

Our Savior's Chronicle



Lead Story

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The subtitle was "Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences." At stake was the Gospel; How is it that a person is saved? Is it by buying an indulgence (a forgiveness coupon to reduce time in purgatory) or is it by grace through faith in Christ? Did Christ on the cross do all that was necessary for our salvation or is there something missing? We believe when Christ said, "It is finished!" He meant it.

This year, especially, it is with grateful hearts that we remember Martin Luther and the Reformers of the 16th Century. God used these people to reclaim the message of the Apostles. We are served by grace alone, by faith alone, through Christ alone.

On Sunday, October 22, at 2:00 p.m. we will show a film about Martin Luther in our sanctuary. All are invited. Bring a friend if you like.

To Christ alone be the glory!

In Christ,

Pastor Lance E. Isaacson

Associate Story

"Is not this the fast I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed to free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor in to your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?"

Isaiah 58:6-7

Dear Friends in Christ,

I love the Old Testament book of Isaiah. Not only is it some of the most beautiful poetry I know of but Isaiah was a prophet of some renown. Isaiah spoke God's Word in the years between the rule of King David (about 1000 BC) and the destruction of Jerusalem in 598BC. He is known for sharp warnings to the people of Israel that they were being unfaithful and that



they were bringing down the wrath of God on themselves. (He actually walked around naked for three years just to make a point!!) But, when disaster finally strikes, Isaiah goes on to remind the Israelites that they can still trust God, that God is always faithful and will never leave them.

It is, at once, comforting and alarming to note that human nature is the same today as it was in Isaiah's day, some 3,000 years ago. Comforting, that we are the same self-centered people, believing that our little worlds are all that exist but, also, alarming, that we are no further along culturally. In Isaiah we find out that the faithless Israelites brought on their own destruction and even though they had only themselves to blame God still loved them (deep sigh of relief here...). On the other hand, why in the world don't we ever learn?! Goodness, it's been 3,000 years!

I have thought a lot about Isaiah this week because it has been a troubling week. I have spoken to several folks, both members and non-members, (and family!) who have shown little compassion for those among our culture who are non-white. It is shocking to me that Christian people, whom I respect and love, do not see what has been happening in our country and world. Then, again, I *do* understand that in the 1960's, a time I lived through, we fought these same fights, on the streets - with blood, tears and death - and we thought we were a lot farther along countering the vulgarity of racism. I had assumed that we don't have any more segregated restaurants (or do we?). I assumed we didn't have any more segregated schools (or do we?). I thought that we didn't have any more ideas that black people are the best at sports and music, Asians are the best at academics, and Latinos the hardest workers, (or do we?). I thought we had put to rest the idea that only white people make the best managers or handle money the best - or did we? Oh wait, that was the *Jews* that handle money the best, right?

I grew up hearing these stereo types. I was in elementary school when my uncle told me that the Jewish grocer in our small home town was dishonest, and "put his finger on the scale" when he sold anything in bulk. I was shocked when I heard that and I didn't believe it. But it did put a little *smidge* of doubt in my mind. I never looked at him in exactly the same way after that. And he was a **very** community minded business man and gave to the community in every way he could. Plus, he was a kind, thoughtful and friendly person - I liked him a lot!

What I want to say this month is this. Please, think carefully about what you are saying to one another with regard to immigration and racism in this country, especially in front of young people. Do some research about what you think - start reading and truly listening to others - and not just those who agree with you. It is important to get both sides - and that those sides be truthful and honest to best of your knowledge.

Thankfully, Isaiah could give comfort to those Israelites of long ago that even when they were unfaithful God still loved them. This holds comfort for us too. The bottom line is: we are not God, we are only human. And human beings are flawed and broken so maybe we ought to just try forgiving one another and listening a little better. Jesus came that we might be forgiven and renewed in his Spirit and know the glory of his love forever. Let's start there. Remember, you are loved.

Peace, *Pr. Cindi*



Youth News Headline



Confirmation Pictures and Dessert Reception will be held on Wednesday, October 4th beginning at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Confirmation Sunday is October 29th.

Confirmation for 7th/8th Graders meets weekly from 2:45-3:45 pm. 6th grade will meet on Wednesday, October 11th from 2:45-5:00 pm

No K.I.C.K. on October 4th or October 18th.

Middle School Youth Gathering is in Willmar on November 17-18.

Planned activities for this year include:

Gathering speaker, [Jonathan Swenson](#)

Band, [Bridge 33](#)

Nightlife featuring dancing, games, service projects, swimming and much more!

Fun during mass gatherings, worship, singing, spiritual growth, relationship building and hanging out!

Cost is \$45 and you must register with Alyssa by October 20.

No NINJA on October 18th.

*Alyssa M. Herrig—Director of Children, Youth, and
Family Ministry*





Church News

The Adult Ministry Team will welcome **Deb Hadley** as a guest speaker during the worship service on **Sunday, October 8th**. Deb's story of faith, her faith journey and what has brought her to a closer relationship with Jesus will be shared. Her story tells of adversity she has faced but the joy she has found in her ever deepening faith. Deb will also host a session after church in the Fellowship Hall to share more about her faith journey. Please plan to join the Adult Ministry Team on the 8th to hear Deb share how she handles each day with grace and humility and how she has found good in the hardships she has faced.

On **October 22nd** at 2:00 p.m. we will show the film "**Luther**" in the Sanctuary. The movie will last about 2 hours. Everyone is invited to come watch!!

Martha Lydia Circle-Heroes of Faith books have been ordered and are in the church office available for pick-up. Also starting in **October** Martha Lydia Circle will be **meeting at 2:00 p.m. at the Church.**

Library News

A new Karen Kingsbury book has been added to the church library.

BRUSH OF WINGS, book #3 from Karen Kingsbury's series Angels Walking, has been added to our library. This novel is about divine intervention and the trials and triumphs of life for a group of friends. Despite needing a heart transplant and against the advice of her doctor, Mary Catherine moves to Uganda to work at a new orphanage. Brush of Wings is a poignant tale of love, sacrifice and the power of faith.



Radio Broadcasts

Our Savior's broadcasts the worship service on KKOJ-1190 AM each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Sponsorships are needed and cost \$100 per week and may be given in honor, celebration or in memory of someone. (If unable to pay full amount, please don't let that prevent you from sponsoring a service.) Please contact the church office for available dates.

Shoe Box

Items needed:

October items needed Colorful Adhesive Bandages, Hairbrushes & Plastic Cookie Cutters. Contributions for shipping the boxes are needed, also. Place all items in the tote container in the concourse area. And thanks for your contributions!

Current Fund

Current Fund Update

1-1-17 Bank Balance	\$ 9,542.75
YTD Income	\$200,218.08
YTD Expense	<u>\$246,331.88</u>
8-31-17 Bank Balance	(\$ 36,571.05)



Anniversaries

October 1

Terry & Jessica Adams

October 2

Kirk & Laura Dunlavey
Richard & Kathy Nyborg

September 3

Dave & Heidi Arndt
Dennis & Mary Anne Finstad
Marc & Laura Fischer

October 4

Ben & Angie Crees

October 5

Joe & Gloria Pell
Rodney & Sylvia VonOhlen

October 6

Russ & Merva Fransen

October 10

Matthew & Melissa Jensen

October 15

Nathan & Lori Jacobsen

October 16

Kip & Heather Wachal

October 18

Kevin & Elyse Holm

October 20

Dan & Darcey Schultz

October 23

Scott & Mary Beckel

October 24

Robert & Dolores Bass

October 28

Justin & Betsy Storm

Birthdays

October 1

Nicholaus Rowe

October 2

Andrew Boyum
Brian Janzen
Jaya Kaderabek
Jena Kaderabek
Kristy Konda
Erika Schultze

October 3

Elyse Johnson
Sara Kummrow
Holly Wachal
Marjorie Westfall

October 4

Mark Nasby
Amber Svoboda
Patti Wachal

October 5

Carolyn Lind
Mya Mohns
Rodney VonOhlen

October 6

Judy Goede
Kori Olson
Michael Reipke
Amanda Zoch

October 7

Bugs Ayres
Alyssa Earhart
Mike Eddy

October 8

Matthew Kolander
Kinley VanDeVere

October 9

Faith Arndt
Tami Engler
Jeffrey Fowler
David Monson
Nick Wilson

October 10

Staci Beseke
Merva Fransen
Aidan Hunt
Peter Nasby
Sandy Phillips
Pam Ringkob

October 11

Pamella Nosbusch
Reid Nyborg
Janeen Ruby
Tianna Uilk

October 12

David Fell
Linda Nelson
Jennifer Pettiecord
Diane Wendelsdorf

October 13

Brandt Berkner
Tony Dvorak
Steven Shaunce

October 14

Justin Storm

October 15

Brent Christopher
Jonathon Fischer
Kim Hitzemann
Paylin Sether
Heather Wachal

October 16

Gavin Mulder

October 17

Contessia Janzen
Arya Olson

October 18

Addy Dicks
Paul Hansen
Roeshawn Nyborg

October 19

Traci Fransen
Lynn Jasper

October 20

Zachary Copley
Rick Garvin

October 21

Elyse Holm
Natalie Neal

October 22

Jordon Ellefson
Drew Wedebrand

October 23

Kendell Kapplinger

October 24

Mathew Jandera

October 25

Julie Edlin
Calvin Ferguson
Nancy Helmers

October 26

Jeffrey Luhmann

October 27

Kaitlin Fischer
Emily Schmit
Alvin Schultze
Mistie Wilson

October 28

Maren Larson
Rachelle Neal

October 29

Jodi Edlin
Trevin Gaustad
David Lovell
Brenda Prochazka
Audrey Thurmer

October 30

Mary Halverson
Robert Vee
Nicholas Wells

October 31

Sandra Endreson
Dwain Goede
Frances Muir
Clarice Nasby
Alex Tufvesson



Office Hours

Monday – Friday:
8:00 am – 12 noon
12:30 – 3:30 pm

If calling after office hours, please leave a message on the answering machine. Or use our e-mail address: info@oursaviorsjackson.com

FAX: 507-847-5699

(Please do not leave messages if you are unable to acolyte on Sat./Sun. Contact one of the pastors ASAP!)

Church Calendar

Please call or check with the church office (847-2856) regarding any events or meetings that need to be put on the church calendar.

Back Page Headline

LOOKING for a place to host your card club, book club, Bible study? The Pines has space available to host that special get-together. Call 847-5762 for more information.

NOAH'S ROOM - located at the 1229 North Highway to assist families to provide adequate clothing needs for their children. Need is for newborn to size 12 in children's clothing. Must be clean new or gently used clothing. Wearable shoes & boots also accepted.

RUBY'S PANTRY - Next pick-up is Tuesday, October 24 from 4:30-6 pm at the National Guard Armory. Donation is \$20 cash to receive an abundance of grocery items. Bring your own boxes for food. If you are volunteering or receiving groceries, please complete a form found on the concourse table – it will save time when you attend the pick-up.

