

FROM OUR PASTOR

October ought to bring to mind for the Lutheran thoughts about the Reformation. Is it still important for us? Does it have any meaning? I would say definitely yes!



After Luther had died, the Roman Catholic Church dug in its heels at the council of Trent to solidify the main errors Luther and the Lutheran Reformation fought against. This particular article from Trent addresses one main error:

CHAPTER IX.

But, although it is necessary to believe that sins neither are remitted, nor ever were remitted save gratuitously by the mercy of God for Christ's sake; *yet is it not to be said, that sins are forgiven, or have been forgiven, to any one who boasts of his confidence and certainty of the remission of his sins, and rests on that alone*; seeing that it may exist, yea does in our day exist, amongst heretics and schismatics; and with great vehemence is this vain confidence, and one alien from all godliness, preached up in opposition to the Catholic Church. But neither is this to be asserted, -that they who are truly justified must needs, without any doubting whatever, settle within themselves that they are justified, and that no one is absolved from sins and justified, but he that believes for certain that he is absolved and justified; *and that absolution and justification are effected by this faith alone: as though whoso has not this belief, doubts of the promises of God, and of the efficacy of the death and resurrection of Christ*. For even as no pious person ought to doubt of the mercy of God, of the merit of Christ, and of the virtue and efficacy of the sacraments, even so each one, when he regards himself, and his own weakness and indisposition, may have fear and apprehension touching his own grace; *seeing that no one can know with a certainty of faith, which cannot be subject to error, that he has obtained the grace of God*.

Also the following two canons:

CANON XIV.-If any one saith, that man is truly absolved from his sins and justified, because that he assuredly believed himself absolved and justified; or, that no one is truly justified but he who believes himself justified; and that, by this faith alone, absolution and justification are effected; let him be anathema. (*anathema means damned*)

CANON XXIV.-If any one saith, that the justice received is not preserved and also increased before God through good works; but that the said works are merely the fruits and signs of Justification obtained, but not a cause of the increase thereof; let him be anathema.

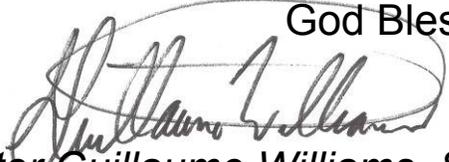
In opposition to these teachings the Evangelical Lutheran Church teaches the following: Apology IV ¹¹² We are not to think from this that we receive the forgiveness of sins by trust in this love or on account of this love, just as little as we receive the forgiveness of sins on account of the other works that follow it. *For the forgiveness of sins is received by faith alone* — and we mean faith in the true sense of the word — since the promise can be received only by faith. ¹¹³ *But faith in the true sense, as the Scriptures use the word, is that which accepts the promise.* ¹¹⁴ And because it receives the forgiveness of sins and reconciles us to God, we must be accounted righteous by this faith for Christ's sake before we love and keep the law, although love must necessarily follow. ¹¹⁵ *This faith is no idle knowledge, nor can it exist with mortal sin; but it is a work of the Holy Spirit that frees us from death, comforting and quickening terrified minds.* ¹¹⁶ *And since this faith alone receives the forgiveness of sins, renders us acceptable to God, and brings the Holy Spirit, it should be called "grace that makes us acceptable to God" rather than love, which is the effect resulting from it.* ¹¹⁷ What we have shown thus far, on the basis of the Scriptures and arguments derived from the Scriptures, was to make clear *that by faith alone we receive the forgiveness of sins for Christ's sake, and by faith alone are justified, that is, out of unrighteous we are made righteous and regenerated men.* ¹¹⁸ One can easily see how necessary it is to understand this faith, for through it alone we recognize Christ's work and receive his blessings and it alone provides a sure and firm consolation for devout minds. ¹¹⁹ *And there must needs be a proclamation in the church from which the faithful may receive the sure hope of salvation.* Our opponents give men bad advice when they bid them doubt whether they have received the forgiveness of sins. For in the hour of death, what will sustain those who

have heard nothing about this faith and who believe that they should doubt about receiving the forgiveness of sins? ¹²⁰ Furthermore, the Gospel (that is, the promise that sins are forgiven freely for Christ's sake) must be retained in the church. Whoever fails to teach about this faith we are discussing completely destroys the Gospel.

Further from the Formula of Concord Solid Declaration III: ¹¹ Faith is a gift of God whereby we rightly learn to know Christ as our redeemer in the Word of the Gospel and to trust in him, that solely for the sake of his obedience we have forgiveness of sins by grace, are accounted righteous and holy by God the Father, and are saved forever. . . ¹³ For faith does not justify because it is so good a work and so God-pleasing a virtue, but because it lays hold on and accepts the merit of Christ in the promise of the holy Gospel. This merit has to be applied to us and to be made our own through faith if we are to be justified thereby. ¹⁴ Therefore the righteousness which by grace is reckoned to faith or to the believers is the obedience, the passion, and the resurrection of Christ when he satisfied the law for us and paid for our sin.

Any doctrine or teaching which causes someone to doubt the certainty of salvation that is found in Jesus Christ destroys the Gospel. For God does not want us to doubt His free gift of life found in Christ. Christ work is complete. The Gospel glorifies Christ's work of salvation and gives us the certainty of salvation, the certainty of faith in Christ's work. May we never lose this Gospel. Amen. Solid Declaration III ⁶ In the words of the Apology, this article of justification by faith is "the chief article of the entire Christian doctrine," "without which no poor conscience can have any abiding comfort or rightly understand the riches of the grace of Christ." In the same vein Dr. Luther declared: "Where this single article remains pure, Christendom will remain pure, in beautiful harmony, and without any schisms. But where it does not remain pure, it is impossible to repel any error or heretical spirit." (emphasis in previous quotes mine)

God Bless!



Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.

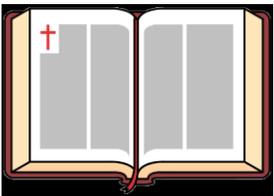
ELDERS

We thank God He has been encouraging some new people, as well as visitors, to attend our worship services lately. We are also happy to see more people at the Sunday morning Bible class following the Service, but there's certainly room for many more and we encourage all who can to attend. Bible class offers the opportunity for two-way discussions and explanations of what God's word says to us.

We have many members who have physical and age problems, so keep them in mind in your daily prayers. And don't hesitate to contact your assigned Elder if you have any questions or concerns.

In His name,
Gene Scheiter (470-0251)
Chuck Kiel (480-5335)
Alan Wiese (573-424-4600)

BIBLE STUDIES



Sunday's Bible Study Classes - The Sunday morning Bible Study for adults is a topical study on Ephesians. Come and join us! Led by Pastor Williams will meet in the downstairs fellowship hall at 11:20 am.

Wednesday's Bible Study Classes - *are cancelled for the 2nd and 9th. They will resume on the 16th at 10 am in the church meeting room. We are currently using the Living Way Bible Study series Luke. It has recently been updated and reformatted so take a look. Lessons will be on the credenza.*



Worried about the expense? *Weekly Bible study materials are provided at no cost to you.* A donation is welcome though. Just place in a separate envelope with your giving no. and marked "Bible Study" and put in the offering plate on Sunday.

All are welcome to join any of the classes at anytime.

We will not meet if the Camdenton RIII classes are cancelled for the day.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Let start this off by using a saying from WWII --- we need you -- !!!!!

We need you at Sunday morning bible class, Wednesday morning bible study, holding an office when called upon, but most of all we need you at church on Sunday morning. Sound simple enough?

On Oct 20th we will have a pot luck dinner, followed by a voters meeting. There is going to be some important business to be voted on. We need you. This is our church, and we need everyone to pitch in and help.

We need you!

God's Blessing to you all!
Don Hunkeler
Congregational President

From Our Seminary Student

Matthew Gerzevske
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9/16/19

Dear Members of Hope Lutheran Chapel:

My name is Matt Gerzevske. I am a 1st year student in the Master of Divinity program at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. I am a recipient of your support for the Adopt-A-Student program with Concordia Seminary. I am writing to introduce myself and expressing my deepest thanks for your wonderful generosity.

Thank you so much for your inspiring support. Your outpouring of love and charity for the church shows your deep commitment to the Mission of Christ in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments. I am encouraged and moved by your care.

For a little information on myself: I am 33. I grew up in the suburbs of Chicago. However, I have lived in St. Louis since 2008. I am joyously married. Yet, we have no children yet. My wife's name is Brianne. We have been getting accustomed to the

contours of seminary life. My first two weeks of classes have been challenging, enlightening, and motivating. The depth of theological content I am receiving only gives me a greater desire to learn and to be formed for the service of God's people.

Allow me again to give you my most sincere thanks. I pray that God continue to richly bless in you in grace and that you may strengthened in faith for your wonderful works in the church.

Sincerely,



Matthew Gerzevske

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints - Ephesians 1:15-18.

MUSICAL NOTES



Choir practice will be on Wednesdays at 6 pm.



You do not have to read music to join! Come and raise a joyful sound to the Lord!

Questions???

Call Debbie Thompson at 317-0126

2019 FELLOWSHIP

Do you have an idea for an event/activity for us? Just let the church office know and we will put it on the calendar.

Date	Event	Host(s)
October <i>TBD</i>	Octoberfest	<i>Need Volunteer Host</i>
December <i>TBD</i>	Caroling	Debbie Thompson

We still need someone to chair this committee. This committee is in charge of helping organize all fellowship activities and potluck's at Hope Chapel.

They also help get volunteers to pick up donuts and make coffee for Sunday Fellowship. If you are interested in chairing this committee, please let Pastor, Don Hunkeler, or Kathy Heinemann know.

GIFT and CARD SHOP

We are located off the Narthex in the landing area to the lower level.

The racks have been filled with new birthday cards and all others as well. We have a nice selection for all occasions.



We have two bible story books for children. The most primary one is the classic “A Child’s Garden of Bible Stories.” It is used by our missionaries around the world. They use the same colorful cover and also illustrations through out the book. They translate the stories into the language of the country they are serving. The other bible story book is written more like a devotion book. The title is “The Growing in Faith Bible Storybook”. They are both on display.

Christmas cards are in and will be on display by November 1st. Send Christian cards to your friends and relatives.

We have some cross items, also the Luther Rose. We are self service, so please record your purchase on the log. All proceeds benefit our library and projects at Hope.

Thanks for stopping by and let me know if I can be of help.
Enjoy the Fabulous Fall.

*Doris Meyer, 346-7681
Hope Lutheran Ladies Guild*

BUDGET INFORMATION

FYI – to keep in mind our 2019 Budgeted weekly amount is \$3,442.87.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Total Offerings</u>	<u>Total Attend.</u>
August 4, 2019	Sunday	\$ 2,712.71	49
August 11, 2019	Sunday	\$ 6,533.62	45
August 18, 2019	Sunday	\$ 1,585.66	43
August 25, 2019	Sunday	\$ 1,870.30	45

PRAYER CHAIN

PRAY *for one*
another
James 5:16

To place a prayer request on the prayer chain, please call the coordinator, Doris Meyer at 346-7681 or 434-6633. If you cannot reach Doris, call the church office at 348-2108 or Pastor Williams. All the participants are appreciated and more are certainly welcome to join. Just sign the sheet in the narthex or call Doris or the Church office. Prayer changes things. Thanks be to God!

In His Name we pray,

Doris Meyer, 346-7681

If you CAN NOT reach Doris, call the church office, 348-2108.

STEWARDSHIP



In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. And the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words:

“We are all beggars. This is true.”

And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free. Ironic, isn't it? That, in order to be free, you must be a beggar; you must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable – the way we're uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas or birthday present when we haven't gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don't much like being in someone's debt.

But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. But we're not just anyone's beggars. We're God's beggars. And this is His legacy to the Christian Church. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

And, if we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here's the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything – forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This is not because of any worthiness or merit in us, but it is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace.

On account of Christ's death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. And you receive. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the life-blood of the Christian Church. God justifies us, and He declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This is not because of our works; this is because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.

This is what Luther would point us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled "We are all beggars. This is true." We are beggars. But we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us, who doesn't pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.

We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – even in us by grace for Christ's sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless, we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God's grace.

So inexhaustible are the riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism and Holy Communion – that our cups overflow. We, who are God's beggars, are not only inexhaustibly satisfied but have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Service Projects

Please place your offerings in the jar or basket during the Sunday School hour and Thank you for your donations!

<u>Month</u>	<u>Beneficiary</u>	<u>Amount Collected</u>
January 2019	Benevolence	\$58.33
February	Seminary Student	\$ 19.90
March	Radio Program	\$37.25
April	Swaddling Clothes	\$23.00
May	Radio Program	\$13.00
June	Heifer International	\$41.00
July	Heit's Point	\$6.36
August	Swaddling Clothes	\$33.26
September	Mon Ami, Jesus Bibles for Children	TBD
October	Lambs of Hope	TBD

LWML Ladies Guild News



All ladies are welcome to join us at any of our meetings or activities. Hope to see you there!

Our Next meeting is Tuesday, October 1st at 11 am in the meeting room. We need to discuss upcoming events and see about new officers for next year.

*Kathy Heinemann
President*

HELP WANTED!!

Sound Technician – Talk to a Trustee or call the church office.

Training is available! We could use 2-3 volunteers to familiarize themselves with the sound system and do sound checks before services.



Greeters – Sign up on the credenza Stand in foyer and greet people as they enter the building one Sunday

Fellowship Host(s) – Signup sheet is on the credenza. Pick up donuts for fellowship time and make sure coffee is made and cleaned up (AND POT TURNED OFF) afterwards.

Communion / Altar setup – Call Lois Grawe

Counters – Call the Church Office or speak to Kathy Heinemann or Doris Meyer. *Don't know what a Counter is?* They are the ones that “collect” the offerings from the collection plate after the last Sunday service and get it ready for depositing in the bank. *If you are a communicant member, can count money and make a list, you can help!*

Sunday School Teacher Needed!

Our Board of Education is looking for 1-2 volunteers to help share the Word of God with our kiddo's. No previous experience necessary, if you can read, you can teach! Lessons and materials are provided just contact Debbie Thompson, Jan Loman, or Tina Cardin if you are interested!

(Psst! SS Teachers are not just women 😊)

REQUIREMENTS: ~ Love of God ~ Love of kids ~ Can read and write

Fellowship Chair – Call Don Hunkeler or Kathy Heinemann

Public Relations Chair – Call Don Hunkeler or Kathy Heinemann

Officer Elections are coming up!
If asked to serve, please prayerfully consider.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE will be seeking individuals willing to serve the congregation. All offices have openings and the duties are listed below. Please prayerfully review them and if you would be interested in serving in one of the positions please let one of the Elder's know until we have our nominating committee in place.

From our Constitution:

ARTICLE IV - Boards, Officers and Committees

B. Board of Education

3. Duties

- a. To be charged with the supervision of all educational agencies of the congregation.
- b. To appoint the Sunday School Superintendent annually.
- c. To assist the Superintendent in supervision of the Sunday School, providing materials, and maintaining adequate teaching staff.
- d. To be responsible for the Vacation Bible School program.
- e. To encourage the development of the complete Christian Education program.
- f. To be responsible for the Christian Youth program, including the enlistment of counselors.
- g. To elect a chairman and secretary from their group in their first meeting of the year.

C. Board of Elders

3. Duties

- a. To exercise general supervision over the spiritual activities of the congregation and particularly over the public worship to the end that all things may be conducted in accordance with the Word of God.
- b. Whenever so requested, it shall consider, and make recommendations on such matter which could be placed before the Voters' Assembly, but which Christian love and prudence indicate such matters to be considered preferable by the smaller circle of participants.
- c. To contact annually all members of the congregations.
- d. To assist the pastor in visiting the sick, the infirm, and spiritually indifferent and delinquent members; and to seek the un-churched in order that they may be brought into the fold of Christ.
- e. To annually appoint the chief usher.
- f. All calls to pastors and teachers shall be signed by the Board of Elders.
- g. To elect from their group in the first meeting of the year a chairman and a secretary.
- h. To serve as the Benevolence Committee.
(Hope Lutheran Chapel, in the exercise of its religious and charitable purposes, has established a Benevolence Fund. The administration of the fund, including all disbursements is subject to the exclusive control and discretion of the Board of Elders. Contributions to this fund are tax deductible by the donors who do not designate a recipient or beneficiary of their contributions. However, donors may suggest to the Board of Elders to whom and amount might be disbursed.)

D. Board of Finance

2. Duties

- a. To exercise general supervision over the financial affairs of the congregation and to promote the spirit of Christian Stewardship.
- b. To prepare and submit a budget annually at the December meeting.
- c. To see that all communicant members are annually supplied with envelopes for contributions, and that new members are provided with envelopes as they are accepted into the congregation.
- d. To have individual contribution statements available, upon request.
- e. To distribute a report of contribution to each contributing member after the end of the calendar year, showing their total contributions for the year.
- f. Two or more Board members shall be present for counting of collections, and shall institute procedures to safeguard church collections.
- g. To deposit all monies weekly in a bank prescribed by the congregation, and to furnish the Treasurer and Financial Secretary with a summary sheet showing proper allocation.
- h. To elect from their group in their first meeting of the year a chairman and a secretary.

E. Board of Trustees

3. Duties

- a. To have charge of the property of the congregation and to supervise the repair and maintenance of such property.
- b. To procure all supplies and equipment necessary for the use and maintenance of the buildings.
- c. To oversee the custodial care of church property.
- d. To elect a chairman and a secretary from their group in the first meeting of the year.
- e. The Board shall be represented in all projects undertaken by any organization if such projects affect the property of the congregation.
- f. To keep the congregation property protected against loss with fire and extended coverage, owners contingent and employees liability, and workman's compensation insurance for such amounts as the congregation may direct.
- g. Three competitive bids should ordinarily be obtained for purchases over two hundred dollars, and the award must have the approval of the legal representative of the congregation. These procedures may be waived in case of an emergency.

F. President

2. Duties

- a. It shall be the President's duty to expedite the performance required of such an office.
- b. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees and Boards and shall see that they function.
- c. The President shall preside at all Voters' Assemblies and Council meetings, unless delegated to the vice-president.
- d. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for and supervise the proper function of such committees.
- e. The President shall, with Treasurer of the congregation, be legal representative of the congregation.
- f. The President shall see to it that all resolutions of the congregation are carried out.

G. Vice-President

2. Duties

The vice-president shall preside at meetings and shall perform the duties of the president in his absence, disability or at his request.

H. Secretary

2. Duties

- a. The Secretary shall maintain the records of the Voters' Assemblies and record of the Church Council.
- b. The Secretary shall keep a master copy of this Constitution and By-Laws, recording all current amendments thereon.
- c. The Secretary shall maintain a registry of communicant and voting members.
- d. The Secretary shall provide copies of minutes of all Voters' and Special Voters' meetings within two weeks following and mail or present them to each congregational unit. In addition, a copy of minutes is to be posted in a convenient place for easy reference.

I. Treasurer

2. Duties

- a. The Treasurer shall maintain accurate records and accounts of all funds received and account for all collections. The treasurer shall make payments only when authorized by the congregation, or when provided for in the annual budget.
- b. The Treasurer shall be bonded and/or insured in an amount determined by the Council.
- c. The Treasurer shall, with the President of the congregation, be legal representative of the congregation.

J. Financial Secretary

2. Duties

- a. The Financial Secretary shall keep accurate records of all individual contributions.
- b. The Financial Secretary shall be a member of the Board of Finance.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

2019 Altar Flowers - Find your special date to donate flowers for the Altar. Sign up early and often. The cost of flowers is \$26 per Sunday. Please be sure to put your payment in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Altar Flowers" and your number.

Collections requested:

"infant items" – for Swaddling Clothes mission

"Cancelled stamps" – for missions (LWML)

"Money-off coupons – no expiration date" - for Concordia Seminary Food Bank (LWML)

"Portals of Prayer" – Prison Ministries (LWML)

"Empty Inkjet Cartridges" – Offset office supplies & Habitat for Humanity

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Office Secretary Hours for October

Monday thru Friday - 8 am to 12 pm.

New Article/Bulletin Deadlines:

Newsletter Articles – 2nd to last Sunday of the Month

Bulletin Notes – Wednesdays at 9 am

WARNING: *Articles not received by their deadline will not be included.*

Articles for the church newsletter, “The Anchor,” or notices for the bulletins, may be put in the in-box on the church secretary’s desk or sent by e-mail to:

office@hopelutheranchapel.org

OUT AND ABOUT

Medical Missions for Christ Clinic in Camdenton is hosting their 8th Annual Trivia Challenge on October 12, 2019 at 5:30 pm at the Camdenton High School. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. See the church secretary for more information.

Osage Beach Senior Center Health Fair

Thurs, Oct 10th 10 am to 2 pm

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There will be representatives from local businesses to discuss issues regarding health, insurance, Medicare, realty, long term and home healthcare, banking and investments, etc. ***This is a free event!***

HyVee Pharmacy will administer flu shots; just bring your Medicaid or Medicare info with you to get a free shot. Lake Regional Hospital will do blood pressure and body fat screening all at no cost.

There will be fliers and freebies. Come join the fun!

You can call Lisa Hill at 573-348-2909 for any questions.

Daily Devotions

Our Pastor publishes daily devotions on our website, facebook, twitter, and linkedin.

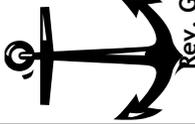
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Service Schedule

11 a.m. Fellowship
11:20 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10 a.m. Communion Worship Service

Special **COME AS YOU ARE** Drive In Worship
Services for Easter, Memorial Day, Independence
Day, and Labor Day

Sunday Communion Worship Services (Ind.
Cup)

Communion 5th Sunday (Common Cup only)

October 2019