

# Good News of Peace

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A Caring Family ✚ Reaching Out ✚ Sharing Christ's Love ✚ Teaching God's Word!

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we approach the end of October and celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, I thought (even though this is November's newsletter) it would be appropriate to use this space this month to share a couple of highlights from a special Reformation-focused web site established by our Synod: [LutheranReformation.org](http://LutheranReformation.org). I pray these will serve as beneficial reminders of what the Reformation was—and still is—all about.

### The Luther Seal: Summary of the Gospel

The most enduring symbol of the Lutheran Reformation is the seal that Luther himself designed to represent his theology. By the early 1520s, this seal began to appear on the title page of Luther's works. Here is how Luther himself explained its meaning:

First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.

(From: Letter from Martin Luther to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530 [WA Br 5:445]; tr. P. T. McCain)

The first version of the seal was used in Luther's writings in the 1520s for the first time, and was in black and white, with Luther's initials.



A colorized rendition of the seal began appearing as printers began to include color images in Luther's works. Each one was laboriously painted by hand.



### The Motto of the Reformation: VDMA



*Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum* (The Word of the Lord Endures Forever) is the motto of the Lutheran Reformation, a confident expression of the enduring power and authority of God's Word. The motto is based on 1 Peter 1:24–25. It first appeared

in the court of Frederick the Wise in 1522. He had it sewn onto the right sleeve of the court's official clothing, which was worn by prince and servant alike. It was used by Frederick's successors, his brother John the Steadfast, and his nephew John Frederick the Magnanimous. It became the official motto of the Smalcaldic League and was used on flags, banners, swords, and uniforms as a symbol of the unity of the Lutheran laity who struggled to defend their beliefs, communities, families, and lives against those who were intent on destroying them. It was found inscribed inside churches, over doorways, on foundation stones, even on horse's helmets! The VDMA logo and statement has appeared throughout Lutheran churches worldwide and remains an enduring motto of the Reformation to this day.

Several examples of the motto's use during the Reformation era appear on the aforementioned website, under the "History" tab.

From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 2005), 2.

## **LutheranReformation.org**

Also under the “History” tab, you will find a Reformation timeline, maps, and articles on the Book of Concord and Luther’s controversial attitude towards the Jews. You will also find a number of interesting videos under the “Media” tab and a variety of resources under the “Resources” tab.

500 years later, as we continue, with Martin Luther, to take our stand on the unchanging truth of the Word of God and the message of His redeeming grace, His continued blessings to each of you in Christ, our Savior!

In His Service,

Pastor Derek Riddle

## ***Food for Thought:***

### **8 WAYS TO EASILY BE MISSIONAL**

[Jonathan Dodson](#)

Missional is not an event we tack onto our already busy lives. It is our life. Mission should be the way we live, not something we add onto life: “As you go, make disciples.”; “Walk wisely towards outsiders”; “Let your speech always be seasoned with salt”; “be prepared to give a defense for your hope.” We can be missional in everyday ways without overloading our schedules. Here are a few suggestions:

#### **1. Eat with Non-Christians.**

We all eat three meals a day. Why not make a habit of sharing one of those meals with a non-Christian or with a family of non-Christians? Go to lunch with a co-worker, not by yourself. Invite the neighbors over for family dinner. If it’s too much work to cook a big dinner, just order pizza and put the focus on conversation.

When you go out for a meal invite others. Or take your family to family-style restaurants where you can sit at the table with strangers and strike up conversation. Cookout and invite Christians and non-Christians. Flee the Christian subculture.

#### **2. Walk, Don’t Drive.**

If you live in a walkable area, make a practice of getting out and walking around your neighborhood, apartment complex, or campus. Instead of driving to the mailbox, convenience store, or apartment office, walk to get mail, groceries, and stuff. Be deliberate in your walk. Say hello to people you don’t know.

Strike up conversations. Attract attention by walking the dog, taking a 6-pack (and share), bringing the kids. Make friends. Get out of your house! Take interest in

your neighbors. Ask questions. Pray as you go. Save some gas, the planet, and some people.

#### **3. Be a Regular.**

Instead of hopping all over the city for gas, groceries, haircuts, eating out, and coffee, go to the same places. Get to know the staff. Go to the same places at the same times. Smile. Ask questions. Be a regular.

I have friends at coffee shops all over the city. My friends at Starbucks donate a ton of left over pastries to our church 2-3 times a week. We use them for church gatherings and occasionally give to the homeless. Build relationships. Be a Regular.

#### **4. Hobby with Non-Christians.**

Pick a hobby that you can share. Get out and do something you enjoy with others. Try City League sports. Local rowing and cycling teams. Share your hobby by teaching lessons. Teach sewing lessons, piano lessons, violin, guitar, knitting, tennis lessons. Be prayerful. Be intentional. Be winsome. Have fun. Be yourself.

#### **5. Talk to Your Co-workers.**

How hard is that? Take your breaks with intentionality. Go out with your team or task force after work. Show interest in your co-workers. Pick four and pray for them. Form mom groups in your neighborhood and don’t make them exclusively Christian. Schedule play dates with the neighbors’ kids. Work on mission.

#### **6. Volunteer with Non-Profits.**

Find a non-profit in your part of the city and take one Saturday a month to serve your city. Bring your neighbors, your friends, or your small group. Spend time with your church serving your city. Once a month. You can do it!

#### **7. Participate in City Events.**

Instead of playing X-Box, watching TV, or surfing the net, participate in city events. Go to fundraisers, festivals, clean-ups, summer shows, and concerts. Participate missionally. Strike up conversation. Study the culture. Reflect on what you see and hear. Pray for the city. Love the city. Participate with the city.

#### **8. Serve your Neighbors.**

Help a neighbor by weeding, mowing, building a cabinet, fixing a car. Stop by the neighborhood association or apartment office and ask if there is anything you can do to help improve things. Ask your local Police and Fire Stations if there is anything you can do to help them. Get creative. Just serve!

Don’t make the mistake of making “missional” another thing to add to your schedule. Instead, make your *existing* schedule missional.

## Board of Elders

Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for His mercy endures forever. God gives us everything we have. The air we breathe, flowers, trees, fields and all our goods. Everything we see is given to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God has called us to be His own through our baptism. We are His, for He made us. We give our thanks by loving Jesus and showing that love as we walk with Him. We grow in our faith and begin to grow to be more like Him. By the power of the Holy Spirit we feel His love in our heart and show that love through our words and through our actions. Give thanks to God everyday. Pray, praise and give thanks.

## The Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour can be heard locally on Sunday mornings at 7:00 a.m. on 92.5 FM and at 11:00 a.m. on 1450 AM. You can also listen on-line or via podcast at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org). Now you can also download the new Lutheran Hour Mobile App to your mobile device. Instructions for doing so can be found at [www.lhm.org/apps/](http://www.lhm.org/apps/).

### November 5

"Blessed Are the Pure in Heart"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dale A. Meyer

This weekend many churches observe All Saints Sunday, remembering those who have died in the Christian faith. That prompts us to ask, what does it take to get to heaven? Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." What that means is this week's Lutheran Hour message.  
(Matthew 5:8)

### November 12

"More Than a Wish"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Not so long ago over 370 million tickets were sold for a Powerball drawing. Each person who made a purchase had hope that they might become rich. Most were disappointed. In 1 Thessalonians 4, St. Paul explains how the resurrection hope of Christians is better than the hopelessness of the world and far more solid than groundless wishful thinking.  
(1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

### November 19

"The Reckoning"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dale A. Meyer

You hear little talk about the "Fear of God" anymore, but if you don't in some way fear your Creator who judges you down to your inmost being, why would you love your only Savior whom He sends you? A message about fearing and loving God.  
(Matthew 25:14-30)

### November 26

"Show Me"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus  
In Lerner and Loewe's musical, *My Fair Lady*, Eliza is being wooed with words by weak and wimpy suitor. She comments: "Don't talk of stars, burning above If you're in love, show me Tell me not dreams, filled with desire If you're on fire, show me." In Jesus' description of Judgment Day, the Savior goes on record: true love needs to show itself in action.  
(Matthew 25:31-46)

## Stewardship Corner

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise, and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace (1 Peter 4:10), we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's holy Word, as an offering. Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also offerings to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies, share with our family, neighbors, and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by the holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands, and He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing, and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for the celebration of Thanksgiving, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all— even for us. "For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance" (Matthew 13:12).

Taken from [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)



## "FALLELUJAH PARTY"

November 4, 2017 from 10  
a.m. - 12 p.m.

Two hours of FUN!! Crafts, Games, Cookie  
Decorating, Snacks & Goodies to Take Home

Little "Pumpkins", Preschool through  
Grade 6 Are Invited!

(Little "Pumpkins", please bring  
your Big People Pumpkins!)

There is NO COST to attend; we do, however,  
request that you bring a non-perishable food item  
as a donation to the Presque Isle Food Pantry.

Come, join us as we share the LOVE of Jesus and  
have some FUN! Let your light SHINE FOR JESUS!!

(Any 7th thru 12th graders are  
encouraged to come and help....  
see Mrs. Ries).



### Operation Christmas Child (Shoe Box):

If you would like to take part in this project (handled  
primarily by St. Ignatius), please remember:

1. ALL Items have to fit *inside* the shoe box. NO  
gum, candy, or toothpaste will be accepted.
2. Boxes have to be returned to church **no later  
than** November 12.
3. Postage of \$9.00 (per box) needs to be with each  
shoe box (**not** inside the box).

Thanks for all your help!! Questions? Contact Cinda  
Grunke at 734-2926.



## Happy Holidays Bazaar

Saturday, November 18  
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We need your help to make this a success!! Sign-up  
sheets are in the narthex. Baked goods are needed, as  
well as homemade soup and donations for our brunch,  
craft items, and cookies for the cookie plates which sell  
very well! (Bake 4 dozen of the SAME KIND of  
cookie...we will make up the plates at the church on  
Friday). These can also be made ahead and frozen, too!  
Something new this year is we're asking for green salad  
(lettuce, spinach, etc.) along with dressing that would  
go with it. You may also donate money toward the cost  
of our newspaper ad. The bazaar is a lot of FUN, and  
the community enjoys the fellowship time-let's do this!  
Any questions or ideas, call Sherry Enlow, 734-7925.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the  
Peace Project Hygiene Pantry.



Peace Lutheran Church and other area churches and  
service organizations are working together to host the  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner**. It will be  
held at St. Ignatius School on Thanksgiving Day,  
November 23. There will be one dinner setting at noon.  
It is necessary to make reservations by November 15 as  
seating is limited to 275 people. Call St. Ignatius Parish  
at 734-2753, St. John Lutheran School at 734-3580, or  
Westminster Church at 734-3929 to make reservations.  
There will be a box for donations of corn, green beans,  
corn starch, etc.; the complete list of items needed is  
on the poster. All non-perishable items not used will be  
donated to the food pantry. Volunteers for  
Thanksgiving Day (and the days prior) will also be  
needed-that list has not been finalized yet, but as soon  
as it is complete, we will also have that on the table to  
sign-up.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <u>Anniversaries:</u> Carl & Peg Grulke <u>Baptisms:</u> Harold Koviak <u>Birthdays:</u> Matt Rhode	<b>2</b> <u>Baptisms:</u> Emma Lewandowski <u>Birthdays:</u> Isaac Catalano	<b>3</b> <u>Birthdays:</u> Tom Wirgau	<b>4</b> <u>Birthdays:</u> Jacky Hart
<b>5</b> <u>Baptisms:</u> Hannah Schaudt, Jessica Wirgau	<b>6</b> <u>Baptisms:</u> Colten Roeske, Jessica Bannasch	<b>7</b> <u>Anniversaries:</u> Mike & Jenny Sobeck	<b>8</b> <u>Baptisms:</u> Caleb Karsten <u>Birthdays:</u> Ruth Myers	<b>9</b> <u>Birthdays:</u> Isaac Riddle, Mary Gledhill, Joshua Senff	<b>10</b> <u>Birthdays:</u> Larry Altman	<b>11</b> <u>Baptisms:</u> Alexis Olden <u>Birthdays:</u> Rhiannon Rothe
<b>12</b> <u>Birthdays:</u> Janis Latz, Joshua Kamyszek, Kelly Crull	<b>13</b> <u>Birthdays:</u> Art Radtke	<b>14</b> <u>Anniversaries:</u> Ed & Opal Wright <u>Birthdays:</u> Austin Fairbanks	<b>15</b> <u>Birthdays:</u> Sharon Loomer	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <u>Birthdays:</u> Polly Haselhuhn
<b>19</b> <u>Baptisms:</u> Merlin Schaedig	<b>20</b> <u>Baptisms:</u> Alyssa Jo Hein, Pera DeBeust <u>Birthdays:</u> Mandy Karsten	<b>21</b> <u>Birthdays:</u> Elwood Knopf, Tiffany Yarch	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <u>Baptisms:</u> Jessie Muller, Hannah Schaedig, Taytum Schleben <u>Birthdays:</u> Karlee Longoria	<b>24</b> <u>Birthdays:</u> Jill Brege, Kay Don Selke	<b>25</b> <u>Baptisms:</u> Nikkie LaLonde, Joshua Kamyszek
<b>26</b> <u>Baptisms:</u> Cole Kamyszek <u>Birthdays:</u> Pera DeBeust	<b>27</b> <u>Birthdays:</u> Janice Brown, Scott Hein, Terry Peltz	<b>28</b> <u>Anniversaries:</u> Bob & Carol Noffze, Wayne & Cora Augsburg <u>Birthdays:</u> John Brown	<b>29</b> <u>Birthdays:</u> Catherine Wenzel	<b>30</b> <u>Birthdays:</u> Jan Blumberg, John Wright, Tyler Longoria		

*If you notice your name is missing from the baptism, birthday, and anniversary calendar, please let the church office know so we can update our records... and celebrate these milestones with you!!*