

# October 2018

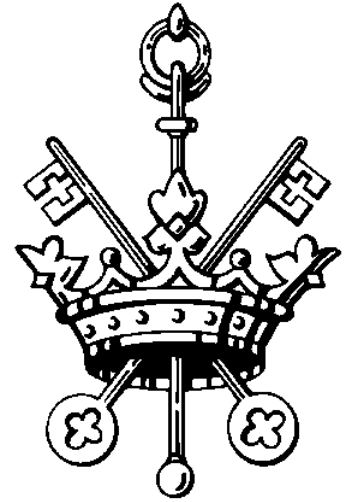
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preferences.

We should be willing to compromise with Roman Catholics on almost any matter of Church government or liturgy but we cannot under any circumstances concede that there is a higher authority than the Bible. We must likewise be willing to give and take in our discussions with the Protestants but we can never, ever give away or let them take the Lord's Body and Blood from us. We cannot let go of Holy Baptism nor can

To be a Lutheran is to be relentlessly devoted to the means of grace. Almost none of our liturgical neighbors share our confidence that the Bible is the inspired and inerrant Word of God. Almost none of our Bible-believing neighbors are prepared to accept the sacraments as the Scriptures present them. Our dedication to the use of Scripture, Baptism, Holy Communion and Pastoral Absolution for the express purpose of forgiving sins distinguishes us from practically all other Christians.

It isn't always easy to stand out. We don't fit in among the Protestants and we stand, as we always have, in opposition to the falsehoods of the Church of Rome. The noble impulse common to people of high ideals and good will is to find common ground and to form ever more perfect unions. That noble impulse becomes a temptation when it pushes us to treat divine and eternal truths as we would personal



we let the blessings of Pastoral Absolution fall by the way side. These aren't matters of personal preference or mere habit. These are the means by which the grace of God are given to us.

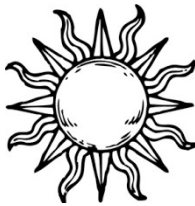
Reformation Day isn't an occasion for throwing sticks at Catholics or for looking down our noses at the Protestants. It isn't even a time for dwelling on what we have in common. It is, however, a time for thinking about what makes us different and for considering what we can do to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors. We have all the means of grace. We have the Word and the Sacraments at our disposal. The question is, are we going to dispose of them or are we going to wield them like "a trusty shield and weapon?" Too many dear and precious people labor under the tyranny of guilt and shame for us to be anything other than passionate with the Good News of God's grace.

*Pastor Varsogea*



## Sunshine Corner

Please remember in your prayers our shut-ins: Jerry Greene, Florine Sievers, Mary Allmandinger, Marilyn Dalman, and Stella Westerfield.



## BLCWomen News

**BIBLE STUDY:** Bible Study on 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy meets Thursday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10am & Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**RUMMAGE & YUMMAGE:** Our semi-annual sale is Saturday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, from 8 to noon. PLEASE sign up to help. You may bring rummage AFTER church on the 7<sup>th</sup>; bring yummage on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**SOAP & FABRIC:** We are again collecting soap for use in poor countries. This year we are also collecting fabric kits. If you prefer, you may donate cash. See Jean Ramsey for details.



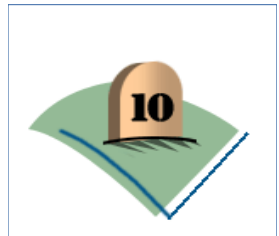
## FISH FRY

## Fish Fry!

Bethany's Fish Fry is Saturday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. Extra help is needed this year!

PLEASE sign up on the bulletin board downstairs to help. Volunteers will have a brief meeting after church on Sep. 30<sup>th</sup>.

## October Mile Stones



<u>Birthdays:</u>	<u>Date</u>
Beverly D. Plunkett	9 <sup>th</sup>
Mary L. Springer	12 <sup>th</sup>
H. Kay Marlatt	31 <sup>st</sup>

<u>Baptisms:</u>	<u>Date</u>
Michael W. Black	1 <sup>st</sup>
Brittany M. Lee	12 <sup>th</sup>
Noemi J. Stricker	13 <sup>th</sup>
Beverly D. Plunkett	23 <sup>rd</sup>

<u>Anniversaries:</u>	<u>Date</u>
David J. & Chelsea Dalman	4 <sup>th</sup>
R. Kathleen & Daniel C. Smith	5 <sup>th</sup>
Murl F. & Barbara Wheeler	25 <sup>th</sup>



## Coffee Hour

Following Divine Service every Sunday, we gather around the coffee pots downstairs and enjoy the java and each other's friendship. But the snacks don't just magically appear! Please sign up on the Office bulletin board for the Sunday for which you would like to provide snacks. If you prefer not to bake or buy the snacks for a specific Sunday, money donations are appreciated.



## Bonfire!

On Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM, the families of Bethany Lutheran Church will enjoy our annual Reformation Bonfire in Pastor's garden behind the parsonage. Come and enjoy the warmth, the marshmallows roasted on a stick, and the friendship that we hold so dear.



*Worship Anew* airs Sunday mornings at 7 AM on channel 21.2 EPTA, Sunday at 8 AM on Comcast 252 or Frontier 9, and on Comcast 55 or Frontier 25 at 4:00 PM on Sundays and Mondays at 10 AM. This month's schedule is:

- 7<sup>th</sup> – on Gen. 2:18-25 by Rev. W. Mueller
- 14<sup>th</sup> – on Ps. 90 by Rev. Dr. W. A. Maier III
- 21<sup>st</sup> – on Ecc. 5:10-20 by Rev. P. Shoemaker
- 28<sup>th</sup> – on Jn. 8:31-36 by Rev. Dr. D. Brege

## Life of the Church

On Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Bethany will celebrate with the whole Church the festival of Saints Simon and Jude.

Saints Simon and Jude are not mentioned very often in the Bible. Some people might take this to mean that these Apostles aren't very important. A better understanding is to realize that union with Christ and service to His people aren't about being famous but rather about being faithful.

St. Luke, in his Gospel, refers to Simon as a Zealot. Simon had been devoted to the forceful ejection of Israel's Roman rulers. More than anything he wanted freedom for his people and he found that freedom in Christ. The Gospel reading for this day reflects his shift of faith from military might to the mercy of God. "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you." (John 15:19)

Saint Jude is known as Thaddeus in the Gospels of Sts. Matthew and Mark. Jude is an entirely different person from Judas Iscariot, though they have a common name. Both St. Jude and St. Simon are reported to have carried the Gospel into Persia (currently known as Iran) where they were martyred for their proclamation of God's grace.

The readings and hymns for this year's festival are listed below:

Gospel: John 15:17-21

Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Old Testament: Jeremiah 26:16-19

LSB Hymn #: 656, 518:28, 624, and 677.



## The Confessions

*From the 4th Petition of the Lord's Prayer*

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

Let this be a very brief explanation and sketch, showing how far this petition extends through all conditions on earth. Of this any one might indeed make a long prayer, and with many words enumerate all the things that are included therein, as that we pray God to give us food and drink, clothing, house, and home, and health of body; also that He cause the grain and fruits of the field to grow and mature well; furthermore, that He help us at home towards good housekeeping, that He give and preserve to us a godly wife, children, and servants, that He cause our work, trade, or whatever we are engaged in to prosper and succeed, favor us with faithful neighbors and good friends, etc. Likewise, that He give to emperors, kings, and all estates, and especially to the rulers of our country and to all counselors, magistrates, and officers, wisdom, strength, and success that they may govern well and vanquish the Turks and all enemies; to subjects and the common people, obedience, peace, and harmony in their life with one another; and on the other hand, that He would preserve us from all sorts of calamity to body and livelihood, as lightning, hail, fire, flood, poison, pestilence, cattle-plague, war and bloodshed, famine, destructive beasts, wicked men, etc. All this it is well to impress upon the simple, namely, that these things come from God, and must be prayed for by us.

**- Luther's Large Catechism**



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	10:30 AM Bible Study		7:00 PM Council Meeting				
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