



The Watchman



October 2022

Christ Lutheran Church, Pascagoula, MS



This month often turns our attention to remembering our history and our roots in the Reformation and its events in the 16th century. Naturally, we tend to focus on Martin Luther: he was the one who set off the whole movement, he wrote practically non-stop for decades so we have an enormous amount of his thoughts, and he's such a colorful figure and forceful personality that he naturally draws our attention.

Of course, we want to be careful in that; we can respect his contributions and leadership but we shouldn't forget that he was only one among many pastors, theologians, teachers, princes, and laymen and women of all types who worked in the service of the Gospel against the problems of their day. Names like Melancthon, Bugenhagen, Spalatin, Amsdorf, Jonas, Brenz, or Bucer may be totally unfamiliar to you, but they were friends who stood shoulder to shoulder with Luther and advocated

for the message of salvation by faith alone.

Just as Luther stood on firmer ground because of so many compatriots around him, they all stood on the firmest ground because of what lay behind everything they said and taught: God's Word alone. This year marks the 501st anniversary of the Diet of Worms, one of the most dramatic events of the early Reformation, the one usually portrayed as Luther bravely standing up to Emperor and Pope alike to say "Here I stand!" It's a great scene, and I suspect Americans in particular like that no-nonsense attitude towards authority; but the true statement Luther made was much humbler: "I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God."

His brave stand was not based on his own personal gumption, but on God's Word. He told them that if he were convinced that anything he'd

written had, in fact, gone against Scripture, then he would not only retract all his errors but he would be the first to throw those books into the fire. The Pope's decrees didn't matter, but neither did Luther himself; what mattered was God's Word and the salvation in Christ to which that Word testifies.

Once again, I remember the motto from 2017 for the 500th anniversary, "It's still all about Jesus." The Diet of Worms once again drives home the same lesson. I pray the same for myself, that I am bound *only* by the Word of God and by no other human ideology or allegiance or philosophy, and that if anything I say as a pastor is contrary to Scripture, I will be the first to throw it in the fire. May the same be true for all of us in word and deed, to listen to no voice but Christ, and may it be true as the old hymn says, "On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand." On that, we may confidently say "Here I stand!"



- 2 Dave Hamilton & Jay Torries (Jerold S.)
- 9 Bobby Trehern & Shawn Robbins (Kyndel T.)
- 16 Kevin Rademacher & Dave Griffin (Jay T.)
- 23 Jay Torries & Dave Hamilton (Dave G.)
- 30 Shawn Robbins & Bobby Trehern (Shawn R.)

- 1 Sis Kellum
- 3 Anna Fern Krebs
- 7 Bobby Trehern
- 15 Joseph Waffel
- 16 Stephen Anderson
- 20 Crystal Robbins
- 21 Margaret Southern
- 26 Ted Schmelter
- 28 David L. Hamilton
- 28 DJ Reid
- 30 Jeff Welty

HAPPY Anniversary!

- 17 Dave & Kathy Griffin
- 25 Joshua & Jenna Hamilton



- 2 Susan Rademacher
- 9 Crystal Robbins
- 16 Aletha Schollian
- 23 Debbie Schulte
- 30 Marilyn Trehern

Cathy Groff & Debbie Schulte

Mary Martha News

Mary Martha will be collecting school size canned items to donate to Our Daily Bread. We will be doing a money collection to donate also on LWML Sunday, October 2nd and will also be collecting mites that Sunday.



OTHER NEWS

- **PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST:** As a reminder to all members, a chain phone call prayer request is available for all members. To either make a chain call prayer request or to start receiving chain prayer calls, please contact either your Elder or Pastor.
- **NURSERY:** Nursery is provided for children during worship service.
- **NEW CHURCH EMAIL:** The new office email is CLC1888@outlook.com
- **MEMBER INFO UPDATE:** Please complete the member form and turn it in to an elder, usher, or send it in an email to help update our records. Also please send a family picture for the directory to Janet or Pastor.
- **STEAK NIGHT:** Friday - October 7 @ 5:30 pm. Elders-hosted steak night. Bring your own meat – Elders will supply the sides.
- **SUGGESTION CARDS:** Suggestion cards are available in the Sanctuary for recommendations and/or complaints.

Would you like to join fellow Lutherans in a journey to the Holy Land? To learn about the Bible at the locations where it happened, and to follow in the footsteps of Abraham, King David, Jesus, and Paul? The dates are June 25 to July 7, 2024. More information will available soon, but please tell Pastor if you are interested.

Prayer for Halloween

God of Laughter and Joy,
We turn to you in the way of our ancient ancestors, grateful for the abundance of food and festivity that surrounds us at this time of year.
Keep all children safe as they embark on their Halloween revels.
Light their way through the dark night and enfold them in love.
May the real treat in their lives be grace that multiplies in depth and breadth as they grow older.
We pray this with all the saints in heaven.
Amen

October Scripture Readings

	Oct. 2 (Prop. 22)	Seventeenth S. a. Pentecost	Hab. 1:1–4; 2:1–4	Psalm 62	2 Tim. 1:1–14	Luke 17:1–10
	Oct. 9 (Prop. 23)	Eighteenth S. a. Pentecost	Ruth 1:1–19a	Psalm 111	2 Tim. 2:1–13	Luke 17:11–19
	Oct. 16 (Prop. 24)	Nineteenth S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 32:22–30	Psalm 121	2 Tim. 3:14—4:5	Luke 18:1–8
	Oct. 23 (Proper 25)	Twentieth S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 4:1–15	Psalm 5	2 Tim. 4:6–8, 16–18	Luke 18:9–17
REFORMATION	Oct. 30 <i>(observed)</i>	Reformation Day (Oct. 31)	Rev. 14:6–7	Psalm 46	Rom. 3:19–28	John 8:31–36 <i>or</i> Matt. 11:12–19



Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes 9.19.2022

Jay Torries called the meeting to order

Pastor opened w prayer

The reading of the previous meeting minutes was waived.

Pastor's report

Janet is working on a church directory –send pics and information to her or Pastor

The Heusmans have requested a transfer to Holy Cross in Mobile.

The speaker in the nursery is fixed.

Oktoberfest will be 10/30. Donna will post sign up list. The Shepherds agreed to pick up the brats. Kathleen will obtain a Thrivent grant to purchase brats and other food items.

Pastor thanked Shawn Robbins for presiding over the service while Pastor and family were on vacation.

Jay Torries for KR: Are all council members willing to serve another year? Yes

Christmas Party—President will coordinate

VP Dave Griffin no report, sign up for flowers and ushers

Elders Report Jay Torries: Steak night is planned for 10/7. Bring your own meat for the grill, church will provide baked potatoes.

Financial Secretary: Carl Erichsen

Total deposits August \$ 7873.77

August total \$ 6923.77

YTD \$ 95,052.63

Treasurer Lin Jacobson: Bills for the month paid so far. Checking Account \$4,622.59 CEF \$16,729.75 +\$20K CD

Trustees no report

Evangelism: no report

Safety Committee: Shawn Robbins—will organize a security team and develop a plan, applied for an AED grant to obtain a defibrillator for the church

Mary Martha: Kyndel Torries:

9/10 LWML assembled goody baskets and delivered them to area first responders

LWML Sunday 10/2 also Pastor recognition month. We will be collecting large #10 cans of veg and \$\$\$ for Our Daily Bread for Thanksgiving dinner

November Bingo night + dinner

Youth: no report

Education: New Sunday school materials

Social ministry Kathleen Cox/Marilyn Trehern: Birthday cards sent to retirees

Stewardship no report

Safety –will nominate chairperson

Endowment fund no report

Old business: Alarm system call list was updated

memorial garden-no discussion

Wireless cameras—Shawn is investigating

New business: We need a nominating committee for 2023 elections

Need to check the church hearing devices to be sure they work correctly.

During meetings we all need to be mindful of hard of hearing members

Singing River Little Theater will use the Fellowship Hall for rehearsals

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully,

Susan Rademacher



Pastor's Report to the Board of Elders and Church Council September 2022

Membership, Worship, and Christian Education

- Membership changes: the Heusman family has requested transfer to Holy Cross in Mobile, AL. Thyne Brown is now on hospice care at home.
- The Sunday adult Bible study is going through the book of Acts. Never too late to join us!
- Janet is still working on an updated church directory; if you have not already sent her your current information, please do.
- The speaker in the nursery is working again!

Mission, Witness, and Outreach

- Rally day presentation yesterday on my service in Wittenberg, Germany in May.
- Elders-hosted steak night on Friday, October 7.
- Oktoberfest is planned for Sunday, October 30 after worship. Invite your friends to join us!

Circuit, District, and Synod

- Circuit meetings: our first meeting for the season after summer break will be here in Pascagoula on Tuesday, September 20.

Travel

- Vacation time for 2022: 16 days out of 21 (2 Sundays out of 3)
- Planned travel for September: we attended the wedding of a friend in Milwaukee, gone Sunday, September 11.
- Planned travel for October: none.

Other Activities, General Information

- We have a new office email address: clc1888@outlook.com. The old Bellsouth email address is no longer accessible; please change your address book.
- We are holding rehearsals here in the fellowship hall for the play Eve is directing. I am also in it, and Hanna Dunlap is stage managing.

October



2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
LWML Sunday Adult Bible class 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00					Steak Night 5:30	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Adult Bible class 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00						Men of Christ Breakfast 8:00
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Adult Bible class 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Elders 11:00 Mary Martha 11:00	Council 6:00					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Adult Bible class 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship: 11:00						
30	31					
Reformation Sunday Adult Bible class 9:00 Reformation Service 10:00 Fellowship: 11:00 Oktoberfest 11:30						