

# October Newsletter

October 2018

The small church with a **BIG** heart.



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## Important Dates

**Congregational Meeting**—October 21st after 10:00 am Service

**Potluck will follow the meeting**

**Confirmation Sunday**—October 28th at 10:00 am

**Church School** Wednesdays—October 3rd, 10th & 24th @ 6 pm

**Confirmation Class** Wednesdays—October 3rd, 10th & 24th @ 7:00 pm

**Bible Study** Tuesdays—October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th @ 9:00 am

**WELCA** Wednesday—October 3rd @ 10 am

**Quilting**—October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th @ 10:00 am

**Food Shelf**—October 3rd 8-10 am, 9th 5-6:30 pm, 16th 4-5:30 pm, 24th 9-11 am

**Alzheimer's Group**—October 17th @ 9:30 am



**Welcome to our newest members in September!**

*Hudson Tyler* son of Tyler & Kelsey Otte

*Case Michael* son of Matthew & Samantha Petersen

## Prayer Requests

Tom Otte, Joyce Nuehring (Lucinda's aunt), Dan Deike (Kathy Motz' father), Bob Fleskes, Gloria Dubbels, Kay Molstrom (Tony Price's mom), Craig Kolstad, Regan Nordling and family, Paul Hunsaid, Luke Nassif, and Glen Holz.

*Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:*

Arnie Felton, Rosella Davisson, Maxine Sunde, Eleanor Ohmann, Norma Taylor, Ray Ohmann, Leatrice Taylor, Robert & Margaret Hayes, and Marie Norstad.



## Pastor's Message

October is usually known for pumpkin spice, fall festivals, and Halloween, but did you know for Lutherans, the Sunday on or before October 31st is also known as Reformation Sunday. On this day, we remember Martin Luther, who posted his 95 Theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. This event led to the Protestant Reformation which became one of the most important defining moment in world history. Not only did Luther's reformation challenge the sale of indulgences within the church, it also changed our understanding of how we see our relationship with God. Martin Luther made it clear, we don't need a priest, a bishop, or even the pope to mediate between us and God. Through the death and resurrection of Christ, we already have a direct line to God and God has a direct line to us.

I have shared with our weekly Bible Study group that the most important lesson I learned about our Lutheran understanding of God was "justification by faith." As a child, I grew up being taught that I had to work in order to be justified by God. I had to convert non-believers so that I would have an answer for God at heaven's gate. I had to learn how to sing hymns because it was a requirement to get into heaven. I had to do this, I need to do that or I won't be good enough. I didn't fully understand "justification by faith" until I went to seminary. And, let me tell you, it was a huge weight off my shoulders. Even while I was being taught that I needed to do all these things to get into heaven, I knew that I wasn't good enough and that no matter how good I become, I would eventually fall short of the glory of God.

So you can see why "justification by faith" was such an uplifting revelation to me. It radically changed my understanding of my relationship with God. I was no longer bound to my works but I am finally free; free to love, free to care, free to be who I am called to be, for God and for my neighbor. I am happy to share my experience with you but that is not the only thing I want you to know about this October.

As you know, Reformation Sunday is special, not only because we celebrate Martin Luther and his legacy but also because it is Confirmation Sunday. On this Sunday, we have an opportunity to listen to our young folks speak about their faith. This is truly a special moment for these young people and their families but it is also a special moment for the life of the church. This is what it means to be a church, to have a space for people to gather and testify to how God is working in their lives, to see how God is creating and redeeming the world back to God's self.

Come and join us Saint Mark's Lutheran and invite your friends and family. Invite your co-workers and your mechanic, invite your neighbor and don't forget the stranger. Invite folks to see what is happening here at Saint Mark's, God is here and God is creating something anew. Congratulations confirmands, your journey has just started, come walk with us.

In God's Grace,

Pastor Lue Moua

## ***Happenings at the Church***

### **Ol' County Bazaar**

Saturday, November 24, 2018

It's not too early to start thinking of a craft or bake sale item to make for the Bazaar.

If you are interested in reserving a space, please contact

Carolyn Weidner at (507) 202-1533 or  
e-mail: cawdlh@gmail.com

Please watch for more information....

### **College Student**

#### **Food Shelf Invite**

The Food Shelf is inviting any College Student to come and get some supplies from the food shelf. We want to help with your expenses during these years. Please come at 9 am before Church on Sunday or contact Karen Otte at (507) 645-8895.



A big **Thank You** to all the people who help get the church ready for the Blood Drive, to all those volunteers that helped that day and especially to all who donated blood.



### **Quilt Raffle**

Tickets available Sunday mornings from Alma or Sheryl, or call Sheryl at (507) 298-2743

### **Community Food Shelf**

Here at Saint Mark's Lutheran, we try our best to serve our neighbors. One of the many ways we help is by providing food to our local communities. Saint Mark's Lutheran would like to thank you for your generosity in supporting our food shelf.

*All cash donations are used to buy healthy perishable food items.*

From the 1995 Christian Editor's Newsletter Service

### **Long & Short of it**

Howard and Albert charter a small passenger plane to fly to New York. Just outside LaGuardia Airport, the pilot drops dead. "Don't worry," cries Howard, "I think I can land this baby!" He seizes the controls and heads for the runway. Just as the wheels touch down, he sees the red lights right in front of him. Immediately he throws the engine in reverse, jams on the brakes and brings the plane to a violent stop.

Howard wipes his brow and says "Brother, what a short runway!" Albert looks side to side and replies, "Yeah, but look how wide it is!"

## ***Dates/Information***

### **Greeters**

10/7 Karen & Jerry Otte  
 10/14 Dixie & Marv Schaffer  
 10/21 Renee & Tim Schultz  
 10/28 Kurt & Katie Weidner

### **Ushers**

10/7 Bob & Shannon Olson  
 10/14 Dave & Lucinda Preston  
 10/21 Randi & Jeff Schmicking  
 10/28 Dean & Sara Taylor

### **Readers**

10/7 Mason Lorenzen  
 10/14 Sophie Engler  
 10/21 Cami Thompson  
 10/28 Confirmation Class

### **Acolytes**

10/7 Richard Olson & Charles Nassif  
 10/14 Trevor Preston & JD Kuhn  
 10/21 Megan & Rachel Motz  
 10/28 Joel & Abby Gehrke

### **Communion Servers**

10/7 Marly Monson & Mason Lorenzen  
 10/21 Sam Swedin & Ruben Kriesel

### **Service Group A**

**Chair Person—Jodi Taylor**

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Ron & Robin	Bakken
Jill & Adam	Ballard/Otis
Ed & Kayla	Barrett
Al & Beth	Bester
Matthew & Angie	Cooreman
Tara & Steve	Dahlen
Garlan & Kathy	Dubbels
Candice & Sam	Feidt
Chris & Julie	Felton
Jeff & Trista	Ford
Larissa	Foss
Eric & Alissa	Gehrke
Ashley	Gergen
Brett & Sara	Gustafson
Dan & Carol	Harris
Bob & Frieda	Helgerson
Dave & Sandy	Kutz
Orin & Linda	Legare
Karla & Mitch	Monson
Verone	Mortenson
Jamie & Trevor	Newborg
Brian & Sandy	Nicolai
Richard & Melanie	Olson
Deena	Otto
Tony & Lisa	Price
Randy & Chris	Ratzlaff
Arlene	Ringeisen
Bob	Romanoski
Tim & Carla	Skog
Jodi & Todd	Staub
Rob & Kelly	Tate
Bill & Jodi	Taylor
Katie & Roddy	Thielbar
Aaron & Beth	Thompson
Wayne & Diane	Trapp
Wayne & Carolyn	Weidner
Kevin & Jessica	Willems



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Sunday Worship 10:00 am  
Fellowship following the service

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### Church Council Nominations

We are looking for nominations for Members to serve on the Church Council. Open positions for next year are Trustee, Deacon, Vice President, and Treasurer, and Financial Secretary. For more information or if you are interested in any of the positions please contact Doug Bakken (612) 532-5101 or Dixie Schaffer (612) 578-8753.