

Serving Christ During the Week

Today: [Guest Preacher, Dr. John Nordling]
8am, Divine Service, Reformation Sunday
9:15am Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
10:15am, Divine Service, Reformation Sunday
[Pastor Brege returns]

Monday:

Tuesday: 6am Early Bird Bible Study
8:20am Special Reformation Day Chapel
9am & 1pm Kinderchapel
7:30pm Reformation Service at the Seminary

Wednesday: 4pm Public School Catechism
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday: 9:30-11am Circuit Pastors Exegetical Study
7pm Sunday School teachers meeting

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 8am, Divine Service, All Saints Sunday
9:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:15am Divine Service, All Saints Sunday
1:30pm Decatur Lutherans for Life at Zion, Decatur

NEWS AND NOTES October 29, 2017

⊕ During Communion distribution, the Communion hymn is sung. As long as people are still communing, the next consecutive hymns in the hymnal are sung. We do not stand for doxological hymn verses during Communion distribution.

⊕ Today's opening hymn (656) is the Hymn of the Week. Our Wyneken children worked on stanza 1 this past week. Because today is Reformation Sunday, we will stand for a processional with the Reformation hymn.

⊕ Both because today is a "fifth Sunday" and because it is Reformation Sunday, we will celebrate Holy Communion in both services. Next Sunday is also a special Holy Day as we celebrate All Saints' Day. Thus next Sunday we will also celebrate The Sacrament in both services.

⊕ As our guest preacher and celebrant today we welcome Rev. Dr. John Nordling. Dr. Nordling is professor of exegetical theology at the seminary. May the Lord bless his work at the seminary and among us today.

⊕ In Adult Bible class Dr. Nordling will be discussing today's first and second

readings assigned for Reformation Sunday. Come, join us in this valuable time of give and take in relation to God's Word. Frequently, as a bonus, members volunteer to prepare refreshments for this class. Thank you to those who do this.

⊕ Pastor will be returning this evening.

⊕ Wyneken parents who attend worship here with their Wyneken children are reminded to initial their column on the special books in the narthex. Recall that each Wyneken child(ren) and their families must attend at least 14 services at the church to retain their member tuition status.

⊕ With all of the catastrophes and human displacement occurring around the world (even in our own U. S. from the recent hurricanes), members are encouraged to donate to charitable agencies such as Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Church Charities. When giving, for instance, to LCC, they are a dollar for dollar charity...whatever you give toward a SPECIFIED need, will be given completely to that need.

⊕ A BIG thank you to all those who helped set up for and make 546 pounds of noodles. Thank you to all the young people for their tireless help and also thank you to our more mature helpers. Youthful help is most encouraging to the mature help! God bless you all and thank you.

⊕ The 95 Theses, nailed to the church door in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517, launched the Reformation with the Scriptural truth of salvation through Christ Jesus alone. 500 years later, on October 31, 2017, we will celebrate the Reformation with a worship service at 7:30pm in the seminary Kramer Chapel. The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, president of the LC-MS will serve as preacher. The CTSFW Kantorei and Schola Cantorum, will provide special music, as will the Chamber Choir from Concordia Lutheran High School, Ft. Wayne. If you can't join us on campus, the service will be livestreamed at www.ctsfw.edu/Daily-Chapel and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CTSFw.

⊕ Make sure to look at the Luther displays in the narthex and the parish hall, as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Thanks goes to Marcia Selking for these informative displays.

⊕ Today is the final Sunday to receive the Reformation inserts. Martin Luther was used by God to bring the church back to what she had believed; foundationally we are saved by grace through faith in Christ alone. We hope you have enjoyed reading about the Reformation through these informative inserts.

⊕ Save the date. Our annual church bazaar is coming up! It will be held November 18, from 10:30am-1pm. There will be a luncheon along with crafts, noodles and baked goods. Please plan on attending.

⊕ Now Accepting Snow Removal Bids: Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is accepting snow removal bids for the 2017-2018 school year. Bids should include a per hour rate to clean lot anytime we get 2" or more of snow. (Lot will need to be cleared by 6am on school days.) Bids should additionally include cleaning of sidewalks at 2" accumulation, and salting lot per occurrence. The school may also call you for special circumstances of less than 2" at our discretion. All bids should be returned to school office or current school board member by Tuesday, Nov. 7th, 3:30pm.

⊕ Pastor Brege would like to begin another Adult Instruction Class. This class is for both members and non-members. For members this class would be for review and for a deeper understanding of what we believe. This class would enable non-members to find out what we believe and confess, and thus enable them to determine if they desire to join our church. A church should not be joined like a club, but a person should become a member only if they agree with what that church teaches. Contact Pastor Brege if you are interested in such a class (547-4176, 547-4256), and let him know what day and time would work best.

⊕ Do you have a love for children? The Wyneken Child Care has some part-time positions open. If interested or desiring more information, please contact Christine Cornett, Director of the Wyneken Child Care program, at 639-6064.

⊕ For those undergraduates who are considering training in either pastoral ministry or diakonal service, Christ Academy College (for men) and Phoebe Academy College (for women) offer a firsthand experience of how Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, forms its students in accord with a confessional Lutheran identity. The four-day event, taking place **November 2–5**, immerses young men and women in the classes, worship and day-to-day life which shapes pastors faithful to the Holy Scriptures and deaconesses who are equipped to share God's love and mercy through diakonal service. The opportunity also affords students time for fellowship with their fellow brothers and sisters considering vocations in church work, and to meet those already at the Seminary either as seminarians or faculty. "The most memorable experience for me," a participant from a prior year stated, "was being able to meet the professors and having time to wrestle with theological questions." There is no charge for this event, which includes both housing and meals. Christ Academy College/Phoebe Academy College also offers limited reimbursement for travel as available, though you will need to inquire with the Admission Office for details. For additional information and to register online, go to www.ctsfw.edu/CAC. To connect with a member of the CTSFW Admission staff, email Admission@ctsfw.edu or call the Admission Office at [800.481.2155](tel:800.481.2155).

⊕ **FORT WAYNE, Ind. (CTSFW)**— Much like the Lutheran church itself, Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, has a rich history of music.

Saint Paul Lutheran Church Preble

Sermon: "You Will Really Be Free" John 8:31-36

P: Lord, in your mercy **C:** Hear our prayer:

The Communicants

Hospitalized: Dick Rambo (father of Karla Marbach)

Harvest

Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

The Nation [hurricane and fire devastation]

Our Sick & Shut-in:

Birthdays: Kevin Schueler, Kara Smith, Brittany Farmer, Edward Smith, Jared Ehlerding, Scott Ainsworth, Catherine Faurote, Kevin Jeffrey, Grank Harkless, Chloe Fisher, Jacob Miller

SERVICE OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Serving Christ and Being Served in Worship

8am Worship: 96 10:15am Worship: 87

Bible Class: 51

Serving Christ in our Offerings

Need Weekly: \$7,181.70 Received Last Week: \$4,399.81

(+) or (-) Weekly: -\$2,781.89 (+) or (-) Year to Date: -\$70,010.50

The Seminary holds music events in Kramer Chapel throughout the year, which are open to the public for either worship, enjoyment or both. There are six opportunities coming up through the end of the year. **Tuesday, October 31** at 7:30 p.m. Reformation Anniversary Vespers with the Concordia Lutheran High School Chamber Choir, Seminary Kantorei and Seminary Schola Cantorum. **Sunday, November 5** at 4:30 p.m. Organ recital by Ken Cowan. **Sunday, November 5** at 7:30 p.m. All Saints' Choral Vespers with the Concordia Lutheran High School Chamber Choir and the Seminary Schola Cantorum, singing Bach Cantata 79, "God the Lord Is Sun and Shield." **Monday, November 6** at 5:00 p.m. Choral Evening Prayer with the Choristers of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, Fort Wayne, Indiana. **Monday, November 6** at 7:30 p.m. Hymn Festival with the Seminary Kantorei and organists Kantor Kevin Hildebrand and Associate Kantor Matthew Macheimer. **Saturday, December 9** at 4:00 p.m. Advent Candlelight Evening Prayer with the choirs of CTSFW. If you would like to view the music schedule for the entire year, [click here](#). For more details about the four events on **November 5** and **6** as a part of the Good Shepherd Institute Conference, visit www.ctsfw.edu/GSI

⊕ The Orphan Grain Train needs our help. The catastrophic effects of Hurricane Harvey are enormous. Over 50 inches of rain fell in some areas of Texas and the devastation is incredible. Thrivent Financial has offered to match gifts up to \$3,000,000.00 to 8 organizations and the Orphan Grain Train is one. (On a first come first served basis.) Qualifying gifts must be given through Thrivent.com. (Gifts sent directly to Orphan Grain Train will not be matched.) To take advantage of this opportunity follow these simple directions: Go to www.thrivent.com. On the home page click on "Help Now" on the left hand side. Click on "Continue" and then fill in the information to make your gift. (Note that credit card gifts will have a fee deducted from your gift so donations made directly from a checking or savings account will be most beneficial.) Each gift will be doubled until the entire \$3,000,000.00 has been met or December, 31, 2017, whichever is first. It is impossible to overemphasize the extent of this disaster. Orphan Grain Train will be involved in restoring this area for years to come. May our dear Lord Jesus bless your consideration of such a gift! *Rev. Ralph G. Schmidt CFRE, Director of Donor Advising*

⊕ Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Ossian will have their Holiday Bazaar on Sunday, November 5 from 11:15am-1:30pm. The Swiss Steak dinner is \$10.00 for adults and children 12 and under are \$5.00. Hotdog meal is \$3.00. Carry outs are available.

⊕ "Prayer list" for members to use as they bring the needs of others before God's throne of grace: Carol Bieberich; Cathy Terhune has miraculously shown improvement; Penny Smith; Eileen Hintz is suffering from bone cancer; Marilyn Harvey; Rae Fuhrmann (long time Wyneken teacher).

⊕ The Reformation truths Lutherans have celebrated for 500 years apply beautifully and powerfully to life issues. A human being's identity and sanctity comes from God's grace in creating, redeeming, and calling each one. Abilities or accomplishments, efforts or emotions cannot establish anyone's value or invalidate anyone's worth. *Gracious Savior, let us honor with You the preciousness of every human person because of Your grace, forgiveness, and free salvation. Amen.*

⊕ The lessons for next Sunday are Rev. 7:9-17; I John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12.