

SEPTEMBER 2017

A publication of Crown of Life Lutheran Church, Sun City West, AZ

## Worship (thru November)

Saturday Worship – 4:00 PM  
Sunday Worship – 9:00 AM  
Sunday Bible Class – 10:15 AM

## Pastor Phill Leads New Member Information Class

Beginning Sunday, OCTOBER 8, Pastor Phill returns to lead the Bible study designed for people desiring to join our church as members. Current members are invited to attend this “Christian basics” refresher. As Lutheran Christians we have a unique view of scripture that informs our practice and theology, and the eight classes will introduce those topics. December 3 will be New Member Sunday for those “graduates” who desire to become members of our church.

## Time Flies! *By Pastor Phill*

Broken record. Every September I say the same thing: where did summer go? But then, I repeat myself more often with age... And September sees the pace of life in our parish increase – Board meetings begin again, Reformation weekend comes up quickly, Advent is right behind. That’s what happens when one tells time by the passage of weekends – life moves from one set of services to the next, with what seems barely a week between.

I’ve been reading a little Reformation history lately – haven’t you? Luther’s life accelerated so quickly from the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, 1517, beyond his expectation. Time must have flown by. The ideas he posted on that day, likely but not certainly posted on the church door, swept through his region, then through the northern principalities and on to Rome where they were greeted with outrage and anger. Luther rapidly became the most-read author in all of Germany – that there was a printer in Wittenburg who became almost dedicated to Luther’s writings is one of God’s minor miracles. The pace of change quickened as Luther’s theology and influence spread far from the university.

His Augustinian Order was instructed by Rome to call Luther to account, and so he met at Heidelberg in the spring of 1518, to defend his obvious mistakes. Instead, the Order was convinced by Luther’s exposition of scripture in support of his positions. The Order, far from censuring him, requested he write in greater depth his ideas in the 95 Theses of the previous October.

The head of finance in Rome, the Fiscal Procurator, demanded that Luther recant his position on the sin of indulgences, and a meeting was convened in October, 1518 at Augsburg, Cardinal Cajetan presiding. The Cardinal (his name was Tommaso de Vio, born near Naples, created Cardinal in 1517) intended to debate civilly and convince Luther of the errors the monk was promulgating, particularly where the great fund raising scheme of the Middle Ages, indulgences, was concerned.

It didn’t work. The meeting ended with Luther, of course, unconvinced that scripture supports indulgences in any way – so Cajetan recommended to Luther’s ruling prince, Frederick the Wise of Saxony, that Luther be banished from the German states or better yet, surrendered to Rome. That would have meant execution, of course.

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## Cancer Companions *by Carol Steřicek, Parish Nurse*

Have you battled cancer in the past? Are you living with the thought “What if it returns?” Are you a caregiver for, or good friends of someone with cancer and you are having to cope with the stress and don’t know what to say to them? Then Cancer Companions is for you! This is a 9-week educational/support group with topics such as: faith, prayer, stress reduction, healthy living, and others. This group starts up again on Wednesday, October 4 from 1:00-2:30 PM in the Chapel. The course includes a book, videos, and other helpful information and is totally free. Contact Parish Nurse Carol to register or for further information.



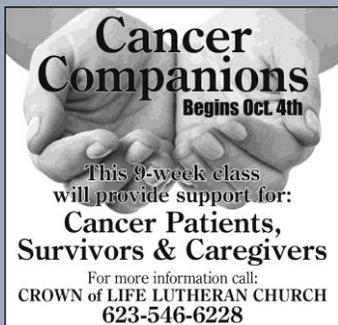
## The President's Message

by Dave Brodzeller

To all of our friends in the North, it is still hot as I'm writing this. However, in the scheme of things, it hasn't seemed quite as brutal this year (or maybe I'm merely getting used to our summer weather). After our beautiful winter and spring, we can't complain too much about the hot weather now. For those of you who are enjoying the summer here or are traveling intermittently, we are aware of how our Lord has blessed all of us. The summer monsoons have been relatively mild in our part of the valley and we haven't been plagued with fire or floods.

Several weeks ago Rev. Vern Ermeling gave an inspiring message on "help". He spoke about ways we can help each other and those less fortunate. Through our monetary donations, our Mission Board helps feed hungry children throughout the world. But, how can each of us "help" those in our community? We can reach out to friends, neighbors, or acquaintances and lend them a friendly hand, take them a meal, offer to run errands, or take them to a doctor appointment. Most importantly, we can invite them to church and even bring them with us. Help them learn how important our Christian faith is, especially during these troubling times. And, especially pray! Pray daily for those less fortunate and for all the many blessings God has bestowed on us. I pray that each of you will "reach out" and help.

Yours in Christ,  
*Dave Brodzeller*



**Cancer Companions**  
Begins Oct. 4th

This 9-week class will provide support for:  
**Cancer Patients, Survivors & Caregivers**

For more information call:  
CROWN of LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
623-546-6228

## What is happening in "Bible Basics"?

by Rev. Vern Ermeling

As children of God we have been given a precious gift – the Bible – the WORD of God. Like any gift, you must use the gift to benefit from the value of having the gift

At Crown of Life we are all blessed each Sunday with powerful messages based on the WORD of God. We also have many Bible study opportunities that help us learn even more from the WORD of God.

The purpose of this article is to update you on the "Bible Basics" class, led by Pastor Vern. There are any number of members of COL who are overwhelmed, even by the idea participating in a Bible study, because they don't know much about the WORD. This class, "Bible Basics", is designed with those folks in mind, but everyone is welcome. The class

meets on Friday mornings at 10:30 AM in the Parish Hall.

During the month of September, we will continue our study of the Parables of Jesus found in the Gospel of Luke. We will study Luke 15 which is known as the "lost chapter of the Bible". The reason for this is that it contains three parables about things that are "lost" and then found: "The Lost Sheep", "The Lost Coin", and "The Lost Son" ("The Parodical Son")

During October, we will switch into "Reformation" mode, as this year marks the 500-year anniversary of the event that sparked the "Reformation" movement: Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg church. The overall theme for the month will be "Martin Luther Heretic."

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## Your Mission Board at Work

by Gene Axelson, Board Chairman

Lutheran education continues to be a priority in spreading the gospel. The Mission Board has set up a display in the Narthex with brochures showing some of the organizations Crown of Life helps support who provide a strong Lutheran education program. Feel free to take a brochure to learn more about them and include them in your prayers.

Many members of Crown of Life as well as the Mission Board help provide scholarships to Valley Lutheran High School in Phoenix which has nearly 200 students enrolled with over 95% of the graduation class going on to college. We also help support Urawa Lutheran School near Tokyo, Japan with over 600 students from elementary to high school. (Pastor Vern Ermeling's son was the Principal for several years.)

We continue to help support students both at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne through the 'Adopt-A-Student' program, as well as at the Cross-cultural Ministry Center at Concordia University in Irvine.

In addition, we provide for \$5,000 scholarships for a LCMS student studying to be a church worker at Concordia University, Irvine and also one at Concordia University, Seward.

Crown of Life also helps support the Trinity/Hope program in Haiti where the Gospel and lunch are provided to over 22,000 students each day in over 115 Lutheran parochial schools.

Several years ago, Crown of Life helped to remodel and expand the facilities for the faith based pre-school at our daughter church Word of Life on Bell Road in Surprise.

## What Does It Mean to Grieve as a Believer?

by Christine Escobar, GriefCare Coordinator

We know that in this world we are going to experience pain and loss, and we will have to hurt through these losses. When this happens, our choice is not whether to hurt or not to hurt, but **what to do while we are hurting**.

God's Word tells us we are not to grieve as those who have no hope. Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 4:13 "[W]e do not want you to be uninformed . . . about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep."

As Christians, we have the assurance of being with God and our loved ones in Heaven, but what does God call us to do while we are hurting from losing the presence and love of our loved one(s) in our daily life?

In our GriefCare sessions at Crown of Life, we learn how to walk through our pain with God's guidance and to stay within His will while we heal from the pain of living and moving forward without our loved one(s). In our GriefCare Ministry, we recognize the Stephen Ministry "Mourner's Bill of Rights." These rights are:

- You have the right to experience your own unique grief.
- You have the right to talk about your grief.
- You have the right to feel a multitude of emotions.
- You have the right to be tolerant of your physical and emotional limits.
- You have the right to experience "griefbursts."
- You have the right to make use of ritual.
- You have the right to embrace your spirituality.
- You have the right to search for meaning.
- You have the right to treasure your memories.
- You have the right to move toward your grief and heal.

After acknowledging these rights as a foundational, we build our strength and move towards healing by sharing with others who are experiencing the pain of loss, studying what God says to us in His Word about grieving and healing in ways that are pleasing to Him, and we listen to what Christian experts in the field of grief counsel.

Our next GriefCare session begins on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at 9:30 AM in the Crown of Life Chapel. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please pick up a brochure in the pew or at the Information Center for further information and call Christine (623.218.6793) to register.

### Book Club by Judy Brodzeller

The Book Club meets on Monday, September 11 at 10:30 AM in the Conference Room. Bring a friend who likes to read! They do not have to be a member of our church. Also, bring a book you read over the summer to share with the group. The selection for October 11 is *Elephant Company* by Vicki Constantine Croke.

## One Way an Unhealthy Lifestyle Can Affect You

by Carol Steřicek, Parish Nurse

If you are having trouble with your gut, particularly diverticulitis, you need to look at your dietary habits. Diverticula appear as holes within the colon wall which lead to a bulging sac coming from the intestine. Chronic pressure from poor intestinal motility leads to the formation of these outcroppings. 42% of the population have problems with their guts. Diverticulitis is more prevalent among people who have a low-fiber diet, high-fat diet, eat a lot of red meat, are obese, have little physical activity, or who smoke. It is a myth that seeds, nuts or corn get trapped in the diverticulum leading to diverticulitis. To keep your gut moving and preventing attacks here are some suggestions:

- eat high-fiber vegetables, fruits, and nuts
- exercise – walk, walk, walk
- maintain a healthy weight
- decrease the amount of red meat you eat
- stop smoking

It is true that you are what you eat!



## Bible Basics continued from page 2

We will look at some of the key life struggles and concepts that Luther came to understand from his study of Scripture: They will include the following:

- The struggle with sin and the desire to be sure of God's forgiveness,
- The concept of what true repentance and grace are all about.
- The question of authority in the church and the focus on Scripture
- The three-fold foundation of the Reformation": "**Grace alone, faith alone, Scripture alone**".

Each class session will be enhanced by looking at excerpts of an excellent movie that depicts the life of Martin Luther.

We thank God for the precious gift of His Word – The Bible. As a pastor, I can never overemphasize the importance of and the need for every Christian to be in the Word.

## Prayer Team Update

*by members of the Prayer Team*

The Prayer Team has been so blessed to be part of the ministry at Crown of Life. God calls each of us to pray! Paul made that call so beautifully clear in his Philippian letter: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." ( Phil 4:4-7.)

It sounds like a command, but it is, in fact an enormous privilege, a loving invitation from God our Father! And we know that when petitions come to us, the Lord already knows those needs, even before we pray. He loves us all so much that He takes all we ask into to His gracious will, and ultimately responds for Good, which only God knows.

If you would like your prayer requests included on the Prayer Team list, then we invite you to let us know through the "Request a Prayer" link on the Crown of Life website: [www.colchurch.com](http://www.colchurch.com). On the Home Page, scroll down to "Request a Prayer," enter your name, email address, your request, and hit "send." It will be included on our Team List. And if you would like to consider being part of the Prayer Team, include that as well, and we will be happy to contact you.

## Thoughts by Pastor Gary

In 1 Peter 2:2-3 we read: "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good."

At the burial service of the well-known musician Meredith Willson (I have visited this site), a fellow composer paid him this tribute: "He had....the genuine humility and childlike lack of guile that Christ wanted all of us to have."

Great talents, a lifetime of accomplishments, but a humble attitude – this is a rare combination, but it is one that our Lord desired His followers to have. When the disciples argued as to who of them was the greatest in His kingdom, He set a little child in their midst and said, "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven...whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:3-4).

Sometimes Christ's words are not properly understood. He did not advocate a childish but a childlike faith, that is, unquestioning trust and confidence in His love. Such a faith not only survives, it grows. It adds Christian knowledge and understanding and spiritual maturity through the diligent study of God's Word. At the close of his second letter, the apostle Peter urges, "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). As they grow spiritually, Christians go from a milk diet to one of "solid food," as the book of Hebrews urges.

Children Sing, "Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so." No matter how long we live or how much wisdom we acquire, this remains our faith, namely, that God so loved us all that He gave His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to gain salvation by His obedient life, atoning death, and triumphant resurrection. This is the testimony of the Holy Scriptures. On this foundation we build our Christianity striving every day to grasp more and more of "how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ" (Eph. 3:18). A faith in Jesus that grows in all fruits of faith, humility included, as a childlike faith.

Each and every day we all should pray for our faith should take God at His Word and that God calls each of us for humility. Will you pray that prayer today?

## LWML Update *by Barbie Aden*

**\$2,075,000!** That's the amount of new national Mite grants selected for 2017-2019 during this summer's National Convention. The convention celebrated LWML's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with great music, fun servant activities, special interest luncheons, and excellent Bible studies and speakers. We were amazed by the many different and highly successful activities LWML has been involved in and supported over the past 75 years. Thank you Lord for making our little mites so mighty, and for richly blessing our lives and spiritual growth as we work with You in Your vineyard. For convention highlights visit [www.lwml.org/2017-convention](http://www.lwml.org/2017-convention). Information on mite grants are found at [www.lwml.org/missiongrants](http://www.lwml.org/missiongrants). While at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org), check out LWML's new logo.

Our first monthly meeting is October 10, at 1 PM in the Chapel, and is open to all ladies of the congregation.

## Grief Recovery Support Groups

Hurting?  
We can help!

New Group begins Sep. 13  
9:30 a.m. each Wed.

Groups Available All Year

For information call  
623-546-6228

CROWN of LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
13131 Spanish Garden Drive, Sun City West

## Christmas Celebration Choir *by Roger Hicks, Choir Director*

PERHAPS you've wanted to be part of the choral ministry of our church, but cannot do so on a weekly basis. Here's your opportunity.

Part time singers and regular choir members join to form this special choir. The Christmas Celebration Choir plays a major part in our church's Musical Christmas Celebration worship services, including this year's services on Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10. You may wish to join us on Thursdays at 4:00 PM, starting September 14 when the music will be introduced. This year's theme is COMFORT AND JOY.

## Stephen Ministry *by Ken Grover*

*"So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us."*  
(Romans 12:5-6)

Each person is a unique expression of God's loving design. God gives each of us spiritual gifts. These spiritual gifts are gifts to be used to serve God and others. Christians are called to specific focused ministries. The spirit gives different gifts to different people. Their gifts and God's calling, point them toward some areas of service and away from others. Christians possess particular gifts that God wants them to use in or beyond their congregations.

*"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work."*  
(1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

How are you using your gifts? Are you looking for a way to use them? If your spiritual gifts include but are not limited to one or more of the following: faith, mercy, teaching, or encouragement, would you prayerfully consider Stephen Ministry? This may be just what you have been looking for. Stephen Ministry needs you! Please include this need in your prayers. God answers our prayers because he is faithful. For more information about Stephen Ministry please contact Pastor Gary at 623-546-6228 or Gloria Michel at 623-544-4569. A training program for new Stephen Ministers is being planned for later this year, more details will be forthcoming.

*"So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and He answered our prayer."*  
(Ezra 8:23)

*"This is the day the Lord has made, Rejoice and be glad in it."* (Psalm 118:24)

### *Fun fact:*

"The oldest standing Protestant church building is Historic St. Luke's Church in Smithfield, Virginia. Built around 1632 and once known as the Old Brick Church, it was founded as an Anglican church. It is the nation's only original Gothic church building. It also houses the nation's oldest intact organ." (taken from The American Patriot's Almanac, by Bennett and Cribb).

*Oh give thanks to the lord; Call upon His name;  
Make known His deeds among the peoples!*

## In the Mailbag!

We would like to thank everyone who sent cards and called during Harry's recent hip surgery. Also your prayers were very much appreciated.  
*Harry & Cheryl Bernhardt*

My volunteer driver, Dan Birin, passed away on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Dan was responsible for getting me to Saturday church for the past eight years. He was a kind and responsible person. My deepest sympathy to his family.  
*Virginia Speaker*

I would like to give a special thank you to Pastors Phill, Gary and Ron, as well as the COL congregation for all your support and prayers for healing. I am looking forward to be able to come back to church to see everyone and join you in service.  
*Fred Birkendahl*

The family of Ruth Rodie would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the members of Crown of Life for your prayers and support during this difficult time for our family. A special thank you to Pastor Phill for all his support and for the memorable and personal memorial service. Also thank you to Pastor Ron for his spiritual support as well. A special thanks to Sue Stuempfig for all her work in coordinating everything for us. God's blessings,  
*Walter Rodie; and families  
of Marie Robart &  
Cindy Olson*

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## Women's Bible Study

The Fall Session of the Women's Bible Study begins Monday, September 11, meeting once a week in the Chapel. Darline Vanderwerf will be leading the members into Scripture, searching for the hidden "pearls" following Jesus' parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it." (Matthew 13:45-46) We will begin by searching the relationship of our own body, soul and spirit to our Creator. Then we will move into the search for Christ in the Old Testament, especially in the Old Testament tabernacle comparing the Old Covenant with the New Covenant under which we live in Christ, today. We hope to see you Monday mornings at 9:30 AM.

## Treasurer's Report

by Dan Mehner, Treasurer

The July financial statement shows budgeted year-to-date income of \$447,950 and actual income of \$509,649. Year-to-date budgeted expenditures were \$452,083 with actual expenses of \$386,753. Here's where we stood at the end of July:

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Receipts	\$ 48,825	\$ 59,328
Expenses	\$ 64,583	\$ 57,412

## Christian Cards for Sale

Did you know we have cards for sale in the Chapel? These include: birthdays, anniversaries, sympathy, get well, encouragement, friendship, plus others. Cards are sold individually at \$.50 each; boxed cards are taped and prices are marked.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Pat Petersen (623-546-4440) or Gail Lindley (623-374-7705).

## In the Mailbag!

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Your recent gift means so much. Not just for today or tomorrow but also for the long term – because your gift is helping to ensure the ongoing formation of our church's future pastors, deaconesses and missionaries for generations to come! This is absolutely thanks to you. Our mission would not be possible without you. You are a blessing indeed to our students today and to the church for the sake of future generations. Your Adopt-A-Student gift makes a difference. Thank you again.

Vickie J. Biggs  
Sr. Vice President  
Seminary Advancement  
Concordia, St. Louis

## Lutheran Hour Ministries Float Committee

by Gene Axelson, Chairman, Board for Missions

The mission statement of the Lutheran Hour Ministries Float committee is:

"To provide a Christian witness and hope in Jesus Christ to the unchurched, who view the float in person and through the media."

The theme of the Tournament of Roses Parade this year is "Making a Difference". The Lutheran Hour Ministries float is entitled: "Bringing Christ to the Nations".

We all enjoy watching the Tournament of Roses Parade and viewing the only Christian float in the parade. New brochures providing additional information and depiction of the float are available at the information desk. LCMS and LHM do not pay for the float, volunteer labor and private donations cover the cost of the float. Several members of Crown of Life have volunteered in past years to be a Petal Pusher who help decorate the floats. We are in need of more helpers this year. Check out the web site: [www.petalpushers.org](http://www.petalpushers.org).

Note: Gene & Judith Axelson have been active members of the LHM Petal Pushers float committee for several years.

## Tour Israel with Life in Christ Lutheran Church

Life in Christ Lutheran Church is going to Israel in April 2018. They currently have 5 available spots. If you are interested and would like to join them, the tour is with American Israel Tours at: [www.americaisraelstours.com/Christian/Israel](http://www.americaisraelstours.com/Christian/Israel) Tours. If you are interested, click on Church Groups and scroll to Life in Christ. Here you will see all the tour information.

## A Thought for the Day

*Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo.*

## Crown of Life Choir Gears Up!

by Roger Hicks, Choir Director

On Thursday, September 14 at 3:30 PM COL's music room will once again be filled with the sound of making God's praise GLORIOUS! as the Crown of Life Choir goes into action for the 2017-'18 Choir Season.

Perhaps you have been thinking that you should join others who turn their love of singing into GLORIOUS PRAISE as a member of the COL Choir. Now is the perfect time to do that. You are invited to check us out on September 14. If you're not around these parts on that day - check us out when you get back.

The choir will continue to sing two Saturdays (4:00 service) and two Sundays (9:00 service through November, 10:30 service after that) each month, with weekly Thursday rehearsals. The first service in which the choir will sing this season is Saturday, September 30.

A very special highlight of the season is the singing of a brand new arrangement of "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" by Dan Forrest on Reformation weekend of October 28 and 29. This exciting arrangement includes piano/organ/brass/percussion, and congregation. We'll even hear the hammering of the nails into the cathedral door.

Do you have a question about life as a COL Choir member? If so, give director Roger a call or text him at 623-695-4894 - or send an email to [1singingwriter@gmail.com](mailto:1singingwriter@gmail.com). Otherwise, just come and check us out.

## September Servants

Senior Pastor Rev. Phill Robbins

Assisting Pastor Rev. Gary Smith

Pastoral Assistants

Rev. Vern Ermeling, Rev. Roland Kroll,

Rev. Ron Luedemann, Rev. Ray Mirlly

ELDERS

(Sat) Gerry Harpt, Ed Kristof

(Sun) Gerry Harpt, Marty Irwin

TRUSTEES

(Sat) Dave DuRocher

(Sun) Emil Tomazin

ALTAR GUILD

(Sat) Arline Orchowski, Nada Workman

(Sun) Kathy Beilstein, Ginger Stribling

GREETERS

(Sat) Martha Denny, Joan Rall,  
Addy Schott

(Sun) No info

GUEST BOOK

(Sat) Pat Petersen

(Sun) No info

FLOWERS

Florella Denzin, Jan Drake, Pat Frnk,

Vicki Jolin, Pat King, Sheila Mecham,

Karen Murphy, Darlene McAfee,

Jan Tvinnereim, Cora Weiss

SOUND TECHNICIANS

Paul Stuempfig, Coordinator

(Sa) Joe Jellison, Dave Sawyer

(Su) Bruce Borchert, Dave

Brodzeller, Gerry Harpt,

Tom Mertins, Ron Schumann,

Paul Stuempfig

SCREENS

Tom Mertins, Coordinator

VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Bob Murray, Darlene McAfee,

Wiley McAfee

TELLERS

Ken Warren, Financial Secretary,

MaryAnn Cate, Asst Financial Secy,

Shiela Mecham, Ben Snyder, Marilyn

Waldron, Chuck Wasem (Subs: Ken

Grover, Sandy Warren)

USHERS

(Sat) Larry Hafeman, Louise Fountain,  
Al & Jan Knutsen(Sun) Merv Tvinnereim, Paul Brown,  
Jerry Denzin, Mark Gosseck,  
Mike & Sue Krischler, Wayne &  
Carol Leiner, Barbara Murray,  
Walt Rodie, George Schwartz,  
Bill Schulzetenberg, John Thomas,  
Jan Tvinnereim, Carolyn Ziegler

PRAYER PARTNERS

Phyllis Cavalieri

## Happy Birthday

- 1 Donna Dempsey
- 1 Florella Denzin
- 1 Audrey Harpt
- 1 Jan Knutsen
- 1 Gene Koester
- 1 Jay Nelson
- 1 Lorry Neuman
- 1 Melvin Nicholson
- 2 Lynda Frankeberger
- 2 Bob Labus
- 2 Marlene Peterson
- 2 Don Rasmussen
- 2 Lawrence Strohschein
- 2 Merv Tvinnereim
- 3 Susie Tomaszewski
- 4 Bev Olson
- 5 Dick Anderson
- 6 Jan Rittmaster
- 6 David Toepel
- 7 Jim Haar
- 7 Merle Huff
- 7 Mike Krischler
- 7 Wayne Wood
- 8 Earle Denny
- 8 Joyce Lundquist
- 9 Deb Christ
- 9 Joann Jones
- 11 John Obradovich
- 12 Dave DuRocher
- 12 Elizabeth Gomez
- 12 Sue Hood
- 14 Marv Dietrich
- 14 Steve Franke
- 14 Dave Jones
- 14 Joyce Nance
- 14 Carolyn Obradovich
- 15 Ilene Kuebler
- 16 Jim Bor
- 16 Jeffrey Grover
- 16 Wes Horen
- 16 Donna Koelling
- 16 Shirley Koester
- 16 Joe Natale
- 18 Richard Hall
- 18 Lori Hamilton
- 18 Bill Venohr
- 19 Ron Christ
- 19 Robert Kamps
- 19 Jerry Roe
- 20 Kathleen Johnson
- 20 Sue Koltz
- 21 Lane Landercasper
- 22 Geraldine Hastings
- 22 Maurine Longstreth
- 23 Pat Achtenberg
- 23 Jean Majka
- 24 Karen Stine

- 25 Joyce Hassan
- 25 Sherrie Jessen
- 25 Kathy Labus
- 25 Jean Lange
- 25 Doris Leibbrandt
- 25 Marian Smith
- 26 Jean Ohlde
- 27 Dewitt Hoopes
- 27 Jan Tvinnereim
- 28 Carolyn Ziegler
- 30 Ron Majka
- 30 Jan Seaman

## Happy Anniversary

- 2 Arlin & Lynn Bates
- 2 Bill & Charlotte Schneidewind
- 4 Paul & Martha Plapp
- 4 Blaine & Barbara Seyferth
- 4 Walter & Phyllis Sullivan
- 5 Dan & Mary Mehner
- 7 Willie & Joyce Lundquist
- 7 Joe & Connie Rau
- 9 Don & Marlie Abrahamson
- 11 Paul & Sue Stuempfig
- 19 Ed & Liz Crabbe
- 20 Ben & Joan Stephanian
- 22 Jack & Pat Coyle
- 23 Emil & Jan Seaman
- 25 Merle & Carol Huff
- 26 Gene & Judith Axelson
- 27 Len & Shirley Swartz
- 29 Dave & Donna Roeker

## Altar Flowers

- 2 & 3 **Arlin & Lynn Bates,**  
50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
- Walter & Phyllis Sullivan,**  
24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
- 9 & 10 **Willie & Joyce Lundquist,**  
60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
- John & Carolyn Obradovich,**  
In celebration of their  
birthdays
- 16 & 17 **Ed & Liz Crabbe,**  
3<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary
- Chuck Wasem,**  
In loving memory of  
Aggie's birthday in Heaven
- 30-Oct 1 **Larry & Nee Hieb,**  
44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

# Crown of Life Lutheran Church

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### Time Flies!

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And here politics intervened for a while: the Pope needed Frederick's vote to elect the new Holy Roman Emperor, and so the church downplayed the controversy for a while, at least. After the election in 1519 of Charles V of Spain as the new Emperor, a Papal Bull was issued from Rome (June 15, 1520) giving Luther 60 days to recant his positions, or else. The or else came in January 1521 - excommunication, followed by a decree that he should be killed on sight.

All that in 3½ years. I look at the months of the year flying by, and realize my boring 'ol stable life would have been a real blessing for Martin Luther, for whom absolutely everything changed in those few years. In the coming years he would marry, have 4 children, write hymns, prepare Catechisms both Small and Large, and influence forever the life of the church. I can only imagine that some days he might have wished for a simpler parish life, wherein time is told by the passing of the weeks and the season, and not by the spiraling controversy Luther lived with the rest of his life.

We'll talk more about Reformation in the next months, and about Luther. And meanwhile we'll enjoy the end of summer and the promise of fall and winter, and celebrate the coming of the seasons of the church. They come and go so quickly!

Pastor Phill