

# LCS Newsletter

***Our Mission: "To share the Good News of Jesus Christ, teach children, and assist parents in training children to be witnessing Christians and productive citizens."***

## Thought for the Week

### Is the Reformation Still Relevant?

by Rev. Jacob Ehrhard

October 31, 2016 begins a year-long celebration leading up to the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. It was on this date in the year 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, protesting the Roman Catholic indulgence and the general system of works-righteousness devised by the medieval church.

But a lot has happened in 500 years. Is the Reformation still relevant today, beyond being an interesting historical footnote, or an opportunity to celebrate German culture? If the Reformation was simply a matter of history or culture, then its relevance would be limited to those interested in history or culture. But the Reformation is a matter of theology. It's a matter of faith. And so it is as relevant today as it was 500 years ago.

The heart of the matter is expressed no better than in the fourth article of the Augsburg Confession, the foundational document of the teaching of the Lutheran Church. "Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works. People are freely justified for Christ's sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake. By His death, Christ made satisfaction for our sins. God counts this faith for righteousness in His sight (Romans 3 and 4)."

The Reformation's relevance is for all people. Every religion devised by man is a system of offering our strength, merits, or works to make ourselves right with God, the universe, and everything. If this was the case, then no one would be saved. Even the most righteous person according to his own work has a pile of failures and offenses that excludes him from being right with God.

But by faith, our works are excluded from consideration. The righteousness that counts before God is a different kind of righteousness—one that is given as a gift. It's a righteousness that exceeds that of the best and the brightest and the most spiritual and religious person. It is Christ's righteousness, given by God's grace, and received in faith.

Not only is the Reformation as relevant today as it was in 1517, but it is as relevant as it has been since the day when a man from Nazareth named Jesus, also called the Christ, did the works that we cannot do and suffered the punishment of death that we should have suffered. He is the only Righteous One, and He offers His righteousness as a gift. And that's relevant for you.

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## Students and Families we are praying for this week...

Each week in our faculty devotions and classroom devotions we lift up our LCS students and their families in prayer. During the week of October 2nd we will be praying for Heidi Rautenkranz, Ellena Ray, Karcynn Ray, Remington Ray, Claire and Lily Redicker, Matthew Reedy, Ian Reinhart, Cooper Robinson, Allen Roller, Kai Romilus, Paisley Rotert, and Sophia Rudolph.

## Citizen Saint Awards

In an effort to recognize the God-given talents and abilities of our students we will be recognizing Citizen Saints each week. These students are chosen by the faculty and staff and are recognized for outstanding academic achievement or demonstrating Christian love toward others. Citizen Saint Award recipients for the week of September 18th were Owen Bolte, Chelsie Combs, Avery Harrison, Easton Branaman, and Cooper Kellermeier.

## School to School-Helping Lutheran Schools Affected by Recent Hurricanes



In response to the devastation from Hurricane Harvey, LCMS School Ministry and LCMS Disaster Response developed a plan for assisting schools affected by this natural disaster.

Schools have the opportunity to choose one or more affected schools they wish to support. They can pray for their adopted school, and provide resources in response to specific needs. One hundred percent of all monetary donations will go directly to the affected schools. In this way, Lutheran schools across the

nation and around the world can support other schools who are attempting to recover and tangibly assist in their road to recovery.

Lutheran Central has decided to adopt Lutheran South Academy in Houston, Texas. Lutheran South is a K-12 school of about 800 students. As a result of Hurricane Harvey the school sustained extensive building damage making it unusable for a month with construction continuing until January 2018. The entire student body has been temporarily relocated to nearby church until school buildings are safe to occupy. They lost a tremendous amount of classroom and extracurricular content that will well exceed the insurance coverage. Additionally, there were eight staff members and over 30 school families whose homes that completely flooded.

Our chapel offerings during the month of October and the chapel offering from grandparents day will go to support Lutheran South Academy. Please continue to keep all affected by these recent natural disasters in your prayers!

## Basketball Parent Meeting - October 11

There will be a Parent Meeting for those students in grades 4-8 who are planning to participate in basketball this season at LCS. The parent meeting will begin at 5:30pm in the gym. Jim Brown from Kratz sporting goods will be there to fit athletes with shoes for those that are looking to purchase shoes. Just a reminder that all athletes need to have a current physical on file in the school office to be able to participate. Practice schedules for October and November will be sent out next week.

## Grade Review #2 - Friday, September 29th

Today marks the second grade review of the 2017-2018 school year. Grade reviews have been posted for students in 1st-8th grade. This year with the implementation of Sycamore School we will not be sending home paper copies of the grade reviews. To access your child's grade review please login to your Sycamore account. Next hover over your child's name in the "My Students" section on the "School Home" page. Then click on the "Documents" link. A new window will open displaying the documents that have been posted to your child. Then click on the document titled 2017-2018 School Year Grade Card-GR2\_9\_29. You will notice that a signature box will appear below the grade review. Please sign using your mouse to let us know that you have seen your child's grade review. If you would like to receive a paper copy of your child's grade review, please contact the school office.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

The faculty of Lutheran Central School would like to meet with every family to discuss the academic progress of your child(ren). The opportunity to do so will take place during Parent-Teacher conferences on Monday, October 9 and Tuesday, October 10. The conferences will take place after school from 3:30-7:00 P.M. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on these days for all students in Kindergarten – 8th grade. Conferences for students in 4-year old preschool will be held on October 9, 10, 12, and 13. Conferences for students in 3-year old preschool will be held at a later time. **Please note that if you have a child in pre-school you will be receiving information from Mrs. Scheiderer next week with available times for pre-school conferences.**

Students in grades K-8 will be bringing home a Parent-Teacher conference sign-up form this afternoon. You can also find a copy of the this form on Sycamore School by going to the "School Home" page and clicking on the "Documents" tab.

## Spirit Days for October 4, 5, and 6

To support the 8th grade volleyball team participating in the Lutheran State Volleyball Tournament next weekend we will have three spirit days this coming week.

Wednesday - Blackout Day (students wear black)

Thursday - Squad or Twin Day (pairs or small groups of students dress alike)

Friday - Red, White, and Blue Day

# Calendar

## LCS Chili Supper

The LCS Shepherd Staff will once again host the Annual Chili supper on Friday, October 6th from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. It will be held in Lutheran Central's gymnasium prior to Brownstown Central's last football game versus Silver Creek. Proceeds from the chili supper will assist the Shepherd Staff in providing student activities/supplies throughout the 2017-2018 school year. The meal costs \$5.00 and consists of a bowl of chili, hot dog or western, cookie and a drink. We hope to see you there!

Reminders about the Chili Supper were sent home with all students on Wednesday. These reminders can also be found on Sycamore School by going to the "School Home" page and clicking on "Documents".

## NWEA Testing Schedule

The fall administration of the NWEA assessments will continue this week as students in grades K-2 will be testing. Please see the schedule at the right for this week's testing schedule.

DATE	TIME	TEST	GRADE
October 2	9:30-10:30	Practice	1
	12:15-1:15	Reading	2
October 3	8:45-9:45	Reading	K
	9:45-10:45	Reading	1
October 4	12:15-1:15	Language	2
	8:45-9:45	Math	K
	9:45-10:45	Math	1
	12:15-1:15	Math	2

## October 2

Chapel, 8:30am (chapel will be led by Pastor Keller)

8 VB @ St. Vincent de Paul, 6:30pm

## October 3

6 VB vs. Immanuel, 6:00pm

8 VB vs. Immanuel, 7:00pm

## October 5

6 VB vs. St. Ambrose, 6:00pm

8 VB vs. St. Ambrose, 7:00pm

## October 6

Chili Supper, 4:00-6:30pm

8 VB @ State Tournament, 6:00pm

## October 7-8

8 VB @ State Tournament, TBA

## October 9 & 10

Parent-Teacher Conferences

## October 16-20

Fall Break - No School



## Upcoming Volleyball Volunteers

Game Date, Teams	Concessions (2)	Clock	Clean-up
<b>Time</b> Tuesday, October 3rd 6/8 vs. Immanuel, 6pm	Melanie Pottschmidt Stephanie Hackman		Melanie Pottschmidt
Thursday, October 5th 6/8 vs. St. Ambrose, 6pm	Angie Stuckwisch	Ms. Hromowyk	Jamie and Allison Brown