



The Cross Word

From Pastor Lisa

My colleagues and I tend to consult one another about confirmation: do we use a curriculum (which one? how do you like it?) or write it ourselves; how often do we meet and when, what do worship notes consist of, are there mission/service projects, etc. The things some people do for fun, eh?

One pastor told how he had his class compare the endings of the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, the books which tell about Jesus' life and ministry. A very interesting idea, and one I commend to you.

"Go to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you to the end of the age." (Matthew)

Jesus said to them, "Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all people. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. Believers will be given the power to perform miracles: they will drive out demons in my name; they will speak in strange tongues; if they pick up snakes or drink any poison, they will not be harmed; they will place their hands on sick people, and these will get well." (Mark)

Then Jesus led them out of the city as far as Bethany, where he raised his hands and blessed them. As he blessed them, he departed from them and was taken up into heaven. They worshiped him and went back into Jerusalem, filled with great joy, and spent all their time in the Temple giving thanks to God. (Luke)

Go, feed my sheep. (John)

The book of Acts (actually "the Acts of the Apostles") was also written by the author of Luke. Acts 2 tells us the story of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon thousands of people of many nations and languages gathered in Jerusalem, and amazingly they each heard about God's deeds of power in their own

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Wednesday Worship

WEDNESDAY
Worship to continue
during the summer
Months; 6pm.

Come worship the Lord with us through song, liturgy, prayer, and communion. Our intent is to praise God. Worship with us and help us find what the Wednesday Worship will become.



Barefoot by Sharon Garlough Brown

You will find yourself in the lives of four women.; Mara, Hannah, Charissa and Meg. Here is a story of surrendering to God; and a story that reveals the joy that comes from standing barefoot on holy ground.

Enjoy! LorRaine Riveland

Summer Hours

The office hours have changed. They are as follows: Monday—Friday 9-1 pm effective June 1—August 31. Call the office to schedule any needed afternoon activities.



Proposed Reformation 500 Forest

When Martin Luther was asked what he would do if he knew the world would end tomorrow, he expressed his confidence in God's enduring grace and answered, "I would plant an apple tree."

In 2017, we will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, a time to remember Luther's legacy of faith. To honor his memory, we propose that the ELCA congregations in the Heart River and East Missouri conferences join together to "plant a tree" (actually a forest)!

Members of various Bismarck churches have discussed this project and agreed to work together to plan this memorial. We have partnered with the Bismarck Park and Rec department and received permission to plant a Reformation Forest of Burr Oak trees in Sleepy Hollow Park, one of the most heavily trafficked parks in Bismarck. We have applied for a matching grant through Park and Rec to support the effort. We have made arrangements for a commemorative marker at the site of the forest. And we have already received solid commitments from several churches to donate trees and help with the planting.

We are asking you to participate in this project as follows:

Sponsor one or several trees. The cost per tree is \$200, which covers the ball root plant, stakes, protective guards, mulch and a water gator. Donations may be made to Lord of Life Lutheran Church, where funds will be held in a dedicated account until the trees are ordered. We expect to order the trees in early July so please send donations by July 1 to Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 1143 N. 26th Street, Bismarck, ND 58501. Donations may be made by individuals or by congregations.

Bring some volunteers. The park and rec department will dig the holes for the trees and have the trees delivered to the park. We ask that volunteers from our congregations come to Sleep Hollow on Saturday, September 9, to plant, stake, mulch and water the trees. Planting begins at 8:30 am and we expect to finish by 11 am. We will conclude the morning with a brief dedication ceremony and lunch in the park. We have contacted local newspapers and television stations to cover the event. If your congregation would like to send volunteers to help with the planting or the preparation of the lunch or the serving, please contact Pastor Nadine Lehr at Lord of Life.

Share your equipment. Bring your gloves, spades and post drivers to the planting event. A few wheelbarrows may help move the trees from the parking lot to the planting site.

We look forward to honoring Luther's legacy with this memorial forest which we expect to provide shade and beauty to hundreds of thousands of people for many, many years to come. We are grateful to the Department of Park and Rec for their partnership and we hope you will join this project as well.

A New Promissory Note Opportunity is Available

A new nucleus of \$50,000 is available to LCC to create a new Promissory Note program #3 to further buy down the American Bank Center construction loan. The Promissory Note Committee has decided to open the new PN3 to all church members who may wish to loan additional principal to the church in exchange for an interest bearing promissory note.

The recent PN2 program, which coincided with the Building Loan reamortization last April, totaled \$95,000 in principal loans. The Promissory Notes bear 3% interest and are scheduled to be repaid in 2021. The PN2 program will save LCC \$1,710 in interest each year. Many of the principal loans in PN2 were conversions from CD's because of the higher rate of interest return.

The earlier PN1 Promissory Note program, created in late 2012, will be fully repaid in 2020. Over the past five years, PN1 has saved LCC many thousands of dollars in interest.

The new PN3 will accept principal loans until approximately September 1. Principal loans may be in any denomination with a minimum of \$3,000. Promissory Notes will bear 3% interest paid semiannually and will be scheduled to be fully repaid by **2022**. The nucleus of \$50,000 will save LCC \$900 a year in interest, and the savings will only increase as the PN3 principal increases.

The current American Bank Center loan is approximately \$186,500. It is scheduled for a balloon payment in April 2022 and bears interest of 4.8%. The new PN3 will dramatically reduce the unpaid principal and will lower the current monthly payment of \$1471 to at least \$1070.

The Promissory Note program is secure with adequate reserves, and has worked well for our church. Anyone with questions about the program should contact any of the Promissory Note Committee who are Ken Will, Jon Hanson, Roger Pommerer and Art Wheeler. We're very thankful to our Lord for the many blessings he bestows upon the LCC Congregation. It's faith in **Him** that allows these programs to work.

We are grateful to those present and in the past that have contributed monies in helping LCC buy down the construction loan.

Building and Grounds Committee Report

Building and Grounds Committee – Curt Degree, Paul Gurholt, Lee Jensen
Jon Hanson and Tom Harris – Church Operations, LCC Council

The committee was tasked by the council to meet and develop a list of projects, with cost estimates and a priority of need, based on available funds.

On June 13th, the council approved these four projects for a total expenditure of \$26,946.00 (excluding the signage cost). The total cost of the projects will be transferred out of the General Fund into the Building Fund for payment.

Prioritized Project List:

- Handicap Access at West Door - \$2,350.00**
Handicap Access hardware will be furnished and installed on west entry door
- Remove/Replace Concrete at Front Entry - \$2,150.00**
This will eliminate the “step-up” and trip hazard at front door.
- Exterior/Interior Signage - \$4,700.00**
Replace panel in front sign, replace wood sign on street corner with a metal double-sided sign and install new signs for full-time staff and restrooms.
- Repair Parking Lot, Overlay and Striping - \$22,446.00**
Original plan was to seal cracks and chip seal, but both bidding contractors recommended an overlay, stating, we are “beyond” the life of sealing cracks.

Other projects for future consideration on the Building and Grounds Project List:

- Install an exterior camera with recording capability
- Audio-Visual and Media Upgrade (expands streaming capability)
- Inspect sewer line from building to city main (Replace/Re-line)
- Grouting of cornerstone
- Repair and paint dumpster enclosure walls
- Spot cleaning carpets
- Review our Facility Usage Policy

Spring Clean-up Day (May 13), the following tasks were accomplished:

- Painted garage
- Removed outside “faucet” pit near front entryway
- Repaired sprinkler system
- Leveled air conditioning units and filled in and around with gravel
- Vacuumed Cold Air Returns

Your contributions to the building fund will enable us to improve our facilities as funds are available. We have been fortunate in not having to spend a lot of money on improvements and/or maintenance since our major remodeling was completed. The council feels that these improvements are necessary for the long-term condition of our facilities and avoid bigger issues in the future. It's always cheaper to maintain than it is to replace.

LCC Now Has New (Electronic!) Ways to Give to God!

Check out these new, easy ways to give electronically, right from your smartphone! Not to worry, it's easy! As long as you use the same email address for all, these gifts also sync completely with our current online giving option from our website, so your giving history is complete and can be accessed from either.

Now you can make a contribution by text!

Get Started: Enter LCC's Give+ text number – 701-969-7030 -- and text the amount you wish to donate to that number. For example, text 25 to the number above for a \$25 donation.

Register: You will receive a registration link (the first time only). Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Note: this will not be a charge that goes on your phone bill, like you might be familiar with if you remember giving to the earthquake in Haiti, say, a few years ago. For this text giving, you enter a credit or debit card number, and that is what the donation is charged to.

Give: After registration is complete, you'll receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.

Repeat: If you want to make the gift a recurring one, text the word repeat and it will process automatically annually, quarterly, monthly or weekly, as you choose.

Or, give through the Give + Mobile App

iPhone and Android users can now make a contribution through a mobile app!

You can download the app for free from the App Store. Simply search for "give plus church" to quickly find and start using the app. It's easy to make a one-time or recurring donations to multiple funds with your credit or debit card.

You can also choose whether to donate as a guest or set up an account (again, registration is a one-time event) that allows you to securely and conveniently manage, schedule and review donations using Touch ID, PIN or password.

To use, enter the church's name: Lutheran Church of the Cross. Click **Donate Now**. Choose the fund to which you'd like to give and a preset amount, or enter another amount. (Click *Make Another Donation* to make additional gifts in the same transaction). Click *Next* to scan or enter your credit card information. Review your donation summary and select *Complete Donation*. And that's it!

**Tithing
and
Texting
are easy!**



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June 23, 2017

To the Constituency of Camp of the Cross Ministries,

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus the Christ. I am Rev. John R. Caranicas and I serve as the Pastor of Youth and Family Ministries at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bismarck. I also have the honor of serving as the President of the Board of Directors of Camp of the Cross Ministries in Garrison, ND. It is in that capacity that I am writing to you today.

Even though Mother Nature, it would seem, has not gotten the memo, it is indeed summer. School is out and the camping season has begun. The summer staff has been gathered to camp. Day camps are starting around our area. The grass is growing the trees are getting their leaves. Activity at and around the camp is ramping up. We give thanks to God for the work of the Holy Spirit that is happening through the great staff and youth that are involved at camp. This is awesome stuff and if you have never experienced it, you should. Come to camp and check it out. This is definitely a place where lives are changed.

We have a little something to tell you all and ask that you hold this in prayer and see if God will inspire you to help us out. Our beloved old garden tractor has finally gone to wherever it is that old garden tractors go when they no longer work. The engine froze up and it is not worth fixing. That said, after some pretty intense searching, we have worked out a deal with RDO for a new one. RDO has really bent over backward to help us out and for that we are thankful. They are a great community partner for the camp.

Even still, we are going to have to pay a little over \$13,000 for a new tractor. This is an essential purchase for the camp as we are required to maintain the property to Corps of Engineers standards and it takes this level of equipment to get that done. We are not spending money that we do not have, but we are taking funds from other projects that also need to get done. So, we are asking you as the constituent congregations to prayerfully consider contributing to this purchase. We need to get the other projects done as well, but the tractor was a bit of an emergency.

Please consider helping us out with this. It is a good deal for everybody. You can contact the camp office with questions about how you can help us out with this financially. Thank you for your support of the camp and the youth that camp touches. God's work, our hands. This is that statement in action.

Peace,

Pastor Bob

CAMPING WITH CHRIST... FOR LIVES OF FAITH...

Church Council June 13, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Ken Will. Council members present: Ken Will, Jeff Thomas, Kylie Blanchard, Jon Hanson, Tom Harris, Brian Johnson. Kim Humann was absent. Staff personnel in attendance were Pastor Lisa Ahlness, Connie Werner, and Art Wheeler. There were no additions to the agenda.

Pastor Lisa led us in devotions.

Motion to approve the May council minutes was made by Jon Hanson and Brian Johnson second; motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Art Wheeler, Motion to accept the report was made by Brian Johnson, seconded by Tom Harris; motion carried.

There was no Pastoral assistant report.

Pastors report:

The synod assembly meeting was well attended and some very good things came out of it. The resolution for term limits to be lifted was voted down. There will be no church service at Lutheran Church of the Cross on October 29th as this is Reformation Sunday and there is going to be a combined service with other churches at the Bismarck Event Center.

When Martin Luther was asked what he would do if he knew the world would end tomorrow, he expressed his confidence in God's enduring grace and answered "I would plant an apple tree" With that in mind the council asked for a motion to plant a burr oak tree in sleepy hollow park along with other trees that will be planted in the Reformation forest. The cost of the tree is \$150.00. Jon Hanson made the motion and Brian Johnson second; motion carried.

Committee reports:

Building and grounds—window washing was completed. Due to the fact that there is enough funds available we will be doing 4 top priority projects. They are:

1. *Handicap Access west door
2. Remove/ Replace front entryway concrete
3. Exterior/Interior Signage
4. Parking lot overlay and re-stripping

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BABY CARE KITS

SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- Please include sizes between 6 and 24 months. Varying the sizes of the clothing items included will make the Baby Care Kit useful as the baby grows.
- Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted from leftover yarn, or made from heavy double knits or fleece. Select a pattern that suits your skill level. Preferred styles have buttons or ties down the front.
- Diapers can be made from flannel or even by recycling t-shirts. Download a Diaper Tip Sheet from our website.
- If knitting or crocheting receiving blankets, including one knitted/crocheted blanket and one flannel blanket will provide maximum versatility.
- Onesies can be cut and hemmed or serged to make a simple t-shirt.
- Gowns, rompers or top/pants sets can be substituted for sleepers.
- Gently used, clean clothing and blankets (no stains or tears) may be substituted for new ones. It is especially important that the items be in excellent condition, as used clothing is increasingly difficult to get through customs in many countries. Even one item that looks worn or stained to local officials can jeopardize the status of a whole shipment. All other items (diapers, towel, soap) in the Kit must be new.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH BABY CARE KIT

- ☐ **TWO** lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®)
- ☐ **TWO** long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- ☐ **TWO** receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
- ☐ **FOUR** cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ☐ **ONE** jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- ☐ **TWO** pairs of socks
- ☐ **ONE** hand towel, dark color recommended
- ☐ **TWO** or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- ☐ **TWO** diaper pins or large safety pins

HOW TO PACK YOUR PROJECT PROMISE KITS

- Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.
- Pack completed Kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in **LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS** on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents



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Pastor Lisa's letter continued....

own language. It continues the story of the calling of Jesus' followers.

We hear those verses on Pentecost Sunday (June 4 this year), and then almost every Sunday from then until Advent in late November is called a "Sunday after Pentecost." This is when we focus on Jesus' ministry, and the message is, "Now go and do likewise."

Why do I mention this? We are baptized into the mission of the church. Everything we do in the church, every Scripture reading should serve to yank us out of our self-centeredness and call us to carry on where Jesus left us – to be servants of Christ, reflectors of His light, and carriers of God's good news.

Some complain that the church is always asking for money. And actually, that's true. And we *should* be contributing to these campaigns, because we are shareholders in Global Missions, World Hunger, Lutheran Social Services, Camp of the Cross, and the ELCA. I hope it is exciting for us to support these missions (which we do through our Sunday offerings and our designated gifts) as well as our congregation! And then we can ask ourselves, "What more can we do?!"

Some fear if we ask for money too often, people will leave the church. Actually, the opposite is true. People want to help; they often just don't know how. So they are looking for a church (or other nonprofit) that is doing something; that is offering ways to get involved; that is passionate about mission.

Besides engaging in the wider church and community, there are so many great things going on at Lutheran Church of the Cross. God's call has certainly resonated here. Thank you for all you do to live out God's love in this world! This is a good time to be the church, and you are part of it. Jesus says, "Do not be afraid. Go! Invite! Welcome! Make disciples! Baptize! And I will be with you."

If there were a book or narrative written of our stories and encounters with Jesus and his ministry among us, how would it end? Actually, you notice gospels didn't really "end." They go on, and invite us to join in.

It is a blessing to be with you on this journey! See you in church!

Pastor Lisa

GARAGE SALE

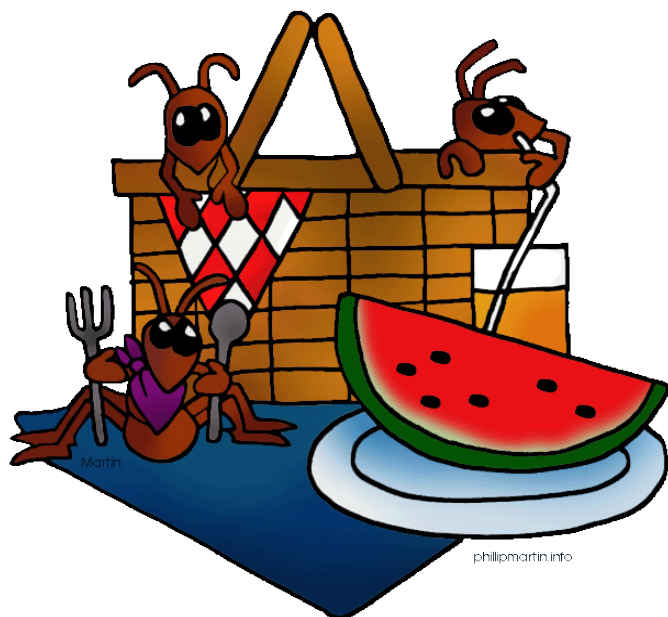
The **rummage sale** was hard work but well worth the effort. Proceeds will be donated to Camp of the Cross. Thanks to all who donated their treasures and a huge thank you to all who worked the rummage sale and the clean up: Esther Anderson, Shirley Fox, LorRaine Riveland, Deb Carpenter, Barb Norby, Myrtice and John Behan, Cherie Krueger, Ella Krueger, Sheila & Arvid Mugaas, Karen Will, Shirley Grondahl, Mavis Pommerer, Jean Kraft, Laurie Splide, Kristi Sagsveen, Christa Flickinger, John Kraft, Pam Hanson, Carol Samuelson, Donna Belisle, Barb Wilson, Cheryl Neu, Deanna Johnson, Ava Johnson, Doug Johnson, Suzie Finck, Bayne Blanchard, Lisa Ahlness and Connie Werner.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School “Camp Out” was a blast!!! I’m guessing we ALL can hardly wait till next year! Here’s a shout out to all the kids who participated: Sofie Herrmann, Maggie Kooker, Maggie Volk, Lilly Scott, Wil Eisenbraun, Norah Ice, Nora Bergrud, Marit Volk, Brandon Kunz, Leah Holm, Cole Robinson, Aiden Schneider, Ella Kraft, Liam Johnson, Keira Collins, Ali Volk, Lindsey Scott, Petra Ugland, Bayne Blanchard, Elsa Kimmitt, Mason Bergrud, Easton Bergrud, Kori Schneider, Claire Gurholt, Rayann Knoll and Eden Kraft. To our excellent helpers: Corrina Ugland and Callie Collins! To our adult leaders and feeders: Caroline Collins, Coley Ugland, Korissa Bergrud, Molly Traynor, Krisi Kunz, Heather Gurholt and Holly Johnson, and to Annie Bergrud for the great photos. To our leader/feeder/crafty friends from the UCC church: Katie, Marcia, Paulette, Wanda, Cecilia, Petrea and Kerri. To Janet Basingwaite who captured the VBS memories in video. And lastly to Melissa Volk, who stepped up and organized us all! Woot woot! (Sincere apologies if anyone was inadvertently missed.) See you next summer!

Church picnics here at LCC



Church picnics are scheduled for July 12, August 9 starting at 5pm; the second Wednesday of each month. (We promise not to encourage the ants to join us.) Weather permitting we just might have our worship service outdoors as we sit around the picnic tables. Set up time will be 4 pm. Workers are needed organize the event, cook and clean up. Families are encouraged to bring a potluck dish to share. Church will provided the meat, drinks, chips, plates and utensils. Free will donation will go towards Kogodus a ministry in our prison system.

Coffees and Teas

Please note: high quality Equal Exchange fair trade items are available for your purchase at LCC! We always have various kinds of fair trade coffee, both beans and ground, including decaf. In addition, there are several kinds of teas available, and..... CHOCOLATE. We now have both dark and milk chocolate bars any day. price for their crops, you are helping our LCC youth. En-

Stop by the table after worship, or during church office hours any day. Debit/credit/mobile app can be used if you don't have cash or carry checks. A small portion of each purchase goes to our youth for the next youth gathering, so in addition to helping farmers get a fair price for their crops, you are helping our LCC youth. Enjoy !

Coffee, teas,
chocolate from
Equal Exchange
Lutheran World
Relief
to benefit the
youth
trip next
summer.

C2 and Church Council Meetings



The Church Council Meeting is at 6:30pm Tuesday, **July 18th**. The C2 committee meetings are optional during July . They will resume in August with a meal.

Council meetings are open to everyone. If you have an item to come before the Council, please contact Ken Will prior to the meeting.

Church Council Minutes Continued

Mission Endowment—No report.

Worship and Music—Rally week will be September 10th.

Christian Education—VBS went very well.

Congregational Nurturing—No report.

Nominating committee—No report.

Stewardship—No report.

Budget Committee—No report.

Unfinished Business— church directory is finished. And will be sent out to a PDF file in your email. There will be hard copies made for the people that want them.

New Business: We have one Pastoral Assistant application. After much discussion Jon Hanson made the motion and Brian Johnson seconded to continue to pursue the process to call the applicant. Motion carried.

Pastor Lisa and Art Wheeler will put together a letter and give a report to the congregation as to where we stand financially.

Nothing more before the council, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be by July 11, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary

Financials

Financial update: perhaps you have missed the offering vs. expenses that used to be listed each week in the bulletin. We've stopped because, simply put, without interpretation these numbers often seem to say we are not in good shape, since the income often is less than our expenses. To visitors, that could well look like we are a "losing proposition"!

For instance, our year to date income is \$127,441. Our expenses to date are \$150,930. At first glance that makes one gulp -- \$23,000 behind! Our treasurer, Art Wheeler, took a look at the last few years of financial reports side by side to see how LCC's income has generally come in. Sure enough, we are right about where we always are in early summer in terms of income as a percentage of total budget. Income does not come in evenly throughout the year, while expenses continue steadily.

Financial giving always goes down in the summer, as many of our members take advantage of the fabulous weather to travel, hang out at the lake with family and friends, and fill every extra hour with activities they can't do the rest of the year. Hurray for summer - enjoy! We are fortunate that we now have online giving tools that can help us even out LCC's income to keep pace with our expenses.

Even if you can't be here for worship, please consider using online giving through our website, or using the mobile app or giving by text options. They are simple (call if you have questions!) and could prevent us having to do that end-of-the-year desperate plea to catch up all in one month. **Thank you** for all your gifts to LCC, and the many ministries that are only possible because of your generosity!

Wednesday and Weekend Worship

Remember, if you happen to be away on a weekend, you can worship with us on Wednesday evenings here at LCC! Worship is at 6 p.m. and includes communion. Come join us! We continue to stream our Sunday services also. Stream them live or check them out later. The services are uploaded sometime on Monday,

Strategic Planning

Already there is anticipation and excitement in the air about things coming in the fall! Here are just a few:

A strategic planning team has been appointed to lead us through some long-range thinking and planning for LCC's future. On the team are Christa Flickinger, Jon Hanson, Steve Neu and Roger Pommerer. Look for information about a day long event in the early fall and several opportunities to give your ideas and input as we consider how exactly God is calling us to serve, in this neighborhood and beyond.

Financial Stewardship

What does financial stewardship look like in our lives today? Many Christians associate the word stewardship with sermons about church budgets. But I would suggest that our "having a handle on our finances" affects everything about our lives, including on our ability to be generous. I really want to be generous, to my church and other places I am passionate about. But, I may never have learned to budget, or my credit cards have me just treading water. So it's good stewardship to offer tools and training to help us do just that – get that handle!

To that end, LCC will be offering Dave Ramsey's nine week Financial Peace University class this fall, led by Pr. Lisa on Sunday evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m., beginning on Sunday, September 17. You will be empowered and encouraged to take control of your finances, be good stewards of God's resources, strengthen your families, learn about tithing, prepare for financial emergencies and become debt-free.

There is a \$100 fee for materials, which include tools you will use for a lifetime. You can sign up by calling the church office: 223-1001. All are welcome; this class is not limited to LCC members. Invite your friends, and mark your calendar!

Reformation and Confirmation

Two other marks for your calendars: Sunday, October 29 will be an ALL-CITY ELCA worship service at the Bismarck Event Center to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. We will have no worship or church school here that Sunday morning. And Sunday, November 5th is Confirmation at LCC. (Confirmands may also choose the alternate date of Wednesday, November 8)



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E-News

Worship Times:
Wednesday Worship
6:00pm

Sunday's
The River Service
10:00am

Lisa Ahlness, Pastor

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