

“Knowing Christ – Making Christ Known Through Faith, Hope and Love.”

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

*God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!*

-The final verse of A Mighty Fortress
written by Martin Luther (1483-1546)

October is a joyous month. Sunday School is in full swing, students are preparing to affirm their baptism, preparation and work in the midst of changing seasons fill our days. On the last Sunday of this month we will celebrate not only students affirming their baptismal promises but also celebrate that the Church is constantly renewing itself, morphing, changing, striving to better follow Jesus.

Martin Luther, the great reformer and theologian, priest and teacher, recognized that the Church was not perfect and also that life is very difficult. In the final verse of his most famous hymn he recognizes these things but also what is most important, what God has given us through Jesus. That God is with us and God's promises in the midst of all that life throws at us, cannot be wrenched away. "The kingdom's ours forever!"

Blessings in this fall season, that even when the leaves and parts of this world die, God may bring new life!

United in Christ,

Pastor Jeanette

In Our Prayers

Myrtle Arvidson

Al Fyrhie

Jayne Arvidson

Jennifer Bidne

Marcella Braun Grandmother of

Pastor Jeanette

Ed Tasler

Barb Hoyhtya

Jordan Norhe

Father of Jayne Arvidson

Friend of Dick & Luella Thom

Friend of the Mike Townsend family

Family of Reinhold Streich- Father & Grandfather of

Marge & Erica Nelson

Family of Rod Piepho- Friend of our congregation

Family of Bob Jerome - father of Craig, Sheri and

Lynette- children of Luella Thom

Our Church Calendar

October 5th - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Covenant and Commandments

Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

October 12th - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua Renews the Covenant

Joshua 24:1-15

Reminder: Second Sunday, Sunday School with Pastor Jeanette

Sunday School sings during worship

Youth Chili Feed after Worship

October 19th - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

David and Bathsheba

2 Samuel 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9

Birthday Sunday

Noisy offering towards VBS taken during worship

No Sunday School Today

October 26th - Reformation Sunday

Solomon's Wisdom

1 Kings 3:4-9, (10-15), 16-28

November 2nd - All Saints Sunday

Elisha Heals Naaman

2 Kings 5:1-14

November 9th - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Micah

Micah 5:2-4;6:6-8

Second Sunday, Sunday School with Pastor Jeanette

Sunday School Sings during Worship



Pastor Jeanette will be taking vacation as well as attending a conference from Oct 3 until the 8th. Please direct any office notes to Sue Ellwanger, our secretary. She also has contact information for any pastoral emergencies.

Office Hours

Fall Office Hours for Pastor Jeanette include:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10a.m.-12 pm

Wednesday afternoons

Due to pastoral needs and meetings, if you wish to make sure Pastor Jeanette is in the office, please give her a call at 507-339-1178, zip her an email or set up a time with her.



October Topic: *Luther and the Bible*

Did you know the Bible was only used in Latin and only priests had access to it prior to the Reformation in Germany? Have you heard that Luther never wanted to leave the Catholic Church in the 16th century? Come find out more how “Lutherans” came to be!

Offered on three different days:

- Sunday Oct 19th following worship at Esther
- Tuesday Oct 21st at 5:30 pm at Shelia’s
- Thursday Oct 23rd at 10:00 pm at Esther



Reformation Sunday, October 26th

Our 9th Grade students will affirm their baptism in the rite of Confirmation during this celebratory day. *9th Grade students preparing to affirm their baptism include:*

Nicholas Aldrich

Robert Hoppe

Tanner Wambeke

Garret Wehking

Please support our confirmands by joining us in worship on this special occasion as well as enjoying cake with them, provided by council, at our movie night, Oct 22nd.

Rehearsal and pictures are scheduled for 5:00p.m. Oct 22nd.

7th & 8th grade Confirmation Students!

There will be no formal confirmation class on October 8th or October 15th. Instead students are asked to participate in the ditch cleaning party, work on their take-home projects regarding Sabbath, and continue working on their memorization of the Ten Commandments.



**Congregational Movie Night and Cake
with the Confirmation Class**

All are invited to join this year’s confirmation class in viewing “Luther” the movie at 6:00 pm on

Wednesday October 22nd. We will gather *for a potluck*, have cake to celebrate those affirming their faith this year and enjoy the movie and food while learning more about our faith tradition.

Here is a description of the movie:

During the early 16th Century idealistic German monk Martin Luther, disgusted by the materialism in the church, begins the dialogue that will lead to the Protestant Reformation. Due to the violence that came with the time of the Reformation the movie is rated PG-13. Younger members will be able to watch another movie in the Youth Room so that older members can still participate in watching Luther. The movie lasts about two hours.

Esther Sunday School Christmas Program- Saturday, December 13th.

Traveling Christmas Program: December 14th

After a brief devotion Sunday morning, all are invited to hop on a bus and participate in a traveling Christmas program to area care centers. All ages are welcome and a variety of parts from speaking, to choir members, to sitting with residents are needed. More information to come. Please contact Jewel Townsend, Shelly Hoppe or the church office if you would like to help with this adventure.

Note: We are in need of white bed sheets and adult bathrobes to create costumes for this event.



Checking: \$1,232.96

Contributions needed based on budget:

	\$ 77,856.75
Actual Contributions	<u>\$ 63,419.16</u>

Budget Shortfall: \$ -14,437.59

Note from Council: If you choose to donate an item to Esther please notify Dave Bunde or Mark Wehking so that we may include it in our records and give you a charitable giving note if you wish to have one for your tax deductions.

Stewardship Corner

“I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God’s hands, that I still possess.” - *Martin Luther (1483-1546), German reformer and theologian*

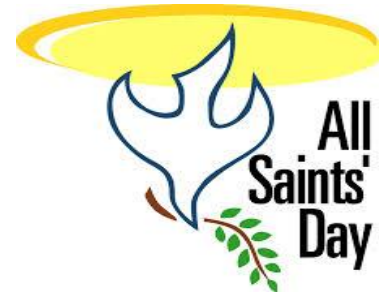
“Philanthropy is commendable, but it must not cause the philanthropist to overlook the circumstances ... which make philanthropy necessary.” - *Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-68), African-American civil rights preacher*

Serving Us In October

- Pastor:** Jeanette Bidne
- Organist:** Marcia Guenther
- Lay Reader:** Cindy Skoglund
- Acolytes:** Joey Hoppe
Katlyn Velde
- Ushers:** NEED VOLUNTEERS
- Communion Assistant:** Cindy Skoglund
- Altar Guild:** Deb Koep
- Greeters:** Donna Lage
- Birthday Fellowship:** Pastor Jeanette Bidne
Scott Hart family
Todd & Lisa Wunderlich



- 10/3 Joan Burquest
- 10/4 Elnora Beireis
- 10/4 Chase Stueve
- 10/7 Dexter Pomeranz
- 10/7 Jakki Wehking
- 10/11 Jewel Townsend
- 10/12 Brolin McPhail
- 10/12 Pastor Jeanette Bidne
- 10/13 Cade Klimek
- 10/15 Megan Higgs
- 10/17 Elora Wagner
- 10/19 Nancy Hendershot
- 10/19 Yvonne Anderson
- 10/22 Craig Madison
- 10/24 Marilyn Chow
- 10/25 Karin Wagner
- 10/27 Susan Hart
- 10/31 Terri Grinager



You are invited to share names of family or friends, including non-members, who have passed away in the last year. Please contact the church office with the name and their date of birth and death if possible, so they can be listed in the bulletin and remembered on All Saints Sunday, Nov 2nd.



Have empty printer cartridges?

Esther is collecting empty printer cartridges to apply to our account at Office Max. Each cartridge is worth \$2 and can help purchase office supplies. We will be collecting cartridges in a box in our narthex. Please recycle your cartridges instead of throwing them away! Thanks!



**September W/ELCA meeting
Sept. 11, 2014**

Treasurer Report:

- Checking: \$1,369.00
- Memorial Fund: \$6,714.00

Yvonne Anderson donated to W/ELCA her reimbursement from the Pork Chop Dinner in June to WELCA - thanks Yvonne.

- **Thanks to all** who donated towards our Silent Auction Basket at the NW MN SWO convention.
- **Herberger's Coupon booklets** are available to sell. \$5 per booklet. Bev Arvidson is coordinating for W/ELCA - thanks Bev.

Esther sponsored fall road ditch clean up

A ditch cleaning party will be held Oct 8th at 6 pm. Hotdogs, buns and salad will be provided, feel free to bring other treats. Anyone who is able is asked to come and help clean the ditches around Esther. Many hands make light work! Questions? Contact Lorrie Pomeranz.



A job well done at Luther Crest!

Thank you to all who participate in the *God's Work, Our Hands Sunday* at Luther Crest! We enjoyed a great lunch of meatballs, mashed potatoes and carrots while listening to a presentation on the Prepare the Way, capital campaign for Luther Crest. Afterward, carpets were cleaned, cabins painted, chairs cleaned and wood split. We also had an opportunity to spend time with members from First Lutheran of Alexandra.

- **Please put any suggestions for our kitchen in the box in the narthex or give to any member of the kitchen committee.** They are hoping to have recommendations for next steps in the kitchen at our November all women's meeting, which will be held on November 16th following worship.
- **Church cleaning will be Oct. 20-25.** A jobs list will be laid out so that individuals can do jobs as they have time that week. Confirmation is October 26th.
- **We will be selling cookbooks at a booth at Prairie Christmas.**
- **WELCA will have officer's elections at the November meeting.** Nancy Bunde and Joan Arvidson are the nominating committee.
- **Esther WELCA has a working link as part of the Esther Lutheran Church web site.** Circles and meetings dates are listed to refer to.

- Pastor Laurie Natwick led a bible study.
- Sara Forsberg, our keynote speaker, spoke on "Called to Join Team Jesus".
- About 180 women came together to worship and enjoy this convention hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church in Crookston, MN.

Esther WELCA Delegate,
Nancy Bunde

Enclosed in this newsletter is a **Thank Offering Calendar.** During the month of October, we encourage the ladies of the congregation to follow the calendar suggestions of gratitude and thanks for each day. On Sunday, November 16th, a Thank Offering service will be held and the offerings that have been collected will be received that day.



Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization 27th Annual Convention September 12 & 13, 2014

- *We Are Called* was the theme of the 27th Annual Convention of the NW MN SWO.
- The main agenda of our Friday afternoon business meeting proceeded with election of new leaders. Esther's own Sue Ellwanger was elected as the President of the NW MN SWO!!! It's quite an honor and responsibility!! Congratulations Sue!!
- A Vice President, Secretary, Board Members and Nominating committee were also elected. Guests of the convention enjoyed workshops.
- Friday evening's banquet was highlighted by a report from our church wide representative, Deborah Banks Williams, who spoke on the works of the Church wide Women's Organization.
- Saturday was a day of fellowship, learning and a worship service.
- Margaret Wehking was recognized as the Cluster 9 Mary Magdalene Award winner.

On Sunday, Oct. 12th we are planning a chili feed fundraiser for Abdurahmen immediately following worship. Freewill offering.

The youth will again be selling calendars again this year. There is a sample calendar and signup sheets on the round table in the narthex. The cost of the calendar is \$6.00.

A date is being worked on for the hayride and campfire. Look for more information.



Our Sunday School will be participating in *Operation Christmas Child*, a global mission of Samaritan's Purse. A small shoebox can have a big impact. A small shoebox can teach a child about the love of God, lead him or her to faith in Christ, inspire pastors and plant new churches. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' Name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. *—taken from Samaritan's Purse web site.*

Church members can either donate towards items to go into the shoe box or monetary donations will also be accepted. The cost to ship a shoe box is \$7.00. Below are some gift suggestions.

Gift suggestions:

- **Toys:** Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.
- **School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.
- **Non-Liquid Hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.
- **Accessories:** t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

- **A Personal Note:** You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

Monetary donations are also encouraged. The cost of each box is \$7.00. Items will be collected until the first part of November.

Here is the web site for Operation Christmas Child to find out more about Op to get more ideas of what is needed in the shoe boxes.

<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Questions? Contact Jewel Townsend or Donna Pederson.

United Communities Advocating Non-Violence Upcoming Events

- ☆ 8th Annual Awareness Walk Tuesday October 14th. Walk begins at 5 pm. at the Douglas County Courthouse.
- ☆ 14th Annual Domestic Abuse Awareness Luncheon- Wednesday, October 15th. 11:45 am-1 pm at Arrowood Resort. Cost: \$15.00 per ticket. Tickets available at Bremer Bank. Dr. Curt Brungardt , speaker.

Esther members, Clara Moyle and Chuck Pogose are active in this organization and these events. Tickets are available for purchase for the luncheon and with more people attending Esther Lutheran can represent a table at this event. Please let Clara Moyle or Pastor Jeanette know if you would like a ticket.

For more information about either of these events, contact *Someplace Safe*: 320-762-1995 or Clara Moyle 320-493-7974

Thank Offering Calendar October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>We will be having a Thank Offering service on Sunday November 16th. Bring your offerings that day!</p>			<p>1 .01 for each year of your life</p>	<p>2 .10 for each living parent</p>	<p>3 .05 for each window in your house</p>	<p>4 .10 if the sun is shining</p>	
	<p>5 Attend Church Prayer for Sunday School teachers and students</p>	<p>6 .25 for the gift of hearing</p>	<p>7 .01 for each year of education you completed</p>	<p>8 .05 for each grandchild</p>	<p>9 .05 for each live plant in your home</p>	<p>10 .10 for each Bible in your home</p>	<p>11 .25 for the gift of sight</p>
	<p>12 Attend Church Pray for Esther Musicians</p>	<p>13 .50 if you ate out this past week</p>	<p>14 .25 if you work outside of the home</p>	<p>15 .02 for each can of soup in your cupboard</p>	<p>16 .05 for each trip to the grocery store this week</p>	<p>17 .25 if your car is less than 4 years old</p>	<p>18 .10 for each member of your family</p>
	<p>19 Attend Church Pray for Esther's Pastor and staff</p>	<p>20 .25 if you have been well this month</p>	<p>21 .10 for each phone you have</p>	<p>22 .05 for each radio or TV in your home</p>	<p>23 .10 for each bed in your home</p>	<p>24 .25 for each meal you ate today</p>	<p>25 .10 for each computer in your home</p>
	<p>26 Attend Church Pray for the confirmands</p>	<p>27 .10 for each calendar in your home</p>	<p>28 .05 for each phone call you made today</p>	<p>29 .10 for each hug you gave</p>	<p>30 .10 for each thank you gave</p>	<p>31 .05 for each filled day on the calendar</p>	

October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Prayer Shawl Ministry 1 pm Gloria Rosenquist's	3	4 Happy Anniversary Pastor Jeanette and Dan!
5 Sunday School 9 am Youth Led Worship 10 am	6	7	8 NO Confirmation Work on take home project! Road ditch cleaning: Supper at 6 pm	9 W/ELCA 1:30 pm	10	11
12 2 nd Sunday School 9am Children sing during worship Worship w/Holy Communion 10 am Youth Chili Fundraiser	13	14 14 th annual Domestic Abuse Walk 5 pm Douglas County Courthouse	15 No Confirmation Work on take home project! Domestic Abuse Awareness Luncheon 11:45	16	17	18
19 Sunday School 9am Birthday Fellowship 9:30 Noisy Offering! Worship w/Holy Communion 10 am	20 Church Cleaning Week!	21 Come when you can! Cleaning list in narthex	22 Confirmation Rehearsal 5 pm Congregational Movie Night Potluck Luck Supper 6 pm	23	24	25 Church Cleaning Day
26 CONFIRMATION Sunday School 9am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10am	27	28	29 Confirmation 6pm Hart Family Class 6:30	30	31	

