



LOGOS

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From Pastor Randy

On January 17, 1546, Martin Luther preached a sermon in the Chapel Church in Wittenberg, then set out with his three sons on a two-day, 65 mile, journey to the town of Eisleben – where he had been born just over 62 years before, on November 10, 1483. For months, Luther had been involved in helping to settle an inheritance dispute between members of his extended family and the Counts of Mansfield, a town about 9 miles north of Eisleben. This third and final trip was a success, and on February 17, a settlement was reached, and all parties were satisfied with the result (and Luther's siblings' holdings in their father's copper mining company were secured). Unfortunately, the poor health that had plagued Luther over the previous two years caught up with him during the course of the trip, and although he was able to preach several sermons at the church in Eisleben on Feb. 15, and participate in the final negotiations on Feb. 17, he returned to the house in which he was staying, complaining of chest pains. He ate dinner with his hosts and friends, then went to bed, but could not sleep. His companions, Justas Jonas and Michael Coelius, and others, sat with him reading Scripture and praying with him. Some time after midnight, in the early morning of Feb. 18, the chest pains became acute, and his

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companions asked him, "Reverend father, are you ready to die trusting in your Lord Jesus Christ and to confess the doctrine which you have taught in his name?" to which Luther, through his pain, replied, "Yes." After this exchange, he fell into an unresponsive coma, and at 2:45 a.m., the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther took his final breaths.

This year – 2017 – is the 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation, which began the day Martin Luther decided to nail his 95 statements protesting the sale of indulgences to the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. This month – February – marks Luther's commemoration – Feb. 18 – the day he entered into the communion of saints in that full and final way at the age of 62. I share these details about his last days because they took place this time of year – in January and February – but also because they are a good springboard to begin our observance of this anniversary here at Christ The King. And what better way to begin our observance than to form a CTK Reformation 500 book club of sorts, and read a biography of our "founding father" and namesake together.

To that end, Pastor Chris and I would like to invite all the members of Christ The King to join us in reading through the biography that is hailed as the classic work in the field – and the starting place for all those interested in knowing more about the life of the Reformer. The book is Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther by Roland Bainton, first published in 1950 and, due to its popularity, still available in a number of

different editions today. Bainton (1894-1984) was professor of Ecclesiastical History at Yale for forty-two years and was able to write a text that most readers consider both thorough and accessible. The book is available on Amazon in paperback and in a Kindle edition.

During the month of February, we will offer several opportunities to discuss the book and to share our questions and observations about Luther's life and legacy: weekly at our midweek Bible and book study (Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.); at the senior fellowship luncheon on Feb. 9, starting at 12:00 noon (RSVP with Donna Finney); at our monthly Theology on Tap gathering on Feb. 12 at Joe's Inn in Bon Air at 4:00 p.m.; and Tuesday evening, Feb. 21, at 7:00 p.m., at the church.

As we move ahead into the year, we plan to suggest other books for us to read and discuss together – texts that will broaden our understanding of the Reformation, of the lives of those who shaped it, and of the Protestant legacy that we have inherited. The Church has been both blessed and broken by the Reformation, and as we consider these 500 years, and wrestle with their meaning, we will be equipped to handle the challenges that face us in 2017 and beyond.

In addition to book studies, there will be plenty of other events and emphases. We are putting together a plan to assist families in using the Small Catechism in their family devotions. Pastor Liz Yates is heading up a Reformation 500 task force that is

developing an anniversary schedule of important dates and ways to commemorate them in our homes and as a congregation. The Lutheran congregations in and around Richmond have joined together to sponsor a year-long blood donation drive in honor of the 500th year that is being called “It’s All About The Blood!” CTK’s turn to host the Bloodmobile is Sunday, June 4th, so be sure to mark your calendar and plan to donate on that day.

As a Lutheran congregation, this year is an opportunity to deepen our appreciation of our heritage – and to challenge ourselves to widen the circle of our fellowship. I hope and pray that each of you will take advantage of as much of the commemoration as possible and make it a memorable year for you!



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Welcome to 2017! The new year is already a month behind us, as

are Christmas and Epiphany. It is too soon to tell whether the groundhog will predict more winter weather, but my own hope is that the snow and ice are also behind us.

Council thanks those who braved the snow on January 8 to make sure that the lot and sidewalks were clear for that first day after

Epiphany: Nate Ballentine, Artie Strunk and Tim Young. Thanks, too, to our Property Team, led by Dave Reinhart, for arranging to have the parking lot plowed in that same time. All reports are that if the rest of the neighborhood roads and the parking lots were as clear as ours, kids would have been back in school two days earlier! We also thank those who have given of time and energy to mitigate the water in the old education space. Jack Shearer, Philip Shearer and Dave Reinhart have made several passes through, pumping and bailing. Thank you for your efforts.

At its January meeting Council laid out a high level action and communication plan for proceeding on our facility needs. In late January we will be finalizing floor plans and cost estimates for several space options. We’re working with Huff-Morris, a noted architectural firm specializing in church space and led by the son of a Lutheran pastor. Following that, we will be meeting with the Building Visioning Team to review the concepts and prepare for two meetings with the congregation. The first, tentatively scheduled for the end of February around 2:00 PM in the afternoon, and the second will be held between services in early March. The first meeting will be the formal presentation of options and the report and recommendation of the team. It is intended to offer time for conversation and discussion by all members of the congregation, and to do so at a point in the day where there is no pressure to artificially end. The second meeting is expected to be the formal vote to proceed to a campaign planning period that

addresses both fundraising and the future of the current education space. Final dates and times are still at this writing being finalized, and a special meeting call letter will go out in early February.

Council anticipates 2016 will end the year with offering and other income close to expenses. It's important to note the report is preliminary, but we give thanks to God for the generous hearts that led us to meet our 2016 challenge budget. A more formal report will of course be shared at our June annual meeting, but we wanted to communicate this good news to the congregation.

Our 2017 budget is not structured as a stretch goal, and at our congregational meeting in December we were asked to develop metrics such that if income exceeded actual expenses we could apply that to ministry priorities. These include enhanced missions, staff support, or expanded programming. Dale Korneke, Debbie Reinhart and Greg Lambert will be part of a task force to develop and recommend these metrics.

A final note on finances. In order to close our 2016 pledge to the Virginia Synod in a timely manner, Council approved a loan of \$4700, or one month's payment, of benevolence from the Reserve Fund to ensure that we met our commitment. We further agreed that this loan would be paid back as soon as we could, anticipating that the historical trend of increased December giving would allow us to do so. We are happy to report that December offering does indeed allow us to pay back that loan to ourselves immediately.

Council continues to work on formally documenting policies and procedures in respect to our designated fund handling activities. This effort is expected to be complete and communicated with the ministry teams by the end of Q1 2017.

We approved building use for a group of students from William and Mary who spent the Martin Luther King, Jr holiday weekend in Richmond working with Virginia Supportive Housing and project:HOMES. They were very appreciative of the fact that we could offer not only lodging and kitchen space, but also showers during their weekend of service in our community. The experience was positive for all concerned.

Council gives thanks this month for our members who traveled to, prayed for and contributed to the mission trip to El Salvador this month; for those who served over the holidays to ensure meaningful worship in Christmas and Epiphany; for those who serve as team leaders or on ministry teams; and for our staff who execute the day to day work of God in our congregation and community. Thanks to Donna Finney, who is stepping down from the leadership of the Inreach Team, and whose dedication to the seniors' ministry, funeral receptions and other congregational activities brings us closer in challenging times. And thanks to you all as members of this community, who love and serve God and our neighbors in everything we do.

In Christ's peace,

Brent Kemp



CTK COMMEMORATING 2017
Obituary

LUTHER, Martin 62, died in Eisleben, Germany, 18 February 1546. Citizen of the Holy Roman Empire, Luther was professor and doctor of theology, translator, composer, priest, monk, primary figure in the Protestant Reformation, pastor, husband and father. Luther was born 10 November 1483 to Hans (Ludter, Luder) Luther and Magarethe Luther. Luther was devoted husband of former nun, Katerina von Bora (Katie) whom he married 13 June 1525. Martin was loving father of Hans (1526), Elisabeth (1527), Magdalena “Lenchen” (1529), Martin (1531), Paul (1533), Margarethe (1534). He is predeceased by his parents and daughters Elizabeth (1528) and Magdalena (1542).

Luther was a Biblical scholar and popular theology professor at Wittenberg University, attracting students to his patron Frederick the Wise’s new institution of learning. He lectured on Psalms, Genesis, Romans, Galatians, Hebrews, Deuteronomy, Minor Prophets and other Scripture. His *95 Theses* posted 31 October 1517 for discussion are credited with starting the Protestant (Lutheran) Reformation. The Imperial Diet of Worms ((1521) declared Luther a heretic

and excommunicated him. Under threat of death, he hid at the Wartburg (1521) and began his translation of the New Testament into German (published 1522). Upset by violent response of peasants, he returned to Wittenberg March 1522. His genius in using the new media of printing spread the gospel of grace through the land. Composition of Hymns including the widely known “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” “sang the faith into the hearts of the people.” The artist Lucas Cranach illustrated the new “evangelical” writings. The Small and Large Catechisms (1529) taught families and pastors evangelical teachings and with the Smaldcald Articles are included in “The Book of Concord.” Luther’s German Bible, published in 1534, is credited with establishing the modern German language. Martin and Katie were known for their hospitality where a typical supper was attended by more than twenty and students took notes on his “Table Talks.” Humbly, Luther quipped, “While Philip (Melanchthon) and I had a beer in the tavern, the Holy Spirit renewed the Church.” Proclamation of the Biblical truth that salvation is by Jesus Christ alone who justifies by faith through grace, Luther upheld the “priesthood of all believers” bringing about reformation and renewal of the church beyond the authority of the Pope in Rome.

Martin Luther’s elaborate funeral 22 February 1546 was in the Wittenberg Castle Church where Luther served as Pastor. His interment was in the church directly in front of the Pulpit from which he preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ. *Rest in peace.*



VBS Director or Co-Directors Needed for Vacation Bible School this July. Are you good at planning, organizing, and directing? Are you good at communicating with children? Do you love Jesus? Then we could use you as a director or co-director for our week of VBS. Contact Paula Lambert at gandp0406@comcast.net, or one of the pastors to learn more or to volunteer.



FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY SUPER BOWL CHALLENGE

Next Sunday, February 5th, is the first Sunday in February and thus our regularly scheduled Food Pantry Sunday for the month. It also happens to be the day of the Super Bowl, so we would like to put a fun twist on the occasion and make it a little competitive: We will have two boxes available - one for the Falcons, and one for the Patriots - and the box with the most canned goods in it by the end of the second service will be the "Super Bowl" Winner. Last year, we correctly predicted the winner of the actual Super Bowl - the Denver Broncos - so we will see if we can pull off a "repeat" this time around! Start this week and stock up for your favorite team, and bring all the cans you can carry to church next Sunday!

CTK Special Outreach Ministries December 2016



Thank you, Christ the King, for your support during December. We were able to contribute a great deal to our congregation's Outreach Ministries through your generosity. Gifts to ELCA Good Gifts exceeded last year's gift with a total of \$2,085.00. In addition, there were a number of you who contributed directly online so the total is even more! Thank you so much. This is what you gave to fill our little Christmas tree in the narthex:

12 Pigs @\$30, 11 Chicks @\$10, 14 Honeybees @20, 9 Goats @\$50, 1 Cow @\$500, 1 Community fish farm @\$250, 1 Sheep @\$125, 1 Water purification tablets @\$10 Total \$2085.00

Your support of Christians in the Holy Land through "Bethlehem Market" was also generous. Through your designated gifts and the tithe (10%) of the receipts from purchases, a gift of \$200 has been sent to FOTONNA—"Friends of Tent of Nations North America." Through this support of the Nassar's Farm ministry "Tent of Nation" and purchase of goods from Christian merchants Jiries Canavati and Joseph Giacaman you are encouraging and enabling Palestinian Christians to remain as "Living Stones"—witnesses to Jesus in the "little town of Bethlehem" where our Savior was born.

As you support CTK Outreach Ministries, you are fulfilling Jesus command that we Serve One another in His Name. God bless you!





FOR MEMBERS IN NEED OF HEALTH AND HEALING:

Janet Bruns, Steve Capel, Megan Caton, Sherry Frye, Ruta Goodwin, Anna Hoyle, Julia Jones, Mark Killian, Dolph Moller, Ruth Nees, David Nelson, Scott & Joan Recher, Paul & Bea Wittenbraker

IN THE SURE AND CERTAIN HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION TO ETERNAL LIFE we remember Bruce Kohl, Dora Majer, Shirley Ade.

FOR EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF HEALTH AND HEALING:

Peggy & Shay (VSH), Tishae Odom (Tusing & CTK friend), Sam Barnhill (CTK friend), Roland & Jewell Bernard (S. Bernard parents), Roy Blickwedel (Hunt friend), Linda & Grady Bubenzer (Huey friend), Jennie Buchenauer (C. Waldron mother), Francisco & Maria Carpio (J. Carpio parents), Pastor Lou Florio, Marvin Grimm (Lisa's brother), Tracy Green (Anne Hamilton friend), Jeanne Kemp (Brent's mother), Maia Kraft (Yates grandchild), Lorne Lefever (Renee's father), Fermen & Linda Lowe (Anne Hamilton friend), Gary Lowe (Wayne's brother), the Majer Family (Hunt friends), Custer & Wilda Maynor (Demmler parents), Larry Meeks (Hutchinson friend), Lindy Moore (CTK Administrative Asst), Cynthia Oliver (Erika's daughter), Reagan Oliver (Erika's granddaughter), Glen Pond (Mountcastle friend), Jo Potter (Capel cousin), Miles Redding (son), Ruth Reece (D. Reinhart's mother), Juan Serrano (T. Fortis nephew), Mark Sommer (son), Sam Spehn (Brooks friend), Shawn T (VSH resident), Ellen Thompson (J. Lane friend), Yvonne Travis, Jacob Varney (Ruth V's son), Esdras Villatoro-Rodriguez (Fortis friend), Linda Williams (Mountcastle friend), Diane Winn (former member)

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Delores Bell, John Brenner, Alfonso (Dooley) Dixon, Ruta Goodwin, Jackie Lohr, Marta Ruch, Alberta Smith, Gail Smith, Carolyn Sprinkle

HOMEBOUND EXTENDED FAMILY:
Freda Erickson, Nancy Kay, Joan Waldron

ALL CAREGIVERS: doctors, nurses, family members and others who care for the ill and disabled

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Col. Dan Canfield, Major Eric Doctor, Capt. James P. Guthrie, 2nd Lt. Whitley Noel, Chief Petty Officer Scott Recher II, Lt. Andrew L. West

SEMINARIAN STUDENTS: Patrick and Katie Freund

PEACECORPS VOLUNTEER: Mathilda Nassar, Ukraine

OUR SISTER CONGREGATION: Cristo Rey, in Santa Ana, El Salvador, Pastor Carlos Najera, Bishop Medardo Gomez, the people of El Salvador and all of those working to promote peace.

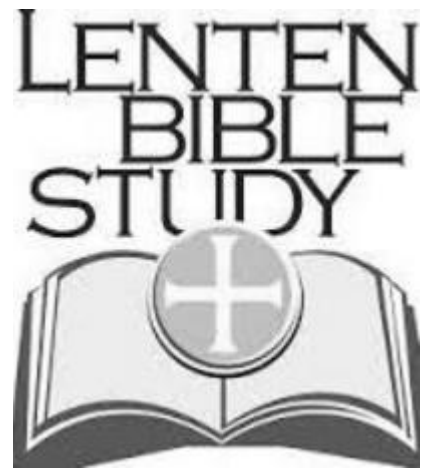
TENT OF NATIONS: Educational and Environmental Farm in the Palestinian West Bank owned and operated by the Nassar family, promoting peace initiatives and awareness for all people.

INREACH COMMITTEE MEMBERS send anniversary and birthday cards to CTK members and encouragement cards to those on the active prayer list each month and would be grateful for any spares that you have and don't need. Requested by Barbara Goehle.



These local Lutheran churches are having blood drives as a focus on blood for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. You are more than welcome to support the drive at CTK, or any other church. More information to come on our blood drive, but contact the other congregations for information on their drives. Contact Amy Morris with any questions.

- Feb 5 – Trinity Lutheran
- Feb 26 – Good Shepherd Lutheran
- Mar 12 – Holy Cross Lutheran
- March 26 – Epiphany Lutheran
- April 2 – Redeemer Lutheran
- May 13 – St. Paul Lutheran
- June 4 – Christ The King Lutheran
- July 2 – Bethlehem Lutheran
- July 9 – Epiphany Lutheran
- July 23 – St. Luke Lutheran
- August 6 – First English Lutheran
- September 9 & 10 – Grace Lutheran
- September 17 – Epiphany Lutheran
- October 7 – Christ Lutheran
- November 11 – Lutheran Church of Our Savior



Good Friday's GOOD NEWS LENT 2017

Meditations for the Mean Meantime
Eric W. Gritsch Edited by Bonnie A. Brobst &
Elizabeth A. Yates

Join a Lent study of this short book of seven meditations on the seven Words of Jesus from the cross by Professor Pastor Eric Gritsch this Lent at CTK.

Here Gritsch captures the essence of Christian theology, highlighting the concepts with his understanding of human history and human foibles. The insights and wit for which this beloved teacher is known abound... the seven last words of Christ from the cross are made relevant for [us] ... Weaving the commemoration of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's death together with anecdotes from his own eventful life, starting as a Hitler Youth 'Werewolf' commanding a unit of children in face of the advancing Red Army, Eric Gritsch's Good Friday meditations ...are at once learned and profoundly evangelical: 'that's the good news,' so every meditation concludes, of God's new world aborning."

Watch for announcement of dates and times. Sign up on the Education Bulletin Board to order a copy \$9.00. Pay cash or check to Elizabeth Yates.



- 1 Ann Van Dyke
- 2 Meredith Howard, Kelly Strunk
- 5 Liz Schmick
- 6 Robert Lenhart
- 7 Rick Landers
- 8 Caden Sims
- 10 Kerry McQuiddy
- 11 Claire Capel
- 12 Jacob Brooks, Diane Clancy
- 13 Steve Grohowski
- 15 Tom Clyde
- 16 Chris Wittenbraker,
Angela Schneider,
Mason McKeague
- 17 Pat Scheerer
- 18 Susann Young
- 20 Rebecca Aguilar
- 21 Barbara Riedel, Pete Waldron,
Ruth Nees
- 22 Doris Hutchinson
- 24 Trixie Johnson
- 27 Denise Amrhein, Matthew McKeague

- 5 Tim & Patty Young
- 6 Paul & Bea Wittenbraker
- 14 John & Meredith Gavin

FINANCIAL REPORT



	December		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$76,021	\$49,250	\$622,700	\$591,000
Expense	\$68,338	\$50,788	\$624,107	\$609,452



A very sincere thank you to my CTK family for the prayer shawl, cards, calls and acts of kindness during my recent illness. It is a blessing to be part of such a wonderful church family! Anne Stieler

Thank you to the congregation for the generous Christmas gifts given to the staff of CTK. We are truly grateful and honored to be a part of this special place. CTK Staff

Thank you for all of the lovely cards I have been receiving as I recuperate from hand surgery and a broken foot. My timing isn't the best, but your cards and well wishes have sure made the process easier! Much love, Lindy Moore



Please note the CTK Women's Meetings as listed below:

PRISCILLA CIRCLE meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10am. The meeting for February 14th and the lesson is found in the February Gather magazine. The Circle of Faith will meet with the Priscilla Circle for the Bible Study and fellowship.

GINTER HALL BIBLE STUDY will meet on Thursday, February 9th.

CIRCLE OF FAITH will meet with Priscilla Circle on February 14th and will meet again on February 28th. We continue to collect **manufacturer coupons** for the military (we can't use store coupons). We are making cards for the prayer ministry.

THE HOLY TEARERS will meet on the third Tuesday, February 16th. The quilting group makes beautiful quilts of love for donation to various groups. The quilters could use sheets for backing of the quilts, any size or color will be useful. We hope you will join us.

All women of Christ The King are members of the Women of the ELCA. Go to the website www.womenoftheelca.org to learn more about the organization. Sherry Frye



*"You have come down to the lakeshore,
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow."*

*"You- need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary-
a love that's willing to go on loving. "*

*These words are from the hymn You Have Down to the
Lakeshore- by Cesareo Gabarain*

The Outreach team is working on having a focus in the narthex each month. The objective is twofold. The most important reason is highlighting the many wonderful ministries we support at Christ the King. Secondly, we are trying to coordinate use of the narthex so that the space does not become overwhelming with information and asking for donations. We will be trying to coordinate this with other areas in the congregation all on a church wide calendar. This is a work in progress.

- January- El Salvador team
- February- Quilting Ministry
- March-Good Samaritan Ministry/Ronald McDonald/Food Pantry
- April-Caritas (April 29th-May 6th)
- May- Blood Drive June 4th
- June- Tent of Nations
- July-Bible School/Backpacks
- August-Lutheran World Relief Backpacks/God's Work Our Hands
- September- God's Work Our Hands
- October-Crop Walk
- November-Thanksgiving Baskets/VA Supportive Housing
- December-ELCA Good gifts/Bethlehem market

Our next meeting is Thursday March 28th. Please come and join us if you would like to be part of any of these areas.

Caritas is approaching quickly. This year we will be hosting April 29th-May 6th . We will have a planning meeting on Thursday, February 23rd at 7pm. Please come if you have been, or would like to be involved.

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Adult Ed. & Children's Music 10:00 a.m.

Worship (Band-led) 11:00 a.m.

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