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A Message from Pastor Daniel Provost

Dear fellow redeemed in Christ, October – ask any child, and the first holiday to come to mind this month is Halloween. However, with COVID-19 still among us, many are cautious about having the little ones trick-or-treat door-to-door. Even though it's been suggested that kids wear face masks to “beg” for candy this year (**go figure... masks on Halloween?!**) 😊, many parents aren't going to send them out. So, we can focus even more on the bigger festival that happens on the same date – the Reformation.

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his theses on the castle door in Wittenberg, Germany. He wanted to elicit a debate on these 95 points that he felt were in error within the Roman Church. Written in Latin, the intent of this posting was to be an academic pursuit, to reform the church from within, *and not to set off a revolution or, heaven forbid, start his own church.* However, over 500 years later, we still commemorate this day as the start of the purification of the church from error. Without Luther (and the other reformers) it's doubtful that the truth of the Scriptures would have come to light. God placed Luther in a unique situation, with gifted knowledge and persuasion, that is still unequalled.

This year, the celebration of the Reformation is going to be a little bit different than usual. We are privileged to bring not one, but **TWO missionaries** here to Our Savior Lutheran Church during the month of October. On the 11th of this month, we will be privileged to have Mr. Phillip Magness in our midst. He's not only a **gifted musician and composer**, but also a missionary to West Africa, teaching the children there to sing the time-tested treasures of the Lutheran church. He's going to share a presentation about his missionary work, as well as be the organist and cantor for the Divine Service that morning. Please plan to join us, if you're at all able – it's going to be a treat!

Also, on the 25th, which is the observation of the Reformation this year, we will have Mr. Gary Theis with us

here at Our Savior. He's going to give a talk about the activities of Mission Central after the Liturgy that morning. Although he and I haven't officially met “in person” yet, I've heard a lot about him, and have spoken with him on the phone. The impression that I get is a **very dynamic supporter** of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations. There are still many people in this world that have not yet heard, or have had the message drowned out, of Jesus and what He has done for all of us. Gary has been involved in supporting and sending, with prayers and funds, hundreds of missionaries over the decades from his humble headquarters in Mapleton, Iowa. In fact, one of the things that I've heard from others is that when missionaries return from overseas, and **need a place to stay** while they're getting their affairs in order back here in the United States, Gary is the first to volunteer to put them up for as long as needed at his farm in western Iowa. What a wonderful ministry!

So, you could say that we're extending the theme of spreading the true, unadulterated Gospel to the nations throughout the month of October this year, culminating with the transfer of the observation of Reformation Sunday to the 25th. I hope that you're able to join us for these wonderful events.

Ihope to see you in church, in Bible Study (we'll resume in November the study we'll lay aside after October 4th, on 1 Corinthians), and around the community. Don't forget, though, the Sundays that we have missionaries here, there will still be something to stick around for during the normal Bible study hour. Take care...God bless...

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Daniel M. Provost



NEW MEMBERS

On Wednesday, Sept 30, we witnessed the confirmation of three members of the Dlouhy extended family: Ben DeCook, Kelsey Dlouhy, and Logan Powers. During the early months of quarantine, shutdown, Zoom meetings, and online-only worship, these young adults, as well as Ron, Kristin, Cameron and Madison, participated in virtual adult instruction classes with Pastor Provost. We welcome them as the newest members of Our Savior Lutheran Church.

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CHECK IT OUT!

PASTORS SCHEDULE

Pastor Provost will be gone October 5th-6th, to IDE Fall Conference at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Pastor will be on vacation from October 12th-23rd. There will be no Wednesday worship on Oct. 14th and Oct. 21st. Please feel free to contact Randy Ervin, 521-8700 or an elder during these times. Ron Dlouhy, 831-9649; Doug Woebeking, 521-5645; Darryl Johnson, 563-349-0230. Pastor Joel Koepf will be on call for pastoral care emergencies, 507-829-3901. Thank you!



LWML DEVOTION ~ OCTOBER 2020

Leader: *And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved (Acts 2: 47b).*

Group: Lutheran church membership continues to grow across Africa. In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia most local congregations are led by helpers and evangelists. The rest are led by seminarytrained and ordained pastors.

All: Father, we pray for the growth of the church in Africa. We thank You for the leaders who tell others of the Good News of salvation.

Leader: *But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it (2 Timothy 3:14).*

Group: The helpers and evangelists meet for five days each month for in-depth theological training by completing a course through the LCMS Mission Training Center curriculum. This gives lay leaders a firm theological foundation.

All: Father, we ask You to bless the training of 250 lay workers in the churches of Africa. Raise up leaders who thirst for Your Word.

Leader: *I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching (2 Timothy 4:1-2).*

Group: The ordained pastors in the villages want to participate in continuing education in theology to better serve the congregations under their care. The pastors and their wives want to gather, study, and engage in Christian fellowship.

All: Father, we give thanks for the pastors of the congregations in Africa who may serve five to fifteen congregations. Bless their continuing education as they yearn to grow in their understanding of Your Word. Grant the pastors and their wives time to rest and enjoy fellowship with each other. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.



LWML BYTES

In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers and evangelists. Others are led by seminary-trained and ordained pastors.

Both groups are eager for opportunities to study enabling them to better serve the congregations God has entrusted to their care. The Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers mission grant will provide funds to help cover the cost of lodging, food, and transportation as they travel to and from their classes. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-15.

LWML Grant #15 for the 2019-2021 biennium is Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers. The Lutheran church continues to grow in Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. The churches are led by lay leaders and ordained pastors desiring more training. There are approximately 250 people taking part in various areas of study through LCMS Continuing Education courses. The grant will help to provide funds to cover transportation, lodging, and food costs. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-15.

THE RECIPE BOX

MEXICAN CHICKEN SOUP

From www.foodnetwork.com

Ingredients

4 split (2 whole) chicken breasts, bone in, skin on
Good olive oil
Kosher salt & freshly ground black pepper
2 C. chopped onions (2 onions)
1 C. chopped celery (2 stalks)
2 C. chopped carrots (4 carrots)
4 large cloves garlic, chopped
2 1/2 quarts chicken stock, preferably homemade
1 (28-oz.) can whole tomatoes in puree, crushed
2 to 4 jalapeno peppers, seeded and minced
1 tsp. ground cumin
1 tsp. ground coriander seed
1/4 to 1/2 C. chopped fresh cilantro leaves, optional
6 (6-in.) fresh white corn tortillas
For serving: sliced avocado, sour cream, grated Cheddar cheese, and tortilla chips



Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350°.
2. Place the chicken breasts skin side up on a sheet pan. Rub with olive oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and roast for 35 - 40 min., until done. When the chicken is cool enough to handle, discard the skin and bones, and shred the meat. Cover and set aside.
3. Meanwhile, heat 3 tablespoons of olive oil in a large pot or Dutch oven. Add the onions, celery, and carrots and cook over medium-low heat for 10 minutes, or until the onions start to brown. Add the garlic and cook for 30 seconds. Add the chicken stock, tomatoes with their puree, jalapenos, cumin, coriander, 1 tablespoon salt (depending on the saltiness of the chicken stock), 1 teaspoon pepper, and the cilantro, if using. Cut the tortillas in 1/2, then cut them crosswise into 1/2-inch strips and add to the soup. Bring the soup to a boil, then lower the heat and simmer for 25 minutes. Add the shredded chicken and season to taste. Serve the soup hot topped with sliced avocado, a dollop of sour cream, grated Cheddar cheese, and broken tortilla chips.

LEEK POTATO SOUP

From www.foodnetwork.com

Ingredients

1 pound leeks, cleaned and dark green sections removed, approximately 4 - 5 medium
3 tbsp. unsalted butter
Heavy pinch kosher salt, plus additional for seasoning
14 oz., approximately 3 small, Yukon gold potatoes, peeled and diced small
1 quart vegetable broth
1 C. heavy cream
1 C. buttermilk
1/2 tsp. white pepper
1 tbsp. snipped chives



Directions

1. Chop the leeks into small pieces.
2. In a 6-quart saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter. Add the leeks and a heavy pinch of salt and sweat for 5 minutes. Decrease the heat to medium-low and cook until the leeks are tender, approximately 25 minutes, stirring occasionally.
3. Add the potatoes and the vegetable broth, increase the heat to medium-high, and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low, cover, and gently simmer until the potatoes are soft, approximately 45 minutes. Turn off the heat and puree the mixture with an immersion blender until smooth. Stir in the heavy cream, buttermilk, and white pepper. Taste and adjust seasoning if desired. Sprinkle with chives and serve immediately, or chill and serve cold.



We'd love to have your recipe!

If you'd like to share your recipes with the OSL Family, please submit a copy to Amanda in the office or e-mail it to oursavr@windstream.net.

Upcoming Events in October

OCTOBER 5TH - 6TH
PASTOR AT IDE FALL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 8TH
6:00PM ELDERS MEETING

OCTOBER 12TH - 23RD
PASTOR ON VACATION

OCTOBER 13TH
6:30PM TRUSTEES MEETING
VOTER'S PACKET DEADLINE

OCTOBER 23RD
Chronicle Deadline

OCTOBER 27TH
6:30 COUNCIL MEETING
7:00PM VOTER'S MEETING

OCTOBER 31ST
HALLOWEEN

TUESDAY'S IN OCTOBER
BULLETIN DEADLINE - AM

OCTOBER WORSHIP
SUNDAY'S AT 9:00AM
WEDNESDAY'S AT 7:00PM
NO WORSHIP 10/14 AND 10/21

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