



From the Pastor

This October we begin another series. This time, we will explore the Lesser Festivals of the Church Year. These are Festivals which do not always fall on Sunday but that, during the appropriate times of the year, can be celebrated on Sunday. You already know some of the Lesser Festivals we celebrate: Reformation Sunday, All Saints' Sunday, Baptism of our Lord, Transfiguration are just some of the Lesser Festivals we celebrate every year. We will explore other Lesser Festivals in this series.

October 18th is the Feast of *St Luke the Physician, Evangelist*. Most of the Lesser Festivals—certainly those that celebrate persons other than Jesus or specific moments in his life—list the name of the one being celebrated and the reason why we celebrate them. St Luke, the author of the Third Gospel and the book of Acts is celebrated as an *Evangelist*, as one who wrote one of the four canonical gospels. There are, of course, other kinds of evangelists—those whose calling is to share the good news—but we recognize and celebrate the four authors of the canonical gospels throughout the year as Evangelists.

Luke is celebrated for many reasons, but if we take a look at his gospel (which is the focus for Year C which begins in Advent this year), we find some of the unique gifts Luke has to offer his audience. Luke focuses his gospel in social, governmental, and historical context. For example, Luke's portrayal of Jesus' birth (which is only found in Luke and Matthew) begins with exactly this context (In those days a decree went out...) Luke also focuses the themes of Jesus' life and teachings in social justice issues. Some of the most beloved parables—the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son—are found only in Luke's gospel. In addition, there is a clear regard for the poor, outcast, and marginalized in Luke's depiction of Jesus. Luke is also, perhaps, one of the most descriptive and poetic gospels. The "Gospel Canticles," meaning the Song of Zechariah, the Song of Mary, and the Song of Simeon are found only in Luke.

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THIS MONTH....

- ◆ **Trick or Treat Trail--**
Saturday,
October 20,
9am-12noon,
Josten Park
- ◆ **Congregation Meeting--**
Sunday,
October 21,
10:15am
- ◆ **Reformation Sunday--**
October 28

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We credit Luke with being a physician or healer of his time because of many of these themes he includes. Many celebrate services of healing in commemoration of Saint Luke. We know that he was not a Jewish convert to Christianity but rather comes from one of the Gentile communities Paul visits. For a while, Luke travels with Paul and you can read that in the book of Acts when the voice of the author transitions from “they” to “we.”

St. Luke is most famously symbolized with a winged ox. The ox a figure of sacrifice, service and strength. Luke's account begins with the duties of Zachariah in the temple; it represents Jesus' sacrifice in his Passion and Crucifixion, as well as Christ being High Priest (this also represents Mary's obedience). It is a reminder that our whole selves should be given to the proclamation of the good news. Less well known, but perhaps more prominent among our Orthodox siblings, Luke is shown writing on a scroll with an icon of the Madonna and Child (Mary and Jesus) that he is contemplating. This is a reference to the beginning of Luke's gospel. Luke is the only person to fully tell the beginning of Jesus' story including Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John the Baptist. Indeed most of the stories we know about Mary, the Mother of God, are found only in Luke (Annunciation, Visitation, Virgin Birth, etc). Some of the icons of Luke show his writing the icon of the Virgin himself.

As we commemorate and celebrate this month, let us remember our call to love and serve our neighbors, to work for the healing power of God to be known in the world, and to proclaim with our very lives the love and life of God in gracious regard for the poor and marginalized.

Save the Date



We will be having a special congregational meeting of the whole on Sunday, October 21, following worship. A meeting of the whole is to share information and hold discussion, but no votes will taken. More information will be coming in a letter from council.

Draft Social Statement

On the next page you will find the overview of the draft social statement on women and justice. We have spent the past year looking at the twelve existing social statements in preparation for this statement going before the churchwide assembly in August 2019. To learn more about the statement, visit ELCA.org/womenandjustice.

The task force in charge of the statement hopes that everyone will take the time to read the statement and engage in discussion about it.

Overview of the 'Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice'

The draft begins with and is rooted in our common foundation, a confession of faith in the Triune God. From this certainty of faith flow 36 assertions, divided into five sections. These assertions claim God's intention of abundant life for all, confess sexism and patriarchy as sin, name the resources of Lutheran faith to address this sin, and articulate this church's work and its call to religious and secular partners. The draft closes with an expression of hope for justice, grounded in trust in God's promise of grace.

I. Core Convictions

The Scriptures show God's intention is abundant life for all in this diverse creation and God's care in creating humans in the image of God. However, patriarchy and sexism prevent abundant life for all and deny—in practice—that *all* humans are created in the image of God. Sexism and patriarchy are therefore sinful. As Christians we understand that God's grace justifies us and turns us to serve others through neighbor justice, including gender justice.

II. Analysis of Patriarchy and Sexism

Patriarchy is a social system in which everyone consciously and subconsciously participates, and it benefits men and boys at the expense of women and girls and gender non-conforming individuals. Sexism is the support of male privilege. This does not mean women are good and men are bad. Both church and society and the individuals within them contribute to patriarchy and sexism.

III. Resources for Resisting Patriarchy and Sexism

Although the Christian church and the ELCA as one member of Christ's body are guilty of participating in the forces of patriarchy and sexism, there are a number of resources in the faith tradition to foster gender justice. Scriptural witness to God's desire for justice elucidates principles for our church in its work toward equity. These include: sufficiency, sustainability, solidarity, and participation. Likewise, Lutheran biblical interpretation and interpretations of doctrines are faithful resources to respond to the sins of patriarchy and sexism; interpretation and doctrine should be evangelical and serve *all* people, no matter their gender. Empowered by God's justifying grace received through faith, our church sees its calling to foster secular ideas, religious beliefs, and laws, policies, and practices that support abundant life for all.

IV. Response to God's Work and Our Call to Action and New Commitments in Society

This section of the draft outlines some of the commitments the ELCA should make in society to create gender-based equality and equity. Subjects range from human rights to violence to the media to health care to economics to immigration and migration to families, communities, caregiving, and stereotypes to public leadership.

V. Response to God's Work and Call to Action and New Commitments Regarding the Church

This section of the draft outlines some of the commitments our church should make within its own life toward greater gender-based equality and equity. Subjects range from church leadership and authority to scriptural translation and interpretation to the Lutheran theological tradition to language for God to economics to ecumenical, inter-faith, and secular dialogues and partnerships.

Spiritual Life

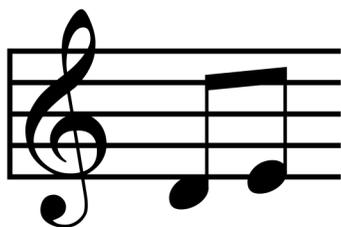
Faith Formation, Bible Study, Worship

New Member & First Communion Classes

A new member class and first communion class are forming. If you are interested in joining Christ Community, contact Pastor Amanda for information on this one evening class. If your child is ready (or if you wonder if they are ready) for first communion, contact Pastor Amanda for information on the first communion class.



Musicians Welcome!



Do you enjoy singing? Do you play a musical instrument or enjoy drumming? All are welcome to join our musicians to lead worship. Rehearsal is at 8:30am before worship. No need to sign up, just show up!

Parish Life

Hospitality, Care Teams, Fellowship

Bread Ministry

Christ Community Lutheran Church and the Parish Life Vision Team would like to thank Carol Simpson for her dedication and administration of our Bread Ministry. She has volunteered as the leader of the group since 2005 and has done a wonderful job. Thank you again, Carol.

Book Group

The CCLC Book Group will meet on October 15 at 6:30pm. All are invited to join.



Community Life

Outreach, Service, Evangelism

Community Garden

Another successful Community Garden season

Our joint community garden with volunteers from Grace Lutheran, Bethel Lutheran and Christ Community will conclude on Wednesday, October 3. About twenty confirmation students from Grace will be here at about 6:45pm to close out the garden by pulling all the vegetable plants and putting them in the mulch recycle bin. Anyone is welcome to come out and watch as they charge into the project at night with only some car headlights giving them some light.

We will have harvested around 2,300 pounds of produce for the Grace Tuesday and Friday food pantry, plus the Sunday Christ Community World Hunger table. Including some substantial World Hunger designated contributions in the CCLC collection plate, there was almost \$1,300 given to ELCA World Hunger from the Sunday table.

Special thanks to mid-week helpers Amy Hertel and Phil Simila (Christ Community), Mike and Cathy Chase (Grace), Shelly Sontag (Bethel) and the Disabled American Veteran family members. Also Jeanette Knill for donating tomato plants, Parmentier's Greenhouse for donating green pepper plants, and Bill Wiegert for applying to Thrivent Financial for an Action Team project (\$250 pre-paid credit card). Al Rasmussen

Trick or Treat Trail



Bellevue's Trick or Treat Trail will be held in Josten Park on Saturday, October 20th from 9am to noon. We are in need of members who are willing to serve by dressing up in costume and helping to hand out goodies to the families who participate in this event. If you are able to help, contact Pastor Amanda.

God's Work, Our Hands

Many thanks to all who participated in this year's God's Work, Our Hands event. We have tied thirteen out of our seventeen donated blankets. (If you'd like to help tie the final four, contact the church office.) The blankets we tied will go to the local fire departments and local shelters to help keep our community warm over the winter months.



Community Events

CUP O' JOY Benefit Concert

CUP O' JOY will be having their annual Benefit Concert to celebrate 29 years of "Music That Inspires". An Evening of Music and Celebration will take place on Saturday, October 20th at 7pm and features recording artists SIDEWALK PROPHETS.

DATE: Saturday, October 20
TIME: 7pm show (doors open at 6pm & 6:30pm)
PLACE: Ashwaubenon PAC, 2391 S. Ridge Road, Green Bay, WI 54304

ADMISSION: \$20 General Admission, 6:30pm door entry
\$30 Admission, 6pm door entry (early entry for best seats)

TICKETS: Lighthouse Christian Books - Green Bay
Cup O' Joy during weekend shows
Online at www.cupojoy.com

Offering taken to support Cup O' Joy.

CROSSWAYS Camping Ministries Harvest Gala

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HARVEST GALA

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27, 2018
LIBERTY HALL, KIMBERLY WI

Dinner will be provided by Liberty Hall

Cash Bar *** Appetizers *** Silent Auction *** Live Music

Visit www.crosswayscampos.org to learn more!



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The Good News

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