

Hello Redeemer

— A note from Council —

Every fall, our children eagerly anticipate the big day: October 31. As a Lutheran household, it would be nice to claim that they are waiting for Reformation Day. But really it's about the costumes and the candy. Still, when the end of October arrives, we try to make a point to talk about what Luther did 501 years ago.

Amidst the devouring of bite-sized Snickers and Kit Kats, it's helpful to remember Luther as an example to us all, an example of acting boldly in the face of deep-seeded problems, of calling out injustice, of refusing to ignore what was wrong.

But here's tricky part, or at least the tricky part for me. I can be rather adept at ignoring what's right. It can be easy—even fun—to spot mistakes. I like it so much I trained to be an editor so that I could do it professionally. But being a good editor requires not only the ability to see what is not working and fix it but to see what is working and nurture it.

Luther, after all, did not aim to throw out the whole church. The movement was not about starting from scratch. It was about calling out what wasn't right (like the selling of indulgences) and celebrating what was (like God's grace). He was reflecting, rethinking, and, ultimately, reforming.

Even more, Luther criticized to improve the church, not tear it down. I know it would serve me well to consider the purpose of my criticism in the world. Is the purpose to help make something better? To improve a workplace, a government, a school, a church? In other words, is it constructive? Or am I pointing out problems selfishly, only to make myself feel better? Because that can be destructive. I'm afraid I too often do the latter. But Luther himself would certainly confirm that as humans we are destined to do both—and by God's grace we are forgiven.

Pastor Ken's sabbatical is giving us time and space to reflect, rethink, and, perhaps, reform. In true Lutheran fashion, we can understand that our church—like each of us—is not entirely good nor entirely bad. We can look for opportunities to criticize constructively in the name of improvement. And if we find ourselves too easily creating a list of deficiencies to nail to the church door (please don't do that—we'll send the Property Committee after you to help fix it), let us all remember to reflect also on what's right. (To name just a few things, I would say the generous outreach programs, the devoted committees and groups, the rich conversations sparked by the sabbatical, the welcoming reception for our visiting pastors, and the touching music our children's choir offers.) Reformation can indeed include celebrating the good—and giving thanks.

Wishing you peace and warmth,

Ingrid

WORD OF GOD

WAY OF LIFE

Upcoming....

On October 14th Pastor Mike Sager from Hope Lutheran in Eagle will lead our worship and then lead the third conversation about "Expectations" during fellowship.

This topic is drawn from a quote by Mark Hanson, former presiding bishop of the ELCA, "Unexpressed expectations are resentments in waiting." These conversations are part of our congregational "homework" during Pastor Ken's sabbatical.

As we focus some time and energy around expectations at this time the hope is that both Pastor Ken and the community of Redeemer Lutheran will be able to more clearly articulate our expectations of one another. We will have a more solid knowledge of who we are as a church amid the changing world following the sabbatical. As we move forward into our next season together we hope there will be no resentments in waiting.

On October 21 Bishop of the EWAID synod, Kristen Kuemple, will be leading our worship. During fellowship hour there will a brunch provided in celebration of her time with us.

First Thursday Soup



First Thursday Lunch will be on
October 4th

Please join us at 12:00 p.m.
for soup, breads, and dessert.
The cost is \$2.00 per person and
children are free.

Bring a friend and join us.

BIBLE STUDY—11AM ON THURSDAYS

The format for the study is quite simple. We open in prayer asking for the Spirit to guide us in our study. Then we read a passage and discuss.



- What stood out to us?
- What do we hear God saying to us today?
- What questions does it raise?

As the discussion lessens and time allows we continue by reading another passage. This type of study does not require any prep work to join. Simply come and we will read the Bible together. Please consider joining us.

Esther ~ Naomi Circles



Circle will meet on
Wednesday, October 10th at 1:00p.m.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and use the Gather magazine Bible study. Copies will be made available. If you have a treat to share, please bring it.

Coffee and water will be provided.

RUTH CIRCLE



For Ruth can you put in again about Ruth meeting quarterly now and the next event will be in October/November as a service event. So look for emails about going to Ceramica to paint some bowls for the Idaho Food Bank Empty Bowls event.

If you'd like to be included in the email list, please let the Redeemer office know. Remember friends are invited and encouraged to join any Ruth Circle event.

NO NAME MEN'S GROUP

No-names,

We will celebrate the 6th annual LutherFest! for our October meeting on Saturday, 20 October, beginning around 5 PM at my home (2140 White Pine Pl.). This is our yearly reflection about Martin Luther and what it means to be Lutheran. Last year, we read the 95 theses in recognition of the 500th anniversary of their posting and their reading may become a yearly tradition.

LutherFest! is a potluck dinner in a (somewhat) German tradition. We will grill sausages accompanied by various sauerkrauts, potatoes, and other fall cuisine. I don't believe in sign-up sheets so we will enjoy whatever is brought to the table. Unfortunately, I have not brewed a LutherBock this year. I may be able to get one ready in the short time left and there also are a few bottles from previous years that we can sample. I'll make sure that we have something!

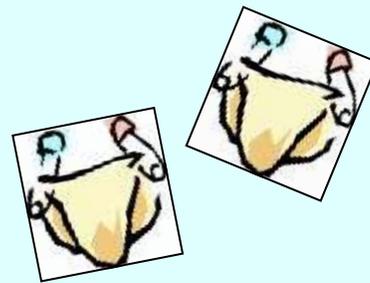
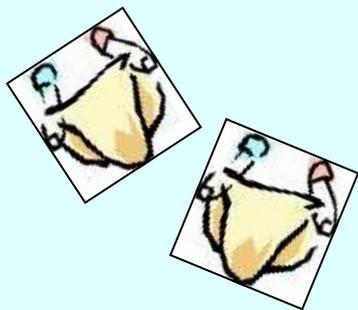
Note: Because of LutherFest!, we will not meet at the Sockeye on the 2nd Monday as usual in October.

At our September meeting, Larry Spencer and John Mattison agreed to take over as co-Secretaries for the No-names after the LutherFest! I'll pass on them the email list as well as any business items.

Steve, Acting Secretary

Outreach Activities

Wash, Wipe, Wear Distribution in September



Many thanks to the following people for volunteering this month: Katherine R. ordered soap: Marilyn Smith picked up toilet paper. Gale Faber picked up diapers.

Diaper sorters: Marilyn Smith, Brenda Matata, Julie Doty and Martina Ngabonziza. Marilyn broke the boxes and took them out to the recycle bins.

Writers: LaDawn Kidd and Robin Baker. Baggers: Becky and Sandrina. Hand out bages: Larry Kidd and Marie Jeanne Riziki. Country recorder: Sandrina U. Passed number: Becky N. Extra product passer: Nathalie M. We had children's clothes underwears, T-shirts, sweaters and pants and our clients took all of them. They were not enough. If you have some winter clothes you don't use please feel free to donate them to WWW put them in the fellowship hall and mark on WWW we will keep them for the distribution day.

Redeemer church has the best ways of serving God and people through this wonderful ministry. On the third Saturday of each month we practice our gifts like serving and giving through WWW, but it is difficult without volunteers. Matthew 25:36,38,40. Jesus said, "I needed clothes and you clothed me. Then the righteous will ask him, " When did we see you needing clothes and clothed you? Then the King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Diapers passed: 2200

Toilet paper: 380

Laundry Soap: 95

Extra's: 40

Respectfully submitted,
Martina Ngabonziza

Ministry of the Month

-October-

VA Behavioral Health for Veterans

Redeemer will once again collect warm clothing for our male and female homeless veterans. They are in need of stocking caps, gloves, warm socks, scarves, and thermal underwear. A box will be provided at church for collection. If you'd like to make a monetary donation, Redeemer will purchase the items and get them delivered to the veterans before Christmas. Please make your check to Redeemer and note VA.

Holiday Season is fast approaching and Redeemer will again assist St. Vincent de Paul in their annual Thanksgiving Food Basket drive. Last year, approximately 2,300 baskets were distributed to families in need. The majority of these baskets were handed out to local refugee families. Also, 100 baskets were delivered to a work camp in Wilder as well as 25-50 baskets to local National Guard families. These baskets will be handed out at the Boise Fairgrounds the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

We are requesting cash donations so St. Vincent de Paul can purchase the turkeys along with the fresh and canned goods to fill the baskets.

Please help in our effort to provide a Thanksgiving meal for these families to share.

Thank you for giving to the Ministry of the Month!!

Interested in Volunteering?

Begin with a YES!

Our monthly outreach "Wash, Wipe, Wear" is looking for individuals, couples, or families to help out monthly with this outstanding program. We need you!

This takes minimal time, but will give you maximum reward in doing Christ's work by helping one another.

The sign-up sheet is located in the Fellowship Hall on the outreach bulletin board. We have volunteer positions available on various times, days, and weeks. Please check it out, and get involved.

Have questions about this program or volunteer opportunities? Please contact the church office.



Monday, October 8, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Trinity, Nampa

Beth Adams, Charitable Gift Planner, will share information on Gift Plans:

Which ministry do I want to help?

How much should I give?

Which resources should I use?

When should I make the gift?

Gift planning services are confidential and made available to individuals without obligation. Whether it is a gift today or in the future, Beth will assist you with a plan that speaks to your passion, while always considering you and your family's current and future needs. She will be available Monday and Tuesday for appointments to answer your personal questions, create your plan and leave you with the peace of mind that your Gift Plan is secure.



Host a Fellowship Hour

Fellowship hours are one of the most important aspects of fulfilling church experience. It is when our congregation can come together relax, catch up, and meet new people. It's also a great time for families to connect.

Please consider hosting Fellowship once or twice a year. Do it with a friend, or your entire family. This is a simple task and instructions are next to the signup in the Fellowship hall on the cork board, or contact the church office.

Fellowship Hour couldn't take place without our hosts!
Thank you.



Eastern Washington -Idaho Synod Message from Bishop Kristen Kuemple

Fall 2018



This morning I sent my girls off to their first days of school. While the temperature will still reach into the mid-80's to-day, this morning there was a definite crisp coolness to the air that told me, "Fall is on the way!" And after a hot, smoky, fire-filled summer: such a promise comes as a welcome gift.

Our monthly communication took a bit of a break over the summer. We're still in the process of figuring out how we can best and most effectively communicate with the synod, but knew it was time for a printed newsletter to bring you up to speed on all that has been happening in EWAID.

1. WE HAVE A NEW DIRECTOR OF EVANGELICAL MISSION! Ms. Mary Morrow was called to serve EW-AID as our Director of Evangelical Mission (DEM). Mary comes to us with a rich and unique background in spiritual direction, business, communications, and yoga (we're counting on her to help us find our zen in the synod office!). She also brings along a great heart for the Church, and for the mission of EWAID as the Spirit is revealing it to us. She began serving in mid-July, and has already been such a gift! She will be traveling throughout the synod this fall, will be at the Bishop's Convocation, and Idaho Discipleship Conference—come say hello! She and her husband, Pastor Bob Albing, live in Coeur d'Alene.

2. WE HAVE A NEW ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP! Pastor Phil Misner was called to serve EWAID as our Assistant to the Bishop. Phil has long been a leader in EWAID, serving in any number of capacities and is known by his colleagues to be a thoughtful, deliberate leader. I am delighted to get to work with him as we seek to encourage connectivity throughout EWAID. Phil was most recently the pastor at Peace Colfax and Trinity Endicott. He and his family will be moving to Post Falls in early September, and Phil will likewise be at Bishop's Convocation and the Idaho Discipleship Conference. Phil's official duties within the Synod Office are still in discernment, but we know he will be taking lead on most call processes within the Synod and will have the responsibility of planning for Synod Assemblies and the Regional Gathering pilot program passed at this year's synod assembly.

3. WE HAVE NEW OFFICE SUPPORT STAFF! Melody Green has been working with EWAID since May, and is a shared staff position with the Diocese of Spokane. Melody is with us in the afternoons, and has been a fantastic addition to our staff. She is Cathy's main office support, and has done a wonderful job helping us get organized, uploading information into searchable databases, etc. I also want to take a moment to thank you for your faithful financial support to the Synod. We often get asked, "*Does the Synod have money to pay for.....?*" The reality is that the Synod only has the money that congregations share with it through their mission support. The congregations of EWAID have been good partners to us this year, and as the spiritual leader of EWAID: I thank you for it! We are (and can only be) church together. Your generosity to us helps us to be generous in turn. Part of that congregational generosity is being turned into salaries for synod staff members, who will in turn be ready and able to offer support to congregations through training, call process, mediation, resources, etc. We also give thanks for the partnership of the ELCA, who has partnered with us in a temporary reduction in the mission support EWAID sends on to them in order to make

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some investments in the life and vitality of our synod. As Bishop Eaton says: We are church together, for the sake of the world. Congregations, synods, and Churchwide—we all work together for the glory of God.

Getting new staff in place took up most of the summer. Now that we are fully staffed, it is time to turn our attention to the fall. Fall is a busy travel season for me—even busier than normal, and much of my time is spent out of the synod attending the Conference of Bishops, making seminary visits, and helping to lead First Call Theological Education (a 3-year program required of all new pastors by the ELCA to help with the transition from seminary to professional ministry). We also manage to squeeze in a Synod Council meeting and this year we will conduct a 1-day Synod Staff Retreat at Lutherhaven where we will focus on casting a vision for the synod, giving us a direction to paddle the canoe. I'm tired of treading water. Let's **go** somewhere!

Finally, I wanted to share with you the goals established by the ELCA's "Future Directions" task force. The Bishops will be spending time talking about this in our upcoming meeting, and I would like to have input from you as well.

The Five Goals are that the ELCA would be:

1. A Thriving Church
2. An Equipping Church
3. A Welcoming Church
4. A Visible Church
5. A Well-Governed, Connected, Sustainable Church

We know that the Church has to evolve to meet the changing world. How we do that is where most people just short of blink and shrug. Our hope is that by having wide conversations around these goals with you, the people of the ELCA, that we will begin to discern a path forward—for the good of all. For more information about the Future Directions plan, you can go to www.elca.org/future. It is a busy time of year. Harvest of grain is wrapping up, harvest of grapes and apples is getting ready to start. Kids are heading back to school. Congregational program years are gearing up. God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is right around the corner. There is **life** in this synod! And, as always, I am so glad to get to do this work with you!
Soli Deo Gloria,

Come Check it out

*Annual Yard and Bake Sale at
Grace Lutheran Church*

*Saturday, October 6th
Starts at 9am with a BBQ potluck at noon*



Reformation Sunday
October 29th

Up Coming Chili Feed

October 14th

Celebrate October by coming to the Chili Feed held Sunday, October 14, after second service, in the Fellowship Hall. If you are an early service attendee come back for lunch! The following items are needed for the feed.

A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

8 pots of chili to feed 10 each

8 corn bread or other breads

6 Coleslaw to feed 8

Toppings:

6 C. Chopped onion

6 C. Grated cheese

4 Sour cream

4 bags tortilla chips

2 gallons of punch for the kids

3 each 24 cupcakes



Are you aware of any Lutheran visitation to the Ada County Jail?

Do any of our pastors ever go, or are there any lay groups doing visits?

I volunteered and taught parenting to the women at the jail twice over a year ago now, but haven't anything lately. The jail does an annual training that's required for volunteers, in addition to fingerprints or whatever else is needed for the particular kind of visiting. The annual volunteer training is coming up on October 2nd, from 6pm to 9pm at the Ada County Jail. I am planning to attend, and I would love company if anyone else is planning to go or would like to go in anticipating becoming a volunteer. Perhaps this is a ministry we could strengthen our Lutheran presence for??

Anyone who would want to join me could let me know!

Kelly Loy

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October 2018

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 Office Closed 12:00 NA	2 9:30 Quilters 12:00 NA 7:00 NA	3 12:00 NA	4 11:00 Bible Study 12:00 1st Thursday Soup 12:00 NA 7:00 NA	5 10:00 Folders 12:00 NA 8:00 NA	6 12:00 NA 7:00 NA
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Readings for Sundays in October

Oct 7	Covenant and Commandments	Exodus 19:3-7, 10-14, 21-29
Oct 14	Joshua Renews the Covenant	Joshua 24:1-15
Oct 21	David and Bathsheba	2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9
Oct 28	Soloman's Wisdom	1 Kings 3:4-9, (10-15), 16-28

October Altar Guild:

Terri Lindemann 208/ 939-9932

	Flowers:	Coffee and Fellowship Time:
Oct 7	<u>Nowela</u>	<u>Nowela</u>
Oct 14	<u>Blakeslee</u>	<u>Kidd</u>
Oct 21	<u>Simos</u>	<u>Worship Summit</u>
Oct 28	<u>Roxanne Wasson</u>	<u>Wambolt</u>

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *New prayer requests are shown in bold print.*

Family Ryan Albers	Thom Garzone	Sonia Safron
Betty James Allen	Dani Goodson	Anita Searcy
Family of Rev. Baughman	Everly Goodson	Family of Russ Schroeder
Chris	Waverly Goodson	Family of Flora Schweitzer
Clay Binford	Alice Holmes	Scott and family
Peter Bond	Harold Horton	Maxine Spears
Joy Brizee	Patsy Horton	Robin Stewart
Family of Tom Bryant	Julie Hulvey	Family of Stoor/Smith
Family of Rob Bursik	Ingraham Family	Anna Sutherland
Darla Bylinski	Family of Ed Irons	Alan Syron
Ray Carleton	Family of Larry Irons	Marjorie Tripp
Family of Lorraine Chavez	Gloria Jay	Jennie Trott
Don Coffman	Family of Marilyn Jennings	Jonah Udstuen
Family of Janice Collins	Fran Keibler	Leia Vogt
Bev Cordes	Betty Kidd	Kenny White
Connor's Family	Grace Kinsey	Family of Michael Zipser
Family of Katie Davis	Loren Larson	
Kristi Davis	Richard McCaskill	
Debbie Deidhaar	Michele	
Family of Darrell Dorn	Joe Mogen	
Dowell Family	Roger Oldenburger	
Jennifer Draney	Kitty Patton	
Draney Family	Andrew & Becca Pike	
Mike Edgekoski	Tina Qualls	
Lori Floyd	Grace Ruddy & Family	
Family of Louise Gaedeke	Family of Hank Sather	



If you have a prayer request for a friend or loved one, please write it on a prayer request card found in the pew pocket and leave it in the offering plate or let the church office know. Prayers will remain on the list for one year or until the person making the request asks for it to be removed by phone call or email to the church office.

Military

Seth Erickson	Carol Kohtz	Jim Schmeits
Devan Irons	Logan Kostick	Brian Waybright
Matthew Jay	Jonathan Negron	
Jason Kinsey	Jon Savage	

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