



CROSSROADS

What's Happening

Fall Potluck



Come and Eat! Share and Fellowship!

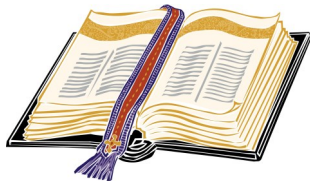
A fall potluck will be held in our church dining room on Wednesday, **October 11, at 5:30 pm.** Invite a friend or two, and come relax, eat, and chat. The Church Women's Fellowship is doing all of the hard work (thank you CWF!), so all you need to bring is a dish to pass.

Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation!

This weekly informal social get-together will continue on **Mondays at 10 a.m.** It is a time for fellowship that will include coffee, cookies, and conversation. Invite a friend and enjoy a relaxed time together.



Wednesday Bible Study



The weekly Wednesday Bible Study has begun! The study is at 7 pm, and meets in Fellowship Hall.

Through the month of October we will focus on the Reformation. 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation (marked by the 95 Theses written by Martin Luther). Together we will discuss and explore what shaped the reformation and the impact it has had on the Christian Church universal.



Per our Constitution, the **Annual Election Meeting** of the congregation is scheduled for Sunday, October 8, following morning worship. **The 2018 Budget** will also be presented. Please plan to be there and support this part of our ministry together.



Noisy Coin Offering for the Adopt-A-Family program in December will be held on the 5th Sunday of October. Save up your coins and bring them on October 29th to worship.

Also needed: Volunteers to count the offering. We will have coin trays and coin wrappers to speed up the process. Please call the church office.



The Reformation

Are you familiar with The Reformation (Protestant Reformation)? I suspect everyone reading this has heard of it and many of you probably know quite a bit about it. Together we'll study the Reformation over the next five Wednesdays beginning on the 27th of September at 7pm.

Simply put, the Reformation was the schism (separation) from the Roman Catholic Church that most people credit to Martin Luther. The birth of the Reformation is commonly noted as being when Martin Luther penned the 95 Theses and nailed it to a door in Wittenberg, Germany in October of 1517. Ironically it was never Luther's intention to cause a separation of the church, but simply to debate the selling of indulgences and stop the practice. There were a variety of factors/events at the time that came together and caused this split to happen; Corruption in the Roman Catholic Church, Immorality in the Church, Lack of Political Leadership in Europe, a significant Theological Debate, the existence of the printing press and a literate laypeople to name a few. We will explore these and other factors over the next month.

Why look at the Reformation, why study it? Because the Reformation asked the questions (& sought Biblical answers): How is one saved for eternity, what is the role of the church in the Kingdom of God, and what truths form the basis of faith lived in Jesus Christ?

There were five basic beliefs or doctrines (5 "Sola's – Greek word for alone") that formed the basis of the Reformation: Sola Gratia – Grace Alone, Sola Fida – Faith Alone, Solus Christus – In Christ Alone, Sola Scriptura – Scripture Alone, and Soli Deo Gloria – For the Glory of God Alone. We will explore these together and my sermons for the month of October will be based on one of these each Sunday.

Our schedule for the next month of Wednesday Bible Studies (beginning at 7pm) will look like this:

- **September 27:** Movie – "Luther." This movie will provide a simple introduction to the events of the time and provide a biographic sketch of this 16th century priest who raised the Biblical points that form the foundation of our faith.
- **October 4:** Reformation History – Events and Issues that triggered the Reformation
- **October 11:** 95 Theses – Asking questions about salvation.
- **October 18:** Theological Topics & Effects of the Reformation on the Modern Church
- **October 25:** To Be Determined based on our discussions and questions.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Wednesday!

God's Blessings,
Pastor Brett



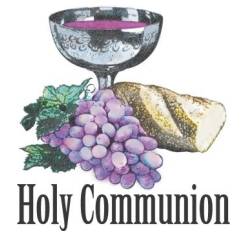
**Sermon Titles and Scripture for
October, 2017**

10/1/17 "Sola Gratia: By Grace Alone" 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Ephesians 2:1-10
10/8/17 "Sola Fida: By Faith Alone" John 3: 10-18 Galatians 3:6-14
10/15/17 "Solus Christus: In Christ Alone" Romans 8:28-39 Acts 4:5-12
10/22/17 "Sola Scriptura: Scripture Alone" 2 Timothy 3:10-17 Romans 15:1-6
10/29/17 "Soli Deo Gloria: For the Glory of God Alone" Romans 11:33-36 Revelation 1:4-8 and 7:9-12



Steve & Kim Iteen	10/02
Jack & Judy Thiel	10/12
Margie & John Gilligan	10/16
Daryl & Leshia Beltz	10/23
Fred & Cindy Reader	10/26

**2017
COMMUNION
SCHEDULE**



October 1	World Communion	Intinction
November 5	All Saint's Sunday	Pews
November 26	Christ the King Sunday	Pews
December 3	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
December 24	Christmas Eve	Pews



Bob Olmstead	10/01
Fred Fleetwood	10/03
Richard Switon	10/04
Barb Sytsma	10/04
Bobbie Maclean	10/10
Lois Fisher	10/10
Joanne Cummins	10/18
Joan Schoenherr	10/20
Susan Johnson	10/20
Mark Otto	10/20
Dorothy Johnson	10/22
Flo Beerman	10/23
Jeff Bowden	10/24
Bev Fleetwood	10/30
Janet Grams	10/31

Council of Ministry Meeting Highlights

September 20, 2017



From Worship: October will be a busy month. October 1 is World Wide Communion where we celebrate communion with churches all around the world. October 8 is the Annual Congregation Meeting immediately following worship. The proposed 2018 budget, a capital campaign proposal to repair the air conditioning in the Fellowship, Pastor Brett's and the Secretary's office, and a slate of officers will be presented. Bible study and sermons will most likely focus on Martin Luther, the German theologian and religious reformer who was the catalyst of the 16th-century Protestant Reformation.

From B.U.M. (Building, use and maintenance): Many repairs have been made -- a water leak in the sprinkler system and a hot water line leak. The grass trimmer, a roaster oven, a defective coffee maker, and a timer for the entrance lights have all been replaced. The B.U.M. budget request was approved. And a capital campaign proposal was developed that will be presented in October.

From Membership, Outreach and Evangelism (M.O.E.), Christian Education and Communications:

Pastor Brett will be reaching out to inactive members by phone or letter. A new photo directory is being planned for the Spring. All members are encouraged to attend the Bible study that begins on Wednesday, September 27 with a film about Martin Luther at 7:00 p.m. The month of October's study will focus on Martin Luther and his role in the Protestant Reformation. The Bible study will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

From Christian Women's Fellowship (C.W.F.): In the future, coffee hour will be coffee, tea, water and cookies only. C.W.F. will be changing their meeting time to 9:30 am, still on the first Monday of the month. A fall potluck is planned for Wednesday, October 11 at 5:30 pm.

From Finance and Personnel: Staff interviews are being completed. The personnel committee has developed a process for evaluating the pastor which will be reviewed at the October meeting. The General Fund balance shows an excess of \$29,000. The committee will begin meeting on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. A stewardship letter with the estimate of giving form and midyear statements will be mailed soon.

Respectfully submitted, Ruthann Kyle, Clerk

GIFT OF THE HEART: BABY KITS

During the month of October (October 8 to October 22), the Christian Women's Fellowship will be collecting items to make "Baby Kits" to be donated to the West Shore Pregnancy Care Center.

Each kit includes the following items:



- (2) Undershirts or Onesies
- (2) Wash Cloths
- (2) Sleepers
- (1) Sweater or Sweatshirt
- (2) Receiving Blankets
- Pampers



A basket will be placed in Fellowship Hall for collection. Please consider donating one or more of these items and place your donations in the basket. Thank You.

Council and Committee Meetings—October 2017

Christian Women’s Fellowship	Monday, October 2, 9:30 am, Room 11 (note time)
Finance and Personnel Committee	Monday, October 2, 6:00 pm, Room 20a (note day)
O.A.K.S. Committee	Wednesday, October 4, 6:30 pm, Room 10
Worship Committee	Wednesday, October 4, 6:00 pm, Room 20a
Missions Committee	TBA
Christian Education Committee Membership/Outreach/Evangelism Committee (M.O.E.), Communications Committee	Wednesday, October 11, 6:00 pm, Room 10
Building Use and Maintenance Committee (B.U.M.)	Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 pm, Room 20a
Council of Ministries	Wednesday, October 18, 6:00 pm, Room 11 (note time)



**Crossroads Deadline:
October 18**

Crossroads Folding: October 26



Monthly Update

Date	Attendance Count	General Fund Collection
September 3	73	\$3,124.00
September 10	75	\$3,230.20
September 17	66	\$2,216.00
September 24	65	\$2,702.00

Annual Crop Walk

Starts from our church, Sunday, October 8. Registration begins at 1:30 pm



Support our walkers:
Laurie Hamilton, Judy Bach, Sally Burmeister, and Maralyn Gable



The sincere sympathy of Community Church is extended to Rosemary Swier and family on the death of Rosemary’s husband, Don, on September 19.



Sunday, November 5th is All Saints’ Sunday. During Sunday Worship, we will have a time of thanksgiving and remembrance for those who have died in Christ. Please contact the church office if you wish to remember a loved one who has died during the past year.

Committee Spotlight



To familiarize everyone with the ministry committees of the church, we will be highlighting a new committee each month in the Crossroads. We will begin with the Worship Committee...

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee (Worship) works together with the Pastor and Music Director on the planning and coordination of worship services and activities. Worship serves as a “think-tank & sounding board,” helping the Pastor to brainstorm new ideas for worship and to plan special worship services. Worship also works with Building and Grounds regarding necessary maintenance on our musical instruments and in the sanctuary.

Pastor Brett assigns the worship leaders and communion servers and the worship committee coordinates ushers, greeters, worship assistants (altar guild), purchasing worship supplies, the television ministry, music supplies, and sometimes guest pastors.

If you would like to serve on the worship committee, we would welcome your participation!

If you would like to serve as a worship leader (lector), usher, or greeter please contact Pastor Brett or Lisa in the church office.

Nominating Committee Report 2017

Through prayer and seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit; the Nominating Committee discerns the following people are called to leadership at Community Church:



It's from our church... we've been called up for active duty.

COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

3 YEAR TERM ENDING 12/31/2020

Jack Thiel
Tom Lane
Teri Nedderman
Bobbi Maclean

3 YEAR TERM ENDING 12/31/2019

Darlene Carpenter
Maralyn Gable
Diane Swathwood
Lorrie McKay

3 YEAR TERM ENDING 12/31/2018

Tonda Cadey
Ruthann Kyle
Don McKay
Janet VanEpps

2018 COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES OFFICERS

Moderator – Maralyn Gable
Vice Moderator – Don McKay
Treasurer – Donna Hallin
Secretary – Ruthann Kyle

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Congregational Members
Donna Lee Collins
Patti Otto
Judy Thiel

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Mike Peterson
Carol Cooper
Terry Grams
Maralyn Gable – current moderator
Steve Iteen – previous moderator
Pastor

**PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH'S
FAMILY AND FRIENDS**



IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS

Terry Krystiniak, health concerns, encouragement and support
Fred Fleetwood, at Tendercare - health concerns



OUR MISSIONARIES

Daryl and Leshia Beltz
Jim and Yuri Cerminaro
Tony and Connie Johnson
Dean and Debbie Lundberg

ON-GOING

Al Carlson, health issues
Dale Guenthardt, health issues
Jeanne Rabe, health concerns, godmother of Kathy Bromley
Judy d'Anton, recovering at home, Dave Swathwood's sister
Florence Beerman, health concerns
Barbara Peters, multiple sclerosis, Bob and Lynn Olmstead's daughter
Chuck Oleniczak, health concerns
Harold Figgins, health concerns
Daniel Williams, health concerns, Sandi Steckel's cousin
Sherrie Sanders, health concerns
Eric Lund, possible limb transplants

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Autumn Winds - Marylyn Brown
Willowbrook - Thelma Bowden
Oakview - Gary Miller, Barbara Johnson, Mary Carlson
Village Haus - Hilda Parker
Tendercare - Fred Fleetwood



All persons placed on the prayer list will remain there for a period of two weeks. After two weeks, the name will be dropped from the list unless Janet VanEpps or the office are notified that the prayer need is on-going. If you have a prayer need that you would like to have the members of the prayer chain pray for, please activate the prayer chain by calling Janet VanEpps at 843-3122.

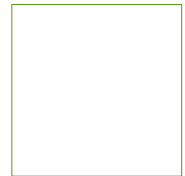


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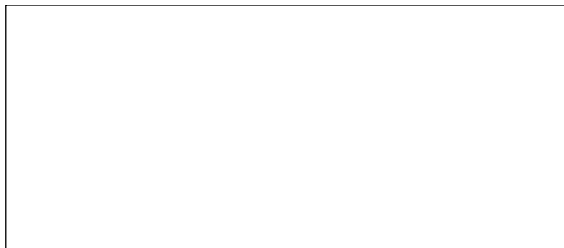
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p><u>Worship with Communion 9:30am</u></p> 	<p>2</p> <p><u>Christian Women's Fellowship 9:30am</u></p> <p>Cookies, Coffee, Conversation, 10 am</p> <p><u>Finance/Personnel 6pm</u></p>	<p>3</p> <p>Ladies Bible 9:30am</p> <p>Quilters 9am-6pm</p> <p>Community Table 4:30-6pm</p> <p>Cub Scouts 4pm</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p><u>Worship Committee 6pm</u></p> <p><u>OAKS 6:30pm</u></p> <p>Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Bulletin Folding 10am</p> <p>Vocal Choir 6pm</p> <p>Bell Choir 7pm</p>	6	7
<p>8</p> <p><u>Worship 9:30am</u></p> <p><u>Annual Congregational Meeting (After Worship)</u></p> 	<p>9</p> <p>Cookies, Coffee, Conversation, 10 am</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Ladies Bible 9:30am</p> <p>Quilters 9am-6pm</p> <p>Community Table 4:30-6pm</p> <p><u>B.U.M. 6:30 pm</u></p> <p>Cub Scouts 4pm</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p><u>Fall Potluck, 5:30 pm</u></p> <p><u>CE/MOE/COMM 6pm</u></p> <p>Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Bulletin Folding 10am</p> <p>Vocal Choir 6pm</p> <p>Bell Choir 7pm</p>	<p>13</p> 	14
<p>15</p> <p><u>Worship 9:30am</u></p>	<p>16</p> <p>Cookies, Coffee, Conversation, 10 am</p> <p>Cub Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Ladies Bible 9:30am</p> <p>Quilters 9am-6pm</p> <p>Community Table 4:30-6pm</p> <p>Cub Scouts 4pm</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p><u>Crossroads Deadline</u></p> <p><u>Council Meeting 6pm</u></p> <p>Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Bulletin Folding 10am</p> <p>Vocal Choir 6pm</p> <p>Bell Choir 7pm</p>	20	21
<p>22</p> <p><u>Worship 9:30am</u></p>	<p>23</p> <p>Cookies, Coffee, Conversation, 10 am</p> <p>Cub Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Ladies Bible 9:30am</p> <p>Quilters 9am-6pm</p> <p>Community Table 4:30-6pm</p> <p>Cub Scouts 4pm</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Crossroads Folding 9:30am</p> <p>Bulletin Folding 10am</p> <p>Vocal Choir 6pm</p> <p>Bell Choir 7pm</p>	<p>27</p> 	28
<p>29</p> <p><u>Worship 9:30am</u></p> <p><u>Noisy Coin Offering</u></p> 	<p>30</p> <p>Cookies, Coffee, Conversation, 10 am</p> <p>Cub Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Ladies Bible 9:30am</p> <p>Quilters 9am-6pm</p> <p>Community Table 4:30-6pm</p> <p>Cub Scouts 4pm</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>Nov 1</p> <p><u>Worship Committee 6pm</u></p> <p><u>OAKS 6:30pm</u></p> <p>Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>Nov 2</p> <p>Bulletin Folding 10am</p> <p>Vocal Choir 6:00pm</p> <p>Bell Choir 7:00pm</p>	Nov 3	Nov 4



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Traditionally
CONGREGATIONAL / PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Brett Spalding

Music Director

W. John Clement

Membership/Financial Secretary

Lisa Dains

Custodian

Cheri Welch

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday
 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

2017 COUNCIL

3 Year Term Ending 12/31/17

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 Robert Lanterman
 John Stapleton
 Jack Thiel

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Darlene Carpenter
 Maralyn Gable
 Diane Swathwood
 Lorrie McKay

Moderator

Steven Iteen

Vice-Moderator

Robert Lanterman

Clerk

Ruthann Kyle

Treasurer

Donna Hallin

Nominating Committee

Bobbie Maclean
 Stephanie Thomsen
 Teri Nedderman

Scholarship Committee

Wendy Lanterman
 Betty Orton
 Jack Thiel



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