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What Does October Hold For You?

Wikipedia has a lot of interesting information about the month of October. Did you know it is the 10th month of our current calendar but was the 8th month of the calendar before that? (Hence “octo” which means eight, is the 10th month of the year.) Did you know that October is National Hispanic, Italian, and Polish heritage months in the USA; as well as National Arts and Humanity Month? Did you remember that it is one of 7 months with 31 days? I never knew that it is the only month to start on the same day of the week as January, except when it’s a leap year. It’s also National Breast Cancer, Dental Hygiene, Orthodontic Health, Lupus, Down Syndrome, Healthy Lung, Physical Therapy, Spina Bifida, SIDS, and Infertility Awareness Month.

Ask any child what October 31st is all about and they will answer Halloween, costumes, and candy. I guess like so many things in life, it will mean different things to different people. It all depends on what’s important, core, defining, and at the center of their lives.

I hope somewhere in your busy October you will remember that it’s also Reformation time. As Lutherans, we are children and descendents of it. Even though it took place in Western Europe in 1517, we who live in America in 2008 are still defined by it. Even though it originated in a small German city named Wittenberg, it has affected countless communities around the world. In fact, some historians say that it is one of the defining events in modern human history, and that Doctor Martin Luther (The Reformer) and his teachings changed everything.

As Lutherans, we agree. It was his personal struggle and journey of faith that led him to rediscover that God loves even sinners, that He sent his Son Jesus Christ to die for them, and that we need to believe in Him. His discovery also moves us to believe and teach that people are saved by God’s grace and not by being good. He put the Bible back into its rightful place in the Church. We sum it up by saying salvation is by Grace Alone, by Faith Alone, and by God’s Word Alone.

Wikipedia forgot to mention this important information. I trust you won’t make the same mistake. Have a blessed October!

Pastor Folwaczny

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I've always enjoyed Autumn. When I was a child, I enjoyed getting back to school after a long summer vacation. I looked forward to trick-or-treating with my friends. I got to go shopping with my mom for new fall clothes – not just uniforms - which was very exciting for a parochial school kid! Now, as an adult, I am enjoying soccer games with my son, Brownies with my daughter, and that feeling of preparation for the upcoming Winter cold. As President, I've started planning and implementing ways to save our congregation money. I am also trying to keep our members more informed about each other, as well as what is new at the church and school. There will be more low-cost (or free) social events to enjoy fellowship with our church and school family. We will be participating in Fairs, Parades, and Outreach events. Invite your friends and co-workers to worship with you. It is our job to help prepare others by sharing the Good News. I often hear Emanuel referred to as "a friendly church". What could be friendlier than to introduce others to our Eternal Friend, Jesus?

Yes, preparation is a big part of our lives as Christians. 1 Thessalonians 5:2 says, "for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" and 1 Peter 1:13 says, "Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled, set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed."

In His Service,

Debra Ferraro
President

Update on Council Meeting Of September 15, 2008



At the Council meeting held on September 15, the following were among items discussed:

Welcome to Wendy Rudolf, our new Youth Director. Welcome to Eric Billings, our new Buildings and Grounds Chair.

Wendy discussed the upcoming Youth Pasta Dinner Fundraiser to be held on 10/24 at 6:30 pm. The teens will use funds raised towards upcoming trips and events.

Discussion of Emanuel's participation in the upcoming rescheduled Longwood Fair on November 1 & 2. We are hoping for School Committee, Evangelism, Youth, Social Ministry, and Christian Ed to be involved. This Fair will give us the opportunity to reach out to tens of thousands of people.

I addressed the ongoing security issues in and around the building. Committees and School personnel are reminded to be vigilant about locking up after any events. Discussion on cameras, alarms, etc. Money remains an issue in purchasing these items. Technology Committee is looking into ways to start implementing security, putting the most vulnerable items first.

Finance Report was discussed. Offerings have decreased, expenses have increased.

Pastor will be starting Confirmation Classes for 7th and 8th grades on October 1.

In His Service,

Debra Ferraro
President

“Running the Race” Hebrews 12:1

EMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



PLEASE JOIN US: Chapel - Wednesdays at 10:00 am Praise - Fridays at 2:20 pm

OUR CHURCH AND SCHOOL FAMILY: If anyone is interested in marching with the Emanuel float for the Patchogue Holiday Parade the Saturday following Thanksgiving, contact the church or school office. What a witness to be a presence on Main Street at this well-attended parade.

FIRE SAFETY: Thank you to the Patchogue Fire Department for running a fabulous Fire Safety Program for our Preschool – 8th grade students.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION: Our 5th -8th graders will be making their annual trip upstate for a unique learning experience. This year we are going to Koinonia. They will be learning about God's creation, hiking, boating and much more.

ACTIVITIES: Girl Scouts is again up and running. We have strong Junior, Brownie and Daisy troops. Boy Scouts are now in the building. Troop 47 will be meeting on Monday evenings in the gym.

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND: Many children participate in this fun way to save money. This is a great way for young people to take part in raising money for their church and school as well.

PTFL NEWS : The PTFL will be concentrating their efforts on keeping our computers updated, new programs, technology in general and the Accelerated Reader Library. If you are interested in any of our fund raisers, call the school office.

HAPPY REFORMATION DAY: In Honor of Reformation Day the children will be wearing RED on Oct. 31 and for our Reformation Chapel.

In His service,

Lori Lee Joerz

Emanuel Lutheran School Committee Report

Visit from Linda Mitchell (from Lutheran Schools Association): She gave a presentation regarding an 'Educational Planning Document'. This is a comprehensive evaluation tool involving 7 aspects of our ministry at Emanuel. It is a relatively new program within Lutheran schools, but the Catholic Diocese in Brooklyn has used a similar program 4 years ago. It is designed to evaluate the school, identify areas of improvement, and present an action plan. Teams are selected and data is gathered. Linda will walk us through the process, as will others in LSA. Upon School Committee's approval, we will be going forward with this.

We are looking into ways of providing feedback to the school utilizing a pre-determined on line survey. This is in addition to the 'Educational Planning Document' stated above, but will compliment it.

The School Committee will have a presence at the Emanuel booth during the rescheduled Longwood Estate Fair, November 1&2.

Building issues: Now that we have a Chairman for Buildings and Grounds, I will be interfacing with Eric regarding open issues as they are presented to me. Some are kitchen, doorways and holes in walls.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Spigonardo
School Committee Chair

**“Train up a child in the way he should go:
and when he is old, he will not depart
from it.” Proverbs 22:6**

Movie Night at Emanuel

Date: Wednesday, October 22nd
Time: 6:30 pm
Place: Emanuel Church Sanctuary
Cost: Free

October is the month of Reformation in the Lutheran Church. Come learn more about the man who started it all in this Hollywood production about Martin Luther. After the movie, there will be time for a brief question and answer period with Pastor Folwaczny. Rated PG-13 for violence, this movie is appropriate for 7th grade and older.

Click on Picture below for the Trailer



Sunday School

Sunday School started on September 7th, with 60 children in attendance. We had several new students that came to us through Emanuel Lutheran School. What a blessing that our church and school work together so well.

I'm sure that many of you have noticed the beautiful banners hanging in the church. I want to thank Linda Ducoing for her wonderful work in sewing these banners together for us. If you get the chance, take time to stop and look closely at the banners. Each square was done by a student in Sunday School. Each child chose their own Bible verse and decorated it accordingly. It was such a joy for me to see how much they had all learned throughout the year.

In His Service,

Kay Billings
 Sunday School Superintendent

Upcoming Events

10/22- 6:30-9:00 pm
Movie Night "Luther"

10/24 - 6:30 pm
Youth Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

11/1 & 11/2 - 11:00 am -5:00 pm
Longwood Fair

11/14 6:30 pm
Fall Feast to benefit Food for the Poor

12/12- 6:30 pm
Church & School Christmas Party
In Zoller Hall

12/13 Couples Club Christmas
Party at the VFW



12/5 -6:30 pm
Ladies Night Out
Tickets will be available soon.
See Robin Spigonardo or
call her at 447-8401.

Memorials:

For: Alice Schroder
From: Ken and Millie Schwindt, Nancy and George Barrett, Paul and Dee Darnell, Robert and Linda Thompson, Harold and Susan Nelson, Mia and Gerhard Redelberger, June Gillette and Brenda Kirschenheiter, Audrey Bowen,
For: Helen Waters
From: Millie and Ken Schwindt

Baptisms:

Grace Ann Venth	June 28
Peter Paul Hodge	July 18
Ava Marie Spano	August 23
Nicholas Walter Gehrig	August 31
Connor Russel Hayes	September 6

EMANUEL'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Social Ministry Committee greatly appreciates your support by sponsoring an entire Thanksgiving Dinner for a needy family in our community.

YOUR BASKET SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Stuffing mix
Instant potatoes
Canned vegetables
Canned yams/sweet potatoes
Cranberry sauce
Turkey gravy
Canned/dried fruit
Applesauce
Ready to eat pie (not frozen)
Coffee & tea
Powdered milk
Sugar
Cookies/pudding mix/candies
Muffin/bread mix
Assorted juices or apple cider
Condiments (salt & pepper, olives, etc.)

Please feel free to add any additional items of your choice to the basket. You may provide the turkey also, however that must be brought to Church on Sunday morning, November 23rd. Social Ministry will provide the perishables. If you would like to make a financial contribution, please submit money in an envelope marked: **Social Ministry Thanksgiving Basket.** If you wish to donate a turkey, **please call Sara Walter at 363-6258** and leave your name and phone number.

Please bring your baskets back to the church on Saturday, November 22nd between 9-11AM. THANK YOU for sharing God's blessings with others in our community!

SOCIAL MINISTRY

October 19th is Bread for the World Sunday. Social Ministry will have a Bake Sale during Coffee Hour, and there will be Bread for the World envelopes in the bulletin. If you make a contribution by check, please write the check to Emanuel Lutheran Church and write Bread for the World and your envelope number in the note field.

Social Ministry will start our Thanksgiving Outreach at the end of October. The food list for the Thanksgiving baskets is in this copy of The Herald, and will also be available when you sign up to donate a basket. Sign-up will begin on Sunday, October 26th.

Karen Pruden joined us at our September meeting – Welcome to Social Ministry, Karen!

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 6th at 7PM at my home.

Nancy Layman
Social Ministry Chairperson

WORSHIP



Several people are still needed to serve as Ushers. The duties include: handing out bulletins, collecting the offering, assisting people at Communion time. This position only requires 1 Sunday service per month. If you are interested, please see me or call the church office.

Many thanks to Joan Elsebough and Fran Schultz for repairing tattered hymnals and Bibles. If you see any that need repair, please bring them to my attention.

Once again, thank you to Diane Monsell who artfully arranges the altar flowers each week. This is a special talent that truly blesses our congregation.

Millie Schwindt
Worship Chair

Technology Committee

Church & School Phone Bills:

An analysis of the Church and School phone bills over the last 12 months revealed that the monthly average bill was \$365, for a total of \$4271 a year. Wow! We called Cablevision to see what it would cost to switch over to Optimum Voice; it would cost \$180 a month for a total of \$2156 a year, half the price. Included are all these features: we can keep our phone numbers, Optimum Voice provides digital phone service without extra monthly fees or taxes, and unlimited calling to the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. It also includes 14 business-calling features like Enhanced Voicemail, Line Hunting, 3-Way Calling, and Online Web Portal to check voicemail and manage phone lines. The change was presented to Council and approved. The switch-over date is set for October 10. The phone lines will go down for about 5 minutes during the switchover.

Coming This Fall: Computer Beginnings



FOR GROWN-UPS, PRESENTED BY THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE. This slow-paced, hands-on workshop is specially designed for first-time computer users. This unique class covers the basics in a way that even the most inexperienced user will understand. We'll cover turning the computer on, the Windows desktop, using the mouse, opening programs, saving a file, surfing the Internet, using email, helping you set up a free email account, and turning the computer off. Please see me or call me at 399-0733 to sign up for this class. We will be looking to start this class in November.

We will be setting up a public computer access area in the Church for use by our members who don't have Internet access at home. Our goal is to help more people in our Church get connected to the Internet.

We are looking for some volunteers to join our Tech Team. Anyone who is willing to learn how to put the worship services together, record the services, work with the computers and the internet system, pulling wires, etc., we need you! We know that many hands make light work; this may be the area where God is calling you to serve.

In His Service,

Vinny Ferraro
Technology Committee Chair

Christian Education Committee



Dear Members and Friends,

Mark your calendars and come enjoy a "Walk Thru The Bible". Emanuel Lutheran will be hosting a seminar on Saturday, January 17, 2009. This one-day journey will include lunch and a workbook for continued study. Our instructor will Walk Thru the New Testament, all 27 books. This seminar is appropriate for students 6th grade and older and all the young at heart. Attendees will have an understanding of the overall purpose and plan of God, which will serve you well. When you read the Bible you will understand it better and be able to place people, places and events into their proper order. Come begin your journey!

Students \$25, Individuals \$30, Couples \$50, and our Family of 4 plan \$85. Please feel free to call me at 631-475-3513. A sign-up sheet will be available soon.

With God's Love,

Dawn Fischetti
Christian Education Committee Chair



Youth has had a great start with the new school year. We have a steady core group and have added half a dozen new youth on Friday nights. September's car wash and bake sale have helped many of the youth raise money for upcoming trips, such as Harvest '08 at Madison Square Garden. This is a Youth event on October 19th with speaker Greg Laurie and three Christian bands. The Youth are very excited about this trip! We want to thank everyone who supports our Youth.

Mark your calendars for our Harvest Dinner coming up on Friday, October 24th at 6:30 pm in Zoller Hall. The youth will be cooking up all sorts of pasta dishes and preparing seasonal activities to share with the children. This fundraiser will help more of our teens attend our summer Youthworks Mission Trip.

The youth have started doing community service projects. If anyone has a need for help around the yard this fall, please contact me. We are also looking forward to attending the Longwood Estates fair November 1st and 2nd, where we will be helping out with crafts at the Emanuel table.

Have a Blessed October!

In His Service,

Wendy Rudolf
Youth Director

Buildings and Grounds



As I start my tenure as the chairman of the Buildings and Grounds committee, I think about how this opportunity has been given to me. Emanuel Lutheran Church is so much more than just a building with property that needs to be maintained. It is a home. For many of us it is almost a second home that we gather together in with our brothers and sisters to worship and fellowship, where we make lifetime friendships, and find whatever is missing inside. It is also a place for our children to go to fellowship and worship in safety and relative peace and to have a good time with the right message. When Debra Ferraro first approached me about being the Buildings & Grounds chairman, I thought, "She can't be serious?" Well she was, and I really wanted to give her an answer that God wanted me to give. I prayed and I thought that there has to be someone better qualified than I am to do this, I'm not a carpenter or a plumber or an electrician, how can I be in charge of maintaining a building? Then God gave me the answer, I may be chairman of buildings and grounds, but we are all "in charge" of maintenance. It is all our responsibility to turn off a light and lock a door. It's all our responsibility to pick up some trash and wipe a counter. It is also all our responsibility to report something bigger, like a leak or a broken fixture. I pray that with God's guidance and all your help, buildings and grounds will turn into the rewarding experience it should be and Emanuel will be maintained properly to be a blessing to us and all future members of our family.

Thank you all for your help.

Your Brother in Christ,
Eric Billings



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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Weekend Service Times: 6:30 pm—Saturday 9 and 11 am - Sunday 9 am—Sunday School						
5	Couples Club Visit to Wineries— Springs	6 6:30 pm -PTFL 7 pm - School Com- mittee 7 pm Social Minis- try—Layman house 7:30-9:00 pm Boy Scout meeting	7	8 10 am -School Chapel 1:00 pm Ladies of Emanuel Meeting 6-7 pm Confirmation Classes 7 pm Technology Mtg. 7 pm—Youth Bible	9 7 pm Choir 7:15 pm Ladies Bible Study	10 6:30-9:00 pm Youth Group	11 7:00 am Promisekeepers Davis home
12	4 pm—Trinity Inn 5 pm—Community Prayer Service	13 7:30-9:00 pm Boy Scout meeting	14 7 pm—Christian Ed. Meeting	15 10 am -School Chapel 6:00-7:00 pm Confirmation Classes 7 pm—Youth Bible Study	16 7 pm Choir 7:15 pm Ladies Bible Study	17 6:30-9:00 pm Youth Group	18 7:00 am Promisekeepers Davis home
19	Bread for the World Sunday Evangelism meeting Between Services 4:00 pm Trinity Inn 5:00 pm Community Prayer Service	20 7 pm Church Council 7:30-9:00 pm Boy Scout meeting	21	22 10 am -School Chapel 6:00-7:00 pm Confirmation Classes 7 pm-Youth Bible Study	23 7 pm Choir 7:15 pm Ladies Bible Study	24 6:30 pm—Youth Fund Raiser Dinner	25 7:00 am Promisekeepers Davis home
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ABOUT REFORMATION DAY



WHAT IS REFORMATION DAY?

Reformation Day is an important liturgical festival that is celebrated by Lutherans and Christians of many Protestant denominations. It commemorates Dr. Martin Luther's posting of his *Ninety-five Theses* on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. This act triggered the movement in world history known as the Reformation. While the historical date for the observance of Reformation is October 31st, most churches celebrate it on the last Sunday in October.

On Reformation Day, we glorify God for what he accomplished in 16th century Germany through His servant, Dr. Martin Luther -- the recovery of the gospel of salvation by grace through faith for Christ's sake. We also earnestly pray that God would keep all of us faithful to the true gospel and help us to joyfully declare it to the world. This lovely hymn verse encapsulates the theme of our Reformation celebration:

*By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.*

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Sunday 11:00 AM

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