



Emmanuel's Voice

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WHO WE ARE

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Barb Laho

Ed Wardell

Lois Jones

From Our Pastor:

The bible studies have been enjoying the DVD series “Reformation Roots.” One thing we found odd is the producers of the series developed a symbol associated with the Reformation that appears periodically on screen. That symbol - a blood spot. Yikes! It is difficult for our modern minds to wrap around just how bloody and violent this period in time was.

The first DVD in the series lifted up this point. Prior to Martin Luther posting his 95 Theses several other churchmen tried to bring about reforms in the church. But they were labeled as heretics and burned at the stake. This got me to thinking. How did heresy become such a big deal? Why actually kill people over it? Was it really that important? Again for our modern minds, this seems a bit, well, extreme.

Heresy actually was considered a huge risk from very early on in church history. It finds its biblical basis in Titus 3:10-11: “¹⁰Reject a divisive man after a first and second admonition ¹¹knowing that such a man is corrupt and sinful; he is self-condemned...” In the first couple hundred years of the church, core doctrine was in its infant stages. In other words, they didn’t have it all figured out. So early church leaders spent a lot of time defining core beliefs such as the Trinity, why Jesus had to die, etc. By the end of the third century, certain writings were considered more reliable and thus utilized more frequently. Those are the books that ended up in the bible. Most of the so-called “lost books” of the bible that we hear about today - the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Mary Magdalene - actually were rejected by the church because they were considered heretical. Although there often are political concerns for things like this, the concern actually was spiritual - it had to do with the salvation of souls. Correct teaching could save souls but heretical teaching could damn souls. So from early times on, the church guarded against heresy. When Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire in the 4th century, church and state became deeply connected and eventually heresy became a capital offense. You see the state carried out the punishment not the church. The church may have declared someone a heretic, but it was the state that carried out the sentence.

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From Our Pastor: (continued)

It wasn't until the 17th and 18th centuries, when governments started to separate "church" and "state", that executions for heresy became extinct. Thankfully today, although we should take heresy seriously, no one will burn because of it!

There really are some good reasons to study some of these heresies. One reason is it can help to firm up our own beliefs. For example, did you know that it's actually heretical to say "I made a decision for Christ (as in a decision for salvation). God always makes the first move in saving someone. We can respond with a "yes", but we don't really decide. Or, did you know, it's actually heretical to say "If only everyone were a Christian, the world would be so much better." Not really. We are all still sinners. The world would still be a mess, we would just know that in the end it will be better!

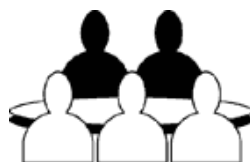
Additionally like your mother always told you "there's nothing new under the sun." Many of the issues that came up early on in church history still come up today, just in different forms. The idea that God is a "life force" and not an actual being is one of those ideas.

Well, I hope you have found this helpful in understanding why heresy was considered so dangerous to the faith, but also how, when we are informed of our own faith, can help us name our faith today.

Peace and blessings.

Pastor Jackie

Council Highlights



For August 5, 2017

Present: Pastor Jackie Rau, Ed Wardell, Barb Laho, Jerry Hall, Lois Jones, Jambres Maximore, and Darin Page.

Absent: None.

Opening

Before start of meeting was a short lesson/discussion "Priesthood of all Believers".

Started meeting at approximately 10:00 a.m. with prayer.

Property

Parking Lot Update:

- Yet to be completed: Dumpster (posts in no concrete) and Bicycle Rack (rack in but no concrete).
- Concrete is scheduled to be poured in coming week; weather permitting.
- Handicapped signs need to be procured, must be compliant.
- West end of parking lot (dirt): needs to be discussed by congregation; should be easy to maintain.

Fence:

Needs to be painted ... resolved to do on August 19 (power-wash first).
[Is on hold]

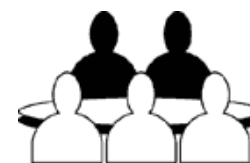
Unfinished Business

- Constitutional update: still needs to be done (open).
- Employee Review: Questionnaires sent out and not all yet returned.
- Congregation List/Directory: is in the works.
- Update on guest congregation: Sent us a check for July.

Adjournment with Prayers

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Hall

Council Highlights



**For September 9,
2017**

Present: Pastor Jackie Rau, Ed Wardell, Barb Laho, Jerry Hall, Lois Jones, Jambres Maximore, and Darin Page.

Absent: None.

Opening

Started meeting at approximately 10:00 a.m. with prayer.

Maria Cook gave a presentation concerning Synod "Rise Up" Campaign. In part concerns lay leadership training and developing stewardship strategies to better serve our missions. Discussed.

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Council Highlights (continued)

Property

- West end of parking lot (dirt): For present try seeding with grass-what kind? In spring can consider options
- Resolved to paint fence: must find a time when people are available.

Administrative issues

- Workload: need more lay leadership in many areas, such as 2017 VBS, Sunday school, Lunch and Learn.
- Pastor has vacation 9/25/17 to 9/27/17

New Business

- Phil Hemke Reformation service on 10/1/17; Passed
- Confirmation update.
- Recognize Paul Zeyte on 11/5/17. (was longtime janitor before joining church)
- Pastor: considering possible trip to Tanzania with Synod group, 11/6—11/13.

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Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Hall



Bible Study

The 7 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study and the Wednesday 10 a.m. Morning Group are using a DVD/Discussion series called "Reformation Roots" to learn more about the reformation.

On Monday, October 16th and Wednesday, October 18th, Father Jeremy Harrington from Transfiguration will join us to discuss some of the work the Catholic and Lutheran Churches have done to restore unity.

Please plan to join us if you can!



Reformation Book Fair

Our Book Fair in the spring went so well that we have agreed to host another. Augsburg Fortress has several books related to the history of the Reformation and the doctrine that resulted from it. We have them on display in the fellowship hall and are available for you to review. Please order any that you are interested in. There are some new titles and some repeats from the last book fair.



October Birthdays

November Birthdays

Please note that October's Birthday Sunday is October 22, 2017 and November's Birthday Sunday will be on November 27, 2017. If you have a birthday in either August or September, please bring snacks for the Coffee and Tea Fellowship Hour that day.



So here's the good news. Through the end of August 2017 our giving towards general operations is \$89,500 which is actually an increase over giving during the same period for the last two years (through August 2016: \$80,700; through August 2015: \$84,000). But the bad news is our disbursements still outpace our giving (\$97,200 through August 2017).

Now that the parking lot project is virtually complete, it is time to center our attention on our ministries. We know many of you have faithfully given what you can and perhaps have even stretched yourself to give a bit more. Please just keep us in mind as we approach the end of the year in any end of year giving plans you might make. Also keep in mind there are still several property issues we would love to look at (i.e. the front steps, painting the interior), so any giving to capital improvement would be appreciated also!



2017 marks the 500 year anniversary of the start of the Reformation. During October we will be doing a few things to commemorate this:

Sunday, October 1st - Martin Luther visits Our Congregation and will review his life, the main themes of the Reformation, and the spirit behind the Reformation. We will be challenged with his intensity and "For me" dimension of our faith. We will use parts of the small catechism as the liturgy. Luther's message will include a power point with many of the faces and places of the Reformation. Dr. Martin hopes that we will have a deeper feel on the 500th anniversary year of the Reformation for our vital Christ-centered ministry.

Sunday, October 8, 15 and 22 - Sermon series by Pastor Jackie on reformation themes.

Sunday, October 29th - Reformation Service, followed by a German Potluck luncheon! Remember to wear red.

We will also highlight some of Luther's hymns as our "Hymn of the Day."

Don't Be Late!

Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 4.



All Saints Day

All Saints' Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November

5. Please submit names of those you wish acknowledged to Christina Wardell by Sunday, October 29.

Also Pastor Jackie would like to set up a display that morning with pictures of those we are naming (who have died in the past year). If you could get those to the office by Sunday, October 29th that would be helpful.



Our annual CROPWALK planning meeting with members of local community churches will be in the Southfield Parks and Recreation building, at 26000 Evergreen, Room 220/221 on Monday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. This walk is held to raise monies to fight against hunger, both in countries all over the world and in our own community. All are welcome to attend the meeting.



Boo Bash

Southfield Parks and Recreation will host the 2017 Boo Bash on Saturday, October 21 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Southfield Pavilion.

Boo Bash will include games, crafts, hayrides to the pumpkin patch, trick or treating, live music shows, skating, and more. We expect 500 children and their parents to attend this event.

Community groups are encouraged to host a booth and hand out the candy. Emmanuel would like to host a booth again this year. We need volunteers and donations of candy. If you can help please let Pastor Jackie know.

Goodfellow Gifts



If you are able, please choose a tag and purchase and wrap a gift for a needy child. Goodfellow tags will be available beginning on Sunday, November 5. If you would like a tag, please see Comique People.

Please wrap all Goodfellow gifts, attach the cardboard ornaments to them, and bring them to church by Sunday, November 26.

Thanksgiving Dinner – November 23



Emmanuel members and friends, please join us for Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 3 p.m. Bring yourself, friends, family and a dish to share. Let Christina Wardell (248-352-4558) know if you will be coming and what you wish to bring. Christina will be bringing the turkey. Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up.

Upcoming Lunch and Learn programs



Tuesday, October 24: Teresa Irish, author of "1,000 Letters Home," will speak on her book. Her book is based on letters she found that her grandfather wrote home to his family while serving in WWII.

Tuesday, November 28: Ron Campbell, Oakland County Preservation Architect, will speak on "If these Walls Could Talk." He will speak on some historical buildings in Southfield and surrounding neighborhoods, sharing their stories.

Lunch is served at 11:00 a.m. with the program following shortly after. We are typically done by 1:00 p.m. We hope you can join us for one or all of these events. If you plan to attend, please let us know so that we can be sure we have enough food available. We could use some help with set up and clean up. Volunteers usually meet around 10:00 a.m. and are finished up by 2:30 p.m. or so. We can be reached at 248-357-1848 or you can email the office at emmanuelstld@yahoo.com.



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 He does not take messages.
 Just try calling again and again.

Paul Zetye
 Sunrise at North Farmington Hills
 Rm. 226
 29681 Middlebelt Road
 Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Memorial Fund

The Memorial Fund Committee graciously wishes to acknowledge gifts received in memory of:



Henrietta Malone from Richard and Sandra Bryant, and Roger and Harriet Demorest.

Sincerely,
Cindy Moilanen
 Memorial Fund Committee

Fun facts about the Reformation

Did you know...

...the the term "Protestant Reformation" originated from German princes who issued "protests" against the Holy Roman Emperor who opposed calls to reform the Catholic Church.

...Luther was not the first or the last churchmen to seek reforms in the church. Jan Hus (Czech) and John Wycliffe (England) before him were both executed for their efforts at reform. Ulrich Zwingli (Swiss) and John Calvin (France) came to prominence shortly after Luther.

...during the 14th and 15th centuries, there was a schism in the church, called "The Western Schism," which greatly lowered the reputation of the Church and the influence of the Pope. This paved the way for folks seeking reforms.

...there were also many changes in the culture, such as the decline of agrarian society and the rise of commerce, that made the time ripe for reform.

...not everything that Luther did was good. He was anti semitic, writing "set fire to their synagogues or schools," in *On the Jews and Their Lies*. The Lutheran Church deeply regrets that today.

WORD SEARCH

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- MARTINLUTHER
- MELANCHTON
- MONASTERY
- PEASANTSWAR
- POPE
- PRIESTHOOD
- SACRAMENTS
- SOLAS
- THESES
- WITTENBERG
- ZWINGLI

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October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 17 Pentecost Sunday School and Teen Forum 9:15 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon New Revolution Church 2 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	2 Bible Study 7 p.m.	3	4 Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m..	5 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	6	7 Men's Breakfast at Stackers Deli 8:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting 10 a.m.
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22 20 Pentecost Sunday School and Teen Forum 9:15 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon New Revolution Church 2 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	23 Bible Study 7 p.m.	24 "1000 Letters Home" Lunch and Learn 11 a.m.	25 Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	26 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	27	28 Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.
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Sunday Servants • October 2017

	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Day	17 Pentecost	18 Pentecost	19 Pentecost	20 Pentecost	Reformation Sunday
Color	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red
Readings	Romans 1:17 Ephesians 2:8 1 Peter 2:5 2 Timothy 3:16 Matthew 11:29-30	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36
Presiding	Pastor Jackie Rau				
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Sharon Hall	Jamie Maximore	Morgan Jones	Maggie Vore	Lois Jones
Music Director	Valerie Felder				
Cantors Valerie Felder	Lisa Jones	Donna Page	Marie Cook	Barbara Klimkowski	Darin Page
Ushers Roger Demorest	Lisa Jones Morgan Jones Jamie Maximore Mya Maximore	Christina Wardell Ann Dixon Kaiya Cross Dorothy Krisel	Don Thompson Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest	Dean Lemponen Jack Klein Derrick Williams	Barb Laho Beryl Muckleroy LaDonn People Comique People
Greeters Barb Laho	Faye and Cameron Lowe	Eddie and LaDonn People	Barb Laho Jack Klein	Janet and Ed Kotajarvi	Maggie Vore
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Chloe Rau	Jamie Maximore Mya Maximore	Marcus Rau	Tristin Cross Ben Myrick	Morgan and Lisa Jones
Altar Care Donna Page	Marie Cook, Kaiya Cross, and Tristin Cross				
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Vicki Perttunen Rudy Perttunen Roger Demorest	Vicki Perttunen Rudy Perttunen Roger Demorest	Richard Chavanak Jerry Hall Ann Dixon	Richard Chavanak Jerry Hall Ann Dixon	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	First Sunday Group	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	October Birthdays	German Potluck
Flowers Christina Wardell	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed
Audio Recording	Ed Wardell				
Worship Folder and Bulletin	Christina Wardell				

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5 All Saint's Day Sunday School and Teen Forum 9:15 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon New Revolution Church 2 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	6 CROP Walk Meeting at Southfield Parks and Rec. 6:30 p.m.	7	8 Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	9 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	10	11 Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.
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26 Christ the King Sunday School and Teen Forum 9:15 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon New Revolution Church 2 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	27 Bible Study 7 p.m.	28 "If these Walls Could Talk" Lunch and Learn 11 a.m.	29 Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	30 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	December 1	December 2 Men's Breakfast at Stackers Deli 8:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting 10 a.m.

Sunday Servants • November 2017

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Day	All Saints Sunday	14 Pentecost	15 Pentecost	Christ the King
Color	White	Green	Green	White
Readings	Revelation 7:9–17 Psalm 34:1–10, 22 1 John 3:1–3 Matthew 5:1–12	Amos 5:18–24 Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 Matthew 25:1–13	Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18 Psalm 90:1–8 [9–11] 12 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 Matthew 25:14–30	Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24 Psalm 95:1–7a Ephesians 1:15–23 Matthew 25:31–46
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