation are not able to worship with us on a regular basis. I'm sure they would enjoy receiving cards from anyone wishing to send them.

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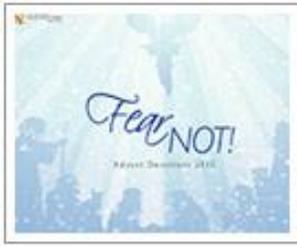
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Fear Not! ADVENT is COMING

(2015 Advent Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries)

What is Advent? The Church divides the year into different seasons that emphasize the life of Christ and the life of the Church. Beginning on Sunday November 29th, 2015, we will enter the season of the Church year called **Advent**. Advent is a four-week season of preparation and anticipation leading up to Christmas, on December 25th, 2015 and continuing to Epiphany on January 6th, 2016.

The focus of **Advent** is two-fold. On the one hand, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who came into the world as both God and man so that our sins might be forgiven. On the other hand, we anticipate the day when Jesus will return to Earth and bring an end to this world. Those will be scary days, but we can look forward to the end of the world with hope because through faith in Jesus, the end of this world will mean the beginning of a new life with Christ for eternity.

Advent, then, is a time for us to repent and believe. Knowing that Jesus was born to forgive our sins, we repent (admit our failures to God) and believe that we are forgiven because of the death and resurrection of Jesus on our behalf. Also, knowing that Jesus is coming back, we repent and believe that when He returns, He will give us eternal life!

Christmas often is a rushed season that produces stress, anxiety and uncertainty. So this year's seasonal devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries is titled, *Fear Not!* It reminds us that God is in charge, beyond any disruptive circumstance. The author is Rev. Wayne Palmer, theological writer and editor for Lutheran Hour Ministries' U.S. Ministries division. Using Luke's narrative, Palmer highlights how the lives of Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph were filled with uncertainty. But the Holy Spirit worked mightily in the lives of these ordinary people, leading them to trust in God "paying special attention to how God helps His people through their fears and worries," says Palmer.

Fear Not! "went live" on September 29th at www.adventdevotions.net and includes a down-loadable version, including a large-font text. (Note: Audio availability and a daily e-mail subscription to these devotions will begin on November 29th)

Advent devotions are great for outreach by email to family and friends who might not celebrate Christmas or know the Savior. For group or classroom use, these devotions make an excellent opening thought. **The message that faith looks to God and not to our earth-bound circumstances works in any context!**

Please contact Mike Brown at (303) 438-5766 or mbrown_IIIrmd@comcast.net with any questions or concerns you may have about this year's *Fear Not!* daily devotions from LHM. **Thank you!**



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