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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday Church School 9:30 A.M.
SCS does not meet in June, July or August

Sunday Worship 8:15 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.
Summer Schedule 8:15 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

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SUMMER SCHEDULE IN EFFECT



Worship services during the summer months are at 8:15 and 10:00 AM. Sunday Church School does not meet during the summer.

On Sunday, September 3, we will return to our regular schedule with worship at 8:15 and 10:45 AM. Sunday Church School will resume with a Rally Day on September 10th. More information will follow in the August newsletter.

REFORMATION REFLECTIONS

In his time Martin Luther was a rock star—sort of!

The wild notoriety that accompanied Luther came to him through university debating and publication of his exchanges with famous theologians of the day. All education and learning came through the church and its schools and universities. Not football, but debating! Debating “Theology the Queen of Sciences.” Debates were set up between professors of the various universities. The topics, boundaries, place and date were established. Then off the invited professor and his entourage of professors and students would travel to the host university.

The Luther biographies and the biographical movies all made a big deal of Luther’s debate with John Eck of the University of Leipzig. John Eck was originally quite friendly toward Luther, but after the posting and publishing of the 95 Theses all possibility of friendship was off.

The most famous scholar in Europe, Erasmus of Amsterdam, also exchanged letters of theological discussion with Luther. He was worried that Luther’s lack of restraint would bring trouble to the “whole scholastic enterprise.”

Most of the letters with their criticisms and insults were published by the printers anxious to make a living selling the searing insults and inflammatory ideas.

When Luther journeyed to Worms to attend the Diet he was followed by a group of people, mostly students. Luther’s favorite form of travel was horse and wagon. It was slow going—two weeks from Wittenberg to Worms. He was invited to preach and teach at stops along the way. By the time he reached Worms, 16 imperial trumpeters announced him, and the imperial herald led the procession. It is estimated that 2,000 people escorted him to that famous confrontation. The crowd was mostly friendly to Luther and was one of the reasons that he wasn’t grabbed and shipped off to Rome for trial, conviction and execution.

Luther did not travel very far in his lifetime—the imperial ban kept him in friendly territory, but wherever he did travel people would find out he was coming and went out of their way to see the famous monk. He was invited to preach, teach and debate. The students loved the debates and cheered Luther their favorite wherever and whenever they could.

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FIRLU HAS HEARD...



-that as of May 25th our offering receipts are \$10,829; last year they were \$12,833.

-that the church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

-that best wishes are extended to **Lauren Semanchek** and **Robert Boone** who will be married on July 29.

-that the Sacrament of Holy Baptism was given to **Augustus Von Victor**, son of Stephanie and Daniel AND to **Ava Claire Ulishney**, daughter of Katie and Jeremiah. We rejoice in the waters of baptism and God’s gift of new birth.

-that thanks goes to Mary Leppold for weeding and flower planting in the front lawn. Property and the congregation are very appreciative of the beautiful results! God Bless.

-that registrations are now being accepted for the 2017-2018 term of the First Lutheran Preschool. Classes are offered for children ages 3 and 4. Please speak to Barb Krumszyinsky or call the church office for more information.

-that you can help us promote our preschool! If you have a Facebook account, please go to “First Lutheran Preschool” and “like us” on Facebook. The more “likes” we have, the more ability we have to share our preschool mission: To provide an affordable, high quality, educational program while promoting the Christian faith and a love of learning.

-that assistance is greatly needed the third Thursday of the month by 8:00 AM to unload the truck and sort groceries for Food Pantry distribution.

-that Angel Food cakes (home baked or purchased) are needed the first Sunday of every month for Meals on Wheels. Bring your cake to the church office. Thanks!

-that you may contact the church office if you would like a free piano (you will need to pick it up).

-that the deadline for the August newsletter is Monday, July 17th. Please be prompt. You may submit your articles to office@felchurch.org.

See you at worship,
FIRLU

Serving At First In July 2017

7/2 7/9 7/16 7/23 7/30

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Ailanthus Hanzel Erik Hanzel Erika Ament Cade Cavanaugh	Reese Woodley Jacob Julian	Drew Erdman Tanner DeTesta Caris Rehak	Ailanthus Hanzel Erik Hanzel Bradley Schmidt Christopher Steel	Reese Woodley Alyssa Tomb Haley Tomb
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Rocco Marusko	Suzy Flory	Dianna Marusko	Rebecca Brunetta	Pat Yost
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Al Danilko	Drew Erdman	Dwight Miller Lexi Hahn Scott Hahn	Liz Rowe Tim Irwin Spencer Irwin
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Delivery

Helen Marie Flinger	Betty Mohney	Cheryl Lucas	Nola Petrazzi	Betty Kraus
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8:15 USHERS

Kip Boggs
- chief
Sue Boggs
Noah Boggs

10:00 USHERS

Al Danilko
- chief
Bob Errett
Scott Hahn
Al Leppold

ALTAR GUILD

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- coordinator
Ann Copper
Evelyn Sager

Frederick the Wise who established Wittenberg University was very pleased with the results of Luther's celebrity. Enrollment at his University was growing by leaps and bounds.

Luther's fame continued all the years of his life and he died on his way home from Mansfeld where he had been mediating among three rather nasty brothers who "ruled" over the citizens with greed and cruelty. Oddly, he died in Eisleben the city in which he was born and baptized. On February the 20th the horse-drawn hearse and the mourners who had accompanied Luther to Mansfeld began the long journey back to Wittenberg. His two sons were among the group which followed the 50 horsemen escort.

That first evening when the party reached the town of Halle, all the bells in the city began to ring. The cortege had become so immense that people in the side streets and the public market could not move in the crush. Two days later they arrived in Wittenberg and were greeted at the city gates by Luther's family, the clergy and professors. The crowd was reported to number in the thousands.

And that brings me back to the point where I say Luther was a rock star—sort of! He most certainly was a celebrity in a time when only some of the very highest of the nobility were greeted by such huge crowds.

Joan Orr

SWPA W/ELCA 500TH REFORMATION CHALLENGE

Summer is moving along and so is our WELCA Reformation challenge. We continue to appreciate your generosity concerning the previous items needed. For the months of July, August and September we will be collecting gift cards, in any amount, from either Walmart or Target. These will be given to help Human Trafficking Safe Houses. As usual, the collection boxes will be in the Narthex and the entrance to the Educational Building.



Ruth Circle does not meet during the summer. Look for an announcement of the next meeting in the August newsletter.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:15 W&S 10:00 W&S	3	4 Church Office Closed	5 FOOD/HEART	6	7	8
9 8:15 W&S 10:00 W&S 9:30 Information Technology	10	11 6:00 Personnel 7:00 Cong Council	12 FOOD/HEART	13	14	15
16 8:15 W&S 10:00 W&S	17 <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	18 7:00 Christian Ed 7:30 Finance	19 FOOD/HEART	20 FOOD PANTRY	21	22
23 8:15 W&S 10:00 W&S	24	25	26 FOOD/HEART 6:30 Property 7:00 Executive	27	28	29
30 8:15 W&S 10:00 W&S	31					

SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

During the summer months, Social Ministry will be collecting nonperishable items for our Emergency Food Cupboard. These items will be used to assist many individuals and families in our community.



July is “Carb Month”.

Suggested items are:

- ◆ Pasta / pasta sauce
- ◆ Pouch/Box sides
(pasta/rice/potato/stuffing, etc.)
- ◆ Mac & Cheese
- ◆ Crackers (saltines, etc.)

August is “Canned Food Month”.

Items especially needed are:

- ◆ Soup
- ◆ Fruit
- ◆ Canned pasta (spaghettios, etc.)

A box is located in the education building foyer for your donations.

Please **check the expiration dates** before donating, as we cannot distribute expired items in the Emergency Food bags.

Thank you!