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Fall Worship Schedule

Saturday – 4 PM
Sunday – 9 AM

Bible Study

Sunday Bible Class – 10:15 AM

Women's Bible Study –
Monday – 9:30 AM

Wednesday Bible Class –
9:30 AM

Men's Bible Class –
1st & 3rd Friday – 9:00 AM

Friday Bible Class – 10:30 AM

Reformation Weekend

Guest Speaker
Rev. Dr. David Schmitt
Chairman of the
Department of Practical Theology
at Concordia Seminary/St. Louis

October 26 – 4:00 PM
October 27 – 9:00 AM

The month of Reformation

by Pastor Phill, Sr. Pastor

October. It has cooled off a little, for those of you away from Arizona. You can come back now. Come back soon or stay away a while longer, either way, don't miss Reformation services at the end of this fall month. We Lutherans are defined by the events of those years long ago, events which began in 1517 and in my heart at least lasted through publication of the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord) in 1580. And of course, the Reformation has had lasting impact upon the world and upon us – the Bible was opened up in languages we can understand, Scripture regained its rightful place in theology and practice as man-made tradition was set aside, music gained a prominence in worship it had not enjoyed in earlier times, etc.

As a result of Reformation – and the adherence of our Missouri Synod to the teachings of Scripture – we have a settled theology, an understanding of who God is, in His mysterious grandeur, of our need for His Son Jesus, the Christ, to bring us the salvation we could never achieve without Him, of the grace of the Holy Spirit as He works within us, and of course an understanding that we are His fallen and sinful yet saved creation. We do not respond to the whims of the culture around us which tries desperately to silence us, to impose new laws controverting the laws of God, to take His word out of the public square. No – we who have a settled, Christ-derived view of the Creator and His world through His Word stand bravely in the gale winds of criticism and change blowing around us. That's the result of Reformation. Solo Dei Gloria!

The last two Reformation services we have welcomed a guest preacher, Dr. Martin Luther. Looking far younger than his 540 years he reminded us of the need for Reformation in the church, spoke to us of his inspiration to contend against a corrupted church, introduced us to many of his friends and family, etc. Now, it isn't easy to get permission of Archangel Michael for a special visit by Martin to our church, so this year we've gone in another direction.

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New Member Class begins October 13

Beginning Sunday, October 13, Pastor Phill returns to lead the Bible study designed for people desiring to join our church as members. Current members are also 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 1 will be New Member Sunday for those "graduates" who desire to become members of our church. There's no need to register for this class ... just show up!

President's Message

There can be big consequences linked to diet. What we eat has an effect. There is the old saying: You Are What You Eat. We are not literally what we eat, but the food one eats has a bearing on one's state of mind and health. The proverbial saying takes us to this idea: to be fit and healthy you need to eat good food.

There is a spiritual side to eating. We need to inwardly digest the Word of God! It might seem like a strange way of saying it until you really dive into the Scriptures. The concept of eating the Word is found in the Bible, in a lot of places. In the garden there is an eating that leads to death and there is an eating that is connected to the promise of life. At the Last Supper, there is the promise of the new Covenant – an eating and drinking that gives the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

Both the prophet Ezekiel and the apostle John are commanded to eat a scroll that is the Word of God, which turns out to be sweet in their mouths but sour in their stomachs. What they eat becomes what they speak. And the prophet Jeremiah writes: "Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts." (Jeremiah 15:16)

What do you eat now, and what will you eat in the future? Will it be a wholesome feasting on the Word of God or a diet of junk food that will cause you to become spiritually blind and unable to hear? Spiritual junk food plays a role in our lives, filling us up without truly satisfying. It's a poor substitute for what is good. And the junk food in today's world is readily available isn't it? And the result of a spiritual junk food diet is a diseased soul.

What then do we eat? We eat the Word of God whenever we find ourselves hearing, reading, marking and digesting the Bible so that it brings us continually to a dying to sin

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Christ Caring for People Through People

by Ken Grover, Stephen Ministry

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

Would you like to be part of a ministry that makes a real difference in the lives of others, when they need it the most? Prayerfully, consider becoming a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers are members of Crown of Life who provide one-to-one care to people experiencing grief, divorce, death of a love one, hospitalization, and many other life difficulties.

A training class will begin October 17 and end March 12, 2020. The class will be meeting on Thursdays 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Stephen Minister training will equip you to do an excellent job as a Stephen Minister, as well as to improve the quality of your personal relationships. Topics include listening, feelings, confidentiality, providing Christian care, maintaining boundaries, crisis theory, role-playing, and ministering to people experiencing a variety of life's problems.

The following Crown of Life members attending this training will be: Charles Crover, Marvin Dietrich, Kari Johnson, Barbara (Bonnie) Kimball, Norma Miller, and Denise Trevarrow.

We would also like to welcome Dee Harries and Ron Mara, both transfers from other Stephen Ministry congregations.

Other upcoming events: October 17 – A luncheon for training class members; October 22 – A tour and luncheon at Benevilla, 16732 N. Greasewood St., Surprise.

Please contact Pastor Gary 623-546-6228 or John Obradovich at 623-975-1255 for more information.

"In his heart a man plans his course but the Lord determines his steps."

Proverbs 16:9

May God continue to bless, to protect and to keep you in His amazing grace.

"This is the day the Lord has made, rejoice and be glad in it."

Psalms 118:24

Plan Ahead

by Carol Steficek, Parish Nurse

Do you have a will or trust in place? Do you have a medical and financial Power of Attorney? (Don't choose a spouse or friend who is your age or older and/or may have health problems!) Do you have a Mental Health Power of Attorney in place if one of you has dementia? If you don't have children or family who can step into these positions for you, please consider a public fiduciary. This is a person who you can appoint to take care of your assets and make sure you are provided for when you can no longer do this yourself. Have you started looking into alternative living arrangements so you can actually visit them and see what you like? LIFE SITUATIONS CAN CHANGE VERY SUDDENLY! Every day we get out of bed we're older and a bit less capable. Plan ahead so you have the say so for your life.

President's Message *continued*

and a rising in forgiveness. And what we eat, we should also share with those who are in need.

What will it be? Choose the food that lasts forever. As Jesus says, "Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life which the Son of Man will give to you.

Say Nelson, President

Lessons from the Blue Zones by Carol Steficek, Parish Nurse

These six areas are termed the "blue zones" where most of the population lives to over 100 years! -- Sardinia, Okinawa, Loma Linda (CA), Costa Rica, and Ikaria, Greece. Here are the nine principles why: 1) Down shift – practice stress relieving techniques, 2) Have purpose – have a reason for getting up every day, 3) Plant slant – eat less meat and way more vegetables, 4) Wine at five – enjoy a glass of wine every day, 5) Family first – invest time with your family, 6) 80% rule – eat mindfully and stop when 80% full, 7) Move naturally – find ways to be active, 8) Right tribe – surround yourself with people who have positive behaviors, 9) Belong – belonging to a faith community can add 4-14 years to your life!

Prayer—Our Intimate Communication with God

by Kathe Schmidt, Prayer Team

How do we communicate with anyone? with the person closest to us? with God the Father? with His Son Jesus?

Communication begins with thoughts in our mind towards the intended listener, which then form into words. Our thoughts are influenced by prior knowledge of the effects our words will have on those we try to reach. God has given human beings the gift of words – language – to express our feelings in myriad ways about what's going on at any moment in our minds. If we choose to keep silent and not speak out, our thoughts are still present. Sometimes we have to heed: "...a time to keep silence, and a time to speak..." *Eccl. 3:7b*

Thoughts that form into prayers have their origin in the knowledge of God; that God exists; that He desires communication with us; that He is looking forward to hearing from us. This knowledge of God comes to us from Scripture – the God inspired Word written down in physical symbols by men of His choosing who took great care in saying precisely what God wanted conveyed.

In the time of fulfillment, God the Father sent His beloved Son Jesus Christ into our earthly realm, as the living Word, to speak His Wisdom, to make Himself intimately known to humankind. In *John 14:23* Jesus said "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word, and My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." That is the most intimate personal relationship we could ever have.

Approaching God in reverent prayer allows us to be intimate with God. Assured of His love for us will protect that intimacy. We are free then to pass on to other people the good news about the gift of our personal connection with God. When family, friends, and coworkers hear us talk about our relationship with the Lord, the Spirit can use our words and example to awaken in them their own need for such an intimate friendship.

Like Reading about Christian Lives?

Our library contains books about the lives of Christians. If you like to read biographies and autobiographies, visit the 920 section of the bookshelves in the Parish Hall. Some of the titles are, "*Just as I am*" (Billy Graham), "*Rebel with a Cause*" (Franklin Graham), "*Hearts of Fire*" (8 Women in the Underground Church), "*Maria*" (True story of the heroine of the Sound of Music), "*Her Story*" (of Joni Eareckson Tada), and "*All Things Possible*" (Kurt Warner's Story of Faith, Football and the Miracle Season).

Fill out the Sign Out sheet on top of the short bookcase. Keep as long as you need; return so others can enjoy when you have finished.

Warren Resigns as Financial Secretary

Ken Warren has resigned his position as COL's Financial Secretary effective September 16 due to personal reasons. Congratulations to Duane Neal who has been appointed to fulfill the Financial Secretary position.

Perfumes & Church

We continue to receive requests that some of our members have allergic reactions to the chemicals used in perfumes and colognes. We ask that you refrain from using perfumes, colognes and after-shave lotions when you come to church.

Attention All Ladies!

The Parish Nurse will be starting a 4-week Bible Study beginning Thursday, October 31 from 1-2:00 PM in the Chapel. The topic is PRAYER. This is an invitation to all of you, especially those of you participating in any prayer chains or groups ... you will find this very valuable. Those who want to learn more about prayer and how to pray – this is your chance.

Please sign up at the Information Center so material can be provided for you. See you there.

Carol Steficek, Parish Nurse

Witnessing Our Faith to the Lost

by Mike Dill

As some of you know, we are planning to put together an ongoing witness training plan at Crown of Life to help each of us enhance and expand our interest in and ability to share the Gospel in a meaningful and caring way with those we know who are lost.

For most of us, witnessing is not an easy task. Many of those in our lives who need to hear the Gospel have been convinced by public schools, media and outright enemies of Christ, that the Bible is a "fairy tale" and that those who practice their faith in Christ are judgmental and hateful. Our plan is to pull together resources that will help us to pray for them, to listen to their ideas in a caring way and to enter into conversations with them in a way style that opens the door, rather than slamming it shut.

Right now we are at the very beginning. There will be a "Witness Interest Sheet" at the Information Center in weeks to come. Please pray for the team and for the Holy Spirit to help you figure out how this plan can be built in a manner that will strengthen your witness.

In Our Mailbag

Thank you Jerry & Karen Meyer for joining our team of Greeters on Saturday. Welcome! It's so wonderful to have you on our team. Blessings,

Pat Coyle

Quilters Update

by Marlene Peterson

Mark Your Calendars! ... October 17 ... 9:00-10:30 AM, the Honor Flight quilt will be on display at the RH Johnson Social Hall Recreation Center during the Newcomers Coffee event. Tickets will be on sale at the event (\$1 each, or 5 for \$5). The quilt will then be taken to Mesa and on November 12 there will be a big fundraiser. On November 13 the winning ticket will be drawn. The winner will be notified. Thanks for your support ... and please, go buy a ticket!

Thoughts by Pastor Gary

I wish that I could write like Paul does in his first letter to the Corinthians. Paul wrote to them saying "We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us." (1 Cor. 2:12)

People use looks and hand motions – "body language" – to convey much in order to save on words. In writing, too, one can practice utmost word economy. After Victor Hugo had written his novel *Les Misérables*, he was anxious to know how it was selling. He wrote to his publisher, "?" and the publisher replied, "!"

How does God communicate with us today? In the realm of nature, He does it without words. In what we see before our eyes – mountains, seas, vegetation, living beings, and the heavenly bodies – He reveals His wisdom and power.

Nature, however, tells us nothing about God's love and compassion. For that we need God's words. In the Old Testament, God spoke through His prophets, in both spoken and written words. St. Peter writes, "Men spoke from God as they were carried along (moved, inspired) by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21). In words the prophets declared that God in His underserved mercy and compassion would save His people through His Son, the promised Messiah.

The writer of Hebrews (1:1-2) states that God, having spoken to our forefathers through the prophets, has now once for all "spoken to us by His Son." This Son, in the prologue of John's gospel, is called the Word. God spoke to us through the person of His Son, and what a message it is! God so loved the world that He gave His only Son as its savior. What is more, God speaks to us through the words that Jesus spoke. These are the words of the Holy Scriptures, of which Jesus said that they testified of Him.

The Bible includes the writings of the evangelists and apostles, we have God's Word given to us in words. These words tell us that God was in Christ, through whom He reconciled the world to Himself. These are precious words indeed, for they include us in God's ever promise of salvation!

Pray each day that God will open to you His Word in Scripture as He did to the Emmaus disciples, so that you may come to know Him better.

A Word from our Altar Flower Chairman

by Florella Denzin

How a Christian is Like a Pumpkin

God picks you from the patch, brings you in, washes all the dirt off (world); He cuts the top off, scoops out all the yucky stuff; removes all the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you for all the world to see!

I hope you like this as I do. Also, watch for information to come about our Christmas poinsettia program. We look forward to another beautiful Altar at Christmas.

Treasurer's Report

by Arlin Bates, Treasurer

		<u>August 2019</u>		<u>Year-to-Date 2019</u>	
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Receipts	\$ 54,092	\$ 54,488	Receipts	\$540,670	\$552,678
Expenses	\$ 68,908	\$ 63,519	Expenses	\$552,333	\$534,360

Men's Friday Morning Bible Class

Crown of Life men, and their guests, study the Bible together in the Parish Hall on the first and third Fridays of the month at 9:00 AM. The study leader is Rev. Ray Mirly.

Starting Friday, October 4, Baptism will be the new study topic. Many of us were baptized as infants. Because of this, we do not give as much thought and attention to the precious blessings God has given us through reception of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Crown of Life men are encouraged to join together on the first and third Fridays in October in the study of God's word to renew, review and learn again the truths of the special gifts we receive daily from our gracious God because of our Baptism.

LWML Update *by Rita Grover, President*

On October 5 and 6, we will celebrate the women of our church. Please stop by the LWML table in the Narthex to see the various mission opportunities our congregation supports. We have some exciting opportunities coming in the future.

One of those opportunities is to help Surprise Christian Preschool that serves 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old children. We want to thank those of you that this mission has touched your hearts, and have so generously helped these children and teachers by filling some of their everyday needs. A list of needs is at the Information Center and an Ingathering box is in the Narthex until October 6, if you would still like to help.

On Tuesday, October 8, at 1:00 PM in the Chapel, LWML will have its first meeting of the season. Our servant event is the Ingathering for The Surprise Christian Preschool. The Director, Sue Schultz, will join us to receive those donations and give us an update on the exciting things that are happening at the Preschool. The congregation is invited. Please try to come, hear what Sue has to say, and enjoy the fellowship.

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program. We encourage our congregation to participate by taking a Mite Box home and place your loose change in it. The first weekend of every month the "Big Mite Box" is placed in the Narthex at the Information Center, to empty your personal Mite Box/change into, which will in turn go to spreading the Gospel all over the world. If by chance you forget or you are not present that weekend, the Big Box is always available in the Chapel (on the shelves at the back, by the window). It is checked frequently, so please use it at your convenience. If you wish to write a check for mites, please make it out to Crown of Life Lutheran Church, and on the memo line write: LWML mites. It is amazing how just collecting loose change (mites) will do so much in the mission field.

Missions at Work in Our World Today

by Gene Kuebler, Board Chairman

In our September meeting we had the opportunity to welcome Mr. Mike Fisher as our guest. Mike is the Mission Advocate for Missions from Synod. Our Board had the opportunity to listen, but also ask questions as to the structure and outreach of Synod's Mission program. I hope the following information will give you a picture of how the LCMS is involved in Missions nationally and internationally.

National Mission

- Pastoral Formation and Care, Urban and Rural Ministries
- Missionaries serving in Gary, IN and Albuquerque NM

International Missions

- Five regions are served: Eurasia, Asia, East and West Africa, Latin America
- Synod has 193 Missionaries serving these areas (173 are career and 20 are "Globally Engaged in Outreach" serving 30 months or less)

Mercy (LCMS World Relief) – National and International

Types of Missionary Opportunities

- Career Missionary (Serve 5 + years in the field)
- GEO Missionary [Globally Engaged in Outreach] (30 months or more)
- Short-term Volunteer Missionary (1-6 months)
- Short-Term Teams (1-2 weeks)

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October Altar Flowers

5 & 6	Cheryl Bernhardt, in loving memory of her mother
5 & 6	LWML, in celebration of women in our church
19 & 20	Cheryl Bernhardt, in celebration of husband Harry's birthday
19 & 20	Ron & Nora Mara, in celebration of their 15 th wedding anniversary

Short-term Christmas Choir Opportunity

by Roger Wayne Hicks, Choir Director

Are you interested in a short-term choir opportunity? The COL Christmas Celebration Choir may be just the thing you're looking for! Sixty minute rehearsals on Thursdays (4:00 - 5:00 PM) and singing in the Musical Christmas Celebration worship services on the weekend of December 14 and 15. Join us on Thursday at 4:00 PM in the Music Room.

Missions at Work

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Mike shared with us how Missions can be supported. Here are just a few of what he presented. If you would like to learn more about these or many others, you can go to:

<https://www.lcms.org/givenow>

- TIM (Together in Mission) – Organizational Pledge to support a missionary
- Missionary Senders - Individual Support for new missionaries
- Ascending Roots – Regular Annual Mission Support by Individuals
- Special Gifts – One time Individual/organizational gift

Sample of Initiatives: Christ's Care for Children – Kenya/project 24, Global Seminary Initiative (GSI), Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty

If you are interested in how you or our Mission Board can be involved, please contact me or Pastor Phill for additional information.

Board for Community Outreach Update

by Karen Block, Board Chairman

Thank you all for attending the Summer Brown Bag Movie Events.

Community Outreach members Karen Block, Howard Ludden, Cheryl Bernhardt, Denise Trevarrow and Victoria Mills would love your feedback regarding these events. Please email, call, text or stop one of us in church.

Also, mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors to the Desert Winds Steel Orchestra on November 3 at 3:00 PM. They play unique and beautiful steel drum music from the Caribbean.

The Board for Community Outreach will reconvene on September 24. As always, we would love to have additional members on our committee! If you are interested in joining, I would love to hear from you. The Board meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 9:00 AM. Come join us or feel free to email me at kblock50@gmail.com.

Surviving the Holidays When Grieving the Loss of a Loved One

by Christine Escobar, GriefCare Coordinator

Now that our weather in Arizona is cooling off, we start anticipating and planning the events of the holiday season. However, if you are grieving the death of a spouse, family member or friend, you may be dreading this holiday season. Thoughts of social gatherings, family traditions, and obligations may leave you feeling anxious and overwhelmed. You may wish you could skip this holiday season and go straight to the routine of the next year—but you can't. What *can* you do to lessen your stress and loneliness?

You can start by learning what emotions are normal and to be expected when facing the holidays without your loved one. It is normal to feel overwhelmed as the holiday season approaches. You may wonder how you're going to handle this and not know what course to take. Know that you can get through these holidays, and you may even find moments of joy.

When you know what to expect, you won't be rendered helpless and overwhelmed as holiday events trigger unexpected emotions. So, where can you find out what emotions to expect over the holidays, how to create a healthy plan and how to communicate with family and friends these coming weeks?

Attend our "Surviving the Holidays" seminar on November 5

We will be hosting a GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays" seminar Tuesday, November 5, 2019, at Crown of Life Lutheran Church from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Our seminar will offer practical, actionable strategies for making it through the holiday season. At this two-hour seminar, you'll view a video featuring advice from people in grief who've faced the holidays after their loss. You'll hear insights from respected Christian counselors, pastors, and psychologists. You will also receive a Holiday Survival Guide with practical strategies, encouraging words, helpful exercises, Q/As, and journaling ideas for daily survival through the holiday season.

At our GriefShare Surviving the Holidays seminar, you will meet with other grieving people who have an understanding of what you're going through. They won't judge you or force you to share. They will accept you where you are and offer comfort and support.

Your holiday season won't be easy; your emotions may ambush you and suck you under at times. But you can choose to walk through this season in a way that honors God and your loved one and keeps you on the path of health and healing.

For more information about our *Surviving the Holidays* seminar, call Christine Escobar at 623.218.6793 or email griefcare@col.com. You may also sign up at the Information Center. Pre-registration is requested. This seminar is open to all. Refreshments will be served.

Assimilation Committee Notes

by Judith Axelson, Chairman

Join us for Barleens Arizona Opry Dinner Show *Home for the Holiday* matinee on December 10. The bus leaves the COL parking lot at 10 AM. Cost is \$50/person. Sign up at the Information Center. Payment is due at the time you sign up. The deadline for signing up is December 1.

Cards & Games for October is cancelled. Join us for fun and fellowship every Friday at 1:00 PM. We will resume on November 1.

Servants

Senior Pastor Rev. Phill Robbins

Assisting Pastor Rev. Gary Smith

Pastoral Assistants

Rev. Ron Luedemann,

Rev. Vern Ermeling, Rev. Ray Mirly

ELDERS

(4:00) Joel Block, Ed Kristof,
Chris Beck, Henry Munzinger,
Duane Rawson

(9:00) Joel Block, Ed Kristof,
Harry Bernhardt

TRUSTEES

(4:00) Reg Trevison

(9:00) Dave Koelsch

ALTAR GUILD

(4:00) Pat Coyle, Rita Grover

(9:00) BJ Smith, Carol Stefcek

GREETERS

(4:00) Sheryl Bartow, Eric Jaeger,
Vicki Mork

(9:00) Jeanne Breese, Dee Harries,
Marty Herberger

GUEST BOOK

(4:00) Martha Denny

(9:00) Lee Gregoire

FLOWERS

Florella Denzin, Jan Drake,
Vicki Jolin, Sheila Mecham,
Karen Murphy, Darlene McAfee,
Denise Tevarrow, Jan Tivnereim,
Cora Weiss

SOUND TECHNICIANS

Paul Stuempfig, Coordinator

(Sat) Joe Jellison, Dave Sawyer

(Sun) Bruce Borchert, Dave Brodzeller,
Gerry Harpt, Mike Krischler,
Tom Mertins, Ron Schumann,
Paul Stuempfig

SCREENS - Tom Mertins, Coordinator

SELLERS - Duane & Orv Neal,

MaryAnn Cate, Don Koepke,
Sheila Mecham, Subs - Ken
Grover, Howard Ludden

VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Darlene & Wiley McAfee

USHERS

(4:00) Don & Judy Johnson,
Chris & Linda Beck,
Reg & Sue Trevison

(9:00) Bob Turk, Team Captain
Byron Brown, Marty Irwin,
Carol Kleinschmidt, Frank Lohr,
Willie Lundquist, Ed Michel,
Norma Miller, Duane Neal,
Paul Naumann, Gordy Rieck,
Dave Roberts, Ron Schumann,
Al Stoudemire

Happy Birthday

- 1 Joe Bailey
- 1 Linda Clancy
- 1 Jan Landskroner
- 1 Amy Schultz
- 2 Becky Schulzenberg
- 3 Carl Aderhold
- 3 Marty Herberger
- 3 Jerry Myers
- 3 Iris Ringhofer
- 4 Roger Clodt
- 6 Kris Huss
- 6 Phyllis Kelly
- 7 Wayne Luksik
- 7 Nada Workman
- 7 Liz Wright
- 8 Dawn Ferch
- 8 Dene Munzinger
- 8 Jim Trevarrow
- 9 Marilyn Squires
- 10 Robert Bowker
- 10 Jean Mroz
- 10 Jim Schave
- 12 Bev Baldwin
- 12 Donna Larson
- 12 Angie Twite
- 13 Carol Peterman
- 13 Eddie Van Niel
- 15 Mike Pier
- 16 Marta Franke
- 16 Harold Schwandt
- 16 Barbara Seyferth
- 17 Gary Huss
- 17 Raymond Stewart
- 18 Roy Blanke
- 18 Carol Huff
- 18 Sandra Mitchell
- 18 Stacey Smaltz
- 19 Harry Bernhardt
- 19 Phillip Warenfelt
- 20 Clark McCaslin
- 21 Carol Natale
- 22 Wanda Peterson
- 22 Dick Rittmaster
- 22 Barbara Shumate
- 23 Ross Burkhardt
- 23 Dan Heinrichs
- 24 Dorothy Radtke
- 25 Vione Rydeen
- 25 Sue Warwick
- 25 Janet Weaver
- 26 Kathy Ludden
- 28 Tom Johnson
- 29 Duane Neal
- 30 Marv TenBroeke
- 30 Darline VanderWerf
- 31 Joy Belhumeur

Happy Anniversary

- 1 Larry & Lana Bublitz
- 1 Bradford & Jacquelyn Leavitt
- 1 Richard & Teri Ziert
- 2 Dave & Judy Brodzeller
- 2 Jim & Denise Trevarrow
- 3 Robert & Jan Barden
- 3 Larry & Nee Hieb
- 8 Harry & Cheryl Bernhardt
- 15 Bob & Narcine Lohse
- 19 Bill & Johanna Springman
- 20 Robert & Joan Byrd
- 20 Ron & Nora Mara
- 21 Reg & Sue Trevisan
- 22 Dick & Jan Rittmaster
- 22 Rev. Phill & Hollis Robbins
- 28 Earle & Martha Denny
- 29 Lowell & Ginett Janssen
- 29 Darrell & Cheri Kuchta

Good Bye and God Bless You

Two pastors who have served faithfully in our congregation and elsewhere in our Synod, together with their wives, have moved or are in the process of moving north to be closer to kids: Rev. Will and Harriet Krueger are moving to Neenah, Wisconsin. Pastor Krueger served as an AAL Rep, served several parishes in Wisconsin, and 13 years in the District Office. When he arrived in Arizona he served at Mt. Calvary, was Circuit Counselor of Circuit 24, and chairman of the Hispanic Ministry Committee.

Rev. Roland and Toni Kroll have relocated to Idaho. Pastor Kroll served congregations in Oregon, Idaho, and Colorado, and served several vacancies in other congregations.

Good Bye and God Bless You!

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Look Ahead to Reformation

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Our guest preacher this year will be the Rev. Dr. David Schmitt, Chairman of the Department of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary/St. Louis. You might remember him as one of the speakers who presented the entire Gospel of Mark several years ago, from memory. Pastor Gary and I know him through classes at seminary and summer continuing education. Good guy.

And, of course Roger has planned special choir music to include our bell choir and the brass group. Ablaze will also be singing. Those are communion services as we recognize the blessings secured for us by the single, substitutionary sacrifice upon the Cross of Calvary.

And if that all isn't enough fun, October is the month we consider our Corporate Ministry Plan – the budget – for 2020, as well as work to identify lay leaders to fill the jobs our Constitution specifies. That work will be presented to the congregation in November at the Voters' Assembly.

And – can Advent be far behind? May God bless us all in this month of Reformation and preparation!

Pastor Phill