

Dr. Martin Luther  
Evangelical Lutheran Church

October, 2018

# The Church Door



DML welcomed its newest member, William Lee Kitchka, through baptism on Sunday, September 16, 2018. William was born on July 1, 2018 in Muskegon, Michigan. His parents are Jennifer and Matthew Kitchka. Welcome William! We are so happy to have you!

Please join us for the Second Annual Blessing of the Animals for St. Francis Day, October 4! St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and the environment. Bring your pets for a prayer and brief blessing at 7:00 pm! Meet in front of the bell tower. All are welcome!



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# PASTOR'S CORNER

# LESSONS & HYMNS

## October 7, 2018— Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

*Deacon* Jeff Ward  
*Accomp.* John Deppe  
*Lector*  
*Acolyte* Braxton Ward  
*Ushers* Mike Sellon & Russ Tilden  
*Safety* Ray VanderStelt & Dave Justian  
*Nursery* Betty Proksa  
*Counters* Tom & Donna Whitehead  
 Cindy Borreson

### Lessons

Genesis 2:18–24  
 Psalm 8  
 Hebrews 1:1–4, 2:5–12  
 Mark 10:2–16

### Hymns

#761—Evening and Morning  
 #595—Jesus Loves Me!  
 #182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful  
 #781—Children of the Heavenly Father  
 #840—Now Thank We all Our God

## October 14, 2018— Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

*Deacon* Andrew Kitchka  
*Accomp.* Ardy Bulthouse  
*Lector*  
*Acolyte* Olivia Ward  
*Ushers* Brad Johnson & Ray Vanderstelt  
*Safety* Mike Sellon & Jeff Ward  
*Nursery* Jan Ward  
*Counters* Brad & Lauren Johnson,  
 Randy Borreson

### Lessons

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15  
 Psalm 90:12–17  
 Hebrews 4:12–16  
 Mark 10:17–31

### Hymns

#655—Son of God, Eternal Savior  
 #707—Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us  
 #182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful  
 #492—O Master, Let Me Walk with You  
 #313—O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

## October 21, 2018— Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

*Deacon* Cindy Borreson  
*Accomp.* Nancy Gibson & Barb Anderson  
*Lector*  
*Acolyte* Makenzie Pastoor  
*Ushers* Randy Borreson & Dustin  
 Shunta  
*Safety* Rich Wygant & Tom Whitehead  
*Nursery* Michelle Ward  
*Counters* Tom & Betty Proksa, John  
 Moore, Tom Whitehead

### Lessons

Isaiah 53:4–12  
 Psalm 91:9–16  
 Hebrews 5:1–10  
 Mark 10:35–45

### Hymns

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## October 28, 2018— Reformation Sunday

*Deacon* Andrew Kitchka  
*Accomp.*  
*Lector*  
*Acolyte* Hope Shunta  
*Bookbr.*  
*Torchbrs.*  
*Thurifer*  
*Ushers* Michelle & Jeff Ward  
*Safety* Randy Borreson & Tom Proksa  
*Nursery* Donna Whitehead  
*Counters* Randy & Cindy Borreson,  
 Michelle Ward

### Lessons

Jeremiah 31:31–44  
 Psalm 46  
 Romans 3:19–28  
 John 8:31–36

### Hymns

#504—A Mighty Fortress is Our God  
 #414—Holy God, We Praise Your Name  
 #590—Salvation unto Us Has Come  
 #184—Let the Vineyards  
 #654—The Church's One Foundation  
 #517—Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

# GROUP NEWS

**The Dorcas Circle** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 am. They will meet next on October 4 for a Kolache Bake for the annual Book and Bake Sale in the DML kitchen. Whether you're an experienced baker or would love to learn please feel free to join them at 9:00am. Dorcas will also be hosting the annual Book and Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall on October 20 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. For more information on the Dorcas Circle please contact Betty Proksa.

**The Men's Club** meets for breakfast the second Saturday of each month for a time of fellowship and to discuss or take care of miscellaneous things around church. The men's club will be assisting with the Annual Book & Bake Sale, offering a Chili Lunch from 11:00am-1:00pm. Last month the men assisted with moving Pastor Mike's office furniture both in and out of the office during renovations. The next meeting is Saturday, October 13, at 9:00am at Whitlow's Forerunner Restaurant. Contact Tom Whitehead at 231-740-2144 for more information.

**The B.I.B.L.E. Club** meets immediately following the Children's Sermon during Sunday worship. B.I.B.L.E. Club kicked off their year with their annual Rally Day on September 9 and treated the congregation to a Luau -Themed luncheon following worship. Thank you to all who were able to attend. Watch for updates on fall activities! Please contact Dawn Snider at 616 791-4413 for more information.



## MILITARY FAMILY

*Please remember those serving*

**Master Chief Russ  
Tilden, Jr.  
United States Navy**

**Staff Sergeant Lance  
Hughson  
United States Air Force**

## Council News

Council met on September 4, 2018. President Janeen Pastoor called the meeting to order and Pastor Mike led devotions with a reading from James, chapter 2 and a prayer. Several key points were discussed such as the installation of the carpeting in Pastor Mike's office, quotes for a once a year full professional cleaning of the carpets and the building and the new solenoid for the top bell in the bell tower. The new controller, solenoid and lubrication of the bell clappers should happen in the next couple of weeks. Thanks to all who helped move the furniture back into the office and the sacristy. Also discussed was the distribution of home worship kids at the Farmer's Market, the 8/29 date was cancelled due to weather. Watch for an updated date weather permitting. The next meeting will be October 2, 2018 at 6:30pm.



## Prayer List



Gene Fortune

Pari Bailey

Tom Fortenbacher

Ada Filka

Sue Galekovich

Ann Hamil

Tom Hulka

Tillie Jandris

Noah & Kaylee Shafer

Carissa Jones

Jan Kerekrety

Charlie Majersky

Danny Moore

Christine Praskac

Stanley Swiatek

Gary VanderStelt

Barbara Hvizdos

Roger Anderson

Betsey Colella



# CALENDAR OBSERVANCES-OCTOBER 2018

## Thursday, October 4

### **Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226**

Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. In a public confrontation with his father, he renounced his wealth and future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. Francis described this act as being "wedded to Lady Poverty." Under his leadership the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) was formed, and they took literally Jesus' words to his disciples that they should take nothing on their journey and receive no payment for their work. Their task in preaching was to "use words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gladness and gratitude for all of God's creation. This commemoration has been a traditional time to bless pets and animals, creatures Francis called his brothers and sisters. A prayer and hymn attributed to St. Francis are included in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (p. 87, #835).

## Thursday, October 4

### **Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864**

Fliedner's (FLEED-ner) work was instrumental in the revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. While a pastor in Kaiserswerth, Germany, he also ministered to prisoners in Düsseldorf. Through his ministry to prisoners, he came in contact with Moravian deaconesses, and it was through this Moravian influence that he was convinced that the ministry of deaconesses had a place among Lutherans. His work and writing encouraged women to care for those who were sick, poor, or imprisoned. Fliedner's deaconess motherhouse in Kaiserswerth inspired Lutherans all over the world to commission deaconesses to serve in parishes, schools, prisons, and hospitals.

## Saturday, October 6

### **William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536**

William Tyndale was ordained in 1521, and his life's desire was to translate the scriptures into English. When his plan met opposition from Henry VIII, Tyndale fled to Germany, where he traveled from city to city, living in poverty and constant danger. He was able to produce a New Testament in 1525. Nine years later he revised it and began work on the Old Testament, which he was unable to complete. He was tried for heresy and burned at the stake. Miles Coverdale completed Tyndale's work, and the Tyndale-Coverdale version was published as the "Matthew Bible" in 1537. For nearly four centuries the style of this translation has influenced English versions of the Bible such as the King James (Authorized Version) and the New Revised Standard Version.

## Sunday, October 7

### **Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787**

Muhlenberg (MYOO-len-berg) was prominent in setting the course for Lutheranism in North America. He helped Lutheran churches make the transition from the state churches of Europe to a new identity on American soil. Among other things, he established the first Lutheran synod in America and developed an American Lutheran liturgy. His liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888, used in many North American service books for a majority of the past century. That Muhlenberg and his work are remembered today was anticipated at his death. The inscription on his grave reads in Latin, "Who and what he was, future ages will know without a stone."

## Monday, October 15

### **Teresa of Ávila (Teresa de Jesús), teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582**

Teresa of Ávila (AH-vee-la) is also known as Teresa de Jesús. She chose the life of a Carmelite nun after reading the letters of Jerome. Frequently sick during her early years as a nun, she found that when she was sick her prayer life flowered, but when she was well it withered. Steadily her life of faith and prayer deepened, and she grew to have a lively sense of God's presence with her. She worked to reform her monastic community in Ávila, which she believed had strayed from its original purpose. Her reforms asked nuns to maintain life in the monastic enclosure without leaving it and to identify with those who are poor by not wearing shoes. Teresa's writings on devotional life have enjoyed a wide readership.

## Wednesday, October 17

### **Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115**

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria. It was there that the name "Christian" was first used to describe the followers of Jesus. Ignatius is known to us through his letters. In them he encouraged Christians to live in unity sustained with love while standing firm on sound doctrine. Ignatius believed Christian martyrdom was a privilege. When his own martyrdom approached, he wrote in one of his letters, "I prefer death in Christ Jesus to power over the farthest limits of the earth. . . . Do not stand in the way of my birth to real life." Ignatius and all martyrs are a reminder that even today Christians face death because of their faith in Jesus.

## Thursday, October 18

### **Luke, Evangelist**

St. Luke is identified by tradition as the author of both Luke and Acts. Luke is careful to place the events of Jesus' life in both their social and religious contexts. Some of the most loved parables, including the good Samaritan and the prodigal son, are found only in this gospel. Luke's gospel has also given the church some of its most beautiful songs: the Benedictus sung at morning prayer, the Magnificat sung at evening prayer, and the Nunc dimittis sung at the close of the day. These songs are powerful witnesses to the message of Jesus Christ.

## Tuesday, October 23

### **James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62**

James became an early leader of the church in Jerusalem. He is described in the New Testament as the brother of Jesus, and secular historian Josephus calls James the brother of Jesus, "the so-called Christ." Little is known about James, but Josephus reported that the Pharisees respected James for his piety and observance of the law. His enemies had him put to death.

## Friday, October 26

### **Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters**

These three outstanding hymnwriters all worked in Germany during times of war and plague. When Philipp Nicolai was a pastor in Westphalia, the plague killed thirteen hundred of his parishioners. One hundred seventy people died in one week. His hymns "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" (ELW 436) and "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!" (ELW 308) were included in a series of meditations he wrote to comfort his parishioners during the plague. The style of Johann Heermann's hymns moved away from the more objective style of Reformation hymnody toward expressing the emotions of faith. Among his hymns is the plaintive text "Ah, Holy Jesus" (ELW 349). Paul Gerhardt lost a preaching position at St. Nicholas Church in Berlin because he refused to sign a document stating he would not make theological arguments in his sermons. The author of beloved hymns such as "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (ELW 351), some have called Gerhardt the greatest of Lutheran hymnwriters.

## Sunday, October 28

### **Simon and Jude, Apostles**

Little is known about Simon and Jude. In New Testament lists of the apostles, Simon the "zealot" or Cananaean is mentioned, but he is never mentioned apart from these lists. Jude, sometimes called Thaddeus, is also mentioned in lists of the Twelve. At the last supper Jude asked Jesus why he had chosen to reveal himself to the disciples but not to the world. A traditional story about Simon and Jude says that they traveled together on a missionary journey to Persia and were both martyred there.

## Wednesday, October 31

### **Reformation Day**

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of the abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

# OCTOBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Congregational Life 7:00pm	2 Church Council 6:30pm	3 Adult Education 6:00pm	4 Kolache Bake 9:00am  Blessing of the Animals-St Francis Day	5	6  Geocaching 101 10:00am- 12:00pm
7 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am	8 Book Study 6:00pm  Parish Education 7:00pm	9 Finance Committee 6:30pm	10 Adult Education 6:00pm	11	12	13  Men's Club @ Whitlows 9:00am
14 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am  Lumberjacks Family and Faith Night 3:15pm	15 Property Committee 5:30pm	16 Worship & Music 6:30pm	17 Adult Education 6:00pm	18	19          Pastor Mike Vacation →	20  Book & Bake Sale 9:00am- 1:00pm   Chili Lunch 11:00am- 1:00pm
21 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am  →	22	23  Pastor Mike on Vacation →	24	25	26	27
28 Reformation Sunday 10:00am	29	30	31 Adult Education 6:00pm  Reformation Day			

**Sunday October 14, 2018 3:15pm**

***Lumberjacks Family and Faith Day!***

\$10 includes ticket, hot dog, chips and pop

Ticket forms are included in this months newsletter and can also be found in your weekly bulletin! Forms are due to Lauren Johnson by October 7.

**Monday October 8, 2018 6:00pm**

**DML Book Club!**

This month's book is Hillbilly Elegy, A Memoir of Family and Culture in Crisis.

This is a memoir by J.D. Vance about the Appalachian values of his Kentucky family and their relation to the social problems of his hometown of Middleton, Ohio.

MADL books available from David Justian or purchase your own copy. You have approximately one week to read the book. Please join us!

***Annual Book & Bake Sale Updates***

Thursday October 4, 2018 9:00am

Kolache Bake-DML Kitchen

Calling all Bakers with experience or who want to learn. We will be making Kolache for the annual Book and Bake Sale. All are welcome!

Saturday October 20, 2018

9:00am—1:00pm

Book and Bake Sale

Sponsored by the Dorcas Circle

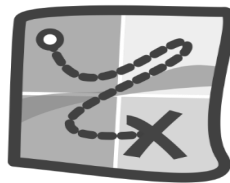
Chili Lunch available from the Men's Club

11:00am—1:00pm

Please contact Dorcas members with any questions.

**Mission Statement**

We are a people of God in Christ,  
called to believe and sent to  
serve.



**Please join Us!**

**For Geocaching 101**

**Saturday October 6, 2018**

**10:00am-12:00pm**

**Meet at DML before moving to an area park. Option to meet for lunch when complete at a place TBD. If interested in attending there is a sign up sheet in the narthex.**



**NEEDED!**

Books for our annual Book Sale!

All books are welcome-Hard Cover,  
Soft Cover and Magazines of All Kinds.

Baked goods are also needed!

Calling on all of our talented

bakers to Bake! Bake! Bake!

Please contact any Dorcas

member with questions.

All donations are appreciated!



The Noisy Offering this month will go toward Family Promise of the Lakeshore. This organization works to end homelessness by providing shelter and support services to families. They do this by utilizing area churches to provide overnight housing. They also provide a Day Center where the families can search for jobs and housing, obtain case-work services and referrals, and receive Life Skills training. Their 14 host churches include First Lutheran and Our Savior's Lutheran.

Pastor Mike and Katie will be on vacation from October 19, 2018 to October 26, 2018.

If you have a pastoral need please contact Janeen Pastoor at 231-557-2952.

Andrew Kitchka will be starring as Oliver Warbucks in the Central Park Players product of Annie. There are a limited number of tickets left and performances run October 11, 12, 13 @ 7:30pm, October 14 @ 2:00pm, and October 18, 19, 20 @ 7:30pm.

The “Church Door” title is taken from the “Theses Door” of the Castle Church which has made Wittenburg so famous.

Just as the “Theses Door” was used as a bulletin board for notices in Luther’s time, this newsletter can also be used by our members to communicate with each other and our guests about church life and events. Published monthly, The Church Door is available the last Sunday of the month.

Please contact Andrea Iams (231-730-3584 or [ai.dmlc@outlook.com](mailto:ai.dmlc@outlook.com)) if you’d like to add an article or event to next month’s newsletter!

## Upcoming Events

Wednesdays @ 6:00pm  
Adult Education —Study of the Augsburg Confession

Thursday October 4, 2018 9:00am  
Kolache Bake—DML Kitchen

Thursday, October 4, 2018 @ 7:00pm  
Blessing of the Animals/St. Francis Day

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