



Reformation Lutheran Church

“Come and See, Learn and Rejoice, Go and Tell!”

September, 2019

I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my delight. Let my soul live and praise you, and let your rules help me. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments. (Psalm 119:174-176)

“Ready or not, here I come!”

Who can forget these words from the good old fashioned, “Hide and Seek” game that has kept kids busy for hours and been around along time. When it’s played with at least two or more players, the group must set some general rules and agree to them to obtain fair play. In other words, all the players need to know what’s expected, so everyone can have fun and stay safe. It’s fun to be the seeker, but it is also great fun to hide and wait to be found.

In Christ’s church, what is found is a collective group of believers who long for salvation. We have sought God who is the one that sought us first. We know his law through his Word, and how we are supposed to live, but we also know that sometimes we go astray. No one is immune to straying from the ways of the Lord. Many remain with the Lord, but many wander off. There are also just as many who have no idea about the joys of a relationship with God. They would rather hide than be sought out by our Lord.

But our God is the God who seeks us! The psalmist in Psalm 119 called out, “I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.” As a church, we are called to seek out those who have gone astray and those who don’t even realize they are lost. It is our duty and joy to seek and find those who are lost sheep and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, bring them back to the Lord. When one person goes astray but is found, the whole group rejoices!

As the body of Christ we seek the lost and we live a life of praise. “Let my soul live and praise you,” is a reminder for us from the psalmist to give our continuous praise to the Lord. Part of that praise for Him is living with Him in our daily lives, not “putting Him on the shelf.” The role and purpose of Christ’s church is to come together to seek the lost and share the Good News of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Ready or not, here we come!

Lord, you desire that all people would come to know you and have faith in your one and only Son. Help us to seek the lost and give glory to you alone. In Jesus’ holy name we pray. Amen.

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“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. “ Acts 2:42

This reminds me of a quote that says that worship and church are not just on Sundays – they should be a way of life everyday. The Apostles give us a good model to follow. They:

- Continued steadfastly in that doctrine which they had so evidently received from God.
- Were separated from the world, and lived in a holy Christian fellowship, strengthening and building up each other in their most holy faith. We do reach out into the world to share God’s word and promise.
- Were frequent in breaking bread; in remembrance that Jesus Christ died for them.

- Continued in prayers; knowing that they could be no longer faithful than while they were upheld by their God; and knowing also that they could not expect his grace to support them, unless they humbly and earnestly prayed for its continuance.

May it be a way of life for us as well as we support each other in our faith journey!

Peace be with you, Gabi

Treasurer's Report: Our third quarter is looking pretty good so far! Keep up the good work!

Yours in Christ,
Matthew DeWinter

Fellowship: Fellowship had another fun game night in August! Good food and good fellowship!! We will do something in September . . . any ideas??

Property: All is well on the property front. Work day will be Saturday September 28th.

Worship and Music: We've just finished a month of using a bulletin with one of the 8 settings of the church year and another with information specific to that Sunday. This past Sunday we began using the Green Hymnal. We will use it for 4 consecutive Sundays and then discuss how we want to move forward.

This change is not being done for a theological reason, but as a way of saving resources...paper, ink, and money in our budget. We have been doing well with Sunday offerings, but it is imperative that we shepherd our resources to the very best of our ability. Saving money where we can will certainly help us in the long run. There were a number of comments during the coffee fellowship about switching back and forth between the two bulletins. There were also some comments made about this past Sunday and the Green book. All of us remember the Green book....recently for some but far back in our memories for others. We struggled a bit this past Sunday, but things should start coming back to us over the next three weeks.

At the end of the two month trail period, we should be able to come up with a decision that shepherds our resources and also gives us an enjoyable and meaningful liturgy.

Education: Our weekly Bible study will start up again on Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00. This study will cover the Old Testament in a similar fashion to what we did with the New Testament for our last study.

Mission and Ministry: The committee is looking forward to Fall and some outreach opportunities. We know we'd like to continue with Operation Christmas Child and gift bags to our friends at the assisted living centers. We're considering an exercise class, a bakery, and tossed around several other ideas. Your thoughts are welcome! Our next meeting will be Monday, September 9, 6:30 at the Burger King on Veterans.

September Birthdays

18th – Donna Maness



Saturday – September 7th – Cook out at Mel and Ingrid’s! 3:30

Sunday – September 8th – Executive council

Monday – September 9th – Outreach Meeting – 6:00 Burger King

Sunday – September 15th – Council

Tuesday – September 17th- Bible study – 7:00

Tuesday – September 24th – Bible study – 7:00

Thursday – September 26th – AARP Driver’s Class – 9:00-4:00

Saturday – September 28th– Clean up day beginning at 9:00

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Altar Guild	Wayne	Carolyn	Judy	Junior	Linda
Comm. Asst.	Matthew	Junior	Chuck	Gabi	Wayne
Usher	Junior	Mel	Judy	Carolyn	Junior
Lector	Junior	Mel	Lynne	Matthew	Chuck
Sermon	Pastor	Chuck	Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
RP/Thrive	Pastor	Wayne	Gabi	Wayne	Gabi

Oaks

Chuck

Chuck

Pastor

Pastor

Chuck