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Embraced by God through Jesus Christ our Lord, we share this gospel of hope and healing within and throughout our community within and throughout our community

Have Things Gotten Off Course?



Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deut. 6:4-9)

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." (Rom. 1:16-17)

Ever felt like you or the world needs a course correction? Throughout human history, God has worked through various individuals to correct the course of His children and the church and draw them closer to Him. Worthwhile change in the behavior of the church, society, and individuals is always an act of God through the power of his Holy Spirit. As God's Word points out, He alone is the source of all that is good, right, pure. Salvation comes through the power of God's Grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone, and it is God's Word alone, through which we receive this grace and are able to seek and follow God's will. God also uses us to carry out His work and speak His word into our life and the lives of others. Each Christian plays an important part in our homes, churches, and communities as we faithfully study God's word and will for his people, then speak and model the truth in love to those around us. In our many roles, such as parent, teacher, family member, and neighbor, these basic acts of faith can have a massive, if sometimes hidden, impact. Each act can shape the world around us (especially our children and those closest to us) in ways we may never fully see. However, sometimes one simple act of faith can also ring out with an impact we never would have imagined.

In October of 1517, a German monk named Martin Luther nailed 95 theses (statements of belief) to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. As a teacher and theologian, this action was not as unusual as we might think. Posting something on the door was a little like publishing a paper for professional review, or in a more everyday way of thinking, posting something you feel is important and up for discussion on social media. Don't misunderstand me, the content of what Luther posted was significant. Others had faced serious consequences for challenging the church and the status quo. However, I question whether, when Luther's hammer hit that nail, or he shared these 95 theses with others, he had expected the resounding shockwaves that would be sent throughout the world.

Perhaps the most well-known part of these 95 theses challenged how the gospel message of full forgiveness gained solely through the work of Jesus Christ had been replaced by a system where "grace" was bought for the price of human works and currency. Yet, as Luther studied the scriptures, he quickly found out that the church had far more issues than this abuse, commonly referred to as indulgences. Guided by God's Word, and with the help of the recently invented printed press, the Protestant Reformation was underway.

MARTIN LUTHER: REFORMING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Among Luther's list of areas that needed to be reformed, marriage proved to be one of the central issues. Luther garnered much criticism when he broke his monastic vows of celibacy to marry an escaped Benedictine nun named Katharina von Bora. This, however, became the hub for a reformation of marriage. The Luther home, with Katharina playing an important roll, became the testing ground for Martin's understanding of a Biblically defined family, in which God's Word was studied and central to everyday living and relationships.

(Continued in the Family Corner & What does this mean section of the newsletter)

FULL MONTH OF FAMILY DEVOTIONS INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER!

OCTOBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tom Nimt	October 2
Ryan Gengnagel	October 3
Tyrell Nicholson	October 4
Myra Zasada	October 7
Andrea Frank	October 9
Karie Koehneke	October 10
Lucy Fryman	October 12
Arpad Marton	October 15
Jim Dixon	October 16
Jan Dixon	October 20
Ben Fryman	October 21
Gene Koroncz	October 22
Darlene Eichstaedt	October 22
Paulette Blouir	October 23
Mike Dunlap	October 29

Are you interested in singing at church? The next opportunities for cantor are October 8 and November 12.

Please contact Mary Dunlap through the church office at office@faithmemorial.net to get a copy of the music.



One of our VCA dads snapped this picture of our church as he was waiting for his son after school. If you look closely the rainbow is a double one. Thanks be to God for the beauty surrounding us!

VCA PIE SALE

Valparaiso Christian Academy will once again be selling pies from Marilyn's Bakery for their fundraiser. The sale begins on Friday, October 6 and orders will be taken through Thursday, October 19. Order sheets will soon be available in the Narthex with details on the kinds of pies available and prices. What a great hostess gift for the holidays! All proceeds will go toward the playground renovation.



SEWING SEEDS OF LOVE

September 10 th we displayed and had our 60 pillowcase dresses, and 12 tee shirts and shorts blessed . They will soon be on their way to Orphan Grain Train for distribution to children in need. Be watching for our Holiday sale in the narthex at the end of October. Start your Christmas shopping early!



At the annual ministry team meeting Pastor Schoech met with team leaders, office staff and VCA staff to discuss and plan for the 2024 year.



DISCIPLES OF LIGHT

The next meeting of the Disciples of Light will be on Friday, October 13 with dinner beginning at 5:00 pm followed by bible study at 5:30. We are discussing the book It's Not About Me by Max Lucado.

Disciples of Light is a small group of busy adults who gather for Bible Study and fellowship on the second Friday of the month here at church. We enjoy a meal, followed by discussion of our current topic. All are welcome, please join us! For questions please speak with Jackie Allwardt or Karie Koehneke.

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

The VCA's Trunk or Treat and Silent Auction will be held on Friday, October 20 from 6:00-8:00pm.

Join us for a Harvest Party during Sunday School on October 29.



Sunday School updates....

Thanks to your support the car wash fundraiser hosted by our Sunday School children was a huge success! They will use the funds for their first service project for the fall: "Socks and Cards for Avalon Residents" They will purchase socks and make cards that they will deliver to the residents at Avalon Senior Residence Center in Valparaiso.

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FAITH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 1, 9:00am Holy Communion
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 8, 9:00am Non Communion Svc.
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 15, Holy Communion
The 21st Sunday after Pentecost, October 22, Non Communion Svc.
Reformation Day, October 29, Holy Communion
The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, November 5, 9:00am Holy Communion
The 24th Sunday after Pentecost, November 12, 9:00am Non Communion
The 25th Sunday after Pentecost, November 19, 9:00am Holy Communion
Christ the King, November 26, 9:00am Holy Communion

