



Fellow children of God, saved alone by God's grace, through faith alone in Jesus Christ, as God has revealed in His holy Scriptures alone:

This month we celebrate a doctrine of Scripture central to our confession, championed by Martin Luther when on October 31, 1517, the young priest posted a list of 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. This was a means of inviting debate on important issues. No one took up his challenge to debate then, but within weeks copies of Luther's theses circulated in adjacent regions. As his proposals became known, many discussed what he raised: **salvation is by faith in Christ's work alone**. Luther expected the pope to agree with his position, as it was based on Scripture. But in 1520, the Pope issued a decree condemning Luther's views. Luther publicly burned the papal decree, and in so doing, broke with the church at Rome. Within a decade, all of Europe would be shaken by these few acts.

Years earlier, when Luther was a law student at university, he was caught one day in a storm. Almost hit by lightning, he cried out to St. Anne for help and promised God he would become a monk if saved. Entering an Augustinian monastery in 1505, he became a priest in 1507. In 1510 his monastic leaders sent him to Rome. Luther was appalled by material excess and dead faith he found in the papal city. Luther despaired also, feeling God's disfavor over his own inability to keep the Law of God, for which he could find no cure.

Still, young Martin was bright, and his superiors soon assigned him to teach theology in the university. In 1515, as he taught the Epistle to the Romans, Paul's words there broke through the gloom of Luther's soul. He wrote: *Though an impeccable monk, I stood before God a sinner troubled in conscience, with no confidence that my merit would assuage Him. Night and day I reflected on His Word until I saw the connection between the justice of God and the statement "the just shall live by faith." At last I grasped that the justice of God is the righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us through faith. Thereupon I felt myself reborn as having gone through open doors into paradise. The whole of Scripture took on a new meaning. This passage of Paul became to me a gate to heaven."*

Through the lens of God's Word in Romans, Luther saw just how corrupt the church of his day had become. The glorious truth of justification by faith alone had been buried under a mound of greed and false teachings. The pope urged the sale of indulgences – certificates the church sold, purportedly to shorten one's stay in Purgatory, planning to use monies raised to build Rome's St. Peter's Basilica. Indulgences especially galled Luther. Johann Tetzel sold these in Luther's region, using jingles such as: *"As soon as the coin in the coffer rings, the soul from purgatory springs"* to entice people to buy them. Once Luther realized the sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice alone for our sin, he saw the practice as revolting. Studying God's Word, he saw a need to show the church how it had strayed from the truth.

While rejected by the church at Rome, Luther, among others, spurred the Reformation and return of many to the doctrine of the apostles and clear witness to Christ as this fallen world's

only hope of salvation, believing on God's Son as our true righteousness from God. To this day, the Lutheran Church confesses Jesus as our only Savior as God has revealed Him to be through the Scriptures of Old and New Testaments. By God's gift of faith in Him, we hold to God's pledge that all who believe on Christ have God's full pardon and everlasting life.

It is right that on the last Sunday of October, we hear and confess God's truths in worship, thanking Him for bringing them to light again via His Word for our great good. Come; joy in ***“the righteousness of God manifested apart from the law, though the Law and Prophets bear witness to it – the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith”*** – Romans 3:21-26. As Jesus promises: ***“If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed”*** – John 8:36.

Saved by God's grace through faith, in Jesus Christ, God's Son,



In His service, † **Pastor Kramp**



For all the saints who from their labors rest,

In worship services at Trinity and St. John on **All Saints' Day**, Sunday, Nov. 1, the Prayer of the Church will include thanks to God for the saints in Christ who have received their crown of life in heaven by God's grace. If you wish to recall such loved ones in Christ by name in our prayers that day, please fill out in advance forms for that purpose found at the back of each sanctuary. Return them by Oct. 28. *Praise God for all the saints who rest from their earthly labors, having passed through death to eternal life with our God and Savior!*

St. John and Trinity on Facebook

Our Weekly Sunday Worship Services are broadcast on Facebook & Youtube:

Tune in Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for live-streamed Services from St. John sanctuary at: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnhillsboro/> Or watch recordings there later or at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLPlyYS8NIJFJW2gbMEIa3Q/videos>.

We pray live-streaming of Sunday Services at St. John remains a blessing for those unable to attend in person, and to others elsewhere who join us online in worship on Sunday.

As Randy Rust will be unavailable following upcoming surgery, we need individuals to help with recording/airing of Services. Please inform Pastor Kramp if you are so willing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets weekly at St. John and Trinity. Starting times respectively are 9:15 a.m. at St. John and 9:30 at Trinity, with classes for children age 3 up through eighth grade. An Adult Bible Class also meets at St. John, and is currently examining Jesus' Passion. The Lord Jesus teaches: "***Whoever is of God hears the words of God***" – John 8:47. Don't let Jesus say of you or yours: "***the reason you do not hear them*** [God's words] ***is that you are not of God.***" As "***faith comes from hearing, and hearing from the word of Christ***" – Romans 10:17, and since Jesus said: "***My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me***" – John 10:27. SO, COME!

Catechism Classes for our 7th and 8th Graders meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M.
Parents of catechumens: please aid your youth and be sure they complete assignments!

Fall District Pastors' Conference is in Bismarck Oct. 4th to 7th. Pastor plans to attend but will likely return late on Oct. 6, as parishioners face surgery on the 7th. If pressing need for pastoral care arises, please call Pastor at: (701) 430-7117. He will respond when he can.

Pastor and Ginger will be out of state October 8 through 21, attending to two pressing family matters and getting in remaining vacation time. During that time, you may call or text message Pastor at: (701) 430-7117. For emergency pastoral care, you may also call Pastor Clark Jahnke in Fargo at: (701) 200-2119.



IN MEMORIUM – A Christian Memorial Service is slated for St. John on Saturday, Oct. 24, offering thanks to God for the life without end granted Anja Kay Gettel. Anja's earthly life, and her dad, Adam's, you may recall, ended in a fire on Maundy Thursday, just short of Anja's second birthday. Keep her mom Kallyn, brother James, and other family in prayer.



CONFIRMATION. Several of our youth will publicly profess the Christian faith as theirs in upcoming Services. At St. John, Hillsboro, a special Service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 2:00 p.m. Confirmation Day at Trinity, Hope is not yet set. Pray God rejoice each confirmand's heart by His Spirit to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in saving faith on their Confirmation Day and throughout all of life as, in Jesus, God gifts them with His righteousness, kingdom and everlasting life!



Pray Daily for – *the ailing or homebound:* Don Anderson, Lou Behm, Keith Flaten, Jack Germundson, Don Hanson, Ashley Henn, Clay Jacobson, Jim & Ruth Johnson, Ken Koehler, Sharon Kroepflin, Glen Lougheed, Wayne Manthey, Jeannie Meyer, Rachel Mulder, Margie Riemer, Randy Rust, Dian Schlichtmann, Raymond Schlichtmann, Norma Schultz, Monte Stigen, Allen & Joyce Woitzel; *friends and family members of who tested positive for Covid*; *expectant parents:* Tessa Tovar & Doug Blumer and their twins soon to be born; *our catechumens*; *those soon to confirm the faith of the Church*; *our Sunday Schools*; *our lay leaders*; *leaders in church auxiliaries*; *loved ones experiencing trials*; *our pastor and his wife, for safe travels.*

“MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH” Programming for October 2020:

- **4:** Rev. Mike Suelzle, St. Andrew Lutheran, Niagara, ND, Grace Lutheran, Lakota, ND, and St. Peter Lutheran Church, Devils Lake, ND, presents the message: “*Made His Own*” based on Philippians 3:12. This is the Life: “*The Missing Ingredient.*” Bob (Jack Nicholson) and Lynn (Susan Crane) are planning their wedding when Lynn overhears her parents planning to separate after the wedding. Suddenly, Lynn has some reservations.
- **11:** Rev. Bruce Blocker, Immanuel Lutheran Church, McIntosh, MN, gives the message: “*Rejoice in the Lord*” based on Philippians 4:4. This is the Life: “*The Visitation.*” Pastor Burdick (Dick Sargent) is having troubles keeping his congregation united. Bishop Smith (Parley Baer) visits to identify troubling leadership spots and to renew faith in his ability.
- **18:** Rev. Bernhard Deter, Zion English Lutheran Church, Grafton, ND, gives the message: “*Celebrating Luke,*” based on Luke 1:1-4. In This is the Life’s: “*Happiness Is Dirty Hands,*” school teacher Kent (Daniel Travanti) teaches High School in a troubled metro area. The decision along with wife (Ann Whitfield) to live in a poverty area is troubling their marriage. Kent’s friend Art (Mike Farrell) offers some help.
- **25:** Rev. Michael Zeigler, Lutheran Hour Speaker, presents the message: “*No Boasting, Just Belonging,*” based on Romans 3:19-28. This is the Life program is to be determined.

Locally-produced TV program, “Main Street Living,” includes 30-minute worship led by pastors of our LCMS Minnesota North & North Dakota Districts, followed by a 30-minute broadcast of “This Is The Life.” Programs air **Sundays at 9 a.m.** on Fox TV, KVRR Fargo-Moorhead, or view MSLN at: www.mainstreetliving.com, clicking on the box “North (Fargo).”

Thank you for your much-needed financial support! Checks may be sent to “Main Street Living North”, 821-5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by Credit Card or PayPal on the website. God’s blessings in Christ! – Ken Koehler / MSL North Volunteer Coordinator

OTHER PROGRAMS AND DEVOTIONS

Issues, Etc. offers weekly podcasts, featuring expert guests on many topics, and extolling Christ, hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Tune in via: <https://www.issuesetc.org/>

LCMS media ministry **KFUO Radio** shares Christ for you via chapel services, sacred music, Bible studies and talk programs on demand at www.KFUO.org or **@KFUOradio** on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Daily Chapel weekdays at 10 a.m. CT. Studies aired on Sharper Iron, weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT, and on Thy Strong Word, also weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT.

LCMS daily devotions at 9 a.m.: www.facebook.com/TheLCMS/. Archived devotions by Synod Pres. Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, 1st VP Rev. Peter Lange & Dir. of Worship Rev. Sean Daenzer: www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDu0iVoFL_d4xe2e-Mwyoxh-rR_hYiKXw



LWML NEWS –

Join with St. John LWML on Saturday, October 10, at 9:30 a.m. for a business meeting and Bible study. 2020-21 officers elected last month are: President Missy Stuart, Vice-President Kathy Hanson, Secretary Stacey Riemer, and Treasurer Kay Rotvold.

We encourage all to serve the Lord and aid our neighbors with donations of these items:

Pop tabs, which are donated to support the Ronald McDonald House in Fargo;

Eyeglasses and cases, which are forwarded to MOST Ministries;

Toiletries – soaps, lotions, shampoos, toothbrushes etc., joining in the collective efforts of Churches United for the Homeless;

‘Our Family’ UPC codes. We donate these to support Grace Lutheran School, Fargo.

At St. John: please place donated items in the drawers of the plastic storage container located at the far (west) end of the church library/lounge.

At Trinity: please pass on your donations of these items to Pastor Kramp.

LWML Zone Fall Rally will be held on **Saturday, October 17, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** at Grace Lutheran Church, 821 5th Ave. S. in Fargo. Thanks to the ladies of Grace LWML for serving as hostesses. Ladies: join in God’s Word, Christian fellowship and service.

October Birthdays

- 2 Gary Pedersen
- 3 Andrea Votava
- 4 James Johnson, Mataya Pelton, Hannah Tovar
- 6 Violet Hamre
- 7 Jacob Aasen, Charlene Ludwig
- 8 Ryland Votava
- 12 Nicole Haffely
- 14 Tanya Buethner
- 19 Stacey Riemer, Isaac Steinke
- 20 Chad Elbert
- 24 Jesse Fulgium
- 25 Olivia Sand
- 26 Roxy Fugelstad. Kyle Haffely
- 28 Dean McDonald



Meals on Wheels in Hillsboro

The week in October for St. John’s deliver meals is October 19-23. Meals are delivered weekdays. If you can help, even if for 1 day, please email: trinitystjohn@outlook.com

St. John Treasurer’s Report Aug. 2020

General Fund	August	Jan. – Aug.
Income	4,291.46	61,901.68
Expense	6,581.94	65,461.09
Net	(2,290.48)	(3,559.41)

October Anniversaries

- 02 Ken & Sharon Kroeplin
- 09 Joel & Roxy Fugelstad
- 25 Jeff & Melissa Stuart



Memorials Received

In Memory of Ruth Rust

- From Her Family - St. John LWML
- From Her Family - Quilting Fund

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OCTOBER 2020

Worship at Trinity, Hope, on Sundays at 8:30 am

Worship at St. John, Hillsboro Sundays, 10:30 am

Services live-streamed & recorded Sundays at 10:30.

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October is
Pastor Appreciation Month

Thank You Pastor Kramp!

Celebrating 1 year of ministry at
St. John and Trinity.

 I WILL GIVE
you **pastors**
ACCORDING
TO MINE HEART,
which
SHALL FEED YOU
WITH
knowledge &
understanding.
JEREMIAH 3:15