



# Together In Christ



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Catechism in the Church

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Having just celebrated the 501 anniversary of the Reformation in the Church I want to deal with a couple of questions that seem to arise in the teaching of the Christ's Church. First; What is the central "thing" of the Church to be taught? Second, How do we translate this message to the next generation and perhaps across cultures?

On October 31, 1517 when Luther first posted the 95 theses on the door of the church at Wittenberg, his desire was to draw attention to the false teachings that were coming from Rome. So the answer to the first question is easily answered given our catechetical and confessional tradition. We confess Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Sola Christus! We teach the Holy Scripture to be the inspired and true word of God. Sola Scriptura! And, we teach that we are saved by faith alone and not our works or the works of any other, Sola Fide!

However, the second question is a bit more complex and challenging because of the great diversity of contexts in which the church is at work. But even in this Luther gives us something to consider. With the Renaissance humanists, Luther emphasized the importance of original sources, in particular the Scriptures in the original languages, (Hebrew and Greek), to Augustine and other church fathers, as Luther would summarize his approach. Yet in this return, Luther meant something more than the humanists had intended. It was not merely renewed attention to the earliest and foundational sources of the church, or to the "philosophy of Christ" of humanists like Erasmus. Luther was about understanding the text, grasping the central meaning, and getting to the significant part. He was concerned about recovering the Gospel and the essence of the relationship between God and human beings.

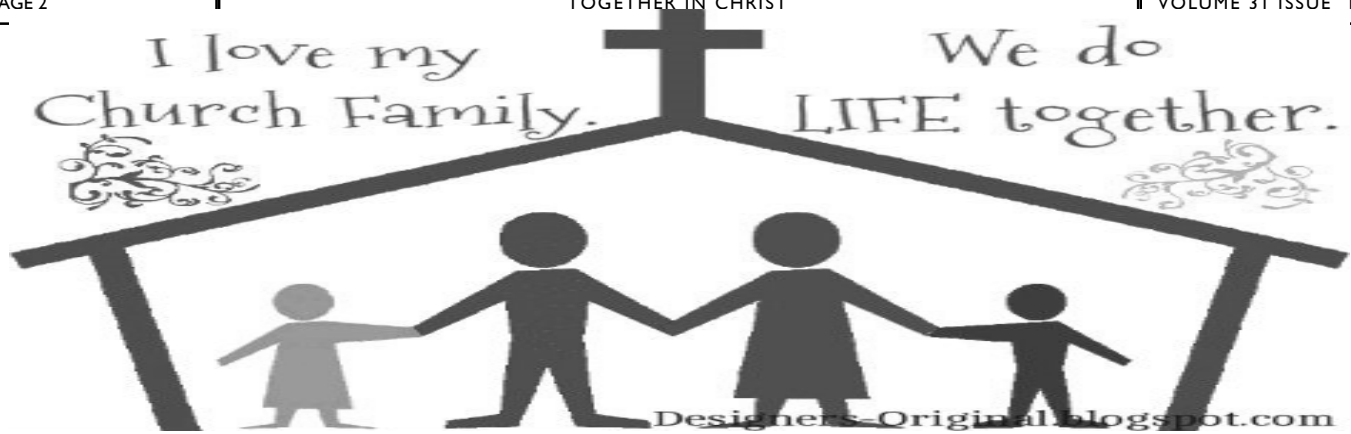
The task set before the church in our time may be different from Luther's in some ways, yet fundamentally, it is still the same. Each generation faces the challenge of communicating the Gospel and the Christian faith to the people of its own day. We live in an increasingly pluralistic world. The contexts in which the message of the Christian faith is taught change over time and from place to place. But be sure, change is not new! Methods of instruction are adapted to different contexts. Cultures and languages vary; however, the central message of Christianity- Luther's message—remains the same.

Luther was not only interested in helping people of his day understand what it means to be human, but what it means to be a creature, not merely a member of society, but a Christian living in a distinct relationship to the Creator and the created world.

So, more questions... What is a Christian? How do Christians deal with God, and how do they relate to the world in which they live? These questions of identity and the consequences of that identity remain key today. What did it mean to be a Christian in Luther's day? What does it mean to be one today? The answers to these questions matter because they give us clues as to how the new generations become heirs of the evangelical message. These questions matter because the answers help us as individuals and as a Christian Church apply God's Word today. What does God's Word have to say to us today? How does that word interpret me, and all of us, how does it interpret in the world in which we live? Luther has something to teach us here. Living each day, fulfilling our divine vocations, worshipping, confessing, and witnessing, we relate to God and we relate to those around us all under the cross of Christ.

Education was key for Luther's work as a reformer, it is key for the church today as well!

Teaching His Word, Pastor Bill



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES ARE HELD THE 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.** You have your choice of two studies. One is held at Christ at 9:00 a.m. and the other at Deb Aufdenkamp's at 7:00 p.m.. We must stay in His Word to stay strong!!

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIMES ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH** so set you clocks back one hour.

**A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!** Times and dates for the photo shoot is scheduled so don't forget you day and time. If you have questions please contact Val Johnson at Zion and Joy Dell Haberer at Christ.

**ZION LWML** meets Thursday, November 1 at 9:00 am at the church. Please gather in the Lord's name as we share in the mission of His Church!

**Combined Council & Voter's Meeting**  
Monday, November 12, 2018 Zion.  
Joint Council meets at 7:00 p.m.  
Joint Voters meet at 7:30 p.m.  
We discuss the business of our King and His kingdom!

**CONFIRMATION** instruction each Wednesday 4:30 pm. Students must have sermon notes and Sunday School attendance as well as being at class weekly. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Aufdenkamp.  
218-234-8026

**WE NEED YOUR PLASTIC BAGS:** Peggy is continuing with her project of making mats for Orphan Grain Train so save your bags. If you have questions contact Peggy Pasche at 218-731-7629. Those at Christ can leave them by Debi's desk in the office.

**ZION BIBLE STUDY:** Intent look at the Gospel of John. We meet each Wednesday evening at 7:00pm! You are welcome to join us!

**DORCAS CIRCLE** will meet on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

**CHRIST LWML** regular scheduled meeting will be Thursday, November 15, at 9:00 am at the church. Please gather as we share the mission we proclaim!

## THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP

Thursday, November 22

ZION 8:30 am

CHRIST 10:00 am

Join with all creation in praising our God in a worship service for Thanksgiving that highlights the blessings associated with each day of creation in Genesis 1.

In word and song and Scripture, respond to all the marvelous works of the Lord that have blessed us from the beginning and continue to surround us each and every day.

Come and Give Thanks !

**ZION LWML** offers a time of fellowship each Sunday morning at 9:45 following the worship service. Please know you are welcome to join us

**RADIO STATIONS  
FOR  
CANCELLATIONS OF SERVICES**

- KIKV** — 100.7 FM
- KXRA** — 1490 AM & 100.3 FM
- KBRF** — 1250 AM
- KZCR** — 103.3 FM
- KJJK** — 96.5 FM
- KMRS** — 1230 AM
- KKOK** — 95.7 FM

**SHOES FOR LIC:** Lutheran Island Camp is still collecting shoes. These shoes must be in good condition. If you have shoes to donate contact Debi Anderson and she will be sure they get up to the camp. All shoes are acceptable no matter the condition. **No flip-flops.**

**LUTHERAN HOUR  
STATIONS & TIMES**

- WCCO—830 AM 6:05 AM
- KXRA—1490 AM 6:30 AM
- KXRA—100.3 FM 6:30 AM
- KFGO—790 AM 7:30 AM
- KBRF—1250 AM 10:35 AM

**Zion's Food Shelf Sunday**  
3rd Sunday of the month.

**Christ's Food Shelf Sunday**  
4th Sunday of the month.



**USED GLASSES:** The mission group "**MOST**" is collecting used glasses to be used in third world countries. Please bring your used glasses to the churches and Debi

Anderson will see that they get to where they need to go. Even frames without lenses can be used as they now have the machines to cut lenses to fit frames. Readers are preferred, but no trifocals or bifocals. They are also taking soft cases.

"Your ways, O God, are holy. What god is so great as our God?"

Psalm 77:13

**Project 24**

[www.childrenwithnoone.org](http://www.childrenwithnoone.org)

**1001 Orphans**

[www.lcms.org/page.aspx?pid=593](http://www.lcms.org/page.aspx?pid=593)

**"Northern Crossings"**

A Lutheran Mercy Blog from North Dakota and Northern Minnesota  
[www.northerncrossingsmercy](http://www.northerncrossingsmercy)

**NEWSLETTER REMINDER:**

If you have announcements to be included in the monthly Newsletter, please have it in the office by 10:00 am the last Friday of the month. You can e-mail your messages to the church office at: [christ@unestone.net](mailto:christ@unestone.net).

**CHRIST WORSHIP SERVICES**

ON CABLE CHANNEL 6  
SUNDAYS AND

**WEDNESDAYS**

10:00 AM AND 7:00 PM.

**Times will vary due to programming.**

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mike Woessner (C)	1
JJ Drews (C)	4
Galen Larsen (C)	8
Betty Hagen (Z)	11
Carol Ferguson (C)	11
Angela Strunk (Z)	11
Shannon Moerke (C)	13
Jeanne Marts (Z)	17
Randy Walters (Z)	18
Payton Fagre (C)	20
Maggie Fagre (C)	23
Nancy Van Winkle (C)	26
Brandy Walters (Z)	27
Brenda Murray (Z)	27
Karen Pollard (Z)	28

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

James & Hazel Prah (Z)	28
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# Serving the Lord

## NOVEMBER 2018

### AT ZION

Ushers - Scott Winter  
Jerome Hanson

Elder of the Month - Duane Rau

Acolyte: 11/4 Tarina Blascyk  
11/11 Chris Winter  
11/18 Justin Blascyk  
11/22 Jacob Strunk  
11/28 Carson Winter

Altar Guild - Nancy Klingberg  
Cindy Blascyk

### AT CHRIST

Couple of the Month  
Myron and JoyDell Haberer

Elder of the Month  
Shannon Moerke

Ushers - Myron and JoyDell Haberer