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Friends in Christ News

Friends in Christ Lutheran Church – 1338 Clay Street – Morris, Illinois 60450

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Excerpts from "95 Theses"

*(We Have a Guest Writer for Our Newsletter this Month
Without introducing him, let's read what he has written.)*

1. When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said,
"Repent" [Matthew 4:17], He willed the entire life of
believers to be one of repentance.
2. This word cannot be understood as referring to the
sacrament of penance, that is, confession and
satisfaction, as administered by the clergy.
5. The Pope neither desires nor is able to remit any
penalties except those imposed by his own authority or
that of the canons.

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*Martin Luther's 95
Theses, October 31, 1517*

Save the Date!

OCT 3:	Worship Team Meeting	10:00 a.m.
	Euchre Club	1:00 p.m.
	Elder's Meeting	4:00 p.m.
OCT 4:	LWML meeting	7:00 p.m.
OCT 8:	LWML Sunday	---
	Special Voter's Meeting	9:30 p.m.

OCT 9:	Senior Service	1:00 p.m.
OCT 10:	Friendly Seniors	5:30 p.m.
OCT 15:	Steph Willig Youth Fundraiser	12:30 p.m.
OCT 17:	Missions Team Meeting	10:00 p.m.
OCT 26:	Trustees' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
OCT 31:	Reformation Day	---

Excerpts from “95 Theses” *(Continued from page 1)*

27. They preach only human doctrines who say that as soon as the money clinks into the money chest, the soul flies out of purgatory.
28. It is certain that when money clinks in the money chest, greed and avarice can be increased; but when the church intercedes, the result is in the hands of God alone.
32. Those who believe that they can be certain of their salvation because they have indulgence letters will be eternally damned, together with their teachers.
36. Any truly repentant Christian has a right to full remission of penalty and guilt, even without indulgence letters.
37. Any true Christian, whether living or dead, participates in all the blessings of Christ and the church; and this is granted him by God, even without indulgence letters.
42. Christians are to be taught that the pope does not intend that the buying of indulgences should in any way be compared with works of mercy.
43. Christians are to be taught that he who gives to the poor or lends to the needy does a better deed than he who buys indulgences.
45. Christians are to be taught that he who sees a needy man and passes him by, yet gives his money for indulgences, does not buy papal indulgences but God's wrath.
52. It is vain to trust in salvation by indulgence letters, even though the indulgence commissary, or even the pope, were to offer his soul as security.
62. The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God.
76. We say on the contrary that papal indulgences cannot remove the very least of venial sins as far as guilt is concerned.
81. This unbridled preaching of indulgences makes it difficult even for learned men to rescue the reverence which is due the pope from slander or from the shrewd questions of the laity,
82. Such as: "Why does not the Pope empty purgatory for the sake of holy love and the dire need of the souls that are there if he redeems an infinite number of souls for the sake of miserable money with which to build a church? The former reason would be most just; the latter is most trivial."
92. Away, then, with all those prophets who say to the people of Christ, "Peace, peace," and there is no peace! [*Jeremiah 6:14*]
93. Blessed be all those prophets who say to the people of Christ, "Cross, cross," and there is no cross!
94. Christians should be exhorted to be diligent in following Christ, their Head, through penalties, death and hell,
95. And thus be confident of entering into heaven through many tribulations rather than through the false security of peace [*Acts 14:22*].

~~ Dr. Martin Luther
University of Wittenberg
October 31, 1517

(<http://cyclopedia.lcms.org>)



Happy
90th

Doris Stangland!

Doris sends a warm thank you to all who helped celebrate a special birthday with her! She loved everyone's cards, well wishes and smiles – but simply being surrounded by so many friends & family at one time was the best gift of all.



"I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

– Psalm 139:14



Benefit Luncheon

Please join the FICLC Youth Group for
a Chili and Sandwich Luncheon to benefit
Stephanie Willig.

Sunday, October 15, 2017

12:30 ~ 2:30 pm

Offering to help with medical expenses

Friends in Christ Lutheran Church
1338 Clay, Morris, Illinois

Free Will Offering

Wear PINK to show your support



MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



William Kirk with daughters *(on left)* Elizabeth and Elicia
Nicole Horrigan

Birthdays

...in October

- 2nd Ray Carlson
- 6th Tisha Barnes
- 10th Signey Carter
- 12th Tina Nighsonger
- 15th Joan Olson
Scott Thorson
Dolores Wiegand
- 16th Barbara Pope
- 18th Ann Anderson
- 19th Harriet Osmundson
- 23rd Mark Stevens
- 25th Lori Stevens
- 27th Amy Thorson
- 29th Taylor Breyman
- 31st Terry Carter

Anniversaries

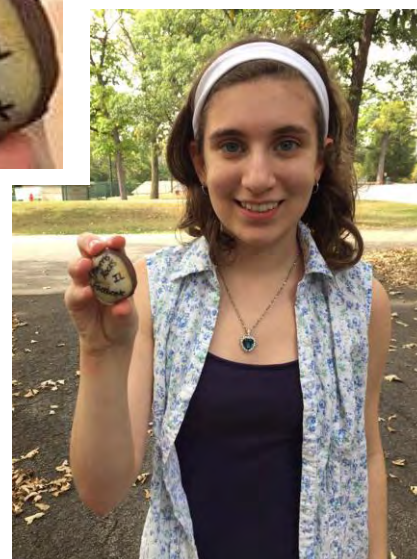
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| 10/11 | Kris & Patty Houchin | 20 years |
| 10/15 | Donald & Janet Matteson | 57 years |
| 10/28 | Mark & Lori Stevens | 1 year |



Youth Night

Our next Youth Night will be October 22nd!

Meet at church at 4:30.



Kindness ROCKS!

This month the kids made "Kindness Rocks". The kids painted rocks and added a Christian message. While they dried, Pastor led them in a devotion. Then we went out and hid the rocks at four different parks here in town. While hiding rocks, some of the kids also found kindness rocks that other groups had made!





Our next LWML meeting will be held on
Wednesday, October 4 at 10:00 am
Hope to see you there!

The Parenting Profession

In the Word

*Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it. [Proverbs 22:6](#)*

Of the Word

Advanced degrees are required for those in many professions - doctors, lawyers, pastors, engineers. Yet parenting, probably the most important profession one can have, requires no advanced degree.

Parents are to be guides, supporters, and encouragers as they help children discover their talents, develop their abilities, and use their gifts. Most importantly, God commands that parents be responsible for their spiritual training. When the writer of Proverbs reminds us to Train up a child in the way he should go... "the way" is God's way.

Parents cheer at ball games and applaud at dance recitals, but how much more important it is to be actively involved in a child's spiritual growth! A Christian parent's daily example is a child's best sermon.

Parenting never ends - just as praying for one's children is a life-long privilege. And no advanced degree is needed for that.

A Point to Ponder: Who was most faithful in teaching me the way- God's way - for my life?

Walking with my Lord

Thank You, Lord, for enabling Christian parents to teach their children of Your love. Help me to share my faith by both word and example. In Jesus' name. Amen.

- Taken from LWML Mustard Seed Daily Devotions

SENIOR SERVICE

Come join us for our next
Senior Service!

Monday, October 9th
1:00 p.m.

A light lunch will be
served immediately following

FRIENDLY SENIORS

Our next dinner will be at
The Whistle Stop Café
(2080 E. Division, Diamond IL)
Tuesday, October 10th
5:30 p.m.

*(If you would like to join us, please sign the sheet
located on the bulletin table or call the church office.)*

A LETTER OF ENCOURAGEMENT ... FOR K.Y.K.S.!

DEAR PASTOR & VICKI,
I read the article in the
Northern Light and was so touched
by the little girl with her new
shoes, that I was brought to
tears!!!

My family has been so blessed
over the years, that I just
needed to help this ministry, and
give back to the Lord.

I just wish our church (St. Peter's
in North Plato) could do something
like this.

Thank you for your time and
may God bless you.

Love In Christ,



After reading the article
about our K.Y.K.S. Shoe
Ministry in the Northern
Light, a gentleman from
Maple Park, IL was moved
by how God meets some of
the back-to-school needs in
our community every year
through our congregation.

He sent a generous donation
along with a letter of
encouragement that was so
heart-warming that we felt
compelled to share it!
(Name withheld for privacy)

The Supporting Cast

This year as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, the main focus of our attention has been Martin Luther. But it is important that we also remember four other members of the Reformation drama.

Johann von Staupitz (Father John Staupitz)

Father Staupitz was the head of the monastery where Martin Luther became a monk. Here Luther hoped that monastic disciplines would make him holy, so that God would not



condemn him to hell for his sins. He quickly discovered that his plan didn't work. Luther often punished himself and he spend many hours confessing his sins to his priest. Staupitz tried to explain God's love, mercy, and forgiveness, but Luther couldn't believe it.

So Staupitz did two things that forever changed Luther's life. First, Staupitz sent Luther to Rome, hoping his visit to the "holy city" would inspire Luther. Just the opposite happened – Luther was disgusted by the corruption of the church which he witnessed.

Second, Staupitz appointed Luther to take over his own teaching position as Professor of Bible at the University of Wittenburg. Luther was afraid of God, so Luther had no love for God's Word. But if he was going to teach the Bible, he now had to read it for himself. And it was there in the Bible, starting with Romans 1:17, that Luther finally understood what Staupitz had tried to teach him about God's grace which we receive by faith alone.

Even though Staupitz shared many of Luther's concerns for reformation, Staupitz stayed loyal to the church of Rome. Two years after Luther wrote his 95 Theses, Staupitz released Luther from his vows of obedience to the Pope and the Augustinian Order. This freed Luther to follow his conscience, and it freed Staupitz from being responsible for Luther's words and actions.

Duke Frederick the Wise

The Catholic Church accused Martin Luther of heresy – false teaching about the Christian faith. In those days, the punishment for a heretic was to tie him to a pole, pile wood around him, and set him on

fire. The reason this did not happen to Martin Luther was that Duke Frederick III of Saxony protected him.

Duke Frederick established the University of Wittenberg where Luther taught. In 1521, when the Pope summoned Luther to Rome, Duke Frederick refused to allow Luther to go. Instead, the Duke arranged to have Luther's trial in Germany (the Diet of Worms).



Immediately after the trial, Frederick's soldiers "kidnapped" Luther and hid him in a castle. While in hiding, Luther translated the New Testament into the German language. This finally made the Bible accessible to all German people.

Philip Melanchthon

Melanchthon was a professor of Classical Greek who joined the Wittenberg faculty in 1518. He was a skilled writer and speaker. Under Luther's guidance, Melanchthon wrote *The Augsburg Confession*, which became the formative statement of faith for the Protestant churches of Germany. Melanchthon became a leader in establishing public schools for the common people throughout Germany. Sadly, after Luther died, Melanchthon's commitment to the Reformation wavered, as he began to compromise his own theology.



Johannes Gutenberg

Reformation movements which arose before Luther were small and short-lived. What made Luther's impact strong and lasting was the invention of the movable-type printing press, which quickly spread Martin Luther's ideas all over Europe. The German inventor of the printing press, Johannes Gutenberg, died 15 years before Luther was born. Gutenberg's invention ushered in the age of awakening (*Renaissance*) from the Dark Ages, which enabled a new learning, discovery, and literacy for the common people. This was the fertile soil in which Martin Luther was planted.



Thank you to Ron Friedrich, Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Silver Spring, MD

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

~ 2 Corinthians 4:16-18



Financial Report

Friends in Church Lutheran Church 2017

General Fund	2ND QTR	JULY	AUGUST	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 37,705.61	\$ 10,954.04	\$ 14,203.46	\$ 93,051.62	\$ 94,520.00
Expenses	\$ 37,148.99	\$ 14,789.94	\$ 18,916.28	\$ 108,729.73	\$ 106,109.34
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 556.62	\$ (3,835.90)	\$ (4,712.82)	\$ (15,678.11)	\$ (11,589.34)

JULY EXPENSES LESS KYKS - \$14,789.94 - \$2,766.35 = \$12,023.59

AUGUST EXPENSES LESS KYKS - \$ 18,916.28 - \$6,516.47 = \$12,399.81

YTD EXPENSES LESS KYKS - \$108,729.73 - \$9,285.82 = \$99,443.91

Building Maintenance Fund	YTD ACTUAL
Grundy County Bank	\$ 11,236.38
LCEF	\$ 40,958.49
Total	\$ 52,194.87

Prayer Calendar

OCTOBER 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Please pray daily for Pastor Willig, Deb Carter and their families. Missionaries everywhere, Deaf Ministry, Iglesia San Pablo Church, People of the Book Outreach, Salam Christian Fellowship, Missionaries in North Korea and Christians being persecuted.</p>	<p>Father, we pray for strength and endurance in our every day lives. Col. 1:11 Eph. 3:16</p>	<p>Lord, to You is the glory because with Your blood You saved us and have given us eternal life. 1 Cor. 2:2</p>	<p>Dear Lord, help me to lighten my neighbors burdens and in doing so strengthen them. Gal. 6:2</p>	<p>Lord, thank You for Your forgiveness and its cleansing power. 1 John 1:9</p>	<p>Father, we pray for the fullness of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Luke 11:13 Ph. 3:19</p>	<p>Lord, bless all those who are home bound and are not able to attend church with us weekly. Help them to keep their faith in all their tough times.</p>
<p>Lord, help us to prepare our hearts as we worship You today.</p>	<p>Lord, there are many missionaries throughout the world. We pray that You keep them safe from danger and spiritual warfare. Help them to bring other to You. Rom. 15; 30-31</p>	<p>Lord, help us to be kind to others for we may be the only people they see in a day.</p>	<p>Father, help us to reach out to others in our congregation. Those that are new to us and those we have been in church with for years. Bless our congregation with love for each other.</p>	<p>Lord, help us to encourage one another in our every day lives. 1 Thes. 3:10</p>	<p>Father, we allow our busyness to tune out Your call. Make us like Samuel instead who answered "Speak for Your servant is listening." 1 Sam 3:10</p>	<p>Father, forgive us when we color our words to our advantage or excuse our actions; when we should be saying, "I am sorry" or "I was wrong." Prov. 11:3</p>
<p>Lord, we praise and bless Your name that is above all names. Phil. 2:9</p>	<p>Father, open our hearts so we know when to offer a shoulder to lean on, a hand to hold or a listening ear. Gal. 6:2</p>	<p>Father, we thank You for Your Spirit who gives us guidance and strength to be Your children. Eph. 3:20</p>	<p>Lord, we bow in worship before You confessing that You are Lord. Philippians 2:10-11</p>	<p>Lord, we are grateful that You continually intercede for us because You know our hearts innermost needs. Heb. 7:26</p>	<p>Lord, give me a hunger to spend more time with You.</p>	<p>Lord, we pray for nations and conflict and for healing in all countries. Rev. 22:2</p>
<p>Lord, so many in our area are unchurched. As we invite people to church please put a hunger in their hearts to want to come, learn and believe in You so they may be saved also.</p>	<p>Lord, empower us for the work of Your ministry. Acts. 6:4</p>	<p>We thank You Lord and praise You for all You have done for us.</p>	<p>Lord, our hearts are full of grateful praise for Your gift of life. May we use our lives to Your honor and glory. John 10:10</p>	<p>Lord, so many of us have family members that need You in their lives. Help them to have a hunger to get to know You better.</p>	<p>Lord, help us to remember we never retire from serving You.</p>	<p>Lord, You are our Good Shepherd help us as your sheep to hear and know Your voice so we can follow You. John 10 1-18</p>
<p>Many of us have bad days. Help us to come to You Lord in prayer when we are hurting. Thank You for being there for us.</p>	<p>Lord, thank You for loving us. Help us in return to love others as You love us.</p>	<p>Lord, You are the potter, we are the clay, mold us, make us, This is what we pray. Isa. 64:1-9</p>				

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 8:15am - Worship 9:30am - Bible Study 9:30am - Sun. Sch. 10:45am - Worship	2	3 9am - Bible Study 10:15am - Worsh. Com. 1pm - Euchre Club 4pm - Elders Meeting	4 10am - LWML	5 4:30pm - 8th Gd Conf	6	7 5:30pm - Worship
8 LWML Sunday 8:15am - Worship 9:30am - Spec Vot Mtg 9:30am - Sun. Sch. 10:45am - Worship	9 Columbus Day 1pm - Senior Service	10 9am - Bible Study 5:30pm - Friendly Srs.	11	12 4:30pm - 8th Gd Conf	13	14 Communion 5:30pm - Worship
15 Communion 8:15am - Worship 9:30am - Bible Study 9:30am - Sun. Sch. 10:45am - Worship 12:30pm - Fundraiser	16	17 9am - Bible Study 10am - Mission	18	19 4:30pm - 8th Gd Conf	20	21 5:30pm - Worship
22 8:15am - Worship 9:30am - Bible Study 9:30am - Sun. Sch. 10:45am - Worship 5pm - Youth Night	23	24 9am - Bible Study	25	26 7pm - Trustees Meeting	27	28 Communion 5:30pm - Worship
29 Communion 8:15am - Worship 9:30am - Bible Study 9:30am - Sun. Sch. 10:45am - Worship 4pm - Ref Serv, Aurora	30	31 Reformation Day 9am - Bible Study	1 10am - LWML	2 4pm - St Vincnts Table 4:30pm - 8th Gd Conf	3	4 Communion 5:30pm - Worship