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A Word from Our Pastor:

Welcome to October and the celebration of the Reformation! It is appropriate this month to think about the significance of Luther and the German Reformation.

A quick internet search will relate some of the reasons why Lutherans are so unique:

- Lutherans are the ones who during communion hum the hymns so that they can see who is attending church.
- Lutherans are the ones who forget to water their plants, but who would never forget to put water in the coffee pot.
- Lutherans are the ones who would rather not introduce themselves to a visitor at church, but check out their name in the guestbook.
- Lutherans are the ones who respond to someone jumping up and shouting, "Praise the Lord!" by politely reminding the person that something like that shouldn't happen at church.
- Lutherans are the ones who would run into a burning church just to save the coffee pot.

Many of these statements could not be any more true. Just recently Peace faced the terrible dilemma of going without coffee on one Sunday when the old coffee maker went caput. I remem-

ber hearing one person say, "What are we going to do? Can we have church without coffee?" Everyone should know that the great dilemma was solved when a new coffee pot was ordered and delivery was guaranteed just in the nick of time before Sunday's service.



I would like, however, to add one more unique aspect of Lutherans. Lutherans are ones who live without fear.

It is hard to believe that living without fear was a teaching of Martin Luther as he was filled with great personal fear early on in his life. Luther feared his parents—growing up in a very strict German home, Luther watched carefully every step he made. Luther feared God—worshipping every Sunday, Luther heard sermons that highlighted God's wrath and vengeance over and above God's love. During Luther's day, the common people were not encouraged to read the Bible. They were asked to think solely upon God's judgment.

In prayerful study Luther took to heart the meaning of Romans 1:16, "I AM NOT AFRAID of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes....." To say that Luther lived without fear after that moment would be an understatement. He believed and knew in his

heart that God would not punish him, but would welcome him into His kingdom. Great confidence replaced fear. One of my favorite quotes of Luther expresses that new outlook: "faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times."

We too share Luther's outlook. That is why we celebrate the Reformation. You have nothing to fear. God's love for you overcomes any of the negative messages that are sent your way by the world. God's commitment to you is so great, not even death can separate you from Him. God's plan for you is so sure, you can count on goodness even when road blocks appear in life. God's church too is on solid footing. His promise was and is that the gates of Hades will never overcome it.

Give thanks this month for Jello molds, casseroles, coffee pots and potlucks—all good Lutheran staples. Give thanks too for the clarification Luther brought with his understanding of the gospel. With God on our side, we have nothing to fear!

Alicia and I are so thankful to be here in Philomath with you. Thanks for sharing your life with us!

God's Peace,

Pastor Lucke



Bible Study Invite

All are invited! The Schulze's are opening their home for Bible Study the second Thursday of every month. The next Bible Study will be October 9th. Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided—Colleen Schulze style! Pastor Lucke will be leading the discussion. For the time being, we will be looking at some of the earliest letters of Christians. What were the early Christians like? How were they treated by others? How did they get along with people who were different? How were they similar to Christians today? Good conversation and great company to be had for sure. Discussion begins at 7 pm. Join us!



Preparing for Worship

Scripture lessons for October:



October 5:

Isaiah 5:1-7
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 Matthew 21:33-46

October 19:

Isaiah 45:1-7
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Matthew 22:15-22

October 12:

Isaiah 25:6-9
 Philippians 4:4-13
 Matthew 22:1-14

October 26:

Revelation 14:6-7
 Romans 3:19-28
 John 8:31-36

Cookbooks for Sale!



Ladies Guild still has church cookbooks and are continuing to sell them! They are selling for \$10 and are full of great recipes from our very own members. See Ellen Holroyd to purchase. They would make a great birthday or Christmas gift for your friends and family members. Think how nice it would be to have some of your Christmas shopping already done!

Men's Breakfast

Mark your calendar for October 4th, it is once again time for the First Saturday Men's Breakfast. We begin with coffee at 8:15 and breakfast is served at 8:30. The topic for this time will be "Sex Trafficking", there will be a short video regarding this subject. Oregon and Washington have quite a concern with this problem. There will be time for discussion. Do plan to attend. Questions regarding the breakfast please call Oscar Gutbrod 541-231-3954.

Community Food Bank & June's Kids' Kloset August - September 2014

We had a total of 107 pounds of food donated to the Philomath Food Bank and 13 bags of clothes to June's Kids' Kloset in August and 64 pounds of food donated to the Philomath Food Bank and 1 bag of clothes to June's Kids' Kloset in September. Keep up the good work that you are doing. It may not seem like a lot but it all adds up.
 Jim Holroyd

Attendance and Grace of Giving

| DATE | COUNT | GRACE OF GIVING | |
|-----------|-------|-----------------|-----------|
| 8/24/2014 | N/A | Worship/Park | N/A |
| 8/31/2014 | 87 | Offering | \$3369.90 |
| 9/7/2014 | 94 | Offering | \$3757.89 |
| 9/14/2014 | 90 | Offering | \$3258.04 |

Fall Bazaar

Our Ladies Guild hopes that you are all planning to donate handmade items for the Fall Bazaar. If you haven't started, now is the time! The date is November 9th, but it will be here before you know it. We are hoping for a large selection of different types of items from woodworking items to baked goods to knitted items. Some groups are working together to make items already. We will be putting together some themed baskets again this year so be on the lookout for sale items that can be included in a themed basket. Whatever your talent is, this is your chance to serve.

Once again we are inviting the public to come so we would like to have many items to sell. The monies will go both to church related activities as well as local missions.



What a Great Church Family!

We want to thank everyone for the love and support and prayers that have been received over the last couple of months. It has been a long month or two and we have a long road ahead of us but we will make it. Art can not do much of anything for at least the first three months.

Thank you especially to the people who have supplied vegetables, the work party fixing up my yard for when Art came home from the hospital, Jim Reams for building us a beautiful landing for our porch which will make going out and coming in a lot safer, and, of course, Pastor for always being there.

The thank you cards have also been greatly appreciated. Art reads every one of them. Thank you again for everything.

Art and Sandy Labahn

New Handbook Directories

Handbook/Directories will have been delivered to your church mailbox. Check your mailbox to receive yours. This is a work in progress. Please let Elaine Schwartz or Peggy Krueger know if there are corrections that need to be made.

Important Correction!

In your Handbook/Directory under *Communications* on page 16, #3, my email address is incorrect. If you send me something for the newsletter to that address, I will not get it. Our last name is spelled with an "ar" not an "er." It is a common mistake and no reflection on our members who worked so hard to put this wonderful document together.

Kay Glathar

Request

If you have pumpkins and/or gourds you would be willing donate, Sally Stouder and Colleen Schulze could really use them for Fall decorating. Contact one of them for more information.

Baskets for Bazaar

Maybe you don't feel talented enough or are short of time to make something for our Fall Bazaar. Would you consider sponsoring a basket? You get the items for a basket our basket wrapping team will put them together and wrap them. Here are some ideas to get you started. Use your imagination! These are just a few ideas to get you started.

- Coffee Basket
- Spa Basket
- Dorm Basket
- Wine Basket
- Baby Boy or Girl Basket
- Taste of Italy Basket
- Chocolate Lovers Basket
- Breakfast Basket
- OSU Basket
- Doggie Basket
- Get Well Soon Basket



When you have your items ready, put them in a bag and bring them to church. We will include a list of the items in the basket when we prepare it. If you have a basket, include it, but we would be happy to provide the basket for you. No need to include ribbon or wrap. We will take care of that for you. Please try to get your items to church by **Sunday, October 26th**. Thank you!

Kay Glathar

Thank You!

A big "thank you" to Ethel Post for donating a microwave to the high school Sunday school students!

Another big "thank you" to Jim Reams for making and installing the Sunday school bulletin board in the hallway and to Bob Glathar for making and installing another bulletin board in the elementary Sunday school classroom.

We really appreciate it!

Your Sunday School Superintendents