

The Tidings

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From the President's Desk:

In just a couple of months, we will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing of his 95 theses to the doors of Wittenberg, leading to the birth of the Lutheran Church and many other Protestant churches. Martin Luther was passionate about redemption. Agonizing over his own perceived inadequacies, he obsessively tried to earn this redemption by exercising all of the rites and rituals then prescribed by the church to appease what he thought was an angry God. This obsessive passion led him to go to lengths beyond just accepting the current teachings of the Church, and reach into the Scriptures themselves for answers. It was there, in the Scriptures, that God's Grace was revealed to him.

How was it that such a marvelous concept as Grace could have been lost by such learned scholars as those occupying the leadership of the church? It was the GOSPEL that they forgot about! How could that have happened? The answer, of course, is in the very reason God's Grace is needed in the first place. The church was headed by humans and humans are deeply flawed. Luther's rediscovery of God's Grace re-lit the light of hope in a dark world.

Every Sunday, we repeat a confession that reminds us of the fact that, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God". But, at the end of the service, in the meal of Christ's Body and Blood, we are celebrating our Justification before God, by Grace, through faith. Let us never find

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Mission Statement

“Reaching in for the Holy Spirit, Reaching up for God’s Grace, Reaching out with Christ’s Love.”

Vision Statement

Seeking to share the love of Jesus Christ.

Core Values

*Share the sacraments;
Share God’s love;
Worship together;
There is a place
for everyone*



ourselves ‘forgetting’ about God’s Grace like the church of old. As we welcome Jon Meister as our new worship leader, going forth, let us continue to be in a constant state of reformation, always looking back to scriptures for a renewed understanding of God’s love for us.

Jerry Gossett, President



New Worship Leader

Starting on **September 3**, we will be welcoming **Jon Meister** as our new permanent supply pastor. Please welcome our new worship leader to Zion!



Backpack Blessing

Calling all Back Packs! Zion is having a ‘Blessing of the Back Packs’ on **September 10**. We are inviting all students to come with their own backpacks, briefcases or other kinds of student bags.

Breakfast Bunch

The Breakfast Bunch continues to meet on the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 at Der Dutchman. Everyone is welcome! Join us for a good breakfast and good fellowship as well. Upcoming dates for the Breakfast Bunch are **September 2** and **October 7**.



Looking ahead: Reformation Sunday

On **October 29**, Zion will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. We will have a special service that day, followed by a German-style lunch after the service.

If anyone is willing to help with the lunch, please contact Louise. Assistance is welcome! – But mostly, we would love for everyone to come that Sunday and eat, enjoy, and help us celebrate this momentous occasion.

Happy Birthday!

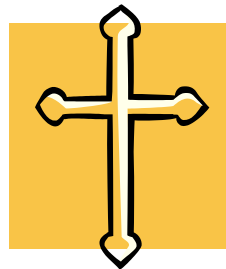
Rod Hutton	09/02
Tim Reuter	09/13
Janis Murray	09/20
Emilie Harless	09/20
Rick Snodgrass	09/24
Nancy Hoenie	10/06
Jerry Paulins	10/19

Hurricane Harvey

In response to the devastation of Hurricane Harvey and the unprecedented flooding in Texas, many relief organizations are mobilizing resources. ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response is accepting donations marked "Hurricane Response – United States" to be used for relief. If you choose to donate, here is their contact information: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. Make checks payable to "Hurricane Response, United States".

Anniversaries

Dick and Ginny Fogt
September 18



Daily Prayers:

Please keep these people in your prayers: Esther Mae Baker, Al Bausch, Marjorie Barry, Don Brooks, Richard Woods, Carol Schiff, and the family of Bob Feddern.