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## Small 'c' in our confession makes our faith a BIG deal

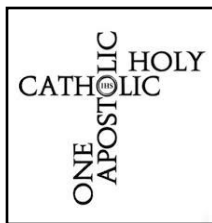
By Rev. Jeff Zell

In the third article of the Apostles Creed we say, "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church..."

Some grow concerned when they see the word 'catholic' in the creed. The small "c" catholic is not to be confused

with the Roman Catholic Church. The word catholic is a transliteration of the Greek and Latin word into English. The word means universal.

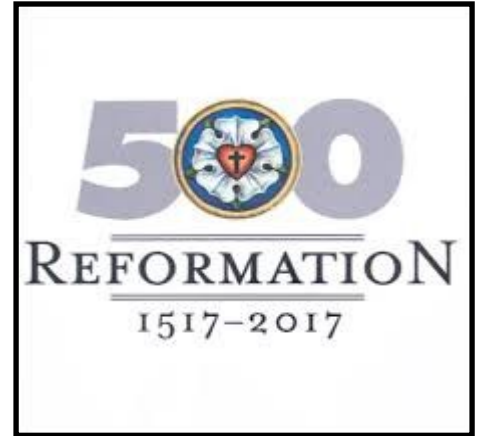
As we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther's call to debate the practice of Indulgences, we continue to affirm that the church in all of its confessions and denominations continues to be the church that is called into being by the Holy Spirit.



Martin Luther explains the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in his explanation.

*"I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy, and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. ..."*

The catholic church is that part of the church that all Christians can agree on regardless of where they are praying. The catholic faith is summed up in the Apostles, Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds. The church catholic is formed by the Holy Spirit and has Jesus Christ as its head.



## Events abound to mark 500th anniversary

Oct. 31, 2017 is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the posting of the 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Church by Martin Luther. This month, Reformation celebrations are plentiful throughout the world.

In South Bend, there will be extra services at Gloria Dei and at Christ the King Lutheran Church.

At Gloria Dei we have two celebrations on Oct. 29. At 10:30 a.m. we will enjoy our Sunday morning Reformation Sunday, featuring special music.

At 4 p.m., we will celebrate evening prayer with special music. The Rev. Dr. Max Johnson will preach. Please plan to stick around for the Beer and Brats party in the Fellowship Hall afterwards.

On Oct. 31 at 7 p.m., Gloria Dei will host a festival Eucharist with special music. Rev. Dr. David Schrader of Grace United Methodist Church, South Bend will preach. The ELCA and the United Methodist Church have been in Full Communion since 2009.

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## Eaton 'saddened' by Trump DACA plan

CHICAGO – The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has issued the following statement in response to the Trump administration's announcement about the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

"As we journey together through the time God has given us, may God give us the grace of a welcoming heart and an overflowing love for the new neighbors among us" –*ELCA social message, Immigration*(1997).

We are saddened today by the end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which provided relief from deportation to young people who have grown up as members of our churches, as neighbors playing with our children, and enriching our communities. We pray today for those who will suffer undue repercussions due to the end of this program. As Lutherans, we regard the family as an indispensable social institution and stand firmly against policies that cause the separation of families.

As we lament this change in policy, we call on members of Congress to pass long-overdue legislation to protect young people brought to the U.S. as children, also known as Dreamers. Our churches, our schools, our communities and the country are enhanced by their presence and contributions. It is time that our immigration policy reflects their gifts to all of us.



## BUILDING ON FAITH REPORT

To Aug. 31 2017

### YEAR TO DATE

Receipts for August	\$1,295
Mortgage paid for September	2,379
Loan principal on Sept. 1	64,734
Mutual Bank balance on Sept. 1	16,959
Total paid from scrip sales	56,700

At present, 88% of each payment reduces the principal. Current interest rate is 4.95 percent. Mortgage termination date is June 2020. Thirty-three payments remain. Pledges totaling \$150,543 were received in a 2014 fund drive. Congregation should continue making regular contributions and purchasing scrip.

Dan Lindborg  
Sept, 12, 2017

## Permit on site, sign ready at last

Great moments in religious history:

1) *Moses descends from Mount Sinai with four tablets containing the Twenty Commandments, trips over a rock, dropping and shattering two of the tablets. "Twenty? Ten?" muses Moses. "Who's to know? Who's to care? He should be happy we keep half of them."*

2) *Jesus turns water into wine at wedding in Cana, immediately gets Instagram message offering him six week in Vegas opening for Siegfried and Roy.*

3) *After 15 months of fighting City Hall, "David" fells "Goliath" and Gloria Dei is awarded a permit to*

*install the splendiferous sign that will beautify the entire southeast side. Miraculously, just days later, the earth opens to receive it.*

It was an arduous journey from June 2016 to September 2017, and when the excavation began Sept. 23, onlookers swear they heard the heavenly chorus rejoice with us.

At press time, Marvin Crayton had prepared the site, and plans were being made for delivery of cement for the footings, and once the foundation has seasoned, it will be time to roll out the sign from the Gathering Area and permanently install it on the parking lot median strip.

## Reformation events

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German dinners and movie nights will take place twice at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 17195 Cleveland Road: On Wednesdays, Oct. 11 and 18. Dinner will be served in Van Ort Hall at 6 p.m. and portions of Rick Steve's *Luther and the*

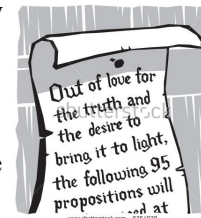
*Reformation* will be shown from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. If you would like to attend, please email Marie Zell at office@ctkluth.com.

So far, items on the menu include brats, sauerkraut and chicken spaetzle.

A Reformation 500 Hymn Festival will be held Wednesday, Oct. 25 at Christ the King. We will gather in the sanctuary at 7 p.m. to sing some of Luther's most beloved hymns. The

Sanctuary Choir and the Alleluia Ringers will be part of the service. The hymn festival will be about an hour long and will be followed by a light reception in the narthex.

Childcare will be provided. We also hope to incorporate some drama into our Reformation celebrations, particularly, at this hymn festival.



Reformation Celebrations are happening elsewhere in our region:

"A Catholic Bishop's Look at the Reformation." Bishop Kevin Rhoades, Bishop of the Diocese Fort Wayne/South Bend Diocese. Monday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Elkhart.

"A Lutheran Theologian's Look at the Reformation." Dr. Rick Stuckwisch, pastor of Emmaus Lutheran Church, South Bend and 1st vice president of the Indiana District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Monday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m. St. Pius X Catholic Church.

Circuit Reformation Festival Eucharist, Sunday, Nov. 5, 4 p.m. The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregations from our area will gather for a festival Eucharist. Special music, including pieces from Martin Luther's 1526 *Deutsche Messe* (German Mass). The District President, Pr. Dan May, is the guest preacher.

*Those who have asked for our prayers include ....*

Lorraina Doolittle, Al Saari

(Darlene Scherer's brother-in-

law), Judithellen Larson,

Jordan Cone, Samantha Croymans, Ken, Thelma

Lemanski, Douglas Sorocco, Shirley Brunt, Cheryl Barker

(Joan Forslund's sister), Amy Fischetto (friend of

Shenemans), Paula Sheneman (daughter),


our shut-ins.





# October



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1 St. Michael and All Angels</b></p> <p>1:30 p.m. 1st English council</p>	2	<p><b>3 Mary Circle,</b> 6:30, Open to all; see item , page 4</p>	<p><b>4 Bible Study,</b> 10 a.m.</p>	5	6	<p><b>7 David Holmberg Memorial,</b> chapel</p>
<p><b>8 Pentecost XVIII</b></p>	9	<p><b>10 Pastor at Stephen Ministry</b></p>	<p><b>11 Bible Study,</b> 10 a.m.</p>	12	13	<p><b>14 Pastor at St. Augustine House, Oxford, Mich.</b></p>
<p><b>15 Pentecost XIX</b></p> <p>Social Ministry</p>	<p><b>16</b> 7:00 p.m. Good Shepherd council</p>	<p><b>17</b> Congregation Council 6:30 p.m. (new date)</p>	<p><b>18 Bible Study,</b> 10 a.m.</p>	19	20	21
<p><b>22 Pentecost XX</b></p>	23	24	<p><b>25 NN Deadline</b> Bible Study, 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>26 Pastor at Synod office</b> for shared ministry meeting</p>	27	<p><b>28 Swedish Pancake Breakfast,</b> 8:30-10:30 a.m.</p> 
<p><b>29 Reformation Sunday</b></p> <p>4 p.m. Vespers, Pr. Johnson; Fifth Sunday, Wernle Collection</p>	<p><b>30</b> All Hallow's Eve</p>	<p><b>31 NN Mailed Reformation Festival</b> Eucharist 7 p.m.; Pr. David Schrader, Grace UMC</p> <p>Halloween</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p><b><i>Every Sunday at Gloria Dei:</i></b>  <i>9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Sung Liturgy; Coffee Hour follows.</i></p> </div>			

### October Ministry Schedule

	<b>Oct. 1 St. Michael and All Angels 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Oct. 8 Pentecost XVIII 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Oct. 15 Pentecost XIX 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Oct. 22 Pentecost XX 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Oct. 29 Reformation Sunday 10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>	Dan Lindborg	John Miller	Patty Carr	Karen Siderits	Leslie Miller
<b>Servers</b>	Thomas Zell	Tyler Marek, Dylan Marek, Amelia Marek	Colin Dreher	Thomas Zell	Liam Boyd, Garrett Miller, Mackenzie Miller
<b>Lector</b>	Ginny Brummitt	Jean Petersburg	John Miller	Dan Lindborg	Patty Carr
<b>Sunday School</b>					
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Mary Ann Sorocco	Peggy Niedbalski	Dolores Miller	Michelle Megyese	Melinda Foley
<b>Greeters</b>	Dolores and John Miller	Carol and Bob Larson	Lindy Dreher, Phyllis Thompson	Jean Petersburg Dorothy Anderson	Mary Ann and Joe Sorocco
<b>Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Lamp</b>	F: Gloria Buysse's birthday L: Open	F: In memory of Hertha Forslund L: Open	F: In memory of Katrina by the Shenemans L: In memory of David Holmberg	F: Colin Dreher's birthday L: Open	F: In memory of David Holmberg L: Open
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Patty Carr, Peggy Niedbalski	Gloria Buysse, Jill Seifer	Gloria Buysse, Jill Seifer	Mary Ann Sorocco, Dolores Miler, Sheryl Taghon	Mary Ann Sorocco, Dolores Miler, Sheryl Taghon

**Ushers:** Harvey Holmes, Stephen Saine, Russ Buysse.

**Counters:** Oct. 1: Sorocco and B. Saine; Oct. 8: Lindborg and Fortson; Oct. 15: Forslund and Taylor; Oct. 22: Miller and C. Saine; Oct. 29: Suter.

Ushers scheduled by Russ Buysse, counters by finance committee;  
Altar Guild by Patty Carr, all others by Jack Seifer (mlkusa@sbcglobal.net)

## First choral scholar adding 'bravura' to our music heritage

Alyse Jamieson, Gloria Dei's 2017-2018 choral scholar, has been praised for her "warm legato" voice and "bravura" in dramatic roles onstage. An enthusiast of early music, she has performed with historically-informed groups including Vox Resonat, the Oregon Bach Festival, the Oregon Bach Collegium, and at the 2017 Musicking Conference.



While studying at the University of Oregon, Alyse performed roles in opera and musical theatre and appeared regularly as a soloist in oratorio and recital. Favorites include Duruflé's *Requiem*, Scarlatti's *Stabat Mater*, and Händel's *Giulio Cesare in Egitto*.

Alyse is a first year student in the Sacred Music program at the University Notre Dame and comes from Oregon, having served previously as alto section leader at Central Lutheran Church in Eugene.

Gloria Dei welcomes her as our first choral scholar. In this capacity she will sing regularly with the choir on Sunday mornings as well as provide additional solo music when the choir is away.

## ELCA commits to confronting racism and anti-Semitism

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), stands against all forms of hatred and discrimination. The church believes that cultural, ethnic and racial differences should be seen and celebrated as what God intends them to be—blessings rather than means of oppression and discrimination.



The ELCA's social statement "Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity and Culture" states: "Racism—a mix of power, privilege, and prejudice—is sin, a violation of God's intention for humanity. The resulting racial, ethnic, or cultural barriers deny the truth that all people are God's creatures and, therefore, persons of dignity. Racism fractures and fragments both church and society."

The statement, adopted by the ELCA 1993 Church wide Assembly, calls on the church to make confession for complicity, name the spiritual crisis at the roots, commit to change and make pledges to public witness, advocacy and action to confront racism. "We recognize that the kind of violence we witnessed in Charlottesville last weekend is very

### Mary Circle invites all to 'crime,' ID program

Mary Circle, meeting Oct. 3 at the church will hear from South Bend police Officer Burns with the South Bend Police Crime Prevention Unit and from Pastor Zell speaking on identity theft. The program starts at 6:30 and is open to up to anyone from the congregation who would like to attend. Officer Burns will be speaking promptly at 6:30, with the business meeting to follow.

real and affects all of us," said ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton. "We need to stand up firmly against racism and anti-Semitism, show up for and advocate with others. Jesus, who makes visible those who are invisible, is already there. We need to show up, and we need to listen in each of our communities."

The ELCA is a church that belongs to Christ and Christ's church universal, where there is a place for everyone. The job of Christ's people today is to celebrate the diversity of God's creative work and embrace all people in the spirit of love, whatever race or ethnicity, economic status or gender.

### Items of interest and importance

Ever curious about the global Lutheran community? Look up the work of the Lutheran World Federation that you are a part of through your membership in an ELCA church: [www.lutheranworld.org](http://www.lutheranworld.org).

A memorial service for David Holmberg, brother of Donald, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7 in the chapel. David, who died in June at age 74, was baptized and confirmed at Gloria Dei. ... Choir members from Gloria Dei and First English served 170 Hope Ministries guests in August, and the ladies of Mary Circle were preparing for their annual late-September pizza meal on the 28th.

### Who doesn't love Swedish pancakes?

#### A Gloria Dei Tradition

(since shortly after the Reformation)

**8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28**  
**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**  
**225 E. Haney Ave., SB**

All-you-can-eat pancakes, plus sausage, juice, lingonberries ...  
 To benefit the Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter 2018 Habitat for Humanity Work Project



**DON'T MISS IT!**  
**Bring family, bring friends!**  
**Such an event may not happen for another 500 years**

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*Please notify the church office if a special occasion is missed*

*Those celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries in October include...*

### October Birthdays

Gloria Buysse	Oct. 2	Mary Rhodes	Oct. 13
James Olson	Oct. 6	Carol Saine	Oct. 21
Kathryn Marek	Oct. 6	Lindy Dreher	Oct. 24
Maria Scherer	Oct. 8	Shelby Overton	Oct. 26
Paul Scherer	Oct. 12	Matthew Megyese	Oct. 27
Ruth Croymans	Oct. 12	Sean Ulrich	Oct. 27

### October Anniversaries

Cynthia and Todd Cochran Oct. 21