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Dear Friends, Sisters and Brothers,

On October 31, we will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, which had its start when Martin Luther posted the 95 theses on the Wittenberg Castle Church door on All Saints Eve in 1517. To celebrate this anniversary, I have decided to spend a few months talking about Luther's Small Catechism. The Small Catechism was originally written to be taught in the home. As Luther writes at beginning of each section of the 1529 German translation, "In a simple way in which the head of a house is to present them to the household" (In the 1529 Latin translation, he addresses school teachers and students.) We begin with the first five of the 10 Commandments:

The small catechism includes explanations of The Ten Commandments. Unfortunately, the Ten Commandments are often seen as a list of DON'Ts, but they are much more than that. Growing up I saw the Ten Commandments as God's list of "because I say so" laws, given with no explanation, but Luther expands them to include DO's with each. Luther sees them as not just rules thrown upon us by a higher authority, God, but a guide on how to live in community; a guide on how to be in relationship with God and with one another. They are not given to us in order to give God an excuse to get out his mighty smiter, but instead, they give us a way to live together in community and with God. Each explanation starts with "We are to fear and love God *so that*..." Each "so that" is a call to be in a relationship with God and each other. Let's take a look at the first five commandments.

The First: You are to have no other gods.

This one has the simplest explanation; we are to fear, love and trust God above all things PERIOD. Those people or things that we put ahead of God are our actual false gods. These get in the way of our relationship with the one true God. For some, it could be the TV, for others sports, for others money, the list goes on. The question is, what gets in the way of my relationship with God?

Second: You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Not only are we not to use God's name to curse, swear, practice magic, lie, or deceive. But instead, (here's the positive), we are to use that name every time we are in need, to call on, pray-to, praise, and give thanks to God. In other words, we are to use God's name to be in relationship with God! How awesome is that? God gives us a name to call on him with! We have the power to call upon God!

Third: Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy:

Luther focuses this commandment on worship, that we would not despise the preaching of God's word, but to gladly hear and learn it. I would like to take this further. I believe that at the risk of our relationships and our own health and spiritual well-being, we've lost the important aspect of this commandment. REST! The Sabbath is a time to not only hear God's word but to rest and to be in fellowship. Our nonstop culture has pulled us away from this and instead, we feed the beast of busyness. On the seventh day God rested. Rest.

Fourth: Honor your mother and your father.

Here we start the Commandments that are not aimed directly at God. But, the following are still about God, for they are about our relationship with the beloved children of God. We are not to despise, nor anger our parents or others in authority. But instead honor, serve, obey, love, and respect them. God knows that our family relationships are so important and also fragile. All too often I've seen the heartbreak of broken families, often over things that rust and fade away. Is being right more important than being in a loving relationship? Maybe it's time that we take a step towards reconciliation...a step towards love.

Fifth: You shall not murder:

(Side note, I always found it amusing that this "worst" of all crimes is number five. I think that tells us a little bit about the first four.)

We are not to endanger or harm the lives of our neighbors, but instead, help and support them in all life's needs. This begins our call to service. The early Christians believed that if they knew of a child who died of starvation, then they were guilty of murder and thievery. No wonder they had "the goodwill of all the people". (Acts 2:47) This is a call to be more active in my relationships with others. Luther's call to help and support our neighbor in all of life's needs removes me from saying; "It is not my problem." As Jesus showed in the story of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), everyone is my neighbor and I'm to care for my neighbor even if it's an enemy, like that lousy Samaritan. So if I see one in need, I'm to do all I can to help that one, even if it infringes upon my wants and my timetable. This changes how we see the other. They are all beloved children of God. Thus, they are my sister and my brother. This makes it kind of hard to walk down the street without having to stop and help people in need, but maybe that was the idea: to stop, to help, and to be in a relationship with that other child of God.

Well, we've gotten through the first five of the 10 Commandments. Next month will do Commandments six through ten, then we will talk about the Apostles Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession, and the Lord's Supper. If you'd like to go deeper into a study of Luther's Small Catechism, I will be teaching it in the Adult Sunday School class starting September 17th in the Friendship Room. I hope you will join us.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Tim

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study 11:30 IF Ministerial 6:00 Worship @ Ashbrook	2 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise 9:00 Staff Meeting	3 7:30 Devotions 1:00 Quilting 6:30 Cub Scouts	4 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	5 7:30 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Worship
6 9:00 Worship 8:00 Pool Party Meyer Aquatic Center	7 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	8 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Worship @ Ashbrook	9 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise 9:00 Staff Meeting	10 7:30 Devotions 1:00 Quilting 6:30 Scouts	11 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	12 7:30 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Worship
13 9:00 Worship 10:15 Council Meeting	14 7:30 Devotions 8:00 Clean Thrift Shop 8:15 Exercise	15 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Worship @ Ashbrook 6:00 Youth & Confirmation Team Meeting	16 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise 9:00 Staff Meeting	17 7:30 Devotions 1:00 Quilting 6:30 C. Scouts	18 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise 9:00 9 th Grade Lock in till 3:00 on Saturday	19 Lock in till 3:00 7:30 Men's Breakfast 12:00 9 th Grade Lunch with Mentor 5:30 Worship
20 9:00 Worship Caring Callers 5:00 Elderberries	21 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	22 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Worship @ Ashbrook	23 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise 9:00 Staff Meeting	24 7:30 Devotions 1:00 Quilting 6:30 Scouts	25 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	26 7:30 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Worship
27 9:00 Worship outside service 10-12 Breakfast 10-11 Sunday School Rally Day	28 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise 5:15 BLCW Board Meeting 7:00 Sunday School Teachers Orientation	29 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Worship @ Ashbrook	30 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise 9:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 Mentor Time-9 th grade 6:30 7&8 TH confirmation Orientation 7:30 9 th grade Confirmation Orientation	31 7:30 Devotions 1:00 Quilting 6:30 Scouts	Sept 1 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	Sept 2 7:30 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Worship
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BETHANY HAPPENINGS

COTTAGE MEETINGS

Bethany Lutheran Church Council will be holding cottage meetings. The main reason for these meetings is to meet with you about Bethany Lutheran Church. We would like to know what you see Bethany Lutheran doing in the next five years. The council member will host the meetings and Pastor Tim will be leading them. You will be receiving a call from a council member inviting you to one of these meetings. Please try to attend. We would like to get input from every member!

POOL PARTY

The weather has been hot so we are going to cool off with our church family!
Bethany Pool Party will be at the Meyer Aquatic Center in Iowa Falls, Sunday, Aug 6th at 8 pm.
Family and friends welcome.
Registration forms for Sunday School will be available for those interested in early sign up.

BETHANY 100 ITEMS ARE NOW FOR SALE

IF YOU ORDERED SHIRTS, THEY ARE IN! You can pay for them and pick them up at the office.
The Shirts cost \$15. We also have Christmas Ornaments for \$6, Tumblers for \$8, and Trivets for \$10. These items are here and can be purchased in the narthex. All the proceeds will be used to cover the cost of our Bethany 100 Fair on June 25th and our formal celebration on October 21-22.

ELDERBERRIES

Elderberries is a group for anyone 50 or older. Our August 20th, potluck at 5:00 pm. Please join us!

BETHANY'S FARMERS MARKET

Will run through Sunday September 17th – Donations of garden produce or baked goods may be left on the Farmers Market table set up in the fellowship hall. All items are for a free will offering. Funds raised will go to support the ELCA World Hunger campaign.

BACKPACKS

It is back to school time for Lutheran World Relief! Backpacks will be in the fellowship hall starting Saturday July 15. Each of the backpacks needs the following:

- 4 - 70 count spiral notebooks, wide or college rule
- Ruler
- Pencil sharpener
- Pair of blunt scissors
- 5 unsharpened pencils
- 5 blue or black ballpoint pens (not gel)
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 1/2 inch eraser

The shopping list is in the backpack and each backpack has at least one item to get you started.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS- SEPTEMBER 10

Goal: To do repairs to the properties at the east side trailer park.

August 6: Have at least 8 group leaders, including children's k-2 and 3-6, middle school, 9th grade and mentor, adults, and lunch team.

August 8: Write a script for people answering the phones asking for name, address (unit #), phone number, and description of the job.

August 10: Deliver postcards to the trailers. Cards will say:

September 10 Bethany Lutheran Church will be in the area doing repairs to residents. (We will not be able to do electrical or plumbing work.) If you have any jobs that need to be done please call Bethany Lutheran Church at 641-648-3555 by August 22. We can only help a limited number of people so please call as soon as you can.

August 22: No longer accept jobs.

August 22-29: Leaders check the job sites and make a work plan for each site. Get any needed materials and assign groups to jobs.

September 2 & 3: Leaders checkout sites again and do any preliminary work.

September 10: GWOH Day

9:00 – Outside service led by The Voice.

10:00 – Go to sites

12:00 – Lunch (Bring lunch out to the site for those still working.)

3:00 – End Work Day.

September 17: Rain day

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

We would like to thank all who have helped with the many assistant positions for our worship services. Your quick responses are so very appreciated; especially for the bulletin and Bethany Happenings preparation and by Pastor Tim for the website updates.

We have tried to fill these positions without having to pass around clip boards or leave them out in the narthex. However, we have members ask where the clipboards are and how they can sign up; which indicates that they may still be needed.

Beginning August 15th, we will set out sign-up sheets for the next month, please look for them on the credenza

in the main entry. If you can help, you can let us know that way or by contacting Peg Bushore at bethanymem@gmail.com or by phone at 641-373-0367. If you prefer to contact the church; please call only

during regular office hours (Monday-Friday 9-2:00). Again, thank you so much to all who have helped when we have contacted you.

We will be conducting Volunteering Basics training during future worship services to help alleviate any concerns and answer questions on what each role entails.

Pastor Tim Maybee, Peg Bushore, and Bethany Council.

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TEACHERS NEEDED

We are actively seeking Sunday School teachers for next year. We would love to have you on our Christian Education Team. Please contact the church if you are interested.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council will be held Sunday, August 13th at 10:15 am.

THRIFT SHOP

We are helping organize the thrift shop on August 14th.

JAM CLUB VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to help next time with J.A. M. Club please call the church.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A BIG Thank You goes out to all our volunteers who helped in any way to make VBS a success!

Nikki Allen
Ashley Kuker
Lisa Doering
Marilyn Huffine
Kaitlyn Hoversten
Sheli Duit
Kim Hartford
Dan Tibbs
Peg Bushore

Carol Polzin
Kay Bahr
Sarah Elerding
Joelle Krause
Makenzie Hill
Jack Krause
Jackson Krukow
Snack donators

Rana Janes
Darby Dodd
Faith Jones
Logan Kobe
Nadine Klaffke
Katie Cearley
Jackson Kobe
Danielle Cerna
Pastor Maybee

TO THE BETHANY FAMILY: THANK YOU!

Thanks to Pastor Tim and our friends at Bethany for all the prayers before, during and after my surgery. Also for the cards, phone calls, and other signs of kindness.

Sincerely,
Rolen & Clara Hill



August 27th Rally Sunday

**We are so excited to kick off our
2017-2018 Sunday School year!!**

Church from 9 am -10 am

Join us on Rally Sunday for:

Breakfast served from 10-12 by confirmation students

**(free will offering will be taken
for upcoming expenses and events)**

10-12 Registration for Sunday School

Dunk Tank - Who is going in the tank????

Tatoos, Coloring Pages, and Games

**Kids will be decorating their own rock to be on display
all year outside of the church**

Bring your whole family to join in on the fun!!!

We look forward to seeing you all!!!

If you have any questions please contact

Jennifer Hill [641-373-0892](tel:641-373-0892)

or Robin Sampson [515-571-0997](tel:515-571-0997)



EDUCATION & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

7TH-8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

We will have our Parent and Student Orientation for the 2017-2018 confirmation year on August 30 at 6:30. This is for all 7th and 8th grade students and their parents. At this meeting, we will be sharing the plans for this year's classes, the requirements needed to be confirmed, and filling out the registration form. Please RSVP to the church office by August 25. If you cannot attend please set up another time to meet with Pastor Tim.

9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

We will have our Parent and Student Orientation for the 9th grade confirmation class on August 30 at 7:30. At this meeting we will be sharing the plans for this years Mentor time and the Affirmation of Baptism service on October 29. The students will have their Mentor time at 6:30 and then join the meeting after that. If you cannot attend please set up another time to meet with Pastor Tim. 9th grade mentor time begins August 30th at 6:30.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

All students are invited to bring their school backpacks to Worship on August 20 and we will have a blessing of the students and their backpacks as they begin the new school year.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Here is the list of our exciting Wednesday night activities starting September 6th!

5:15-6:00 7th 7 8th Grade Youth Group

6:00-6:20 7th & 8th Grade Dinner

6:20-7:30 7th & 8th Grade Announcements & Prayer

6:20-6:45 High School Dinner

6:30-7:30 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

6:30-7:30 9th Grade Mentor Time

6:45-8:00 High School Youth Group

SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES

August 20th Blessing Of The Backpacks

August 27th 10:00-12:00 Sunday School Rally Day Fair & Breakfast

September 3rd 10:00 All Age Sunday School "In the Beginning"

September 10th (time to be determined) Pre-School-8th Grade Sunday School
Adult Sunday School- Study of Luther's Small Catechism
(Don't worry we will not have memory work.
So come and learn about this great little book.)



REMEMBER THE BETHANY FAMILIES WITH PRAYER

This month, ask God to protect, direct, and show favor to these members.

Give thanks for their presence in this community.

August 1-8

Nelsen, Matt, Lori, Fenton, Jacy, Jeb

Nueman, Darlene

Newgaard, Gene

Noll, Mark, Connie

August 9-15

Nuss, Barb, Billy

Parker, Lorraine

Peterson, Willard

Picht , Kent, Rhonda, Jenna, Jordan, Jillian

August 16-23

Polzin, Carol

Poreth, Ryan, Tricia, Ally, Camden, Sophia

Porter, Doug

Prochaska, Travis , Nicki, Nicollette

August 23-31

Qualley, Brian, Mary, Brandon, Sara, Megan

Robbins, Byrd

Roberts, Brandon

Robison, Keith, Donnette, Cody

Happy Birthday

08/01	Muilenburg	Tate	08/17	Trusty	Jill
08/01	Sharar	Darla	08/18	Hacker	Sheila
08/01	Trusty	Steven	08/19	Duit	Sheli
08/02	Aldinger	Lindsay	08/19	Stockdale	Trevor
08/02	Jones	Lois	08/21	Hartford	Barrett
08/02	Qualley	Sara	08/21	Heetland	Maria
08/05	Lancaster	Bernice	08/21	Heiar	Roman
08/06	Buscher	Rudy	08/21	Heiar	Weston
08/06	Heitland	Cheyenne	08/21	Moehlman	Michael
08/08	Scholt	Autum	08/24	Moravec	Thomas
08/09	Kobe	Jackson	08/25	Ahrens	Scott
08/10	Meyer	Patty	08/25	Weeks	Lily
08/10	Weeks	Joel	08/26	Elman	Derrick
08/11	Johnson	Lorraine	08/26	Heiar	Charlotte
08/11	Lenguadoro	Cheryl	08/27	Bell	Cassie
08/11	Thies	Broderick	08/27	Crosser	Joshua
08/13	Fejfar	Carol	08/27	Hoffman	Payton
08/15	Dodd	Darby	08/28	Hansen	Shirley
08/15	Doering	Hadley	08/28	Lease	Billie
08/16	Hill	Caroline	08/30	Crosser	Helen
08/16	Newgaard	Gene			

Happy Anniversary

08/01	Muilenburg, Troy & Barb	08/21	Heinzeroth, Jeff & Robin
08/04	Hoversten, Quinn & Kaitlyn	08/22	Muller, Harold & Deb
08/05	Sharar, Lance & Darla	08/23	Wallace, Robert & Becky
08/10	Picht, Kent & Rhonda	08/26	Keninger, Doug & Jaime
08/11	Harman, Randy & Brenda	08/26	Sampson, Gary & Robin
08/11	Hill, Matthew & Jennifer	08/27	Noll, Mark & Connie
08/12	Lehtola, Jerome & Linda	08/27	Inks, Crystal & Mike
08/12	Hesse, Katheryn & Robert	08/29	Jones, Donald & Dinah
08/13	Robison, Keith & Donnette		



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MISSION STATEMENT

Through God's love as revealed to us in Jesus Christ, it is the purpose of Bethany Lutheran Church to proclaim the gospel of that love throughout the world by creating and building a community of worship in the Lutheran tradition of Word and Sacrament, providing fellowship, encouraging growth through learning and reaching out in witness and service.

WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE THE MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

As disciples of Jesus we will strive to:

Pray Daily

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Worship Weekly

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Read the Bible daily

Serve at and beyond Bethany Lutheran Church

Unite with and be in

Relationship with others

Give of our time, talents, and resources

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2016-2017 BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL:

**Matt Hill, Grace Jones, Sarah Kobe Amber Lee,
Pastor Tim Maybee, Tom Moravec, Gene Newgaard,
Billie Jo Shahan, Jaiden Shahan, Jason Snyder,
and Joel Weeks**