

*He has made everything beautiful in its time.
Ecclesiastes 3:11a*



October 2020 Newsletter

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Our Mission Statement:

*"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known among the nations
what he has done." Psalm 105:1*



Christians, Politics, and Speaking

The Reformation is always celebrated on October 31st when Dr. Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the Wittenberg Church door. This single action would set into motion a series of events shaping not only church history but political and world history. Politics and the church have never been divided. In America, we have this belief in the separation of church and state. This separation has been touted to mean the government will leave churches alone and churches are to leave the government alone.

What they mean is the church will not speak about any political matters or anything deemed to be political matters and the government will not tell churches what they can and cannot teach. It has become what we call a sacred cow in America. To transgress this principle is to cross a line which causes offense to everyone around' even if they agree with you. This stems from the teaching of the separation of church and state as we understand it in America and might be somewhat false.

As we have understood it the church must remain silent on all political and civil issues. The church is not allowed to critique what the government or any official part of the government is doing. The church has been gaged in all aspects of public life even when it comes to the moral standard of America. This gag order has come as part of the separation of church and state because matters of public morals and ethics are seen as part of the political realm today and not the private and religious realm.

Often, we forget the Establishment Clause and the separation of church and state were not meant to limit churches and their ability to speak on public issues. Instead, it was meant to limit the government's ability to tell the church what it can teach. As with almost all of the constitution, the point was not to limit the freedom of the people but to limit the power and authority of the government.

What does any of this have to do with us? We are not as Christians forbidden from speaking about political matters. We as Christians are not forbidden from voting or even holding political office. Christians know the truth of what God has said to be right and wrong and we are to proclaim it to the whole world. We can speak out on what seems to be political issues many of which are moral and ethical issues. Neither the government nor the world can decide what is political and what is not. Many moral issues will be political as we see a country try and legalize what is immoral.

As Christians in America, we have a voice and we can use it to speak out on these issues speaking the truth of what is found in the Bible. We are not silenced by the constitution but given the freedom to speak by the constitution. No separation of church and state has silenced Christians in the public square. We as Christians have a voice and we need to speak up trusting our Lord will be our strength as we speak the truth of His Word to the world.

Where does the church fit in? The church also needs to speak up and has not been silenced. The church can proclaim and needs to proclaim the truth of God's Word to the world. The Lord will give strength to the church to do this just as He does for individual Christians. There is a limit to this. When it comes to political and civil issues the church should only speak on those issues which are matters of God's Word. Many things in the political and civil arena simply do not concern the church. Examples are taxes, road maintenance, trade deals, building codes, etc. These are not matters which go against the Word of God and so the church is silent and rightly so.

As the election comes it is a fulfillment of the fourth commandment for us to vote. To carry out our civic duty and elect our representatives as is required by our constitution. As Christian individuals, we are free to speak on any political issue we want, and we are compelled to speak on moral issues that the Word of God has spoken on. Do not let yourself be silenced of speaking the truth because of statements that are meant to limit the authority of the government. Be bold and trust God will give you both the strength and the words to speak in the proper time as Jesus tells the disciples in Matthew 10:19.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Welton

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry
Newsletter Article – October 2020

We celebrate the Reformation at the end of each October. The Reformation began on All Saints' Eve in 1517, which was when Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. So, let's hear from Luther himself on the topic of giving and stewardship.

In the Small Catechism under the Table of Duties, Martin Luther gives specific Bible passages to help Christians know their duty in their various vocations as members of their family, society at large, and in God's family, the Church. Under the heading "What Hearers Owe Their Pastors," Luther lists five passages from the Bible, three of which have to do with giving to your local congregation. They are these:

- "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel." (1 Cor. 9:14)
- "Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." (Gal. 6:6–7)
- "The elders [presbyters, i.e., pastors] who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,' and 'The worker deserves his wages.' " (1 Tim. 5:17–18)

Luther comments on these passages in his 1535 Lectures on Galatians. He wrote:

"When Paul says 'all good things,' this is not to be taken to mean that everyone should share all his possessions with his preacher. No, it means that he should provide for him liberally, giving him as much as is needed to support his life in comfort. ... The apostle is so serious in advocating this topic of support for preachers that he adds a threat to his denunciation and exhortation, saying: 'God is not mocked.' ... All this pertains to the topic of support for ministers. I do not like to interpret such passages; for they seem to commend us, as in fact they do. In addition, it gives the appearance of greed if one emphasizes these things diligently to one's hearers. Nevertheless, people should be taught also about this matter, in order that they may know that they owe both respect and support to their preachers. Christ teaches the same thing in Luke 10:7: 'Eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages'; and Paul says elsewhere (1 Cor. 9:13–14): 'Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the Gospel should get their living by the Gospel.' It is important for us who are in the ministry to know this, so that we do not have a bad conscience about accepting for our work wages ... it happens when those who proclaim the glory of God and faithfully instruct the youth derive their livelihood from them. It is impossible that one man should be devoted to household duties day and night for his support and at the same time pay attention to the study of Sacred Scripture, as the teaching ministry requires. Since God has commanded and instituted this, we should know that we may with a good conscience enjoy what is provided for the comfortable support of our lives from church properties to enable us to devote ourselves to our office." (LW 27:125–126)



2020 CHRISTIAN LIFE WORKSHOPS

Friday, October 2 - Zion Lutheran Church 314 S. Main Chamberlain, SD.

~~Saturday, October 3 - Our Redeemer Lutheran Church 744 Harney St. Custer, SD.~~ **This Workshop has been cancelled according to the LWML website.**

For ALL workshops, registration begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by devotions and the main presentation. There will be a one-hour break at noon for lunch, fellowship and visiting the LWML store. The workshops will conclude at 3:00 p.m. **Bring your Bibles.**



To read the Bible in one year:
SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

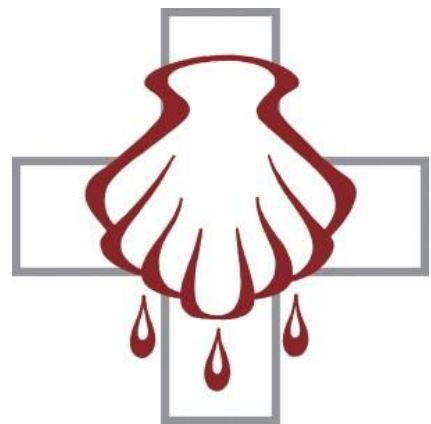
DATE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING
October 1	Jonah 2:2 – 9	Jeremiah 32 – 34
October 2	Psalms 114	Jeremiah 35 – 37
October 3	Psalms 115	Jeremiah 38 – 40
October 4	Psalms 116	Jeremiah 41 – 43
October 5	Psalms 117	Jeremiah 44 – 47
October 6	Psalms 118	Jeremiah 48 – 50
October 7	Psalms 119:1 - 8	Jeremiah 51 – 52
October 8	Psalms 119:9 – 16	Lamentations 1 – 2
October 9	Psalms 119:17 – 24	Lamentations 3 – 5
October 10	Psalms 119:25 -32	Ezekiel 1 – 3
October 11	Psalms 119:33 – 40	Ezekiel 4 – 6
October 12	Psalms 119:41 – 48	Ezekiel 7 – 9
October 13	Psalms 119:49 – 56	Ezekiel 10 – 12
October 14	Psalms 119:57 – 64	Ezekiel 13 – 15
October 15	Psalms 119:65 – 72	Ezekiel 16 – 18
October 16	Psalms 119:73 – 80	Ezekiel 19 – 21
October 17	Psalms 119:81 – 88	Ezekiel 22 – 24
October 18	Psalms 119:89 – 96	Ezekiel 25 – 27
October 19	Psalms 119:97 – 104	Ezekiel 28 – 30
October 20	Psalms 119:105 – 112	Ezekiel 31 – 33
October 21	Psalms 119:113 – 120	Ezekiel 34 – 36
October 22	Psalms 119:121 – 128	Ezekiel 37 – 39
October 23	Psalms 119:129 – 136	Ezekiel 40 – 42
October 24	Psalms 119:137 – 144	Ezekiel 43 – 45
October 25	Psalms 119:145 – 152	Ezekiel 46 – 48
October 26	Psalms 119:153 – 160	Daniel 1 – 3
October 27	Psalms 119:161 – 168	Daniel 4 – 6
October 28	Psalms 119:169 – 176	Daniel 7 – 9
October 29	Psalms 120	Daniel 10 – 12
October 30	Psalms 121	Hosea 1 – 4
October 31	Jonah 2:2 – 9	Hosea 5 - 7

OCTOBER BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

October 2, 1983 Ryan Daniel Lindholm P.O. Box 134 Wentworth, SD 57075
October 4, 1953 Debra Lee Reck P.O. Box 103 Wentworth, SD 57075
October 5, 1975 Misty Jean Alfson 23633 464th Ave. Wentworth, SD 57075
October 6, 1957 Krista Kay Beeck 117 Silver Creek Drive Wentworth, SD 57075
October 7, 1979 Jeremy Patrick Lindholm P.O. Box 51 Wentworth, SD 57075
October 12, 1958 Cynthia Louise VanPelt 723 NE 6th St. Madison, SD 57042
October 13, 2013 Kynzie Lee Limmer 23385 461st Ave. Wentworth, SD 57075
October 14, 1973 Melissa Ann Reck P.O. Box 112 Wentworth, SD 57075
October 17, 1982 Amanda Marie Maas 23150 463rd Ave. Wentworth SD 57075
October 19, 2003 Tyler Alan Reck P.O. Box 112 Wentworth, SD 57075
October 21, 1962 Patricia Mae Tammen 46215 234th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
October 24, 1982 Katie Lynn Cacho P.O. Box 104 Wentworth, SD 57075
October 28, 1939 Arlyn Gene Tammen 46569 238th St. Colman, SD 57017
October 31, 1976 Connie Marie Brown 24131 465th Ave. Chester, SD 57016

Happy Baptismal Birthday!
From your brothers and sisters in Christ

"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved"
Mark 16:16a



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October 1, 1982 Katie Cacho

October 5, 1961 Russ Mendel

October 5, 1993 Danielle Gehrels

October 10, 1968 Daniel Alfson

October 12, 1980 Ryan McManus

October 14, 2008 Olivia Cacho

October 15, 1962 Patricia Tammen

October 17, 1991 Matt Tweet

October 19, 1945 Kathleen Dorow

October 22, 1972 Leon Gerry

October 27, 1955 Todd Keupp

October 30, 1927 Virginia Huntimer

October 5, 1965 Pat Rausch

October 7, 2013 Kynzie Limmer

October 11, 1937 Ione Schmidt

October 12, 2000 Emma Hess

October 15, 1951 Llyn Shuck

October 16, 1991 Mason Lindholm

October 18, 1943 Loren Zimmer

October 21, 1976 Connie Brown

October 25, 2010 Sophia Fischer

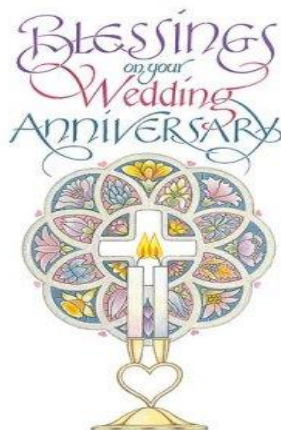
October 29, 1979 Jason Fischer

October 30, 2002 Alex Henrichs



October Wedding Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Jim and Barb Crawford October 1, 2011



Memory Work for Sunday school

Preschool & Kindergarten:

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)
John 3:16

First & Second Grades:

Review The Lord's Prayer
Commandments 1-5 (Exodus 20:1-17)
Books of the Bible – New Testament
Ephesians 2:8-10

Third & Fourth Grades:

Review The Lord's Prayer
Review Commandments 1-5
Review N.T. Books of the Bible
Commandments 6-10 (Exodus 20:1-17)
Matthew 28:18-20

Fifth & Sixth Grades:

Review The Lord's Prayer
Review The Ten Commandments
Review N.T. Books of the Bible
Apostle's Creed
Old Testament Books of the Bible
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Seventh & Eighth Grades:

Review the first "Three Chief Parts" of
the Small Catechism
Review Books of the Bible
2 Timothy 3:14-17