

The Mission of Christ the King

To Shine the light of Jesus, Reflect his unconditional love, and Mirror his kindness to all people.



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EVERYONE'S INVITED TO AN EVENING OF...

BEER, BRATS, AND MARTY (BINGO)
OCTOBER 28, 2017, 6:30-????
FELLOWSHIP HALL



Sponsored by the 2018 National Youth Gathering Team

Bring your own beer, and we will keep it cold for you. Root beer will be available for those not bringing their own beer.



We will provide the brats and invite you to bring a dish to share. Enjoy Marty Bingo & many fun surprises.

A free will offering will support the NYG team.

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Invite your family and friends to join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun!

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FIFTH ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS SERVICE

On Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 2:00 pm CtK will hold its fifth annual Blessing of Pets service in the parking lot. Everyone is invited to bring leashed, haltered, caged, or otherwise confined pets. There will be a brief service of scripture and prayer, during which Pastor Matthew will bless all animals in attendance. He will individually bless animals whose humans lead them to him.



Traditionally a pet blessing service is held around October 4, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, who is remembered for his love of animals. Please invite your friends to bring their pets, too. In case of rain, we will gather in the narthex. This CtK service has attracted people from the community who do not worship with us, and Pastor Matthew has blessed cats, dogs, bunnies, fish, and Guinea pigs. Let's see how many creatures he can bless this year!

REFORMATION 500 COMMEMORATION

Everyone is encouraged to wear red, the liturgical color for Reformation, to worship services on October 28th & 29th.

On Reformation Sunday, October 29th, the 7th - 12th Grade class, both Adult Sunday school classes, and all interested adults will meet in the sanctuary at 9:45 AM for a showing of the Rick Steves film *Luther and the Reformation*.



CONSECRATION WEEKEND OCTOBER 7TH & 8TH

All three worship services on October 7th & 8th will include the opportunity for worshippers to turn in a commitment card for their 2018 giving.



OCTOBER SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL
COLLECTION FOR TEAC

(The Emergency Assistance Center)

We will be collecting holiday foods:

boxed stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, canned
veggies, cake & cookie mixes.

In addition, TEAC always needs hygiene items:
toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, body soap,
laundry soap, etc.

Please put your contributions in the TEAC bin in the
Giving Center in the lobby.

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Classes for All Ages

0 OR 103 Years Old?

9:45 on Sunday Mornings

Staffed nursery available for those under 3 years old.

*3 years-Kindergarten - Room 102

Amy Williams

*1, 2, 3 Grades - Room 105

Denise Tierney & Denise Hall

*4, 5, 6 Grades - Room 101 - *Katie Bach*

*7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 Grades - Youth Room

Dave Schiopota

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

Understanding the Bible - *Simply Good News: Why
the Gospel is News and What Makes it Good* by N.T.

Wright - Room 103 - *Pam Garrud*

Adult Forum on Current Topics - Fellowship Hall

John Humrichouser

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE BEGINNING WORK

The 2017 Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the November congregational elections. CtK members will elect three Council members, a Nominating Committee of up to six people, and one member of the Endowment Committee. If a member of the Nominating Committee contacts you, please prayerfully consider how you might serve at CtK. Nominating Committee members are Kristin Bedford, Bob Bortak, Shirley Duffy, Mike Mitch, Mike Pereksta, and Marty Spitz.

At press time the date of the Congregational Meeting had not been set. Watch the *Weekend Messenger* for more information.

LAFF TO ENJOY BEER, BRATS, & BINGO!

The Life After Fifty Fellowship Planning Committee has chosen to encourage everyone to attend and support our **National Youth Gathering Team's Beer, Brats, and Bingo** fundraiser on Saturday night, October 28, instead of planning a separate event. See page 1 for details. We will plan a November event.

The LAFF kiosk has a flyer posted advertising a Reformation 500 HymnFest at St. Stanislaus, 3649 E 65th Street in Cleveland on Friday, October 27, at 7:30 PM. It is a fundraiser for Building Hope in the City, a very active Lutheran outreach to both citizens and immigrants in Cleveland. We have enjoyed similar events in the past. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Call 216-281-4673 for ticket information.

FOCUS ON WORSHIP & MUSIC IN OCTOBER

Worship & Music is the Ministry of Focus during October. Watch the bulletin board for information.



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Enrollment for 2018 Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) starts November 1 and ends December 15. Advertising funds to announce the enrollment period were reduced by 90%.

DIRECTORY

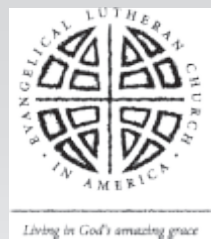
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FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

OCTOBER 2017

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”(John 3:16 -17)

Martin Luther referred to John 3:16 as the Gospel in miniature, encompassing the primary theme and purpose of the Gospel. In the face of hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes, monsoons, floods, tornadoes, famine, war, and other events I need to also hear John 3:17 loud and clear. God does not just love people, but the world, the cosmos, everything is included in God's redeeming and reconciling work in Jesus Christ. As your pastor, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, know that whatever trials and tribulations come our way, God is present and active in the midst of our pain and suffering.



There are many events at CtK in October that I want to highlight:

- October 1st at 2 pm is the Blessing of the Animals service.
- October 7th and 8th is our Consecration Weekend with the theme of *All Good Gifts*.
- October 14th and 15th is Bread for the World Weekend.
- October 28th at 6:30 is the Beer, Brats, and Marty Bingo fellowship event and fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering team.
- October 29th is Reformation Sunday. As it is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation we will watch a Rick Steves DVD on Luther and the Reformation in the sanctuary from 9:45 – 10:45 am.

I hope that you have found the various articles from *Living Lutheran* discussing aspects of the Reformation helpful and edifying for your faith.

Living in God's amazing grace,

Pastor Matthew Groenke



From the CTK Minister of Discipleship and Youth

WOMEN OF FAITH....

When we think of Henry VIII of England, one of the titles we give him is 'reformer.' He is credited with making England a Protestant country, defying the Pope and the Roman Catholic Church. Just like many of our journalists today, his biographers didn't dig deep enough. His reasons were selfish and personal-to annul his marriage to a Catholic princess; and political - to give the crown money and property once belonging to the Church. Four wives later and "despite serving as head of the Church of England, Henry VIII remained a Catholic at heart and a believer in Catholicism's core theological teachings. He was intolerant of Protestant Reformers, including the increasingly popular Anne Askew." *



Anne Askew

Anne Askew was born (1521) into a family of a knighted member of Parliament and high sheriff of Lincolnshire. She had a good childhood and was educated by a father who regarded educating women important. She could have married well and lived an unmarked life of leisure and wealth. She, in fact, married and had two children. Upon her conversion from Catholicism and ongoing conflicts with local priests, she was eventually driven from her home. She sought a divorce, but was denied.

She moved to London where she continued proselytizing against the Catholic doctrine and distributing tracts in favor of the Protestant Reformation. Her first arrest was in 1545. Katherine Parr, King Henry's wife, who was a reformer and an Anne sympathizer, sent her supplies while she was in prison. Anne was arrested under the Act of Six Articles of 1539 which halted the Reformation. Under this act "anyone who published, preached, taught, argued, or held any opinion against the catholic doctrine of transubstantiation [the doctrine that at every Mass the whole substance of the consecrated elements of bread and wine converts into the real body and blood of Christ] would be deemed and judged a heretic and would suffer" death by burning.

During her examination she refused to accept the Catholic belief of transubstantiation and denied the charge of heresy using scripture to support her position. She was taken to a torture chamber in the Tower of London (recorded as the only woman tortured there) and told if she named others who believed as she did she would go away unharmed, even though she faced death at the stake. She refused and was put on the rack. By the time they finished, her arm and leg joints were dislocated and she could no longer walk. Seventeen days later, July 16, 1546, age 25, Anne, sitting on a chair as she could not support her own weight, was burned at the stake as a heretic, becoming a martyr for the faith. She never revealed one single name.

I would be remiss if I concentrated on her martyrdom and did not note her contributions as a writer, speaker, and a woman of faith. She wrote about her experience and beliefs up until the day she died.

We 21st century women would do well to ask ourselves, would we be willing to declare our faith with even some of the courage and conviction of Anne Askew?

Ratti Jalure

*50 Women Every Christian Should Know. Michelle DeRusha.

WE HAVE TO CHOOSE

"The godly are able to be generous with their gifts"

Psalm 37:26

This is the time of year we put into place a budget and funding for the ministries at Christ the King for a new year.

We need to seriously look at what we are able to fund with the current living body of worshipers. The Finance Ministry struggles each month to maintain what you have agreed to support, and we keep coming up short of the mark.



We have to choose either to step up and increase our giving levels across the congregation or to start deleting ministries that are a luxury.

To quote one of our members "we need to fix spending problem to live within our means."

Think hard and pray. A renewal of your commitment to support all the ministries with an increase in giving levels is sorely needed.

Will you stand up and share generously? It's up to all of us – not just a chosen few.

Sandy Molnar, Financial Secretary

DIRECTED THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS RECEIVED

Christ the King received \$139 Thrivent Choice Dollars in September from Thrivent Financial. The following members of Thrivent requested we receive this gift. Thank you for your support.

Rob Doty

Mark Tiarney

ELECTRONIC SIGN FUND UPDATE

At press time, just over \$7,000 has been donated **for the congregation's share of the purchase price of a new electronic sign.**

HAVEN OF REST BENEFIT DINNER

On Tuesday, October 17th, there will be a free dinner and program at the Twinsburg Hilton Garden Inn at 6:30 PM, benefitting Haven of Rest in Akron. The program includes a guest vocalist and musical selections by a choir of Haven of Rest residents. There will also be an opportunity to make a donation to the ministry of Haven of Rest. Reservations are required, so please sign up by Sunday, October 1st, to attend. Please see Sue Simmons for more information.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Thank you to all the Christ the King members for your presence, support and prayers during this tragic time of Kevin Tiarney's death. This has meant a lot to the family.

Kevin's mom (Michelle) & family.

[Editor's note: Kevin Tiarney was Mark Tiarney's nephew.]

AUGUST FINANCE REPORT	
<i>Complete financial information is posted on the kiosk outside the office.</i>	
Operating Income	\$20,070
Other designated income	\$800
Total Income	\$20,870
Operating Expenses	\$20,592
Other payments	\$2,075
Total Expenses	\$22,667
Net (Deficit)	(\$1,797)
Monthly Budget	\$21,921

Shining the Light of Jesus...

Thanks to the generosity of many members & friends, 221 pairs of undies, three men's t-shirts and two pairs girls' socks were donated during the July & August Undies Sundays. Special thanks to Lynne Bailey for organizing and delivering the collection to Haven of Rest, Akron.

Thanks to Mary Ellen Robinette & Paul Bucholtz for providing many Martin Luther cut-out cookies for Rally Day, September 12th; to Dotys for use of their Martin Luther cookie cutter; and to Katie Bach for creating the Luther seal craft for the day.

Thanks to our September 12th bood drive volunteers Marge Bowman, Wendy Gibbons, Luella Goodnight, Mike Mitch, Ginger Pituch, Anita Spaeth. The next Red Cross blood drive at CtK will be Tuesday, November 7th, from 2 to 7 PM. Watch for the sign-up sheet to volunteer to help at the registration desk or in the canteen.

Thanks to Tom Pituch for fixing a running toilet in the original women's restroom.



The National Youth Gathering Team, currently at six members, met recently to plan for the following events:

- **Beer, Brats 'n Bingo**-October 28, 6:30-????
- November 22, Wednesday 10am -?? Lessons 1-4. Lunch will be provided.
- February 10-Rock-A-Thon-8pm-8am Sunday
- Chili Cook-off in 2018. Practice your chili recipes.

Watch for more information about these projects, and help us get the word out. We need your prayers & participation, help in setting up these programs, and your financial assistance.

Current youth members of the NYG team are Gabrielle Doty, Adam & Elijah Groenke, Justin Hartland, Claire & Lydia Schiopota.

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CONFIRMATION CORNER...

October 22 class - 5pm, Church of the Master, Bedford, Pastor Brad: *Abraham, Isaac & Jacob; The Birth of a Nation.*



November 12 class - 5pm, CTK, Pastor Matthew: *The Prophets*

December 10-class - 5pm, CTK, Deacon Patti: *Saul, David, Solomon; Jesus' Lineage.*

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ACOLYTE TRAINING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2017
Following late service
(noonish)



Anyone 3rd grade or older is welcome. See sign-up on the bulletin board.

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COLLECTIONS AT CTK

Aluminum Cans: \$2.95 for 10.7 pounds

St. Pauly Clothing: \$143.04 for July; \$829 for 2017

River Valley Paper: \$13.10 for 1310 pounds in July



MARTIN LUTHER'S CORNER

[Editor's note: Proof that Martin Luther can stir up controversy 500 years later.]

The Vatican will issue a stamp to honor Martin Luther in 2017, marking the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. The Vatican regularly issues stamps to mark special occasions and to honor individuals. In the past, stamps have been issued to honor non-Catholics, but never to honor a non-Catholic for religious leadership.

Below are comments, presumably from Catholics, in response to the Martin Luther stamp.

- *Posted by: feedback - Jan. 19, 2017*

Isn't this a sin of proselytism? Lutheran proselytism.

- *Posted by: bernie4871 - Jan. 19, 2017*

Why not Henry VIII or Calvin or how about Mohammed? Why not?

- *Posted by: Elan - Jan. 18, 2017*

Is no one outraged? Shall we issue stamps to commemorate Henry VIII taking over the Church in England so that he could get divorced? Let's begin with the truth. Luther was wrong about most things and he divided Christ's Church. He reformed nothing! "Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice." Jn 18:37

- *Posted by: stpetric - Jan. 18, 2017*

It doesn't seem entirely accurate to call Luther a "non-Catholic". He was an ex-Catholic who abandoned the faith, indeed he was arguably a heretic. I'm not sure I grasp the prudence of Vatican City honoring him.

- *Posted by: jalsard15053 - Jan. 18, 2017*

Wow! I clearly need to attend Lutheran services to get what I'm missing about "religious leadership". Last I knew religious leadership came from people like, oh say St. Thomas More, St. Mother Teresa, etc. and on and so forth. Maybe Pope Francis is angling to lead the Lutherans.

- *Posted by: margieP - Jan. 18, 2017*

Taken from: <https://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=30516>

Yup--invite known pro-abortion and practicing LBGQ people for private audiences and now issue a stamp celebrating a heretic. Is this Catholicism in action or what!? (Ans: what)

This monthly blurb about Martin Luther is compiled by John Humrichouser for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

October 2017

For the most up-to-date event schedule for Christ the King, go to www.ctktwinsburg.com/?page_id=72

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Please contact Wendy in the office to volunteer for any openings shown below.

SHINING THE LIGHT OF JESUS AT WORSHIP IN OCTOBER 2017						
	Saturday, September 30 & Sunday, October 1	October 7 & 8 Consecration Weekend	October 14 & 15	October 21 & 22	October 28 & 29 Reformation Weekend	
Acolytes	5:30 pm Volunteer needed	Julia Noble Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Madisyn Wise Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	
	8:30 am Gabrielle Doty	Elijah Groenke Volunteer needed	Evan Harnak Volunteer needed		Julia Noble	
	11 am Marisa Dobbins				Grace Lue	
Sat. Worship Assistants, Lectors (L), Communion Assistants (C)	5:30 pm Patti Jabre	Katie Bach	Dave Denes	Patti Jabre	Katie Bach	
	8:30 am Pam Garrud (L, C)	Sally Morris (L, C)	John McBride (L), Shirley Duffy (C)	Mike Pereksta (L), Wendy Gibbons (C)	Wendy Jones (L), Crystal Stokes (C)	
	11 am Jeff Criswell (L), Karen Reid (C)	Jenn Lue (L), Jane Zaremba (C)	Sue Simmons (L), Kristin Wedemeyer Goss (C)	Chris Driver (L), Denise Tiearney (C)	Denise Tiearney (L), John Humrichouser (C)	
Lay Prayer Leaders	8:30 am Mike Coss	Shirley Duffy	Pam Garrud	Wendy Jones	Crystal Stokes	
	11 am Jenn Lue	Diane Procop	Karen Reid	Kristin Wedemeyer Goss	Jenn Lue	
Ushers	5:30 pm Dave Denes	Ron Miller	Ron & Charlotte Miller	Dave Denes	Lynne Bailey	
	8:30 am Joanne & Rich Ciarniello	Kristin Bedford, John McBride	Jean & Mike Coss	Bob & Sonja Roe	Wendy Jones, John McBride	
	11 am Chris Driver, Ginger Pituch	Kristin W. Goss, Kate Hartland	Volunteers needed	Chuck Goodnight, Volunteer needed	Linda Bender, Denise Hall	
Greeters	8:30 am Jean & Mike Coss	Sue Brunst	John McBride, D. Urban	Joanne & Rich Ciarniello	John McBride, D. Urban	
	11 am Denise Tiearney	Linda Bender	Chanon Bortak	Chris Spitz	Volunteer needed	
Sound Booth	5:30 pm Wendy Gibbons	Charlotte Miller	Wendy Gibbons	Claire Schiopota	Wendy Gibbons	
Altar Care	8:30 am Kristin Bedford	Amy Bates, Marge Bowman	Gabrielle Doty	Lisa Doty	Joanne Ciarniello	
	11 am Sue Simmons	Karen Scarpelli	Jane Zaremba	Kate Hartland	Jenn Lue	
Punch Maker	by 9:30 Kate Hartland	Kristin Bedford	Mary Ellen Robinette	Wendy Gibbons	Rich Ciarniello	
Coffee Clean-up	After noon Office Staff	Ginger & Tom Pituch	Sandy Molnar	Office Staff	Office Staff	
November Messenger Assembly Team: Leatrice Alexander, Lynne Bailey, Mary Smith, Jane Zaremba						
- Tuesday, October 24, 1 pm in Room 103						
November Messenger news deadline: Thursday, October 19, 2017						

Thanks to Shirley Duffy, Kristin Wedemeyer Goss, Sally Morris, and Jane Zaremba for assembling the October Messenger!



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM AUGUST 13, 2017 MEETING

Complete Council minutes are posted on the Council kiosk.

Meeting Agenda: Agenda was accepted as published.

Patti Jabre's Report

July Flea market: near-monsoon conditions forced the flea market indoors, consequently, attendance was light. The NYG youth raised \$374.

Ministry Reports

Worship and Music: It was suggested that 15 minutes of Christian music be played before each service, especially any new music to be sung at that service.

Monthly Ministry Focus:

- October 2017 Worship & Music
- November..... Outreach, Stephen Ministries
- December (no ministry fairs)
- January 2018..... Christian Education, Youth
- February..... Hospitality, Congregational Care
- March Evangelism, Fellowship
- April..... Council, Mutual Ministry, Chancel Care, Worship Helpers
- May..... Property

Finance Report

There has been additional giving in response to bills listed in the *Weekend Messenger*.

Rob to ask Endowment to create guidelines for the CtK Bylaws on administering three new funds: Book Fund, Building Fund, House Fund.

Building the church

Electronic outdoor sign: to date, donations toward the purchase of the sign are approximately 50% of the congregation's portion.

Direct mail postcards: continue to be mailed.

Newspaper ads: continue to run in *Twinsburg Bulletin*, *Nordonia News Leader*, and *Aurora Advocate*. John Humrichouser said that with lapses in publication and no noticeable results, the ads should be discontinued after the six-month trial period.

Old Business

Employee Handbook: it was recommended that copies of the handbook before and after proposed changes be emailed to council members to review.

CtK as smile.amazon.com charity: tabled until the next meeting.

Eagle Scout Project: David Stauffer, member of Twinsburg First Congregational UCC, has received approval from BSA to build a fire pit at CtK as his Eagle Scout service project. Pastor Matthew or Rob will ask him to coordinate with Lisa Doty about design and location.

Sunday brunch: John H. recommends that additional brunches not be considered until next summer, to keep them fresh and inviting.

Sign for the basketball backboard: John has received the appliqué for the basketball backboard and will coordinate with Property to have it applied.

Tiger Pride Lane sign: John received the A-frame size sidewalk sign that was first used on Twins Days Weekend.

New Business

Building use request: Kristy Warrell, on behalf of Girl Scout troop #91449, requested monthly meetings on Wednesday evenings. The request was approved.

Beer, Brats and Bingo: Patti asked to hold the event in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Building use policy states that "alcohol can only be served at CtK events and must receive prior Council approval," she asked for approval at that event. She noted that it would be "bring your own beer." A motion was approved to allow the consumption of alcohol at this event.

Respectfully submitted: David F. Denes, Council Secretary

***Ongoing CtK Events******MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST***

All men 18 and older are invited to meet for food and fellowship at Bob Evans on Route 82 at 8 AM the first Saturday of the month, October 7th. See Tom Pituch for details.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The CtK Tuesday Women's Bible Study meets weekly at 10 AM in Room 105. Wendy Gibbons leads the hour-long sessions, which include Bible study, fellowship, discussion, and prayer. All women are invited to attend weekly or to drop in when their schedules permit. The group collects an offering to support the Cleveland YWCA's Nurturing Independence and Aspiration initiative to assist youth aging out of foster care.

The study through November, from *Gather* magazine, is *The Apostles' Creed* by Julia Seymour. October's topic is "We Believe in Jesus Christ." She writes, "...creeds are more than just words. They are vessels for carrying one another through doubt, joy and sorrow."

Bibles and copies of the study are available at class. To subscribe to *Gather* call 844-409-0576; a year's subscription (10 issues) is \$20. See Wendy with questions.

FAITH WEDNESDAYS

Pastor Matthew leads a Bible study at noon on Wednesdays in the fellowship hall and allows time to eat lunch. In October he continues a study of Old Testament prophets. Everyone is welcome to attend whenever it's convenient!



Anita Spaeth	10/3
Madisyn Wise	10/4
Ron Farleman	10/6
Carol Foster	10/6
Sonja Roe	10/8
Billy Grigger III	10/9
Vincent Spagnola	10/9
Ted Herberth	10/12
Tom Pituch	10/13
Jeremiah Groenke	10/15
Rob Doty	10/16
Jane Zarembo	10/17
Heather Stayanchi	10/18
Sue Simmons	10/19
D. Urban	10/19
Larry Jaskiel	10/20
Ron Miller	10/23
Jasmine Powers	10/24
Michael Goodnight	10/25
Kelly Ream	10/25
Michael Nelson	10/26
Iris Thompson	10/27
Bob Coleman	10/28
Cara Jablonski	10/28
Dale Schlosnagle	10/30



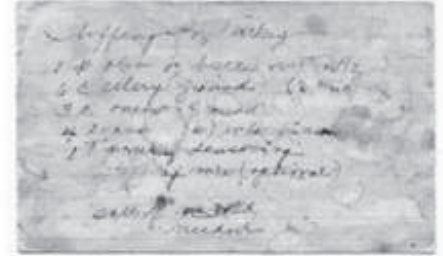
Bill & Sara Grigger	10/2
Bob & Chanon Bortak	10/4
Rob & Lisa Doty	10/11
Chris & Mary Smith	10/13
Joe & Cindy Meyer	10/14
Jody Clare-Harnak & Brian Harnak	10/16
Cathy & Don Novotney	10/16
Pastor Matthew & Julie Groenke	10/18
Nicholas & Katie Novotney	10/18
Marty & Chris Spitz	10/20
David & Janet Schiopota	10/26
Dave Denes & Bob Poshedley	10/30

AT THE TABLE TOGETHER

By Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, *Presiding Bishop of the ELCA*

Old recipes are precious things. They give instructions about how to prepare a dish, but they are so much more. They are filled with memories. They connect families as they are passed from one generation to the next. They bring events and people from long ago right into the present.

I am looking at a recipe card that has that effect on me. It's my mother's recipe for stuffing for turkey. It's written in her neat hand—a skill I never mastered. It's a basic recipe, just bread and butter and onions and celery and poultry seasoning. I don't even have to read it now when I make stuffing, but I like to look at it because it puts me right back into Thanksgivings past.



Thanksgiving in our family was an *event*. The Eatons have been gathering for Thanksgiving dinner for nearly 70 years. We traded off between our house and my aunt and uncle's home. When it was our turn we got up early and started cooking.

Out came the recipes and equipment. There were no food processors in those days. We had a cast iron food grinder that clamped on to the edge of the kitchen table. It was kept in its own special box. It only made an appearance once a year and its emergence signaled that Thanksgiving had arrived. Grinding the celery was no problem. Onions were another story. My brothers and I spelled each other at turning the crank until we were overcome by the fumes.

My parents and my aunt and uncle established this tradition shortly after World War II. We have always had three and sometimes four generations present. A lot has gone on in our family and in the world these past decades. Marriages, children, moves, deaths, war, recession, elections, the '60s. We are a lively bunch and none of us lacks an opinion or the ability to express it. Conversations were spirited and sometimes heated. My father and my uncle served in the army during World War II. My older brother and older male cousins didn't support the Vietnam War. We belong to different political parties. We are Lutheran and Catholic and members of the Unification Church and unchurched. We are liberal and conservative.

But no matter what, when my mother or my aunt announced, "Supper's ready," we all came to the table together. We were family, we shared our lives, we loved each other.

A lot is going on in our church and in the world right now. We are a changing church, which brings its own tension. We live in a wired world where news is instantaneous and continuous. We don't agree on everything. We belong to different political parties. We have varied ethnicities. We're liberal and conservative and everything in between. We're in an "either/or" world. And we are contending with cultural forces that exacerbate division. But by the tender love of God, by this ceaseless pursuit of the Spirit, we are members of the body of Christ. We are family. We share our lives. We love each other.

Here is another simple recipe: flour, water, wine, the body and blood of Jesus. A meal of healing, forgiveness and thanksgiving. No matter what, when our Lord tenderly and urgently invites, "Supper's ready," we all come to the table. There in our common brokenness we meet each other in Christ.

A monthly message from the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
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Christ alone Deeper understandings - August 2017

By Martin Lohrmann

“If you know Jesus well, it is enough, even if you know nothing else. But if you do not know Jesus, whatever else you learn is nothing.”

These words were the personal motto of Lutheran reformer John Bugenhagen (1485-1558). He was the head pastor in Wittenberg, Germany, a co-worker in the Reformation and Martin Luther’s pastor.

While it makes for a nice saying, what do these words mean for us today? With so many good things to know and learn in this world, has Bugenhagen said that only a certain kind of Christian knowledge is holy, useful and good? Are Christians the only ones who know true things about God and life?

Questions like these help us consider the meaning of the Reformation slogan *solus Christus*, Christ alone. At first glance, Bugenhagen’s motto and phrases like “Christ alone” can sound like salvation and wisdom belong to “Christians alone.” That is not what this phrase means.

The good shepherd and merciful judge

Many New Testament verses tell us that Jesus knows the people of this world better than we do. Jesus has sheep in other pastures (John 10:16), he promised salvation to the honest thief on the cross (Luke 23:43), and he welcomes into heaven those who never knew that they were serving him (Matthew 25:34-40). From this perspective, “Christ alone” is not a way to keep people from God.

Instead, “Christ alone” is a word of freedom. When we are tempted to make salvation something we achieve through our holiness, “Christ alone” reminds us that Jesus is the only one who truly brings reconciliation, freedom and the life of God. When religious people—including our churches—want to define who is in or out of God’s kingdom, we recall that “Christ alone” is the good shepherd and merciful judge. When we wonder what it will take to piece this broken world back together, we know that “Christ alone” gives the healing love that makes us whole.

For this reason, reformers like Luther, Philipp Melanchthon and Bugenhagen used the phrase “Christ alone is our righteousness” to show how Jesus uniquely cuts through all the obstacles that get in the way of reconciliation with God and our neighbors. The second generation of reformers used this same phrase in the Formula of Concord (Epitome, article 3) to affirm that no one and nothing else in creation sets us free from that which keeps us from God. Further, “Christ alone” does not minimize the other members of the Trinity but points to the unique work of God in Jesus Christ through the power of the Spirit.

A claim to service

It’s true that “Christ alone” is a statement of faith that belongs to Christians. Even so, this does not need to create an “us against them” situation when it comes to other religions or viewpoints. We can share our experiences of Christ’s goodness, using the same loving care that Jesus extended even to enemies. Being *solus Christus* people reminds us that Christ himself came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). In that light, “Christ alone” is not a claim to superiority but to service.

What might this kind of sharing look like in practice? In a world full of big ideas and competing powers, we can join Joshua in saying, “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15). When confronted with other sources of meaning in life, we can say with Paul, “I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified” (1 Corinthians 2:2). We can talk about what “Christ alone” means to us, even as we treat others with the same respect we would want to receive ourselves (Matthew 7:12).

Besides religious faith, what do we make of other kinds of knowledge, like the arts and sciences, business and public service? Bugenhagen’s statement about knowing Jesus doesn’t displace the importance of these other fields. It does, however, suggest that Christian faith reshapes what we know in helpful ways. For instance, knowing Jesus invites us to consider not only *which* technologies we use but how we use them. Knowing Christ means not wondering *if* we should care about our neighbors but how we are effectively serving those around us.

The Lutheran reformers knew that many things compete for our hearts. That is why they insisted upon “Christ alone” as the sole liberator and resting place for our lives. Their reforms of worship, church and society sought to keep the goodness and freedom of Christ central. In this way, “Christ alone” is a message of faith and freedom simple enough for children, yet deep enough for a lifetime of wisdom, growth and action.

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