How Does Anger Affect Conflict?

n this article I am picking up on the series on conflict resolution. Recall that we've said that conflict, at its lowest level, is simply a difference of opinion. Conflict can be very good for a congregation if it's handled properly. But it's rare that conflict is handled well. Why? Because we're sinful and often get angry when there's conflict. So why do we get angry? Have you ever thought about what anger is? Turn this page over and think for a couple minutes to see if you can come up with the "lowest common denominator" of anger. What is it that's at the heart and core?

Well, I think we would all agree that there's something that precedes anger. Like a

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laboratory experiment, when this "element" is added to the mix things come bubbling up. (By the way, off and on—over the course of thirty years or so—I have studied the topic of anger. and the experts agree with me! □ I guess I should say that I agree with the experts. So, here's my definition: Anger is a response to a perceived threat, whether real or imagined, physical or psychological. If you agree with that keep reading.

So just like conflict, anger runs the gamut, from "a little bit frustrated" to full-blown, flame throwing. (Now, there's plenty more that I could say at this point, but I'm going resist the temptation of making this a three- or four-page article. So, here's the thing. What we usually call anger is sinful. But (and that's a big 'but') it is possible for us to express a difference of opinion without sinning. After all, Jesus did.

So, part of my theory is that if our response to a genuine threat is in correct and direct correlation with that threat it is not sinful. After all, Jesus got angry. Picture our Lord with a whip in His hand; knocking over tables and throwing people out of the

temple. And yet He did not sin! Why? Because his anger was in direct proportion to the "threat." One might say that as the temple goes so goes the city and so goes the nation. In other words, the threat was that the religion that had once been holy was now being corrupted.



You may see, by now, if you've thought about it, that the problem isn't really conflict or even anger. The problem/sin is when we overreact because of anger. Classic sinful thought the evening of September 11, 2001: "Let's just blow 'em all

off the face of the earth." Hopefully, you see that such a reaction is greater than the threat. Though there are very few religions that call on their adherents to blow things up it is this smaller number of practitioners that deserves our anger and deserve a response: "Guantanamo Bay" or the like. By the way, our justice system, though in some ways flawed, is all about a proper response to the threat. All of the above has been a fleshing out of one tenet of those who run the organization located at www.peacemakerministries.org

"Take the log out of your own eye" is the tenet. And it's perhaps the easiest to remember. If you're going to confront someone you should check your anger (and we haven't even talked about pain!) at the door. You should approach the other person with true humility, just as Jesus said.

I heard a professional theologian (a member of the St. Louis seminary faculty) say that Jesus was verbally drawing a cartoon. How could anyone ever get a log in his or her eye? And it makes sense. The Lord is saying, "Your sins are great; perhaps even more in number than your brother's." Therefore, we do well if we ask the question of what was threatening about whatever the conflict was/ is. It will help us examine ourselves and reflect on why we overreacted. What was so angering? And how would God have me respond to the threat? (By the way, I often said, "I'm most dangerous when I'm right!")

There will always be a need for conflict resolution in God's church. But if we remember that what we're doing *is for* God and examine why we might feel threatened what looks like a bumpy road ahead could become much smoother. And we are getting closer (already?!) to the time when we will hear John the Baptizer say, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Pastor Anderegg





Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Oct. 10 Tom Croft
- Oct. 10 Ken & Linda Schaumburg
- Oct. 12 Don & Harriet Cress
- Oct. 13 Kore Gale
- Oct. 15 Susan Kral
- Oct. 17 Peggy Callahan
- Oct. 24 Matt Mayes

Hospitalized?

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, have experienced a death in the family, are home bound, or scheduled to go to the hospital, please call Pastor Brandt (580-421-8108). Please keep in mind that privacy laws also limit the information hospitals can share with us. Both Pastor Anderegg (573-528-4597) and Pastor Brandt are available for any emergency, or any issue you and your loved ones might be having. Remember, our two pastors are here to serve you. Our Elders: Jeff Hedberg (573-819-4446), Joe Stauch (573-347-2903), Earl Hartenstein (573-691-7117) will also assist in getting one of the pastors to follow up on any issue, not just hospitalization for you, a loved one or a death in the family. To find out which Elder you are assigned to, please see the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. Proverbs 19:21

ears ago, it was one of the highlights of the summer for a family to go to a state or county fair. Of course, very few of today's local fairs have the significance and importance of London's Crystal Palace Exhibition which opened in 1851. It was the golden age of steam. On display were steam plows, steam locomotives, steam looms, steam organs, and even a steam cannon. Among all those wonderful exhibits, the first-prize winner was a steam invention composed of 7,000 parts. When the machine was turned on, its pulleys, whistles, bells, and gears made a lot of noise. Unfortunately, the steam contraption didn't do a thing! Really. Nothing. This all goes to prove noise and



movement don't always equal accomplishment. When I look at our expressways I wonder if some of our comings and goings might not fit under that same category: movement without accomplishment. Look at the people, all rushing from place to place, many of them impatient, frustrated. People-like the moving parts in the contraption above-can move about a lot but not necessarily accomplish much in terms of merit, importance, or lasting quality. All too often noise and movement have taken the place of purpose and accomplishment. Those of us

who know the Savior should be thankful Jesus has given our lives a little fuller aspect. Because we have a God who cares for us and a Savior who has redeemed us, we have been given a direction, a purpose, a job to do: our job is to share His great grace and sacrifice with an unbelieving world. That's not to say I'm going to change the world. I can't. That is the Holy Spirit's job. My job is to put myself into the hands of the Maker and do what He wants me to do. And what He wants is for Christians to have spiritual children.

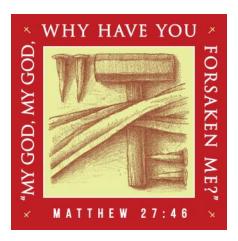
(From a devotion originally written for "By the Way")

The Prayer: Heavenly Father, show me the plans You have for me and help me be loyal to You. For saving my soul and giving a great purpose to my present life, I give thanks. May I be made into a blessing for others and an honorable witness to Jesus. In His Name. Amen.

Answering Objections to the Faith

Question 7: Why did God create a world He knew would turn to evil?

One final question on the problem of evil: If God knew Adam and Eve would disobey Him, why did He create them? God could have chosen not to. We have to admit that we don't know. His Word doesn't give an answer. We do know, however, as John 3:16 states, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." God loves us so much that He gave His Son to die on the cross so that we could be forgiven and could receive Him as Savior and Lord. united with Him as a bride is united to her beloved in marriage; so that we could live with Him, face-to-face in His presence, through all eternity. When He created us, He could see the future and knew we would disobey Him. He knew that King David would murder a good man to take the widow to be his wife. He could see Peter cursing and swearing that he did not know Jesus, God's own Son. And He could see His Son hanging on a cross and crying out, "My God,



Every One His Witness

My God, why have You forsaken Me?" When God created us, He knew who we would be and what we would do. He knew the pain and suffering we would bring upon one another - and upon Him-and yet, He created us any-way. Do we know why God created us in view of all this? We do not. We do know that He loves us so much that He gave up His only Son for us on the cross. God was willing to pay an unimaginable price. And He created us anyway. God values us so much that He was willing to pay that price. If He wanted us to know more than that, He would've told us. Jesus opened the door to Paradise for us when He said on the cross," It is finished." What more do we need to know?

Next objection: The Problem of Darwinism. from: <u>The Reason I Believe</u> (The Basics of Christian Apologetics) by Allen Quist

Greenview Lutheran High School

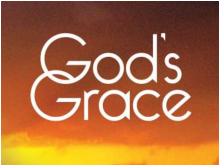
Greenview Lutheran High School began its first year on August 22, with one student enrolled. Due to the expense of hiring teacher/supervisors and rent for the church, the student's family decided to have her work under family supervision rather than at Peace. The low enrollment has not discouraged the enthusiasm for starting a Lutheran high school at the lake. The Greenview Lutheran High School Board continues to meet and to plan ways to get the word out that students can get a Christian education during their high school years. (continued)

What's Keeping Us From Being Active Witnesses?

uch of the literature, training, seminars, teachings, and other resources on witnessing has been produced by people who embrace Arminianism (i.e. they believe that they have the ability to choose God). Because many of us have been exposed to or influenced by Arminianism, it's necessary to talk about what a witness *is not* in order to talk about what a witness *is*. Some misunderstandings presented by Arminianism include:

- I must lead people to a decision for Christ.
- 2 It's my fault if someone goes to Hell.
- **3** I can increase the population of Heaven.
- 4 I need to save people.

Arminianism is based on the theological ideas of Jacob Arminius, a Dutch Reformed theologian who lived from 1560 – 1609. Central to his teaching was the idea that each person is responsible for either being saved or lost. But in its explanation of Ephesians 1, the Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord points out that "in grace [God] has considered



and chosen to salvation each and every one of the elect who are to be saved through Christ" (Article XI, paragraph 23). No one is able to choose or decide to be saved. It is impossible for us to convince people to believe in Jesus. We cannot add to or take away from God's elect. In other words, we cannot increase the population of Heaven or decrease the population of Hell. As popular as these ideas are among Christians (especially in America), they are not biblical. Their net effect is to make people feel guilt, shame, and angst over evangelism. As it says in Luther's explanation of The Third Article: "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith."

(Don't forget the LASSIE approach to witnessing: LISTEN, ASK, SEEK, SHARE, INVITE, ENCOURAGE.) by Pr. Mark Wood, Director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry (https://www.everyonehiswitness.org)



Another change that was implemented early on was the curriculum provider. Orange County, CA Lutheran High School curriculum proved to not be user friendly for our student. After consulting with Concordia Publishing House, ABEKA was chosen as the curriculum and has proven to be a much better fit. An added perk with this choice is that the cost is more affordable. ABEKA is an accredited program and students receive regular report cards and a diploma upon completion of course work.

The Greenview High School Board wants to express appreciation to Peace Lutheran Church for their support and encouragement for this endeavor. We ask that you keep the high school in your prayers as we strive to make the school successful not only for the student, we have enrolled this year, but for many more in the years to come.

Externals Not Essential

The members of the altar guild should understand clearly that God has not given Christians of the New Testament era specific laws governing the outward forms of worship. Christianity is not essentially a matter of externals but of faith and life. Strictly speaking, it cannot be said that a church is Christian because it does or does not have a beautiful service. Where The Word of God is rightly taught and the sacraments are rightly administered, there is the Christian church.

Volunteers are needed for altar guild. You can do it for a month or you can tag team with someone.

Stewardship

"We Are All Beggars"

In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. Before that happened, the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words: "We are all beggars. This is true." And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free.

Ironic, isn't it? In order to be free, you must be a beggar. You must be utterly dependent and

reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable – the way we're uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas present when we haven't gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don't like being in someone's debt like that.

But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. And we're not just anyone's beggars. We're God's beggars. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

If we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here's the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything. Forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This isn't because of any worthiness or merit in us. It is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace. On account of Christ's death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the lifeblood of the Christian Church. God justifies us and declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This isn't because of our works but because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.

This is what Luther pointed us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled "We are all beggars. This is true." We are beggars, but we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us and who doesn't pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.

We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – still in us by grace for Christ's sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God's grace. The riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism, and in Holy Communion – are so inexhaustible that our cups overflow. We, who are God's beggars, are inexhaustibly satisfied, and we have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise.

- Reprinted from LCMS Stewardship Ministry: <u>lcms.org/stewardship</u>



September 12 LWML Minutes

astor Anderegg continued our Bible study on the book of Ruth. We will be finishing Ruth in November.

Nine members answered roll call using a Bible verse with the word trust. The August minutes were approved as printed.

Susan handed out the treasurer's report. She informed the members she received Mites from Jaccy. All the members in attendance signed the thinking of you card for Jaccy.

We served the luncheon after the Mary Matthies funeral. The treasurer's report was approved as printed.

President's Report: Sara reminded us of the Zone Board meeting. The board will decide where the Spring rally will be held, what the theme will be, and select a speaker.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for those members who wanted to attend the Fall rally. Car pooling with be available.

Flyers will be handed out at the fall rally to advertise the Spring 2023 rally. Sara mentioned using Christian Artwork for the cover.

Sara reported the pastor's conference luncheon went well. Thank you to all that helped and brought food.

Cathie gave the Mites reading and the offering bags were passed around.

Committees: No report was given from any of the committees. There was a discussion about relabeling the kitchen cabinets and drawers. This project was tabled.

Old Business: Diane reported she was almost finished with the banners for All Saint's Day.

We continued our discussion of the lady's tea. Sara contacted the churches, we invited, to remind them about our tea. Carol ordered ten round tablecloths. It was decided to decorate for the tea on Wednesday or Thursday of the week of the tea. A motion was made and second to not have door prizes. Paula made table favors for everyone in attendance.

A motion was made and second to approve the LWML new member information sheet.

For LWML Sunday, we decided to sit with our spouses. Debbie will hand out Christmas stockings for those ladies who would like to participate.

The new business was tabled. With no further business, we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sheryl Bald, acting secretary

Thank you for your continued support of the Pocket Change for Mites. We collected \$18.69 in Sept. Our next Mites collection will be Sunday, Nov. 6. Bring your mites anytime in the month and place in the LWML box in the back of the church.

Taking Awe Breaks

Many of us are juggling so many things that we are run by our lives rather than living them as gifts from God. What if we could learn to stop for a moment many times a day? What if in those moments we could decide to notice the sheer miracle of being alive? We would then be taking awe breaks instead of coffee breaks.

—Gunilla Norris, Weavings, July/August 2008



hank you to the Congregation, Pastors and Officers for the nice letter of Appreciation that was sent to us. It was appreciated and we have not forgotten any of the wonderful people and friends at Peace. Thank you very much.

Ed and Jaccy Heinlein

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

Preparing for the Ladies Tea

























Highlights of the Ladies Tea

Forty-seven ladies gathered on September 23 from various churches to enjoy our Ladies Tea and guest speaker Ruth Oexman. Each table was decorated with the variety of place settings. Thank you to all who provided their tableware, salads and desserts for everyone to enjoy. Photos by Sheryl Bald and Diane Borgmann.

God was watching out for us when we didn't get on the train and we had to wait for the next one. The first one was bombed and everyone was killed.

A lady threw out scraps to the geese. We were so hungry, we ate with the geese. Ruth Oexman















Photos by Wendy Anderegg

We wish to thank the following people who provided tables settings for our tea: Sara Anderegg, Peggy Callahan, Paula Emery, Dawn Hedberg, Debbie Mayes, Cathie Mueller, Carol Murrell. We want to thank Paula Emery for providing the table favors.



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Sunday Worship*	9:00 am
Bible Class/Sun. School	10:30 am

Wednesday Evening Services:

 Ash Wednesday 	6:00 pm
• Lent	6:00 pm
• Advent	6:00 pm

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday*	6:00 pm
 Good Friday Service 	6:00 pm
Easter Sunday*	9:00 am

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

Christmas

Evening Service 6:00 pm

*Holy Communion

The Lord's Servants at Peace

- Elders—Monday before Council Meeting 9:30 am Chairman: Jeff Hedberg, Earl Hartenstein, Joe Stauch
- Council—2nd Tuesday of Each Month 6:30 pm President: Jeff Emery, Vice President: Bob Hansen, Secretary: Susan Kral, Financial Secretary: Vicki Stauch, Treasurer: Peggy Callahan
- **Stewardship** As announced Dawn Hedberg
- Evangelism As announced Russell Schulz
- Education Sara Anderegg
- **Trustees** As announced Chuck Kral, Rodney Schulz, Pat Callahan
- LWML—2nd Monday from March—November 9:30 am President: Sara Anderegg
- Altar Guild As announced Diane Borgmann

Bible Studies As announced

• Elected Offices

September 13 Council Meeting

Vice President Bob Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Pastor Brandt opened with prayer.

The following board members were present: Pastors: Pastor Anderegg and Pastor Brandt, Vice Pres. Bob Hansen, Pres. Jeff Emery, Sec. Susan Kral, Treas. Peg Callahan, Cemetery: Diane Borgmann, Stewardship: Dawn Hedberg, Evangelism: Russell Schulz, Member at Large: Paula Emery, Board of Trustees: Chuck Kral, and Church Members: Brock Kliewer and Penny Hansen

Absent: Financial Sec. Vicki Stauch, Board of Elders Jeff Hedberg, Education Sara Anderegg

The minutes from the August 2022 meeting were approved as printed.

Financial Secretary: Jeff Emery presented Vicki's report. It was accepted and approved.

Treasurer: Peggy presented her report. The report was accepted and approved. She has arranged for monthly bills to be deducted automatically from our account in order to save on postage.

Elders: There was no report.

Trustees: Chuck submitted the following report:

- Chuck, Pat, and Jeff Emery have attended to mowing our property.
- Chuck sprayed for weeds in several areas.
- Bushes were trimmed. Thank you to Rodney and Russell Schulz.
- Pat Callahan removed the white cross that was obstructing the view of the new sign. He removed the lights from the cross in front of the church and restained the cross.
- Don Springer, Jeff Emery, and Chuck used machines to scrub and wax the floor in the fellowship hall.
- Chuck contacted Tom's Heating after seeing that one of the air conditioning units was frozen up. He met with them on August 28. Freon was added. He received a bid from them to replace the unit.
- He met with Liebl's Tree Service to get a bid on trimming or removing the tree that is above a parking lot light.
- He met with Catalyst Electric on Sept. 13 regarding the parking lot lights that were flash-

- ing. A circuit breaker in the building was replaced.
- The light in the LWML storage room was not working. Chuck discovered that a circuit breaker was tripped.
- Pat burned leaves on the south lawn.
- There needs to be a congregation workday planned to remove branches in all lawn areas.

His report was accepted and approved.

Education: There was no report.

Evangelism: Russell reported the following:

- 185 outreach cards were sent at a cost of \$164.65.
- He received a thank you note from the Chamber of Commerce for our joining.
- The Enchanted Village of Lights will be sending a bill for the light display we have sponsored for several years.
- The cost of belonging to the Chamber of Commerce is going up. Funds will be moved from advertising to outreach to cover that expense.

His report was accepted and approved.

Stewardship: Dawn reported the following:

- Diane Borgmann made one new membership book.
- Dawn reviewed the interest questionnaires that congregation members were asked to fill out.
 Not many were returned.

Dawn's report was accepted and approved.

Member at Large: Paula had no report.

Cemetery: Diane reported the following:

- She thanked all who are mowing and trimming the grounds.
- Susan Kral ordered a new Thrivent card that will be used for cemetery upkeep.
- Dirt for the cemetery needs to be ordered.

Her report was accepted and approved.

Pastors Reports:

Pastor Anderegg reported that things are going well.

Pastor Brandt reported the following:

- He attended the September Circuit Pastor's Conference at St. John's in Cole Camp.
- On September 18 Mike and Jan Loman will be received into membership. They are transferring from Hope Lutheran in Osage Beach.
- He and his daughter Carla will be touring six Northeast states from Sept.19—Sept. 28.

Both reports were accepted and approved.

President's Reports: Jeff Emery reported the following:

Continuing Business:

- Paul Bartels and Earl Hartenstein are working on completing the audit of our books.
- Offering counters are needed for the 1st Sunday of each month. It is not a difficult task. Members are asked to consider serving our Lord in this capacity.
- The Spectrum phone account name change has not been completed. Mic Carlson will assist with that later this month.
- Information is being gathered regarding the installation of security cameras.
- There was more discussion regarding the publishing of new membership directories.

New Business:

- The council approved the request of an electrical right-of-way easement on the east side of our property that is required by the electric company.
- Budget requests for 2023 need to be submitted to Peggy. It is planned to have the new budget finalized by Sept. 29.
- The council approved the purchase of a new heating/cooling unit from Tom's Heating. The cost is \$10.526.00.
- The council approved the return of \$300.00 to the Greenview Lutheran High School for the rent of the fellowship hall since the hall is not being used by them at this time.
- The LWML group will be contacted regarding our sponsoring a Trunk and Treat.
- The congregation will be encouraged to contribute to the fund established for meeting the needs of the Lewis children.
- Rick Anderegg asked council members to consider meeting less often.

The meeting was adjourned. Pastor Anderegg closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Kral, Secretary

Note: Upon exiting, council members discovered that the parking lot lights were still not working properly. Chuck will again contact Catalyst Electric.





Our Savior Lutheran Church

Hwy 54 East at 4th St., Camdenton will host Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 1

Dinner served from 4 to 7 p.m.

German Dinner Price:

Adults: \$13.00 10 & under: \$5.00

Live Polka Music Lots of door prizes

Living in the present

During Martin Luther's great struggle to reform the church in the 16th century, the Holy Roman Emperor sought to silence him. So he spent some lonely months in Wartburg Castle under protective custody. There, as he fought despair, Luther scribbled the words "I am baptized" on his desktop as a reminder that he was living according to an ongoing call from God. He did not write, "I was baptized" but used the present-tense verb. For he rightly understood that in his baptism, God had adopted him as his son, and no human could take that from him.

Later, in his *Large Catechism*, Luther wrote: "To be baptized in God's name is to be baptized not by human beings but by God himself. Although it is performed by human hands, it is nevertheless truly God's own act."

—from The Wired Word



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	Elders Meeting 9:30 a.m.					
Mites Collection						
9	10	Council Mtg.	12	13	14	15
Worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	LWML Mtg. 9:30 a.m.	6:30 pm Circuit Pastor's Conf. St. Paul's Sedalia				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline 9 a.m.	Voters Meeting Potluck 5:30 p Meeting 6:30 p				
Worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	24	25	26	27	28	29
Reformation Sunday 9 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	Reformation Day					