



# Faith Lutheran Church Messenger October 2017

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## Consecration Sunday—October 8th

As we dedicate our commitments of financial resources and service to God's mission through our life together as Faith Lutheran congregation.

### - A Message from Pastor Mark-

*"We don't just build community; we rebuild it, and rebuild it, and rebuild it, for as long as we have reason to be together." -M. Scott Peck*

As we spend this month commemorating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of his 95 theses (points of debate to bring about change in the church), we also grieve the resulting division. In the last 50 years we've made great strides towards reconciling and healing past hurts, seeking to better understand our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters and vice versa. This for me is the very heart of what Christian community is all about. We are called to be agents of reconciliation. This is a difficult venture, because there is no assured way for us to bring about reconciliation. There is nothing that we can do to guarantee it will happen. It always comes as a gift of grace. This remains true between denominations as well as between individuals.

Nonetheless, as followers of Christ who practice forgiveness and participate in God's work of reconciling the world, we strive to continually create a favorable congregational environment for this to occur. Our life together is all about relationships. The strength of our witness depends on our doing everything necessary to seek reconciliation whenever relationships are broken or strained. I hold up two key factors for fostering a positive climate of reconciliation. First, strong bonds of love and support existing among members of our community. Loving one another because God first loves us. Second, being committed to a 'speaking the truth in love' kind of dialogue that doesn't blame, but seeks to understand one's own role and includes a willingness to apologize and forgive.

We are blessed to have many opportunities to connect with one another and form loving and supportive communal bonds that cultivate God's reconciling grace. Sunday mornings include not just worship, but also an opportunity to connect with others at Sunday Circle. Stronger bonds of community are built monthly at our brunch potluck (next one October 1). We also now have 3 midweek Bible Study opportunities for connection and learning. Participation in BUILD, singing in Choir, or serving on our Habitat for Humanity project, strengthens bonds. Serving on our Care and Support Ministry, or on various committees and teams, attending a Sophia Group book discussion or many other activities, all build the communal bonds of love and support, foundational for a community that practices reconciliation.

In the From Conflict to Communion Common Prayer Service on **October 22**, at 7pm, Lutherans and Roman Catholics will pray together 'for the Holy Spirit to prepare us to repent for the dividing walls that we, and our forebears, have built, and equip us for common witness and service in the world.' Plan to participate in multiple activities this month as we commemorate the Reformation jointly with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are Roman Catholic. May this journey of reconciliation and towards greater unity also motivate us to build stronger bonds with one another! Being and becoming a congregation that exhibits the love of Christ, means rebuilding community over and over again! This in and of itself is a powerful witness to the world.

In Hope, Faith, and Love,

*Pastor Mark*

### Faith Formation Team

September was a month of many exciting changes to Faith Formation here at Faith Lutheran Church! As many of you know, we began our **Sunday Circle** time during the hour between services on Sunday mornings. What a blessing it has been! The **FLY Youth** also started meeting weekly on Sunday evenings. We've had a great turnout for this! Equally as exciting was our first monthly **KidMin Event!** We had about 25 parents and kids show up for dinner, followed by a time of teaching. Below, you'll find a photo from our time together that night, as well as a picture from our September FLY event, Breakout Games!



I want to say a special thanks to the Faith Formation team for all their hard work, dedication, and prayers that have gone into the shaping of Sunday Circle, FLY, and KidMin! September has been a great month

and I am certainly looking forward to October as we continue to adjust to a new and exciting way of doing things! Below are the important dates to keep on your calendar for October concerning all things Faith Formation. Remember, details for these events can be found in the bulletin and weekly emails as the specific dates draw closer.

#### Sunday Circle

- 10/1- Brunch (GATHERING)
- 10/8- WORD
- 10/15- MEAL
- 10/22- SENDING
- 10/29- Reformation Sunday

#### FLY (Youth)

- Saturday, 10/14, 1 p.m., Scavenger Hunt
- Sunday, 10/29—Halloween Party!
- \* We will continue to meet weekly on Sunday evenings from 7—8 pm

#### KidMin Event!

Saturday, October 21- Young Families will meet at Evan's Orchard for a fun time of celebrating fall! If you're interested in this event, please contact Amber Shirley, [ambershirley@faithlutheranchurch.com](mailto:ambershirley@faithlutheranchurch.com)

**Tuesday Study on Galatians**—Richard and Cindy Heine invite anyone who is interested to participate in a Bible study on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. at Faith House. Our initial study will be in Galatians. All are welcome. Please contact Cindy, 221-5770, or [cynthia.heine@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.heine@gmail.com).

**Weekly Bible Study on the book of Mark.** The study will prepare us for next year's Gospel readings of Mark beginning in Advent this year. The study will meet at 10:30 a.m. at Faith House and will be lead by Pastor Mark and Amber Shirley.

**Bible Study on Thursday** meets at 7 p.m. in Faith House. We will be studying the lectionary - lessons - for the coming Sunday. If interested, contact Pat Mundt, 296-9140, [patricia.mundt@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.mundt@gmail.com), or Joan Sorenson, [jsorenson112@gmail.com](mailto:jsorenson112@gmail.com), 309-0134.

**Evening Sophia** will meet on October 16th at 7 p.m. at the home of Sandra Palmer. We are reading "The Girl You Left Behind", by Joni Moyes. Contact Sandra with questions, 224-8391. All are welcome!

**Care and Support Team**— The primary ministry of the Care & Support Team is to offer a listening ear and communion to members who cannot attend Sunday services. Training will be held on the Tuesdays in October, (3, 10, 17, 24, 31), from 7:15 – 8:45. We need several people to be involved in this ministry.

For more information, contact Pastor Mark (266-7621), Diann Terry (771-4721) or Kathy Heersche (806-2433).

**Breakfast Potluck—Sunday, October 1st, 9:45 a.m.** On the first Sunday of each month, all ages gather for an informal time in order to share about what's happening in your life and faith with each other. Everyone is invited to bring something to share, be it fruit, pastries, juice, breakfast casserole, or whatever. **Volunteers are needed to help set up or clean up. Please sign up in the Gathering Area, or contact Carolyn Carden, 263-4427.**



**October's events:**

- October 1 2:00 p.m. Concert and reception at the Cathedral of Christ the King
- October 8 7:00 p.m. Lectures on the two facets of the Reformation at W.T. Young Library Auditorium at UK
- October 22 7:00 p.m. A joint prayer service at the Cathedral of Christ the King with Bishop John Stowe and Bishop Bill Gafjken

*More information available on the website*

# The *Harstad* Fine Arts Series

**The Oberlin Baroque Ensemble  
Friday, October 6, 7:30 p.m.**



The internationally renowned ensemble consists of faculty of the Historical Performance Department of the prestigious Oberlin Conservatory of Music. The group performs on period instruments and has recorded for VOX and Gasparo Records, and is the ensemble in residence for the annual Baroque Performance Institute each summer at Oberlin.

The concert is free with open seating.

## Project Promise Kits of Care

To coincide with Global Missions Sunday, the Global Missions Team is asking the congregation to help create Project Promise Kits of Care organized by Lutheran World Relief. We are creating two different types of kits, a personal care kit and a school kit. These kits will then be sent to people living in extreme poverty around the world.

Supplies can be placed in the collection bin in the gathering area. Donations are due by October 15th. Kits will be assembled at a later time.

More information can be found at [www.lwr.org/kits](http://www.lwr.org/kits)

### Personal Care Kits

- 1 Bath towel (dark colors)
- 2 bars of soap in original packaging
- 1 tooth brush in original packaging
- 1 comb
- 1 pair of nail clippers

### School Kits

- 1 – drawstring backpack appr. 14 x 17 In.
- 4 - 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper
- 1 - 30 centimeter ruler (can include inches on one side)
- 1 – pencil sharpener
- 1 – pair of blunt scissors
- 5 – Unsharpened pencils secured by a rubber band
- 5 – blue or black ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 1 – box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 – 2 ½ inch eraser



## **Blessing of the Animals Wednesday, October 4 7:00 pm**

Because of Reformation 500 events already scheduled for Sunday, we are going to try holding it on the actual day of St. Francis' commemoration.



## Learning Center Fall Festival

**Fri, Oct. 20, 5:30-7:30 PM**

**\$5/person pre-sale**

**\$7/person at the event**

**FREE for kids under age 2**

If you would like to purchase pre-sale tickets, to purchase tickets for the drawing, or to donate any items, please contact Charla, 859-268-0108.

[childcare@faithlutheranchurch.com](mailto:childcare@faithlutheranchurch.com)

September was a great month, filled with learning, exploration, and relief from the heat (at the beginning of the month).



We had parent meetings to get to know our new families a little more and to share information about what the children will be learning in each of their classrooms. We had a wonderful time eating lunch with our grandparents, to celebrate Grandparents' Day.

We continued to take care of our garden and to enjoy the tasty vegetables we grew.



Chapel began again for the new school year, and we are super excited to learn more about God through stories and songs from Pastor Mark, Cantor Tom, and Ms. Amber!

### Teacher Spotlight: Sarah Wilhoit



Sarah Wilhoit has been at FLC since March 2017. She is the assistant teacher in our 3-4-yr-old classroom, the Busy Bees.

Ms. Sarah says, "I love working at FLC and I am extremely grateful to have this opportunity. I love seeing the kids each day as well as their siblings, parents, grandparents, etc. The icing on the cake is that I get to spend each day with a great group of teachers who all help each other and care about each other, and are amazing with the kids here (including my own)!".

We couldn't wait to have Ms. Sarah join our teaching staff. She used to work with Ms. Kathryn several years ago and recently had one of our students in her classroom at another center. Sarah is a friendly, fun, and creative teacher. She looks for ways to support her lead teacher, to enhance student learning, and to make her students feel loved and excited to be at school. She is always smiling, laughing, interacting with the kids, and encouraging her peers.

Outside of work, Sarah says, "I love reading, spending weekends at the lake, and watching my sports teams from home (Cleveland Indians, Cavs, Ohio State). I also enjoy spending time with my family.".

**Thank you, Ms. Sarah, for joining our staff, and for being a supportive, friendly, and caring teacher in our 3 year old classroom!**

**October Birthdays**

- 1 Debbie Carter  
Sean Young
- 2 Lois Lange
- 4 Helmut Schumacher
- 5 Abby Grotrian  
Traci Horrell
- 6 Chris Collins
- 8 Don DeLuca  
Mia Sword
- 11 Heepke Wendroth  
Jill Shearer
- 15 Peyton Zink
- 16 Cisco Hadden  
Barbara Palmquist  
Joseph Sievers
- 18 Robin Johnson
- 20 Jennifer Barricklow  
August Zoller
- 21 Barbara Fullerton
- 22 Derrion Jones  
Dana Lockhart  
Pam Silvia
- 23 Steve Carter
- 24 Bront Davis  
Bill Eggers  
Lois Whitehouse
- 26 Julia Hamilton  
Rich Heine
- 27 Hazel Bower
- 28 Kate Hanford  
Eva Lau
- 30 LaDawn Reynolds  
James Sievers
- 31 Nancy Krause  
Carl Lange

**October Anniversaries**

- 4 Carl & Lois Lange
- 5 John & Nancy George
- 9 Jim & Ellie Burnside  
Anthony & Kristy Cloyd
- 15 Al & Carol Akers
- 22 Gary & Ann Rose
- 23 Mike & Kelly Parsons
- 27 Peter & Kristen Pickett
- 28 Ole & Kerstin Wendroth

**Tailgating at Keeneland!**

**Saturday, October 14**

The Parish Life Committee is planning an informal afternoon tailgating for the races at Keeneland. The Committee will provide sub/hoagie sandwiches for all to enjoy. ***We ask that you bring a dessert or side dish to share and your own beverages, as well as your own chairs for seating.*** Post Time is 1:05 p.m. (Although we recommend that you arrive earlier)

***Children are welcomed! There is no charge of any kind associated with attendance!***

We will be in the designated tailgating lot which is located adjacent to the Entertainment Center and Keene Barn. It is accessible via Gate 1 at no charge. Complimentary shuttle service is available to the grandstand area.

Keeneland's enhanced tailgating lot, dubbed "The Hill", takes tailgating to a whole new level with a variety of fan-friendly amenities including food trucks, Bluegrass music, a jumbo television screen, the Keeneland Gift Shop, wagering options and Keeneland's BETologists.

**Book Sale**

**November 12 - November 19**

The Community Ministry Committee will again be sponsoring a used book sale. Please bring any books that you wish to contribute to the church and place them in the hallway outside of the church office under the coat rack, beginning November 5. This year the proceeds will be used to support Pastor's Discretionary Fund that is used for immediate needs for members and others. It is in need of replenishment.

**Death:**

Marian Lundborg, member of Faith, mother of Brian Lundborg, died Sept. 1st.

Dear Faith:

With gratefulness, we thank our family at Faith for the loving support you have shown to us following the death of our beloved, Marian. Your kind words, hugs, meals, and other displays of care and concern are deeply appreciated.

Brian and Ruth Lundborg

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Worship</b>
August 27	151
September 3	157
September 10	128
September 17	150
September 24	135

**August 2017 Financial Summary**

Aug	2017			YTD		
	Pledges	Income	Expenses	Pledges	Income	Expenses
Budget	\$ 30,986.75	\$ 36,031.75	\$ 40,511.68	\$ 247,894.00	\$ 286,653.25	\$ 324,092.04
Actual	\$ 29,445.00	\$ 34,070.00	\$ 36,649.00	\$ 233,900.00	\$ 289,994.00	\$ 325,951.03
variance	\$ (1,541.75)	\$ (1,961.75)	\$ (3,862.68)	\$ (13,994.00)	\$ 3,340.75	\$ 1,858.99
%	95.02%	94.56%	90.47%	94.35%	101.17%	100.57%

**Service Schedule**

Sunday Worship 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM  
 (Nursery provided during the 8:30 and 11:00 AM services)  
 Sunday School (Sept. through May) 9:45 AM

**Staff**

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**Mission Statement:**  
**“As followers of Jesus Christ,  
 we embrace, reflect and proclaim  
 God’s unconditional love.”**

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