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Reformation Sunday 2024

by The Rev. Leah R. Lawson

Reformation Sunday is always a special day for Lutherans. It's an opportunity to remember and celebrate our story. Martin Luther didn't want to start a new Christian faith tradition; he wanted to reform the Church. Well, it's difficult to change things when the Pope excommunicates you!

The truth is, the Church experiences perpetual reformation. In my own life, I have seen great changes in the Church. I'm incredibly thankful for all the people who worked so diligently to pave the way for women to be ordained. I'm also reminded that there are still many women who feel called to serve as clergy but are unable to do so because the denomination that they feel called to serve in, don't allow for the ordination of women.

We have seen a lot of change in that last four years due to COVID-19. The Church had a lot of obstacles to overcome and sometimes, things changed day to day, week to week, and month to month. It was an incredibly stressful time for all faith communities. This season pushed us hard; physically, mentally, and spiritually. God was with us, through this wilderness journey, every step of the way.



Stained glass window of Martin Luther, St. Peter's Cathedral, Worms
Photo by Leah R. Lawson

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Worship

Sundays Mornings
9:30 AM with communion



Office Hours -
Monday - Thursday,
9:00AM-12:00PM, 1:00-3:00PM
(closed during the noon hour)
Friday, 9:00AM- 12:00 PM

Staff:

Leah Lawson, Pastor
Cheryl Hall, Office Manager
Marsha Moller, Music Director

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Council met on September 16 for a church business meeting.

Members Present: B. Flatt, S. Berry, C. Kuehler, AM. Shadduck, B. Berg, J. Reinschmidt, D. Wisker, D. Rosenthal, N. Conley, Pr. L. Lawson

Members Absent: G. Rohloff

Others Present: C. Hall

New Business: Council reviewed 2025 budget draft.

Property:

- Church lawn mowing continues through September. Thanks to all the mowing crews.
- Prepared the Northeast Sunday school room for Tom Moore's "Broken Vessels" group that included removal of storage items, carpet cleaning and security upgrade.

-NOTICE-

November Congregational Meeting
Following the Worship Service
Sunday, November 24, 2024

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This Reformation Sunday will be extra special! We will celebrate the Reformation with worship at 9:30 AM with Holy Communion. After worship, I will share stories and pictures from my trip to Germany and the Fellowship Committee will provide an authentic, German meal. I hope that you will be able to join us for this special and festive occasion!



The 95 Theses Door
The Wittenberg Castle Church
Photo by Leah R. Lawson

Church Council:

Biff Flatt, Council President; **Spencer Berry**, VP; **Blair Berg**, Treasurer; **Chelsea Kuehler**, Secretary; **Deanna Rosenthal**, Education/Youth; **Ann Marie Shadduck**, Fellowship; **Nancy Conley**, Evangelism; **Johnny Reinschmidt**, Property; **Greg Rohloff**, Stewardship/Social Concerns; **Diane Wisker**, Worship

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report August Fiscal Year 2024

	Month	
INCOME		
<u>OFFERINGS</u>	Actual	Budget
GENEAL FUND ENVELOPE	12,948.60	17,933.83
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	157.00	83.33
OTHER RECEIPTS		
BUILDING USE	425.00	166.67
MISCELLANEOUS	10.00	20.83
Total Income	13,105.60	18,121.33
<u>EXPENSE</u>	16,053.15	19,375.59

Helping Hand Fund – UPDATE!

In August, the Helping Hand Fund contributed \$250 towards the purchase of toiletry

items to be used in health kits. These kits were assembled during the Panhandle

Conference Gathering on Saturday, September 14, at Gloria Dei in Lubbock. The health

kits will be donated to Upbring, formerly Lutheran Social Services, in Lubbock. They will

be given to people who are experiencing homelessness or anyone in need.

Thank you for your continued support of the Helping Hand Fund!



General Fund Offering and Attendance

September 1

general fund: \$4600; attendance: 46

September 8

general fund: \$4867 attendance: 51

September 15

general fund: \$2155; Attendance: 72

September 22

general fund: \$1070 Attendance: 64

September 29

Not Available

Meetings & Misc. in October

KEENAGERS- Meet for a pot-luck luncheon on Wednesday, October 2 at 12:00 pm. Hosting: Pastor Leah

Blessing of the Animals—Saturday, October 5 at 3 pm.

The **Women's Study Group** will meet on Tuesdays, October 8 and 22 at 10 AM in The Fourth Day Room.

Wired Word returns on Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, & 25 at 10 am and 7 pm. Note: Not meeting October 31.

Fellowship Committee—Saturday, Oct 26. prep for Sunday meal

Sprinkle, on October 6 in the fellowship hall following the worship service in expectation of new baby boy coming to Tanya & Spencer Berry.



10/03 Mark Newman
10/06 Mary Jones
10/09 Kendra Massey
10/10 Richard Owen
10/15 Audrey Holman
10/15 Jan Werner
10/22 Dianne Reinschmidt
David Cole
10/27 Randy Heuton
Cheryl Hall

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For our members

Audrey Holman, Shirley Petersen, Sally Lehrmann, Kenneth Huckabee, Sonia Sanchez

For our family members and friends

Hattie, Bruce L., Sandy, David, Aiden, Carla, Doug, Elizabeth, Dan, Michael H., Tim, Scott, Danny, John, Dick, Jim, Tony, Billie Jo, Rudy N, Will, Reesa, Jerry F., Michelle F., Curtis and Barbara W.

For our homebound members

Beverly Roush, Donna Nuss, Jon Edler, Betty Loomis, and Beatrice Kirkeeng

For those serving in the military - Sergeant Luke Butler

For our siblings in Christ in the NT-NL Synod and the ELCA

Pray for leaders in Campus Ministry and Youth & Family Ministry

Hope, Comanche

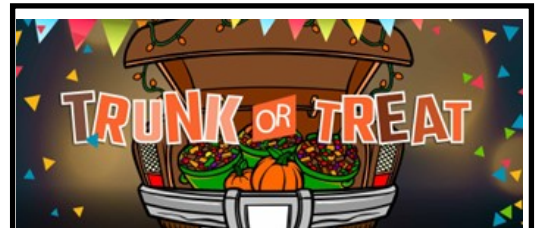
Centro Teologico Luterano Multicultural (CLTM)

Hospice and Hospital Chaplains

Prayers of Thanks

Updates Encouraged!

Note: If you have placed someone on the prayer list and there has been a change, please keep the church office updated. .



Saturday, October 26
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

We need people to decorate their trunks and give out candy and also someone to setup/ take down games.

Contact Deanna Rosenthal for more information.

If you need pastoral care of a visit or phone call, contact the church office at 359-9483 (Pastor Leah's office hours are 9 am to 4 pm Monday – Thursday) .

To add prayer requests into the church's prayers in the weekly bulletin and/or the prayer chain call/email the church. To join the prayer chain by email, contact the church office at beautifulsavioramarillo@gmail.com

Sunday, October 6, 2024

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

Psalm: Psalm 8

You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

Sunday, October 13, 2024

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

Psalm: Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

Sunday, October 20, 2024

First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

Psalm: Psalm 91:9-16

You have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation. (Ps. 91:9)

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.

Sunday, October 27, 2024

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom ("Israel" or "Ephraim") and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.

Psalm: Psalm 126

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God's Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.

If you are not sure how to pronounce some of the names in the readings, below is a link to help you and also a link to look up readings from the NRSV Bible. <https://biblespeak.org/>
NRSV Bible Online: <https://bible.oremus.org/>



oh
BOY

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 5, 2024 | 10:30AM

Join us
for a *Couples Baby Sprinkle*

Honoring
Spencer & Tanya Berry

14106 Daisy Dr.
Amarillo, TX

Registered at:
Amazon & babylist.com

RSVP: 806-236-6546

The graphic features several dinosaur illustrations: a blue Triceratops, a green Pterosaur, a large green Brachiosaurus, and a blue Stegosaurus. A small brown and white speckled baby chick is also present. The text 'oh BOY' is prominently displayed in white, with 'oh' in a cursive font and 'BOY' in a bold, sans-serif font. The event details and honoree information are written in a mix of white and gold fonts.



October 2024

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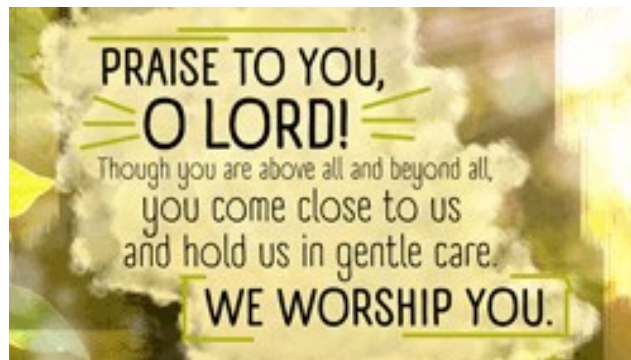
Sat

		1	2 10 am Food Pantry 12 pm KEENAGERS	3 WW 10 am and 7 pm	4	5 3 pm Bless- ings of the Animals
6 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Choir	7	8 10 am Women's Study Group	9 10 am Food Pantry	10 WW 10 am and 7 pm	11	12
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20 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Choir	21	22 10 am Women's Study Group	23 10 am Food Pantry	24 WW 10 am and 7 pm	25	26 FH-Fellowship Committee prep for Sunday Meal Trunk/Treat 3-5 pm
27 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Choir Reformation Sunday Presentation/meal	28	29	30 10 am Food Pantry	31 WW 10 am and 7 pm		



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