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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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With the support of the congregation's leadership, we have begun to host a "Unified Divine Service" on the fifth Sunday of each month. The purpose is to bring together both of our "congregations" for a united celebration of the Lord Jesus. What joy!

Last Sunday was just such a celebration. Romans 8:28-38 formed the Scriptural foundation. So many Christians question the truth of "all things working for good," especially when life doesn't provide what is expected or desired. I trust many of you have a renewed insight into Paul's comment within the context of the Gospel of the Christ.

By the way, our next Unified Divine Service is October 29, 2017. On this day, we will remember and celebrate Reformation Sunday. I hope you'll make plans to be with us.

And, as we prepare for the 500th anniversary of the posting of the 95 Thesis, generally considered the spark that ignited the Reformation, two special efforts are being planned:

First, beginning September 10th, we will gather each Sunday to read, preach and teach Paul's very first letter – Galatians. As a part of this effort, I'm going to be asking you to read with me Luther's 1535 Galatian commentary. Luther was so fond of Galatians that he called it his "Katie" (his wife's name). You can get a free download of this Christian classic at

https://www.ccel.org/ccel/luther/galatians.i.html.

Second, on Saturday, October 14th, Dr. Matthew Philips will be at Concordia for a special presentation. Dr. Philips teaches Reformation History at Concordia University – Seward. He will be with us to reveal some of the great historical story surrounding Martin Luther, the events leading up to the posting of the 95 Thesis and the early growth and development of the Reformation. You will want to set this time aside in your schedule. In fact, do it right now.

As many of you know, Sheryl and I will be traveling to Iowa this weekend with our family to celebrate Lucile Ransom's 100th birthday. This is my mother-in-law. We are looking forward to safe travels and a joyful celebration. Pastor Schmoock will be with us on Sunday to proclaim Jesus.

Finally, on August 20th, we will welcome three new members: Donna Gruis, Rosemarie Idler and Paula Rigoni. As you see them throughout this month, be sure to welcome them among us!

God be with you all! Luv' ya'!

Pastor Craig



Happy August Birthdays

- 8-1 Jan Theadore
- 8-7 Doug Warner
- 8-12 Joni Moss
- 8-22 Dawn Moon
- 8-23 Ben Wharton
- 8-26 William McConnell

Happy August Anniversary

8-8 Andy & Sandra Hogrefe

If we missed your birthday or anniversary we are sorry. Please call the church office and let us know so that we can update our records for the next time!

