



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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The Christian Connection

PASTOR'S COLUMN

THE WORD OF THE CROSS IS THE BASIS FOR THE CHURCH'S UNITY

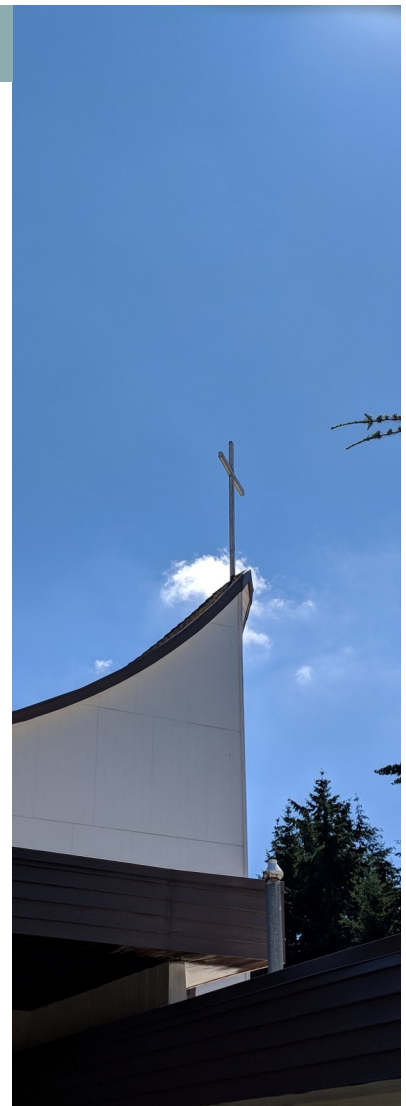
Our Bible Study on Sunday mornings has been studying 1 Corinthians. We are only part way through the first chapter but I have been struck by the intense focus of Paul's message.

The Church in Corinth was probably not all that big. It was probably about the size of the average AFLC congregation. Yet it was divided into at least four different factions. The church was planted in a city with an oversexualized culture and it was overly proud of its intellectual prowess.

Some folks in the church remembered and were drawn to Paul's simple and powerful approach to teaching and preaching. Some were drawn to Apollos' eloquent sermons which likely had beautiful rhetorical flourishes. Then there were those drawn to Peter whose apostleship was absolute. (No more than Paul's, which scripture clearly shows) We do not really know a lot about these distinct groups, but what we do know is that the factionalism in the church was potentially devastating.

To address these issues and others, Paul desired to remind the church of the Word of Christ Crucified. It is the preaching of Christ Crucified which will draw the church into unity and maintain its unity. That is because unity comes only from Christ.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/6—Dinner, 6 PM;
Vespers, 6:45 PM
- 10/16—Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30 AM
- 10/20—Vespers, 6:45 PM
- 10/24—
Congregational Meeting after Worship. Pot-luck meal to follow.
- 10/31—Reformation Sunday and 1st Communion



RUBERWA FAMILY REUNION!

We were finally able to celebrate with Prosper and his family this past month. Having the Ruberwas as a part of our fellowship has been a blessing since Prosper first arrived. Now with his entire family here, it has been a tremendous blessing to get to know Francene, Cherubim, Ornella, and Nobel. This is a picture of a celebration meal we shared with Prosper and with the local Banyamulenge community and the lawyers who helped bring his family home.

So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"
~Hebrews 13:6

TRAIL LIFE USA TROOP MEETING

FALL BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- Divine Worship: Sundays at 9:30 AM
- Christian Education for all ages: Sundays at 11:00 AM
- Confirmation Classes: Sundays at Noon
- Men's Breakfast (Saturday morning, once per month)



Above: ORLC Deacon, BJ Coy leads the Trailmen in devotions.

To the Right: Trailmen gather around the fire as we conclude the night learning about fire safety.

More information is on page 4 and more pictures can be found on page 5.



LOOKING TO SERVE?

We have a few places where we could use some help. Would any of these tasks be a place you could serve?

- Substitute Sunday School Teacher
- Greeter on Sunday Morning
- Social Media/Photographer

Talk to Pr. Schultz if you are interested.

*“We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us!”
~A Mighty Fortress, #141*



REFORMATION SUNDAY—OCTOBER 31ST

Reformation Sunday is a great day. Not only so because we always seem to break out some of the most beloved hymns of the Reformation, but also because it reminds us that God uses regular people to do amazing things through the Holy Spirit.

The Reformation was nothing else than God using theologians like Martin Luther and Philip Melanchthon, secular rulers like Philip of Hesse, and John the Steadfast, elector of Saxony, as well as regular people like you and me to bring forth the Gospel in all its purity.

The church had drifted from the simplicity of Christ crucified for you and had burdened men and women under the law, often, man-made law. The “Gospel” was no good news at all. The church’s teachings concerning salvation had become an elaborate system of indulgences, pilgrimages, and religious taxes.

To remember the particular work of the Holy Spirit through the Reformation, we celebrate a the Reformation Festival on October 31st. The colors in the sanctuary are changed to red to signify the Holy Spirit’s work and we recall the work of Jesus Christ which was delivered to you through the Word

OFFICE HOURS

9 AM—12 PM
Tuesday— Thursday

FREE BREAD FRIDAYS

Be sure to let your neighbors know that we have free bread available every Friday from 10 AM - 3 PM. The bread is provided by Community Resource Network.

TRAIL LIFE USA

September saw our first Trail Life USA Troop meeting at ORLC.

“Trail Life USA is a Church-Based, Christ-Centered, Boy-Focused mentoring and discipleship journey that speaks to the heart of a boy. Established on timeless values derived from the Bible and set in the context of outdoor adventure, boys from Kindergarten through 12th grade are engaged in a Troop setting by male mentors where they are challenged to grow in character, understand their purpose, serve their community, and develop practical leadership skills to carry out the mission for which they were created.”

The best description of Trail Life USA that I have heard is that it is an alternative to the Boy Scouts. Assistant Troup Master, Mr. Steve, explained why this alternative is needed. “Without getting into political

issues the Boy Scouts have been dealing with, the Boy Scouts primarily do outdoor stuff, then focus on character development, and then faith. Trail Life USA is primarily faith and character development with outdoor stuff added in.”

The Troop that meets at our facility is based out of Reach Church. Their facility was not able to adequately host the troop and so they are now meeting in our facility while still being officially based out of Reach Church. Through this partnership, we hope to have a tremendously positive impact on the boys and men who come.

If you are interested in more information or in joining the troop, you can talk to BJ Coy or Pastor Schultz for more details, or by visiting their website, www.traillifeusa.com.

VERSE OF THE MONTH

“Hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

Romans 5:5

PASTOR'S COLUMN (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Different congregations have different preachers at various times. This is not surprising. God has gifted pastors and lay people to serve the congregation in diverse ways. You might have a pastor with a forceful personality like Paul or Peter who preaches simply and in a straightforward manner. You might have someone like Apollos who is able to wax eloquent and preaches with a silver tongue. Or you might have a pastor who reads his manuscript in a monotonous voice and never looks up from his sheets of paper (or tablet).

Real unity will never be found in your pastor or in your church leadership. Unity is found in the Word of the Cross. If you have a pastor who preaches Christ crucified, pray for him, and give thanks to God for sending you a faithful shepherd.

This month's Pastor's Column was written by Pr. Schultz for a blog he regularly contributes to, [Servant's Pen](http://www.servantspen.com). You can read other articles by Pr. Schultz and others at www.servantspen.com

Below are a few more pictures of Prosper's family arriving at SeaTac and Trail Life USA.



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OLD THEOLOGY BOOK QUOTE OF THE MONTH—HENIRICH SCHMID'S *THE DOCTRINE OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH*

The grounds (for our justification) lies entirely in the merit of Christ, for by this our sins are blotted out, and God is enabled to receive us again into favor. The means, however, through which we attain justification is faith. In no wise, therefore, is any merit or worthiness on our part demanded as the condition for the impartation of justification... It is not denied, indeed, that a moral change has taken place in man, both at the time when he cherishes faith and also at the time when justification occurs; but this can be regarded even then as only the attendant of justification and as exiting at the same time with it, and in no wise as the condition upon which we attain justification.

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