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Martin Luther said and wrote a lot of things. As we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, we're highlighting what he said about one of the Lessons we're hearing each Sunday. Here he speaks of today's Gospel: Matthew 9:35–10:8



“If you refuse to have the right kind of preachers, then you shall have the devil and his preachers, who preach lies to you. These you will have to accept, and you will have to let them govern you and torment you.’ Because the Gospel has been refused and even persecuted in our Germany, the corners are full of sectarians, fanatics, and Anabaptists; and there is nothing anyone can do to prevent it. The right preventive measure here would be to take the Gospel seriously and to pray God faithfully that He may send true and faithful laborers into His harvest (Matt. 9:38).” LW 21:227

Wow! Luther did not mince words when it came to faithfulness to God's Word. Let's care enough to share the Word faithfully, by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

THE LORD WILLING, THIS WEEK THROUGH IMMANUEL ... IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Sunday, June 18, 2017

Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) 7:30 AM
Worship Service (C) 8:30 AM
Bible Class (C) 9:45 AM
Pastor at St. Paul, Bowen 10:30 AM

Monday, June 19, 2017

Nominating Committee 7:00 PM

Thursday, June 22, 2017

Elders 7:00 PM

Sunday, June 25, 2017

Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) 7:30 AM
Worship Service (C) 8:30 AM
Bible Class (C) 9:45 AM
Pastor at St. Paul, Bowen 10:30 AM

SC = Student Center (303 N. Clay) C = Church (906 E. Grant)

7:30am Sundays at 96.7FM. Sponsored by Immanuel!

June 25 "What God Says" Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Are you listening to what "they" say-- or what God says? (Isaiah 43:1-3)

July 2 "Serving in the Power of the Spirit" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Because Christ has paid our debt, we are no longer captive to sin but are free to live for others, in His name. (Romans 7:1-13)



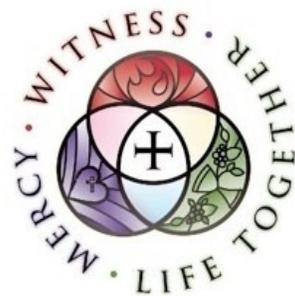
It's good to know ...

- ❖ On October 29, 2017 at 3:17 PM (15:17) our whole Quincy Circuit will gather in Quincy at St. James Lutheran Church for a festival Reformation Service! Pastor Doug Bender (a son of our circuit!), will be the preacher.
- ❖ Pastor Larry Troxel is recovering from back surgery, and our Circuit pastors are covering the Services at his congregation, St. Paul Lutheran in Bowen, until mid July. Today and June 25 Pastor Burdick will conduct a 10:30am Service there.
- ❖ On July 2 we switch locations, but not times! 8:30am Services will be at the Student Center, 303 N Clay St, July 2-August 6.
- ❖ Free TV: the 32" tube tv that used to be in the fellowship hall is available to anyone who wants it. It's heavy, works fine, and is free. You'll see it in the room to the left of the Church Chancel, on the pew.
- ❖ Your congregational elders are praying for you! Let them know what your prayer concerns are: Doug Erickson, Curt Strode, Terry Standard.
- ❖ You can serve the Lord in your home, your work, and your congregation. Would you like to serve as a congregational leader? Our Church Council will be elected on July 23. Speak with our Nominating Committee (Marc Troxel, Michelle Wennedt, Pastor Burdick) if you're interested in a position of servant-leadership.
- ❖ We had a great VBS week. Hot. Full of grace and truth. Rejoice. Special thanks to Kathy Burdick!
- ❖ Next Church Council meeting: Wednesday, July 5 at 7:00pm at the Student Center.
- ❖ "The way to love anything is to realize that it may be lost." — G.K. Chesterton

RETURN BABY BOTTLES FOR BIRTHRIGHT ... We need your help for the return of the baby bottles filled with your loose change on Father's Day weekend, June 18. Collection boxes will be at the back of the church. If you prefer to write a check (useful in itemizing U.S. tax returns as your contribution is deductible) please make it out to **Birtheright** and roll it into the bottle. Bottles can also be dropped off the following weekend, June 25. Any questions/problems? Phone Gloria Hurh, 309-833-1146. Your support of expecting and new moms is appreciated.



This was 60 years ago!



"Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the Church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes."



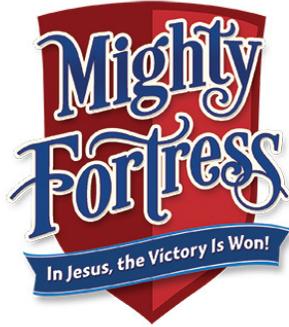
Reenacting the fall of the Jericho walls.



King Josiah rejoiced to find the Word of God!



Reading the true story of King Hezekiah



Thanks be to God ... and you!



Former preschoolers now are the oldest students!



Chloe helped with crafts every night.



Enduring the insults of Hezekiah's enemies.



Bigs and littles having fun with games together.



Craft time.



Landon helping lead music.



A Memory-Verse Tower!



& Triple Noahs!