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## Newsletter

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## Pastor's Letter

Rev. Kyle Krueger

### **"The Freeing Truth of the Reformation!"**

*"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31)*

Pastor Johnson was right, "Free lunches aren't free!" Free rides aren't free – someone has to pay. Free prizes aren't free- someone has to pay and perhaps taxes need to be paid. Free love isn't free – the chains of brokenness and heartache are present in every earthly relationship. Free thinking isn't free – mankind thinks the same tired, self-idolizing, sinfully bound consequence causing thoughts, generations after generation. Freedom is not free- someone has to pay. *But if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*

When sinful hearts try to define freedom, thoughts of doing what you want, when you want it, often come to mind. Freedom is sometimes seen as internally taking charge of yourself and your life to gain happiness and control things around you. Freedom is often seen as being your own person and making your own rules.

Jesus and His apostles do not agree with this view of freedom. They taught that even by turning inwardly, man is **not** free. They taught that man's existence is not threatened so much by things on the outside, but more so by self-lordship on the inside. To take one's life in hand is really to grab onto a sinking ship. For the wages of sin is death, no matter how free thinking or self-reliant one imagines themselves to be. Rather, Jesus and His apostles used the word freedom to mean freedom from sin and freedom from the law and freedom from death.

Martin Luther entered the monastery in hopes of finding freedom from sin and from God's wrathful judgment. Floundering in his sins, he sought freedom by attempting to follow Jesus as an example of holiness. He remained isolated in his cell and fasted for days at a time. He beat himself with a whip. He laid naked on the monastery's frigid floor until his health was severely threatened. He prayed and prayed and prayed. Yet the more he sought to be a slave to good works, the more he saw that sin still bound his heart and mind. The more He sought to please God perfectly, the more clearly he saw his imperfect fear and love and trust in

True freedom in this dying world comes from God's Word alone. Freedom comes not from our inward individualism, but God's revelation outside of us. We really do need to be set free again every day. We really do need to be set free again each week by the risen Christ in His service to us. That freedom comes only from God's Word. That's why Satan constantly and cleverly offers false freedom and happiness apart from abiding in God's Word. He dresses up slavery to look and feel like liberty. He dresses up sin and our inner impulses to look like liberty.

Whether we feel like it or not, we are in bondage to sin. Whether the world acknowledges it or not, it is in bondage to death. Death, in fact, may be the one thing that shows an unbelieving world that they themselves are not God! God calls out to wake us up from our self-deception even as He called out to wake Luther up. He seeks to cut open our dull hearts with the sword of His law. As St. Paul wrote, the law speaks so *"that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world held accountable to God."* (Romans 3:19)

Luther was a man whose mouth God stopped. He saw himself as accountable to God. This view is becoming more and more scandalous in our post-modern society where everyone has their own personal perspective on "truth." Our sinful hearts and self-motivated flapping gums would rather gloss over scriptural truth for the sake of false outward unity. Luther was a sinner just like you, just like me, who finally and fully saw that *"by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin."* (Romans 3:20) He was a monk who, despite following all the self-help steps of his day, saw that *"there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* (Romans 3:23) When God shut his mouth by showing him the fullness of his accountability to God, then God opened His own mouth in His Word by showing Luther something else. *"If you abide in my word...you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

Luther continued to abide in the Word of God. He studied it with zeal and rigger. The truth that God led him to rediscover was a truth that had been clouded over with centuries of false teaching about indulgences and works righteousness and misuse of the Lord's Supper. The devil is fully behind breaking down the truth and right doctrine. Don't let the devil or your sinful nature make you settle for shallow truth that turns out to be no truth at all. The full and liberating truth that God led Luther to proclaim includes more than the fact that *"all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* (Romans 3:23) It also includes the fact that all *"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 2:24-25)

This is the truth that caused the Reformation! Here is freedom from the condemning law! Here is freedom from sin! Here is freedom from death! You are justified (made perfectly right with holy God) by His grace as a gift. Jesus proclaimed that whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will not enter it. Children are so good at receiving gifts! The kingdom of God can only be received as a gift of God's grace.

That gift of God's grace comes through the blood of Christ. As St. Paul said *"whom God put forward as a propitiation (a covering) by his blood to be received by faith."* Your real freedom then is bloody. Maybe as Lutherans, we are spoiled to hear the simple, beautiful, bloody gospel of Christ crucified as often as we do. But don't let Satan tempt you to become bored with the bloody and brutal business of Jesus' suffering and death. Your real freedom is due to the life of the one man sacrificed for all others. That's what the word "propitiation" means. It is a sacrifice, a bloody offering that satisfies the righteous wrath of God and covers over our sin. That's why Luther considered the crucifix such a beautiful Gospel sight and continued to teach the making of the sign of the cross on one's self. In Jesus' sacrifice, we see the cost of our freedom. We see the righteous judgment that Luther was terrified of and that we sinners deserve fall on Jesus Christ.

The rediscovery and clear proclamation of this truth is what caused the Reformation. It is the truth by which God always reforms His Church. This is also what caused your new life of faith in Holy Baptism and keeps it alive. To set you free, Jesus became the most shackled man in human history! Every sin of every enslaved heart was chained and nailed to Him, including yours!

Past, present and future! God justifies you freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. It is His gift to you! You are justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

You are therefore **free** from all sins of your past that causes you guilt and shame! You might remember it, but God does not. You are therefore totally free to stop remembering past sins as if they are still hanging over your head. You are free to stop following some self-help spiritual program to become more righteous. Jesus is your righteousness. Jesus has enough righteousness for the whole world and He's given it to you as a gift. For His sake, you are no longer a slave to sin or the memory of it.

You are free to open your mouth to confess your sins because God cleanses you from all unrighteousness in Christ. You are free to let God's truth lead you and not be chained to the false freedoms of the world. You are free to abide in the Word of God and not to be chained to your feelings. You are even free "*not to fear though the earth gives way and the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.*" (Psalm 46:2) The freedom Jesus gives you reaches beyond the grave. Death could not hold him. Christ was a slave to our sin on the cross but Easter morning, it was seen that the risen Son remains forever. The enemy of death therefore cannot hold you. There is so much more to life than what we can see and feel with our senses. Freedom in Christ has us look into the security and beauty of eternity.

Freedom is not free. God's blood was shed in Jesus and it paid the price of your eternal freedom! IF THE SON SETS YOU FREE YOU WILL BE FREE INDEED! **AMEN.**



## Worship this Month

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**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 2, 2016 – Luke 17:1-10**

“The Miracle of Forgiveness”

In your own experience, you may have been in a situation where forgiving someone was a downright daunting task. The disciples recognized this as they cried out to Jesus, “*Increase our faith*”. They surely thought to forgive without limits would require more than what they were equipped with. The fact is that forgiveness is a great and grand miracle of God! You can forgive the unforgivable and love the unlovable because that's exactly what Jesus did for you. You are the receiver and bearer of utterly undeserved grace and mercy.

Today Jesus warns that the moment we become proud of ourselves, proud of what we have done, proud of our forgiveness toward others or even proud of our faith, we are denying Justification by grace for Christ's sake. Rather, we are to do all our duty faithfully and responsibly, without thinking that we have earned any credit or approval before God. Faith doesn't look at ourselves and our record of good works, but faith finds our full and complete approval in God's eyes through Jesus Christ. Faith takes hold of Christ as the one and only reason we find approval from God.

Avoiding sin and temptation, rebuking others from sin in an attitude of humility, turning away from sin ourselves, forgiving our brother 7 times a day, and doing all this without expecting that we deserve something in return? If it seems too great a task, and it is greater than we can accomplish—then pray “*Increase our faith!*” God will grant us to do even more than this—Faith is as powerful as the object in which it trusts—Jesus the world's faithful forgiver.

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 9, 2016 – Luke 17:11-19**

“The Ten Lepers”

There are millions of Internet stories out there that guilt trip you into feeling more thankful for what you have.

This isn't one of them.

Lepers were classified as unclean, which means they had to live in their own little communes far away from the rest of society. But as Jesus was traveling, he came within earshot of one of these little leper colonies. “Have mercy on us!” they cry. So Jesus tells them to go and show themselves to the priests. Only the priests could declare someone with an unclean skin disease to be clean again. So reading between the lines a bit, Jesus was telling them, “Hey, you're healed. Now go to the priest, and he'll confirm it for you.” So they did, but only one of the ten came back to give thanks to Jesus.

But notice that he doesn't just shake Jesus' hand or send him a note. He *falls down on his face* at Jesus' feet. That's *worship*. It's not just that this ex-leper knows how to be polite, but he knows **who Jesus is**. This Jesus is indeed his lord and master (v13). And this faith and trust in Christ, his Lord, is what saves him. (v19)

**Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 16, 2016 - Luke 18:1-8**

“The Persistent Widow”

Back in Jesus' day, a widow is just about the most powerless person in society. If someone cheated or wronged a widow, she'd be the *least* likely person to get justice. So in his parable there's a good-for-nothing judge, who holds all the power, and there's a widow, who holds none of the power. Apparently, this widow has been wronged, and she pesters this judge incessantly night and day about this case. Even though this judge is good-for-nothing, eventually this widow wears him down and he finally sees to it that she gets justice.

This parable is a classic example of from-lesser-to-greater. If this good-for-nothing judge eventually gives this woman a hearing, then how much more can we be confident that *our* Lord, who is infinitely better than this good-for-nothing judge, will give *us* a hearing.

So when we pray, we don't need to lose heart. (v1) Sometimes it seems like the Lord is not listening or he's putting us off. But He's not. He hears your every prayer, and He will provide for all that you need.

**Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 23, 2016 – Luke 18:9-17**

“God, Be Merciful to me, a Sinner!”

We will hear two very different men pray very different prayers today. Both pray with a sincere and thankful heart. Even though the tax collector's prayer is in the form of a petition, he is thankful that there is such a thing as mercy. He's thankful that even a second-class citizen like himself can come into the temple and approach the holy God and expect that God will hear His prayer and be merciful to him, a sinner.

The Pharisee wanted God to see him through the tax collector and his sinful life. The tax collector wanted God to see him through the cross of Jesus Christ and Him crucified for sinners just like him.

The cross of Christ is the rose colored glasses through which God sees all who hide behind it. The cross is the fountain of life from which all of the mercies of God flow onto all who thirst for that living water of cleansing and forgiveness and refreshment that only God can give.

**Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 30, 2016 – Luke 19:1-10**

“Zacchaeus”

We all love Zacchaeus, probably because we all sang about him in Sunday School. But rest assured; Zacchaeus was not a popular man in his day.

Tax collectors were crooks, simple as that. They took advantage of their own neighbors and notoriously lined their own pockets by price-gouging the people. But when Jesus saw Zacchaeus up in that tree, He invites Himself over to Zacchaeus' house. Of course, the people put up a big stink about this. Why would Jesus reward someone who was such a crook? But Zacchaeus repented and made amends. He gave away *half* of all his wealth, and whatever he over-charged the people he payed back fourfold.

But what Jesus says next is the best: “Today, salvation has come to this house, since he also is a Son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.” Salvation does not come to this house because Zacchaeus gave to the poor or repaid the defrauded. He is saved because *Jesus* came to seek and save the lost. Jesus was the one who saw Zacchaeus. Jesus was the one who called him down from the tree. Jesus was the one who invited himself over for dinner.

“Today, salvation has come to this house” because today, Jesus has come to this house.



## General News & Updates

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**Saturday Evening Divine Service: 5:00 PM**

**Sunday Schedule: Divine Service 9:00 AM;** followed by Bible Class and Sunday school at 10:30.

**Northwest Suburban Circuit Congregation Prayers** – Each week we will be praying for a congregation in the circuit and for others who have or have had a connection with them. This month, we are asking for prayers for St. Paul Lutheran, Osseo, and Pastor Daniel Burns, Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran & Childcare Center, Maple Grove, and Pastor Tim Lamkin, Sr., Rev. Matthew Harrison, our Synod President and all our elected officers and board members in the LCMS, Rev. Dean Nadasdy, our District President, and all of our elected officers and board members in the MN South District, Rev. John Fehrmann and his work with Confessional Lutheran Educational Foundation (CLEF) in other nations.

**Additional Time to Worship** - Every Wednesday morning beginning at 9:15 am, Pastor Johnson and Pastor Krueger will have a Prayer Office (Matins or Morning Prayer). This happens right before Wednesday morning Bible Study. Please join us if you are able!

**Annual GoC Chili Cook-Off!** Mark your calendars for the Annual Glory of Christ Chili Cook-Off to be held on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. So get working on your best Chili, Cornbread and pie recipes!! Signup sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

**Quilters:** Quilting has begun! Mark your calendar for the 18th of October beginning at 9:00 am and plan to work into the afternoon. We would love to see a few more people sharing their time with us, everyone is welcome!

**“A Candid Look at Islam”** is the topic for the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Lutheran Free Conference on **Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at Redeemer Lutheran church**, 2719 3<sup>rd</sup> St. N., St. Cloud, from 9:30 to 4:00. Addressing this topic will be Dr. Timothy Furnish from Atlanta, GA., and Rev. Dr. Alvin Schmidt from St. Louis MO. Registration is \$25 which includes coffee, rolls, and lunch (\$10 for high school and college students). Though pre-registration is not required, a non-monetary **pre-registration is required if** you plan to eat. For the meal call (320) 252-8171 or email [office@redeemerstcloud.org](mailto:office@redeemerstcloud.org) by Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. More information about this event and the speakers can be found on the table in the Narthex.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study:** Caitlyn Jenner, school bathrooms, the Supreme Court decision, transgender, gay rights, non-binary: the issues of human sexuality are front and center on the American stage, and the church cannot remain silent. How do we respond to our cousin who announces that he's gay and wants to know that we're ok with it? How do we respond to those who vilify the church as “hate-filled” and “homophobic”? How do we respond with compassion to the Orlando shooting without having our response confused as approval? This new Sunday morning Bible Study is called, **“Speaking the truth in love: a Christian's guide to the issues of sexuality.”** During this study, we'll review what the Bible has to say about all this, familiarize ourselves with the modern perspective on sexuality, and address how we can respond to friends and family members, hot-button issues, and the slogans that we encounter every day. So join us this fall as we endeavor to better speak the truth in love.

**Voters Meeting is THIS SUNDAY!** We will have a voters meeting today, Sunday October 9, 2016 right after Bible Study. This will be a very important meeting where we will look to share pledge results, present financial projections and formally seek congregational approval to pursue the building program and the financing to accompany the project. Please plan to come! Lunch from Jimmy John's will be provided.

**Men's Reading Group meets THIS SATURDAY, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 am.** Maple Grove Perkins. If you haven't joined this group yet, let Pastor Johnson know you are interested and please feel free to come!

**Which Pastor do I Contact for which Group/Program at church?** Pastor Johnson and Pastor Krueger are certainly working as a team, but each has taken on a group/program to be the “Lead” contact Pastor. Below is a list of the groups/programs at GoC, and which Pastor is the “Lead” Contact:

Men's Reading Group: Pastor Johnson

Sunday School: Pastor Johnson

Confirmation: Pastor Johnson

VBS: Pastor Johnson

Mom's Group: Pastor Krueger

New Member: Pastor Krueger

Youth: Pastor Krueger

Liturgy Workshop: Pastor Krueger



# Music

Organists: Carla Claussen, Zelda Malo, Maddie Marshall, Sarah Miller  
Adult Choir Director: Carla Claussen  
Bell Choir Director: Brenda Richards  
Music Coordinator: Zelda Malo  
Children's Choir: Andrea Heeren  
Chimes Director: Ellie Leimer

## The Chimes Players – Above and Beyond the Expected

We have many talented music groups here at Glory of Christ. It is expected that those groups will meet to rehearse music which they will present in a church service. The standard procedure is: 1. Find music

2. Practice 3. Play in church.

I have been passionate for years in having a very special role in helping to create future church musicians. The Chimes players are training to become some of those church musicians.

In addition to the find music, practice and then play in church, the players are really involved in learning the theory behind the music they play. Last year was the sixth year of the chimes group and the players took on a new personal challenge to choose their very favorite hymn and then arrange it in two, three, four or more parts to be played by the chimes. The children have done an outstanding job with their challenge.

In October the chimes will be playing “Father Welcomes”, arranged by Nina Nygren, hopefully on a Sunday when there is a baptism. And the chimes will also play the last Sunday in October, “Thy Strong Word” arranged by Austin Corey for chimes and senior bell players. Thank you to all of the children and their parents for their enthusiasm in this program!

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[Click Here to see Ellie's Calendar](#)

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## Church Musicians!

There is a meeting for the Music Leaders on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Music will be planned for all of the groups through February 26<sup>th</sup>. Formal schedules for each individual group will be created and handed out after that meeting. Thank You!





# Sunday School

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Each week the Sunday School children take an offering collection. This year, the Sunday School children, through their collected offerings, will have an opportunity to partner with Tyler McMiller, an LCMS missionary. Glory of Christ first met Tyler when he was working in Mexico. He will be heading to the Dominican Republic in the near future to continue his service there. He will have an opportunity to reach school aged children with the Gospel and an education program, but will need funding for the materials and supplies for implementing this program. Our Sunday School has set a goal of raising \$300 to provide for this program. This program will be introduced to the Sunday School children throughout the month of October. More information will be distributed to the children.



# Compassion Circle

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Compassion Circle will be meeting on Monday, October 10, starting at 10:00. We will start at 10:00 as we will be making cards to be sent to members in our congregation. Bring a lunch and dessert will be served by a circle member. Last month we made 150 sandwiches for the homeless and had a fun time making them. Join us for a devotion and fellowship at our meetings. We will also be quilting on Tuesday, October 4, and Tuesday, October 18. Tuesdays we try and start by 9:00, so again bring your own lunch and join other quilters. See you there.

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**Remember in our Prayers:** Camryn Handberg (niece of Becky Johnson-Lane), Idena Hagen, Sean Breining, Kathy Chadwick (friend of Janet Preus), Kelly Cargill (friend of Becky Johnson-Lane), Hazel Schweiger (mother of Becky Johnson-Lane), Evalynn Cerdenola, Donna Preus (mother of Christian Preus), Ann Olson, Lisa Brackmann, Sam Miller (friend of Mari and Chris Houck), Don Barclay (Uncle of Mari Houck), Kathleen Adam (daughter of Bertha Oehlke), Jim Fahnhorst, Marcia Bell (daughter of Ann Olson), Arta Walter, Ed Brunken, Rev Walter Fehrmann (Father of Pastor John Fehrmann), Rev. Bob Yount, Sarah Miller, Paul Johnson, Drew Johnson, the Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Linda Lohmeyer (Friend of Carla Claussen), Debbie Diehl (Daughter-in-law of Fred & Lois Parduhn, Ron Quittem (Father of Jill Larson), Jack Jakupciak, Meta Nelson (Sister of Lisa Paradis), Bill Johnson (father of Michelle Nelson), DaniJo Johnson (niece of Roger & Jana Hargreaves), Lee Hart, Paul Paulson (grandfather of Jesse Huber), Charles Beck (Grandfather of Liz Huber), Mike Kohlhof, (Brother in Law of Barb Rains), Blake Iverson (Friend of Carla Claussen), Michelle Oasley (niece of Ellie Leimer), Norm Theiste, Corbin Ullring (Grandson to friends of Neumanns and Hargreaves), Carol Walden (Grandmother of Barbie Gruenhagen), Al Lavanger, Marissa Pankonin (Niece of Tague and Debbie Damberg), Marshall Handberg (Father of Becky Johnson-Lane) and Sandra Ostapovich (Daughter of Jim & Jean Small).



# Minneapolis Institute of Art explores Martin Luther's legacy

Five hundred years after his death, is the religious rebel still a big draw? The Minneapolis Institute of Art explores Martin Luther's legacy in an exhibit of art and history.

By Mary Abbe Star Tribune



Minneapolis Institute of Art, "Lucas Cranach the Elder: Martin Detail of Lucas Cranach the Elder's "Martin Luther and Katharina von Bora," 1529.

These days the name Martin Luther most likely brings to mind the slain civil rights leader whose marches and dreams reshaped 20th-century American life.

Half a millennium ago, however, an earlier Martin Luther had an equally transformative effect on Europe.

Trained as a Catholic priest, Luther (1483-1546) rebelled against the church and founded a namesake religion that today has more than 1 million followers in Minnesota alone. His critiques of power sparked a century of religious and class warfare throughout Europe, while his embrace of new technology — the printing press — helped spread literacy across the continent.

That man is now the focus of "Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation," an international exhibition featuring the theologian's influential books and manuscripts as well as paintings, furniture, jewelry, armor and luxurious clothing associated with the religion he condemned.

Opening Oct. 30 at the Minneapolis Institute of Art, the show is the largest of three U.S. exhibitions marking the 500th anniversary of Luther's audacious rebellion against the Catholic hierarchy. Most of the art, manuscripts and books have never left Germany before. The two smaller exhibits will be held at the Morgan Library and Museum in New York City and the Pitts Theology Library of Emory University in Atlanta.

#### Art, history and religion

"This is a broad-based look at Luther, his times and the art of the moment," said Tom Rassieur, the Minneapolis curator in charge of the Twin Cities presentation. "It includes traditional Catholic and Lutheran art, archaeological finds from Luther's home, manuscripts, printed books, satirical and polemical prints. It's a real variety — everything from ordinary marbles he may have played with as a child to furniture in his studio and the last pulpit from which he preached in the town of his birth."

Though intended for a general art-and-history audience, the show got an early boost from its sponsor, Thrivent Financial. By mid-August nearly 6,000 people had signed up for group tours, an advance figure that is "unprecedented in the history of the museum," said Kim Huskinson, the museum's marketing manager. "I really think the show will be a blockbuster."

Concerned that Luther and the religious Reformation he sparked might be unfamiliar to some potential audiences, the museum test-marketed the show with focus groups of Lutherans, affiliates of other faiths (Catholics, Jews, an interfaith counsel) and nonreligious types.

"We wanted to assure that our interpretation is objective [because] it is not a show about the Lutheran religion, but about the importance of this individual in history," Huskinson said.

Highlights include helmets from the armor of Holy Roman Emperor Charles V and French King Francis I; an elaborately embroidered pilgrimage robe of emperor Maximilian I; golden reliquaries; 16 paintings by Lucas Cranach the Elder or his studio; a hand-colored copy of Luther's German-language edition of the Bible, and an elaborately carved and painted altar of the Virgin Mary from Naumburg Cathedral.

#### Luther vs. the pope

The exhibit coincides with the 500th anniversary of Luther's criticism of the Catholic church, which was selling "indulgences" to pay for the renovation of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. For the price of an indulgence, Pope Leo X would forgive sins, a transaction that Luther thought corrupt because he believed only God could forgive sins.

So Luther nailed “95 Theses,” or criticisms, to a church door in Wittenberg in 1517. Within four years he was excommunicated, outlawed and forced into hiding under threat of death. Protected by dissident German aristocrats, he survived, married a former nun (with whom he later had six children) and became increasingly radical.

“What Luther does had reverberations at many levels,” Rassieur said. “It triggered class war, affected church power and increased literacy because he taught scripture in the [German] vernacular.

“But we have to deal head-on with the fact that Luther also published notoriously anti-Semitic tracts and wrote a very negative preface to the Qur’an, too,” Rassieur said. “Mainstream modern Lutheran churches have disavowed Luther’s attitudes toward the Jews, and we address this in the exhibit. That’s why we don’t pose this as a celebration, because like all historic events, it’s complicated.”

**Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation**

**When:** Oct. 30-Jan. 15.

**Where:** Minneapolis Institute of Art, 2400 3rd Av. S., Mpls.

**Admission:** \$20 adults. 612-870-3000, [artsmia.org](http://artsmia.org)



# President's Letter

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Dear Members of Glory of Christ,

I can't think of a more exciting start to fall than the one that Glory of Christ has had, so far, in 2016. We kicked it off with Rally Day and the Vision and Pledge event on September 11<sup>th</sup> followed by a solid win by the Vikings over the Titans that afternoon. Skol Vikings! How can it get any better than that? Well, please read on.

First, please plan to attend the voter's meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> where we will look to share capital campaign pledge results, present financial projections and formally seek congregational approval to pursue the building program and the financing to accompany the project. The preliminary agenda, which is subject to change prior to the meeting, is as follows.

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Welcome / Introduction / Quick Review of Agenda
- III. Recap of Capital Campaign Goals / Results
- IV. Quick reminder concerning Endowment Fund
- V. Current Status of Loan Applications
- VI. Pro forma financial statements review
- VII. Motion to proceed with building program and necessary financing
- VIII. Next steps
- IX. Closing Prayer

Concerning the loan applications, I would like to extend a special thank you to Mike Lindh for his efforts in working with LCEF and Thrivent during the application process. There continues to be a lot of back-and-forth with the lenders which may not be finalized prior to the voter's meeting. However, we will do our best to answer questions that you may have and, to the extent we do not have final answers to some questions, I will be sure to follow-up with the congregation through the weekly e-mail sent by Brenda or in the monthly Newsletter.

On the heels of the voter's meeting, the Church Council will be meeting on Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup>. I suspect we will have topics for the agenda coming out of the voter's meeting and other discussions pertinent to the business at Glory of Christ including a look forward to budget season.

Thank you and I look forward to our congregation breaking ground on our facility project shortly after a Super Bowl victory from the Vikings.

In Christ,  
David Teske  
Council President



# Treasurer's Report

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## Glory of Christ Lutheran Church August 2016 YTD Income Statement Aug-16

	August			Year to date		
	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget
Income						
Designated Funds Applied	58.95	-	58.95	2,706.95	-	2,706.95
General Offerings	35,946.44	39,829.00	(3,882.56)	332,954.53	358,783.00	(25,828.47)
Interest Income	450.01	167.00	283.01	2,856.87	1,336.00	1,520.87
Other Income	512.99	690.00	(177.01)	6,348.90	5,310.00	1,038.90
Silent Auction Receipts	200.00	-	200.00	31,571.36	30,000.00	1,571.36
Sunday School Offerings	16.26	-	16.26	399.26	835.00	(435.74)
Total Income	37,184.65	40,686.00	(3,501.35)	376,837.87	396,264.00	(19,426.13)
Gross Profit	\$ 37,184.65	\$ 40,686.00	\$ (3,501.35)	\$ 376,837.87	\$ 396,264.00	\$ (19,426.13)
Expenses						
Designated Expenses	58.95	-	58.95	2,706.95	-	2,706.95
Education	138.21	200.00	(61.79)	19,153.61	19,153.61	-
General and Administration	1,891.81	3,016.00	(1,124.19)	37,252.48	27,230.00	10,022.48
Missions	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	52,000.00	52,000.00	-
Music	1,214.64	1,897.42	(682.78)	24,254.01	25,549.36	(1,295.35)
Occupancy	8,583.46	8,358.33	225.13	87,783.39	85,357.64	2,425.75
Pastoral Support	25,245.05	22,029.00	3,216.05	166,962.64	174,340.00	(7,377.36)
Total Expenses	40,132.12	38,500.75	1,631.37	390,113.08	383,630.61	6,482.47
Net Income	\$ (2,947.47)	\$ 2,185.25	\$ (5,132.72)	\$ (13,275.21)	\$ 12,633.39	\$ (25,908.60)

### Summary of Results:

- General offerings are \$3.9k unfavorable to plan for the month of August and \$26k unfavorable YTD.
- G&A expenses are unfavorable YTD due to the payment of the Capital Campaign expenses and Installation expenses.
- Occupancy Expenses YTD are favorable due to actual maintenance and repair expenses coming in under budgeted.
- Pastoral Support YTD is trending favorable due to the timing of Assistant Pastor coming on payroll, and HRA reimbursements coming in under budget
- Non-cash depreciation expense is included in the "Occupancy" expense line item above. This represents a change in the accounting for non-cash items in the past. This has been updated in order to conform to accounting principles. Total YTD Depreciation expense was \$28k.

**Glory of Christ Lutheran Church**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of August 31, 2016

	<u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Bank Accounts	
Checking	47,589.06
Deferred Annuity Proceeds	0.00
LCEF Stewardship Account	578,689.63
Savings	6,118.92
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 632,396.61</b>
Accounts Receivable	0.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Other current assets</b>	
<b>Prepaid Expenses</b>	
Prepaid Expenses - Day School Expenses	-0.02
Prepaid Expenses - Insurance	586.64
<b>Prepaid Expenses - Total</b>	<b>586.62</b>
Due from CLEF	0.00
<b>Total Other current assets</b>	<b>\$ 586.62</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 632,983.23</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Church Building	1,967,811.83
Accumulated Depreciation - Building	-415,221.97
<b>Total Church Building</b>	<b>\$ 1,452,589.86</b>
Equipment	118,813.49
Accumulated Depreciation - Equipment	-38,404.95
<b>Total Equipment</b>	<b>\$ 78,358.54</b>
Land	70,000.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,600,948.40</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,233,929.63</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	0.00
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Designated Fund Balances</b>	
<b>Capital Campaign Fund</b>	
Member Contributions	7,861.66
Gift from Thalia	391,547.35
<b>Total Capital Campaign Fund</b>	<b>399,409.00</b>
Capital Improvement Fund	96,413.47
Missions	100.84
Youth	8,789.83
<b>Total Designated Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 501,803.14</b>
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 501,803.14</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 501,803.14</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Bal Equity	148,131.40
Paid-in Capital and Surplus	1,806,927.31
Retained Earnings	-8,657.01
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.00
Net Income	-13,275.21
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 1,732,126.49</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 2,233,929.63</b>



Coffee Servers:	Pauline Hemingway & Kaylene Hautamaki
Acolyte:	Will Brolsma
Elders:	Ben Rolf & Curt Woolfolk
Ushers:	Mark Swenso9n & Kim Diemand
Altar Guild:	Brenda Richards & Barb Rains
Offering Counters:	Barbie Gruenhagen & Mike Miller
Bread Baker:	Charlotte Smith
Bread Deliverer:	Sharla Woolfolk

**Serving Sunday: (October 16, 2016)**

Coffee Servers:	Jon Burns & Brenda Richards
Acolyte:	Maddie Nelson
Elders:	Ben Rolf & Curt Woolfolk
Ushers:	Mike Miller & Bob Strom
Altar Guild:	Pauline Hemingway & Marilyn Scharlau
Offering Counters:	Heath & Danielle Brolsma
Bread Baker:	Sandi Edenborg
Bread Deliverer:	Beth Schoolman

**Serving Sunday: (October 23, 2016)**

Coffee Servers:	Steve & Barb Rains
Acolyte:	Bryce Wikman
Elders:	Ben Rolf & Curt Woolfolk
Ushers:	Mark Swenson & Leonard Albers
Altar Guild:	David & Gayle Barnaby
Offering Counters:	Craig & Charlotte Smith
Bread Baker:	Gayle Barnaby
Bread Deliverer:	Lori Beck

**Serving Sunday: (October 30, 2016)**

Coffee Servers:	Mark & Rina Nygren
<b>Acolyte:</b>	<b>?</b>
Processional:	Bill Anderson
Elders:	Ben Rolf & Curt Woolfolk
Ushers:	Russ McBroom & Chuck McGriff
Altar Guild:	Brenda Richards
Offering Counters:	Bob & Arlene Strom
Bread Baker:	Cheryl McCreary
Bread Deliverer:	Carl Hartness





# Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ashley Larson Ocie Peterson	Birthday Birthday
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor John Fehrmann Dan Gruenhagen Olivia Schaumberg	Birthday Birthday Birthday
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin & Rhonda Berry	Anniversary
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Jan & Kim Diemand	Anniversary
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ben & Jennifer Schaumberg Dan & Barbie Gruenhagen	Anniversary Anniversary
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Garry & Cheryl McCreary John Edson	Anniversary Birthday
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Maya Breininger	Birthday
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Levi DeBlois Lisa Brackmann	Birthday Birthday
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Leonard Albers	Birthday
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Will Brolsma Cheryl McCreary	Birthday Birthday
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Elsie Gruenhagen Jesse Huber	Birthday Birthday
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Craig Smith	Birthday
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Rachel Brolsma	Birthday
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mike Connealy	Birthday



# Calendar

~ October 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5p-10p Saturday Evening Divine Service
2 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class/Sunday School	3	4 7p-8p Elders	5 10a-11a Bible Study 4p-5:30p Mom's Group 4:30p-5p Children's Choir 5p-5:30 Children's Chimes 5:30p-6:30p Confirmation 5:30p-6:30p Sunday School Teachers Meeting 6:30p-7:30p Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p-8:30p Adult Choir	6 6:30p-7:30p OCC Meeting	7	8 6:30a-7:30a Men's Reading Group 5p-10p Saturday Evening Divine Service
9 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class/Sunday School 12p-1p Voters Meeting	10 Columbus Day 10a-12p Compassion Circle	11 6:30p-7:30p Council	12 10a-11a Bible Study 4p-5:30p Mom's Group 4:30p-5p Children's Choir 5p-5:30 Children's Chimes 5:30p-6:30p Confirmation 6:30p-7:30p Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p-8:30p Adult Choir	13 7p-8p Music Meeting	14 8p Wedding Rehearsal	15 11a-3p Christian/Steven- Radkus Wedding/Reception 5p-10p Saturday Evening Divine Service
16 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class/Sunday School	17	18	19 10a-11a Bible Study 4p-5:30p Mom's Group 4:30p-5p Children's Choir 5p-5:30 Children's Chimes 5:30p-6:30p Confirmation 6:30p-7:30p Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p-8:30p Adult Choir	20	21	22 5p-10p Saturday Evening Divine Service
23 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class/Sunday School	24 United Nations Day	25	26 10a-11a Bible Study 4p-5:30p Mom's Group 4:30p-5p Children's Choir 5p-5:30 Children's Chimes 5:30p-6:30p Confirmation 6:30p-7:30p Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p-8:30p Adult Choir	27	28	29 5p-10p Saturday Evening Divine Service
30 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class/Sunday School	31 Halloween					

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