



Redeemer Radiates

October 2017



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The Pastor's Corner

A Man Called Martin Luther

We are fast approaching the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Martin Luther (1483–1546), suffered great spiritual anxiety about his salvation.

But in his study of the Scriptures, especially St. Paul's letter to the Romans, he found a loving and gracious God who bestowed the free gift of salvation, received by faith *alone*, and not by works. This resolved his personal turmoil.



But his turmoil with the Church of Rome was just beginning. In 1517 he posted his famous 95 Theses on the door of the Castle church in Wittenberg. While these were applauded by many within Germany, they were seen as a threat to the Church of Rome. Several attempts at reconciliation failed, and Luther the hopeful critic became Luther the fiery reformer.

He was summoned before the Diet of Worms in 1521 where Luther refused to retract his teachings. He courageously took his stand on Scripture *alone* as the final authority for all matters of faith and life. It was here that he said:

I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. I cannot do otherwise. Here I stand.

The Diet ordered his immediate seizure, but he was spirited away by friends. He went into hiding in the Wartburg. There, under the protection of Elector Frederick III of Saxony, Luther translated the New Testament into German and began a translation of the entire Bible. He then returned to Wittenberg, where he stayed for most of the remainder of his life.

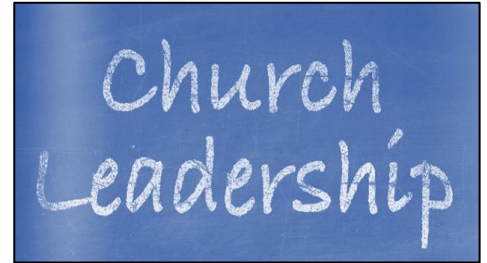
Where does Luther stand among the great men of history? Henry Halley (not a Lutheran), in his much-loved *Halley's Bible Handbook*, says of the Germany reformer: "Martin Luther, next to Jesus and Paul [is] the Greatest Man of all the ages. He led the world in its break for Freedom from the most Despotic Institution of history."

Thank God that He raised up a man like Luther to lead the Church back to the Bible, back to Christ, and back to the Biblical faith of the apostles and prophets. As St. Paul so succinctly said, “For by grace are you saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Pastor Grassley

ELDER OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER:

Duane Janssen
Asst. Elder: Paul Wagner



FLOWERS PLACED TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN OCTOBER:

- 1st Ray & Betty Landy in celebration of Libby's birthday on the 7th.
- 8th Bettye Baird to the glory of God.
- 29th Randy & Debbie Thomas in celebration of Katrina's 10th birthday.

ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER:

10/01	John & Shirley Pitcher (68)
10/16	Gene & Mary Morones (61)
10/29	Joseph & Pamela Butler (34)



BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER:



10/04 Bernice Cahill
10/05 Ron Neben
10/08 Aaron Geffre
10/08 Cesar Ordonez, Sr.
10/17 Mark Drewes
10/17 Debbie Zulfer
10/18 Dustin Hollar

10/18 Dan Shackelford
10/23 Cesar Ordonez, Jr.
10/28 Katrina Thomas
10/30 Cheyenne Ordonez
10/30 Erin Thorpe
10/31 Jerry Gonzalez

GREETERS IN OCTOBER:

The October – December 2017 Sign-Up Sheet is on the Stewardship bulletin board in the narthex. If you are new to Redeemer, this is a great way to get to know who everyone is in the congregation! Please sign up today!



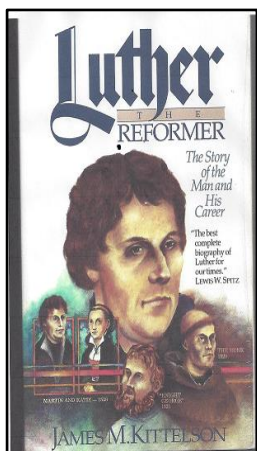
Reminder: Altar flowers cost \$30.00. We have had some people ask lately, so we thought we'd publish the price again.

The Reformation Committee would like to announce some upcoming events to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation:

- Each Sunday in October, we will be worshipping using Setting 5 of the Lutheran Service Book (Luther's Service) to familiarize the congregation with this service.
- On Saturday, October 28th at 4:00pm, we will host a combination hymn sing and organ recital featuring organists H. Joseph Butler, Pamela B. Butler, and David Preston who will trace the development of the German organ Chorale Prelude from the 16th-20th century. The concert includes Brigid Connor on harp, and soprano Elizabeth Drewes. A catered reception will follow the recital.
- On Sunday, October 29th at 10:30am, we will sing Martin Luther's Divine Service setting with harp, choir, brass, and organ.

We are asking for your donations to help pay expenses for the performers and to offset the costs of the reception. Please mark your donations with "Reformation Celebration" and put it in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the recital.

– Reformation Committee.



Mysterion will be reading "*Luther the Reformer, the Story of the Man and His Career*" by James M. Kittelson next. You can pick up a copy on Amazon. We will meet on Thursday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Workroom.

If you need a copy of "*Luther the Reformer, the Story of the Man and His Career*", I have an extra copy. Please see me in the Church Office Sunday if you are interested. Thanks, Melody Smith

Heather Barber and Jim Skipper have a new address: Please correct your directory. It is 102 Linda's Creek Lane, Weatherford, TX 76088.

BOARD INFORMATION

Fellowship:

Christmas By Candlelight: Lori Penning has asked Anna Thiemann and Donna Riccono to coordinate the event this year. Ladies, watch for information upcoming soon about a date and time in early December, and be planning on hosting a table and inviting your friends and acquaintances for this wonderful Advent program.

Whole Person Health Ministry:

Redeemer's Annual Flu Immunization Clinic will be on Wednesday afternoon, October 4th from 4:45 – 7:15 in the Family Life Center. Cook Children's nurses will again be here to immunize children 6 months to age 18. Texas Health Harris Southwest Nurses will immunize adults. Both High Dose (for 65 and up, if requested) and regular vaccine is available. We have invited the St. Paul Lutheran church LCC-K-9 Comfort Dogs, Phoebe and Pax to stop in and visit us. Water and snacks will be available. We will have a blood pressure screening table available. The video presentation, "*Why a Flu Shot?*" will be playing, if you have any questions about flu immunization. Join us for getting the important annual flu immunization courtesy of our Covenant relationship with Texas Health and with support of Thrivent Financial. Thanks to our Cabinet members and volunteers for assisting: Cathy and Jerry Gonzalez, Rhoda and Bill Skokan, Shirley Pitcher, Betty Moser and Florene Richter.

- Our weekly Exercise, Balance and Flexibility class is renaming our group: **Be Stronger – Live Longer**. Join us

Tuesday mornings: 8:30 – 9:45 in the FLC for walking laps and gentle yoga, balance, strength and light aerobic exercise. We begin with prayer and devotion and end with a few minutes of fellowship, finishing in time for you to walk over to Pastor’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10 am.

- Our **A Matter of Balance Workshop** is underway with a full class of 15 participants. If this is a class you might like, be sure to ask Cathy or Donna. We can repeat the class in the late winter if there is interest.
- Mark your Calendars and consider donating blood at our next **Blood Drive** in the Family Life Center on Sunday, November 19th from 11:30 – 2:30.
- Our **annual Fundraiser Bake Sale** will also be on Sunday, November 19th, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Plan to support Whole Person Health Ministry’s bake sale to earn funds for our non-budgeted expenses and stock up on baked goods for your family Thanksgiving gathering. We happily accept offers to bake for us, as well, as our Cabinet and Volunteers is a small group.
- **Blood Pressure Screening** will be on the 3rd Sunday, as usual, in October (October 15) but it will be on the first Sunday (November 5th) to avoid other 3rd Sun events.

From Holley Gerth’s *Every Storm Begins with One Drop*: “Whatever you’re facing today, you’re not alone. God is not waiting for you to get over it. Instead He’s placing His love over you and longing to draw you close.” (May 30, 2014, used with permission).

Mission Ministry:

Please bring in your aluminum pop tabs. We will be taking these to the Ronald McDonald House the second week of October. Thanks!

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations for the LCMS/Disaster Relief. The money will not only benefit those affected by Harvey, Irma & Marie, but also future disasters.

Remember to bring in your cancelled stamps and place in the collection drawer in the Church Office. Georgia will take them to St. Paul's LWML to use for missions.

If you, a family member or a neighbor need a bag of food, please let Georgia or the Church Office know. We have some on hand for this purpose.

Thank you,
God's Blessings,
Georgia Hotaling

Christian Education:



Alan & Georgia Hotaling's LifeLight class is on Mondays again at 7pm at their house. They are studying "*Job*". Anyone who is interested, please contact Alan Hotaling or Georgia Hotaling.

The LifeLight class at the Church is studying "*James/Jude*". They meet at 7:00 pm, Monday nights in the Parish Hall. Please see Donna Riccono if you have any questions.

Pastor Grassley teaches Tuesday Morning Bible Class. They meet at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday mornings in the Parish Hall. There is a chair there just waiting for you!

The Ladies' Bible Class is studying "*Forgiveness*", a study by Donna Pyle. We meet at 2:30 Tuesday afternoons in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets at 7:00 on Wednesday nights in the Parish Hall. They are studying "*Galatians*". Everyone is welcome, so please try to attend!



Please remember in your prayers:

Members: Anne Allen; Bettye Baird; Jocelynn Collins; Elaine deTurck; Ruth Goulet; Francis Graham; Mark Hinrichs; Betty Landy; Ray Landy; Eva Merritt; Gene Morones; Rev. Richard Nelson; Lori Penning; Judy Pitre; Charles & Genell

Ruhmann; Bettie Schatte; John Schatte; Alan Schaubhut; Bill Skokan; David Thomas; Randy Thomas; Stormi Thomas; Ben Wagner; Mildred Wagner; Jeanette Zulfer. **Relatives of members:** Sid Anthony; Bill Baird; Kala Barnett; Janet Bliss; Susan Boudreaux; Ellie Jo Carberry; Meril Christenson; Dean Crocket; Shirley English; Pat Garnet; Alan Goulet; Andrew Graham; Glen Hammett; Bob Herrmann; Ed & Sue Herrmann; Craig & Trina Hotaling; Jeanette Hutchinson; Arleen Hayek; Louetta Lewis; David Littlefield; Alison McMurray; Chuck Merritt; Lisa Millsaps; Kevin Neville; Lynda Quirey; Brian Quiriconi; Carole Rannefeld; Ryan Robinette; Steve & Carolyn Saucedo; John Sergent; Carolyn Shackelford; Timothy Sherman; Brian Stevens; Matthew and Shantel Schatte; Andrew & Kelsey Theiss; Jacob Thomas; Shelia Toland; Danielle Tyus; Scotty Walker; Pat Wyer. **Friends of members:** Kelley Adams; John Allison; Steve Briscoe; Carolin Brown; Dawn Brown; Renee Brown; Elinore Cocca; Jolene Crowe; Lauren DiGiovanni; Robert

Edmonds; Terry Forsyth; Susan Hodges; Larry Hoffman; Clair Hoelscher; Nancy Hood; Kyle Hopkins; The Aaron Johnson Family; Peg Kennedy; Telina Manbek; Charlene Marroquin; Julie Miranda; Marshall Martinez; Jed Oidtman; Deann Pearson & Family; Lucille Pumphrey; Linda Riojas and daughters, Zoe and Sage; Camilla Ryan; Camilla Stephens; The Tamblyn Family; Tina Taylor; Bob Vacha; Sam Yim.

From “*Martin Luther Day by Day*” October 1

*“He fills you with the finest of the wheat.”
Psalm 147:14*

God’s Goodness



When we see a whole field or one grain, we should recognize not only God’s goodness but also His power and say to ourselves: “O lovely grain! God gives you to us in abundance out of His great goodness. And with what great power He protects you! What dangers have you not survived from the hour when you were sown until you are put on the table! With what mighty power has He not torn you from the devil’s fingers and hands, which clutch and snatch to destroy you and starve us!” ... A devout and believing heart understands well how useless all our plowing, sowing, and the like would be without the help of God’s gifts. Although we are to do such work with diligence and seek our nourishment from the soil (Genesis 3:19), we are not to depend solely on this as though it could be done with our hands. More than our hands is necessary. God must bless and prosper it, and then mightily defend it against all devils.

From Commentary on Psalm 147 (Luther’s Works 14:122-23)

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