

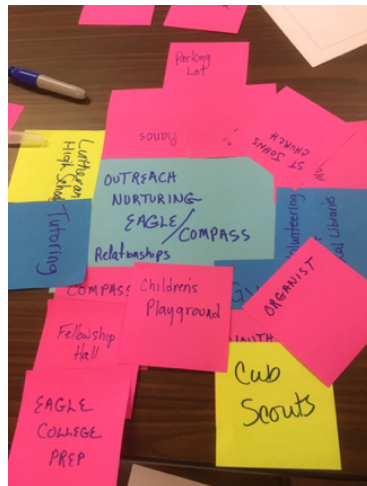
Saved to Share Called to Care

How many loaves do you have?



Two weeks ago our congregation sat around tables with people some they knew and some they didn't discussing and writing down what they believed were

the assets of St. Johns Lutheran Church. Personal assets, assets of the congregation, individuals we knew, and connections with the community that could be counted as an asset. We came up with over one hundred assets! Written down on post-its. We then started collecting assets that could be used for certain areas of ministry. Afterwards each table tried to sell their idea and we voted on which ones we would likely try to pursue this year. It was fun



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The Women of the Word invite you to their Annual Trivia Night, to be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at the St. Louis Police Officers' Association Hall, located at 3710 Hampton Avenue (between Mardel and Tholozan).

The doors open at 6:00p.m., and trivia starts at 6:45p.m. Donations are \$17.00 per person or \$120.00 per table of eight. Your donation includes trivia, soda, cookies, and light snacks. We will have attendance prizes and a silent auction, as well as some other games between rounds. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Alcohol and coolers may NOT be brought into the hall. For ticket or table information, contact Maureen (314-752-6266) or the church office (314-773-0126). Mark your calendar and come and join in the fun. Who knows - you just may learn something!

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to think positively about the many blessings that God has given us.

Normally we are of the mind-set that

certain ideas won't work because we have no one to take charge of it, or we are too busy, there is not enough time or we don't have the resources to do it. Yet in the devotion before we began, Jesus tells his disciples, after they had told him that the crowd around them must leave and get food, "you give them something to eat". They of course gave all the



normal responses; we don't have that much money to buy for everyone, "we don't have a way to go and get the food here" etc. But Jesus was emphasizing the "something" and said, "go and see what you have". That is asset mapping in a nutshell.

Well, they came up with 5 loaves and 2 fish, but that was all Jesus needed. He had them sit down, took the 5 loaves and 2 fish, gave thanks, blessed them and gave it back to the disciples. You might be tempted to think the disciples should have kept some for themselves, just in case, but he took it all and blessed it and you know the rest of the story. They not only took care of the need of over 5000

hungry people but had so much more left over than they began with. The point is, it's hard to give it all to the Lord, but what an exhilarating moment to serve others and be blessed at the same time.

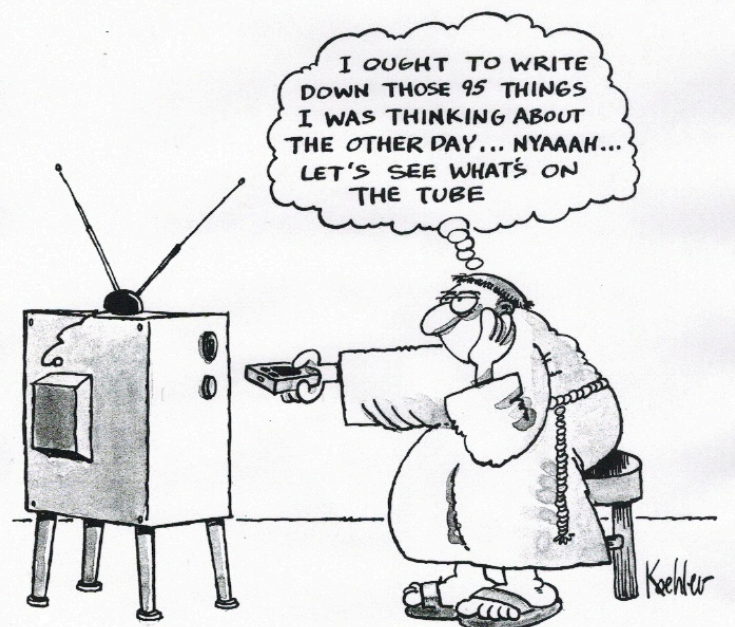
Matt Miller led us to think about such ministries of outreach. Here are the final four that the group came up with:

- "Prayer, that leads"
- "United we Stand"
- "Music and Morgan Ford"
- "Forward and Fellowship"

Honorable mentions were as follows: "Health/Social Resource Coordination Referrals"; "Neighborhood Business Outreach"; "Nurturing Eagle/Compass Relationships"; "Welcome New Americans"

The one we all agreed upon to begin pursuing was "Forward and Fellowship." Just remember, God is not asking you to come up with enough resources for the need of thousands, but come up with "something" he can bless.

To have God do his own work through us, even once, is better than a lifetime of human striving.
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IF THERE HAD BEEN TELEVISION IN 1517

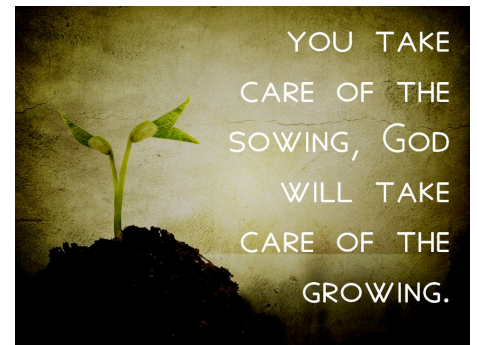
Evangelism

Fall is here although the temperature for the last week might lead you to think it is still summer. As we worked to get our yard ready for the cold winter months ahead, I began to think about the comparisons between our yards and evangelism.



In the fall we prepare the soil by doing aeration, which is roughing up the current, weed-ridden lawn and adding holes (I'm sure there's a more technical name for those) so the seed has a place to fall. A little germination during the hibernation of winter and then in the spring, your lawn starts to sprout

the new green shoots that show the potential your lawn has to look gorgeous in the summer. Now let's compare that same scenario to evangelism. The lawn is comparable to God's people. The evangelism process is comparable to aerating your lawn. You go into a world that is rife with sin and fill the holes with God's word. While you don't do much to your lawn during the winter, with evangelism you are constantly adding more seed, hoping to overwhelm people's sinful nature with the good news of Jesus and His forgiveness. In spring, you get new shoots of grass with your lawn and with evangelism; we are once again reminded of

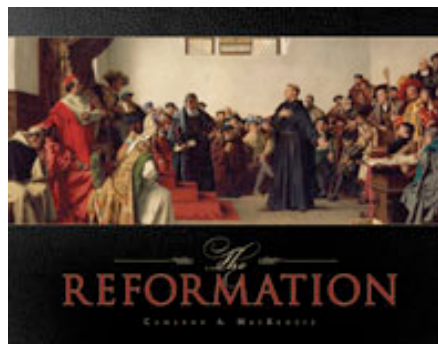


the new life we will experience thanks to the death and resurrection of Jesus! The beauty of living with our Heavenly Father in heaven will far overshadow that beautiful green lawn of summer. So think about evangelism this fall as you work with your lawn and plant the seeds of evangelism as well.

Paint Colors

Some may be asking, How were the paint colors chosen for the church? Two trains of thought were used. First, colors were chosen to symbolize the past, present, and future. (past-golden chancel, present-cream nave, future-crimson accent wall). Second, the cream symbolizes our lives as saint and sinner, redeemed yet not perfect; golden chancel is seen as glorious heaven as we approach God's presence; the dark crimson blood gate (accent wall) at one time was a curtain, that only a priest could enter, but because of Christ's sacrifice is now open to all for forgiveness and fellowship.

Many people recognize the name Martin Luther when they think of the Reformation, but this era was filled with other fascinating personalities and dramatic changes across every aspect of human life throughout the Western world. "The Reformation" by Cameron Mackenzie is a richly illustrated and engagingly written overview of this amazing time of change and renewal in the Christian Church and helps the reader sort through the complex chain of events that shook both church and state to their very foundations. CPH is offering a special pre-order price of \$22.49 (price valid through Oct. 16) for this 250 page hardback (regularly \$29.99). A sample of the book is located in the narthex and can be purchased online at cph.org.



Stewardship

We are nearing the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, All Saints' Eve, 1517, when Martin Luther posted the Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. So, let's hear from Luther himself on the topic of giving and stewardship.

In the Small Catechism under the Table of Duties, Martin Luther gives specific Bible passages to help Christians know their duty in their various vocations as members of their family, society at large, and in God's family, the Church. Under the heading "What Hearers Owe Their Pastors," Luther lists five passages from the Bible, three of which have to do with giving to your local congregation. They are these:

"The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:14).

"Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows" (Galatians 6:6-7).

"The elders [presbyters, i.e., pastors] who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,' and 'The worker deserves his wages'" (1 Timothy 5:17-18).

Luther comments on these passages in his 1535 Lectures on Galatians. He wrote:

When Paul says "all good things," this is not to be taken to mean that everyone should share all his possessions with his preacher. No, it means that he should provide for him liberally, giving him as much as is needed to support his life in comfort. . . . The apostle is so serious in advocating this topic of support for preachers that he adds a threat to his denunciation and exhortation, saying: "God is not mocked." . . . All this pertains to the topic of support for ministers. I do not like to interpret such

passages; for they seem to commend us, as in fact they do. In addition, it gives the appearance of greed if one emphasizes these things diligently to one's hearers. Nevertheless, people should be taught also about this matter, in order that they may know that they owe both respect and support to their preachers. Christ teaches the same thing in Luke 10:7: "Eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages"; and Paul says elsewhere (1 Cor. 9:13-14): "Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the Gospel should get their living by the Gospel." It is important for us who are in the ministry to know this, so that we do not have a bad conscience about accepting for our work wages . . . it happens when those who proclaim the glory of God and faithfully instruct the youth derive their livelihood from them. It is impossible that one man should be devoted to household duties day and night for his support and at the same time pay attention to the study of Sacred Scripture, as the teaching ministry requires. Since God has commanded and instituted this, we should know that we may with a good conscience enjoy what is provided for the comfortable support of our lives from church properties to enable us to devote ourselves to our office. (LW 27:125-126).

In other words, pastors are not to suffer from low wages just because they are servants of Christ and the Word. They are to share in the livelihoods of all to whom they preach the gospel and instruct in the faith, so that the Word can be proclaimed and the faith carried from one generation to the next.

Created by the LCMS Stewardship Ministry

The Restoration Account has been closed as the loan has been paid in full! If you would like to continue to support maintenance of the church, offerings can be directed to repairs or organ fund.

Social Ministry

How would you feel if you lost your job and had no food to feed your children? How would you feel if your food stamp allotment had been cut in half and your total income is \$400.00 a month? These are just a few of the stories told to us in the food pantry. Most of these same people still say they are blessed and are thankful to God for His care.

We serve on an average of 40-50 families a week. We are continually grateful to you for your assistance. May God continue to bless us with the food we need, through your generous gifts, so that we can keep our doors open to serve the community. The month of September we spent over \$1,500 for groceries.

Hebrew 13:5, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."



Anniversary Service

Grace Alone. Faith Alone. Scripture Alone.

Please join us for a celebration in song of the Reformation and the promise of God's Word. The musical celebration will highlight the three "solas," teachings central to the Reformation: *Sola Gratia* (Grace Alone), *Sola Fide* (Faith Alone), *Sola Scriptura* (Scripture Alone)

7 p.m. CT Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017
Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus
801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105

The service is free and open to the public.
For those who can't attend in person, the live stream is available at:
www.csl.edu/live



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Compass Preschool and Before and After School are always looking for donations of snacks, crafts, games, and paper products. If you would like to make a monetary donation, purchase supplies or volunteer, please contact the church office or

Laura Lee Bausell (preschool) at 314-695-2270
lauralee.bausell@compassedprograms.org

Megan (director) at 314-376-3437
megan.schultz@compassedprograms.org



"Fall Concerts at South"

Lutheran High School South invites all to enjoy back-to-back concerts on Sunday and Monday, October 1 and 2. On Sunday evening at 7 pm the high school choirs will present their fall concert in the Kuhlmann Center at the school on Tesson Ferry Road. Four choirs, including the Lancer Singers, will perform. A free will offering will be received, and a cookie reception will follow the concert. On Monday, October 2, over 100 elementary students from across the region will gather for the Lutheran Youth Choral Festival at LHSS. After a day rehearsing with Dr. Charles Brown from Concordia Chicago, the group will present their concert at 7:00 pm at LHSS. Included on the program are the LHSS Lancer Singers and Junior Singers. Join us as we "sing at South!"



10/1 *Jessica Goskie*
 10/2 *Alexis Bohannon*
 10/2 *Steven Gentz*
 10/3 *Jonathan Schmidt*
 10/4 *Amy Holdenried*
 10/7 *Marsha Jackson*
 10/12 *Benjamin Thomas*
 10/16 *Doris Seevers*
 10/26 *Gretchen Meyer*
 10/27 *George Turner*
 10/28 *Gerrie Engert*

Meetings 2017

Voters

October 15
December 3

Executive Council

November 19



Talk with Javon, Eunice or Steve
 to purchase popcorn to support
 Cub Scout Troop #125!
 On sale now thru October 25!

Our Mission

St. Johns Lutheran Church is a diverse
 family of saved sinners, walking together
 in forgiveness. Motivated by Christ's
 love, we will share the Gospel and care
 for the needs of all people.

Our Vision

St. Johns, partnering with Open Sky
 Education will do Christ-centered
 community outreach that engages our
 community with worship

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Class <i>A Man Named Martin</i>	2 6:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Elders	3 2:00pm Nepalese Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 7:00pm Adult Information Class	4 10:00am Pre-Seminary Training 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm ESL 6:30pm Choir 7:00pm Pre-Seminary Training	5 9:30am Preschool Chapel 2:00pm Home Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	6 <i>Eagle Closed</i> 8:00am Bible Study	7 8:00am Social Ministry 8:30am Food Pantry
8 9:00am Worship w/ Communion 500 th Anniversary Celebration Scripture Alone 10:30am Bible Class <i>A Man Named Martin</i>	9 6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm WOW	10 2:00pm Nepalese Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 7:00pm Adult Information Class	11 10:30am Avalon Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm ESL 6:30pm Choir 7:00pm Pre-Seminary Training	12 9:30am Preschool Chapel 2:00pm Home Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	13 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Compass Ushers BBQ Set Up	14 8:30am Food Pantry 11:00am-4:00pm Ushers BBQ
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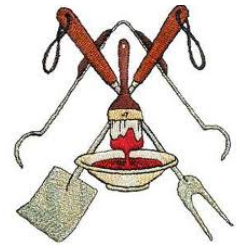
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Saturday, October 14
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Menu will include

1 Piece Hot Dog Sandwich	\$3.00
1 Piece Bratwurst Sandwich	\$3.50
2 Piece Bratwurst Dinner	\$7.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ Pork Steak Sandwich	\$5.50
Pork Steak Dinner	\$8.50
$\frac{1}{4}$ Chicken Sandwich	\$5.50
$\frac{1}{2}$ Chicken Dinner	\$8.50
$\frac{1}{2}$ Rack of Ribs Dinner	\$10.00
Rack of Ribs Dinner	\$19.00



Dinners Include Dessert, Bread and a choice of two sides
(Potato Salad, Slaw or Beans).

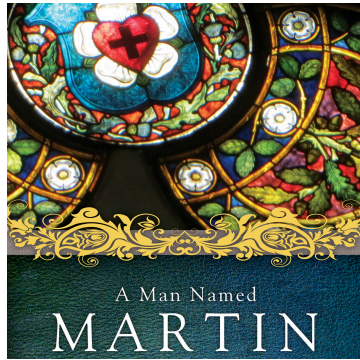
Delivery Available For Four Or More Orders

Any questions or Advance orders call Craig @314 302-4771 or the church
office 314-773-0126

Email orders to stjohnslcstl@gmail.com by October 13, 2017

To order on the day of the barbecue call (314) 773-0126

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Martin Luther's Spirit-inspired grasp of justification through faith was the cornerstone of the Reformation.

His faith-tested and tried by the fires of religious oppression—remains a standard of Christ-centered endurance for believers today. Learn more about the German reformer in the first of this three-part series from Lutheran Hour Ministries.

**Sunday's beginning October 1
10:30am Bible Class**

Calendar

Saturday, October 14

Ushers BBQ 11:00am- 4:00pm

Sunday, October 15

Voters Meeting 11:30am

Saturday, October 21

WOW Trivia Night

6:45pm doors open at 6:00pm

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