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Candy and appreciation note delivered to  
Newton City Council Members

*You don't hide when the going gets  
tough!*

*Thank you for working so hard.*



**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD**

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Dear Fellow Redeemed in Christ,

There's many activities going on at Our Savior Lutheran Church this fall. We've planned an outing to the Iowa Cubs baseball game on October 3<sup>rd</sup> (last game of the season – don't miss it! – speedway funds are even paying for the tickets and hot dogs), the LWML ladies are continuing to do their Caring and Sharing activities within the congregation and community, and our Bible studies continue on Sundays at 10:30 am and Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. However, let's not lose sight of the main event of October within the church year – the commemoration of the Reformation.

Even though some of the other writings of Luther were more consequential and theologically more mature (such as the Heidelberg Theses and the Smalcald Articles), the posting of the 95 Theses on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany, started the watershed events that would lead to a division of the church forevermore. Luther never intended to start a new church; he wanted to fix the errors that had crept in over the previous millennium, and purify the church to resemble the Early Church more than what the institutional Roman church of the 16<sup>th</sup> century had become. However, when his pleas fell on deaf ears over and over again, eventually he came to the realization that the powers that be just weren't listening. By the time that the Augsburg Confession was presented to the Emperor, Charles V, in 1530, there was already essentially a split between the Roman Catholic church and what would become known as the Lutheran Church. Things were so bad, even by this point, that Luther himself did not attend the presentation of the Confession, because his own personal safety was in danger.

What concerned Luther should also concern us today. The importance is right doctrine, right practice. There is a definite reason that we are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as we confess when we are confirmed in the one true Christian faith. If we lose the reason for being separate from other church bodies, then we are being unnecessarily divisive if we remain distinct from them. However, if there are still reasons for us to be separate and confess the truth, we ought to be familiar with them and able to clearly explain them. The distinctive Lutheran doctrines that separate us from others today are:

- The absolute truth of the Scriptures as the pure, 100% Word of God, in each and every passage;
- The Sacraments as God's institution, entrusted to pastors to administer properly; and chiefly
- The understanding of salvation by grace, through faith, not by works, so no one can boast.

Challenges to these chief doctrines are all around us, and constantly make it difficult for us to remain faithful to the truth that has been entrusted to us.

We might be reluctant to dwell on these theological issues, and rather focus on other aspects of church fellowship, such as community events and building each other up in Christian love. While important, these things pale in comparison to holding fast to the truth, and learning more and more of what the Scriptures and confessions reveal to us. After all, if we are not united in the truth, everything else falls by the wayside. We want to make sure that we aren't clinging to a unity that doesn't yet exist, or that is unclear as to why we are joining together. If we redouble our efforts to learn about the confession we've been given to safeguard, we can then be stronger, together, unified both in desire and truth.

So remember – October 31<sup>st</sup> is not only Halloween, it's also the time we remember the start of the Reformation in Wittenberg, by a Roman Catholic monk that saw some grave errors within the institutional Roman church. I hope to see you in church, in Bible study, and around the community.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Daniel M. Provost





Let's Roll by Lisa Beamer found in church library at = 973.931 Be

Lisa gives biographical background of herself and husband, Todd Beamer. Todd was one of the heroes on Flight 93 on Sept. 11th. Read about his last few minutes as he repeated The Lord's Prayer with the telephone safety operator just before rallying a group of heroes to attack the four terrorists who had taken control of the plane. His terminology of "Let's Roll" meant action guided by God was about to happen. Enjoy! Put your name on the checkout card, put the card in the card box. Try to bring the book back in 2-3 weeks so someone else can read it. When returning, put the book in the return box.



Our "Did You Know" column is off to a .....slow start... with no submissions since our debut column in last month's Chroni-cle! This is meant to be an interesting, informative or thought provoking column. Whatever you know — please share!

Oct 19 at 7p



Voters Meeting



**Need a Snow Thrower??**

The Trustees have been authorized to dispose of the John Deere Snow Thrower that has been residing in the church shed for several years. This is a 20" wide machine with a 2-cycle motor. It uses a 32:1 oil mixture in the gas. It has manual or electric start, and it has been started and checked out recently.

If you are interested in this snow thrower (at no cost) and are at least 18 years old please put your name in the box in the church entryway. If two or more names are submitted, a drawing of the winning name will be held on Sunday, Oct. 31 after church. If no member is interested, the Trustees will make other arrangements to dispose of it.



The **2022 Ballot** to cover the council members will be voted on during the October Voter's meeting. Currently 2 trustees and the council secretary are in the first year of a 2-year term.

Assuming they will continue for another year, we still have **many positions to fill** and ask members from the congregation to prayerfully consider how they can help to fill these roles. A big thank you to Nancy for being treasurer for 6 years and to Julie for being Financial Secretary for 5 years — both beyond the normal limit of 2 terms of 2 years each. **The positions that need to be filled are President, 5-7 Elders, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, 3-4 Trustees, Education, and Mission and Evangelism.** Any interest, please let Doug Woebbeking know, and he will add your name to the ballot. *Your OSLElders— Doug, Darryl and Ron*

**Book Sale**



LWML will be holding a **Fall Book Sale**, Nov 7 & 14. Your donations of books, games, puzzles, old movies and cds are welcome through Nov 1 and can be brought to the church and left in the kitchen. A great way to find new authors and help support Mite Projects!



**A Not Normal LWML Fall Rally**

Sat, Oct 30 is the Marshalltown Zone LWML Fall Rally at St Paul Lacona. This rally has appropriately been tagged as "not normal" in a couple ways — first, it will be a shortened day, with registration at 8:45a and ending at noon — no lunch served but Lacona promises coffee and donuts at registration. The morning rally will begin with a bible study, then the speaker, and conclude with the business meeting. Lacona ladies have issued an open invitation for EVERYONE — men, women, families — to attend any or all parts of the rally. The guest speaker will be Gary Thies from Mission Central — and anyone who has ever heard 'Old Missionary Gary' - knows he loves to speak with 'not normal' people! Look for a signup in the Narthex so we can plan for carpooling to this LWML event.





Frankfest was held 9/16 at Maytag Park—duties were assigned, halos and angel wings were fitted, aprons were handed out and a plan was formed to feed the hungry! The participating group handled the crowds with efficiency and grace! Smiles all around and even though OSL did not win the “Top Dog” their “Heavenly Dogs” did not disappoint! Delicious!

