

# September Newsletter

St. Jacob Lutheran Church

## From the Pastor

*“<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.” Romans 12:9-13*

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In a world beset with hostility, division, anger and hatred, Paul offers an alternative: Life in Christ. As one commentator writes about this passage: *Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.* And we do this because of Jesus Christ.

On our own, we are doomed to failure. After all, we cannot by our own effort alone walk in the way of Christ. While the call is to live peaceably and lovingly with others, because of our sinful nature, we stumble and fall. Hatred, evil and malice fill our hearts and drive our actions. Trying to live the Christian life by ourselves is not possible.

That is why our Lord gives us two gifts: The Holy Spirit and the Christian Community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to live and act according to Jesus' command to "love one another as I have loved you." That Spirit is poured out upon us through the waters of baptism and is renewed in us through worship and Holy Communion. As we come before the Lord in worship on Sunday, we are filled with the Holy Spirit. That Spirit then empowers us to love genuinely, rejoice in hope, have patience in suffering, persevere in prayer, and give generously of our possessions and our compassion both to friend and stranger.

Gathering with the community of faith each Sundays also serves both as a time of mutual encouragement and practical opportunity. As we sing, pray, hear the Word and share the Sacrament, we are drawn together as one people. Blessed with a common tie in Christ Jesus, we are united in love and peace. Worship is a time for the community to stand together, encouraging and supporting one another in faith and in faithful living.

Worship also offers the opportunity to practice what we preach and believe. In the assembly of the faithful, we not only confess the brokenness of our sin, but we hear the words of forgiveness. Thus forgiven, we are free to forgive and be reconciled with one another. That reconciling love not only pours out among those gathered for worship, but is extended beyond the walls of the church building as we go into the community. Hearing the words, "Go in peace. Serve the Lord", we embark on our journey into the world to continue to practice what we heard, received and shared in worship.

Paul's words remind us of our call to live faith-filled lives in Christ. Rather than being driven by the world's standards, empowered by the Holy Spirit and encouraged by the fellowship of other believers, we follow the standard of Jesus Christ. Gathering for worship with community of faith on Sunday mornings is a key element of this journey. Therefore, I encourage each of you to make Sunday morning worship a regular part of what you do – not just for your sake, but for the sake of Christ and the world.

Grace and Peace  
Pastor Dave Westphal

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## Thought of the Month

If your hopes are being disappointed just now, it means that they are being purified.

Oswald Chambers

## Bible Trivia Question

What kind of education was Luther in favor of for the public?

Answer on page 6

## Thank You

Dear St. Jacob members, Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We are so grateful for your help in covering the cost of our stay at the Ronald McDonald House. Also, we would like to thank those who worked to put together the ice cream social sponsored by the ladies of the WELCA..Thank you to all of those people who donated desserts and ice cream. The food was delicious! We are also humbled by the number of people who came to support us with donations at the social. God Bless!

Hayden Weiskittel Family

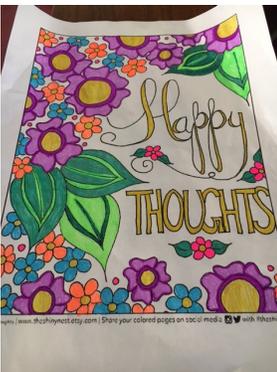
Wow! Words cannot even express how incredibly grateful I am for your generous gift! When I first wrote to you, I thought it was a shot in the dark; little did I expect you to turn around and pay my funds in full! Because of your generous gift, these funds will not only support me but other young adults like me in the YAGM program. I am so humbled. Your ministry has been such a blessing, and I hope to pass it forward as I serve in West London!

Peace, Sarah Bull

\*\*Additional thank you are on the bulletin board in the office area: Wernle, Ronald McDonald House-Cincinnati, COTA

## Alzheimer's Team News

The Shelby County Alzheimer's Walk is fast approaching-**Saturday, September 23th**. The entire event will take place at the court square in Sidney. There will be stations on the lawn for registration, t-shirts, and educational information-starting at 9am. Walk will be after the opening ceremony at 10am. Pre-registration forms are located on the back table or you may register on-line at [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk). You can donate to our team through this website also.



**Alzheimer's Team Fund Raiser – A “Coloring Contest”** is taking place here at St. Jacob. The contest will be by age group and coloring sheets will be provided on the back table display. Cost is \$2.00 per entry for ages 3-10 and \$5.00 per entry for ages 11-adult. Entry fee is due when you turn in your coloring sheet. All entries must be turned in by September 3rd. We will display all entries and all entries will be numbered. You can vote for your favorite entry for a donation September 10-17. A prize will be rewarded to one entry per each age group with the most votes! Winners will be announced the weekend of the walk. Please put your name, age, and phone number on the back of your coloring sheet before you turn it in with your entry fee to a team member listed below. Money collected from our fundraiser will be turned in as part of our congregation's contribution for 2017 to help fight this devastating disease. St. Jacob has been a leader in Shelby County in the annual Alzheimer's Walk and we expect to be again this year. Thank you in advance for your help. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Ike, Timri Berning, or Cheryl Pulfer.

## Sunday Morning Servants

	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
<b>Readers (8am)</b>	Mike Bertsch	Deb Christman	Jim Brandt	Gloria Zwiebel
<b>Readers (10am)</b>	Jeremy Kipp	Wendy Yinger	Mike Schnell	Brad Pleiman
<b>Acolytes</b>	Elliott Davis	Ryan Ely	Kaylie Kipp	Kaleigh Montague
<b>Crucifer</b>	Hope Bixler		Bethany Althausen	
<b>Greeters</b>	N-Lois Fogt	N-Joe & Wendy Yinger	N-Matt & Lindsay Homan	N-Karen Sayre
	S-Molly Berner	S-Ike & Mitzi Eisenhardt	S-Scott & Tina Cathcart	S-Betty Miars
<b>Communion Asst</b>	Kristi Meyer		Laura Brady	
<b>Blood Pressure Ck</b>	Elisa Strasser			

## Brotherhood News

The **September meeting** of the St. Jacob Brotherhood will be held on **Monday evening, September 11, 2017**. This event will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Geib Pavillion at Tawawa Park and includes a picnic dinner. Mr. Jim Hall, trustee of the Sidney and Shelby County Historical Society and park historian, will conduct a bus tour of the park and relate the history of this excellent public entity. All men of the congregation and friends are invited to attend. Our church bus will depart from the South parking lot at 5:45 p.m., or other attendees are welcome to meet at the Geib Pavillion.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast**— Men of the Church-Prayer Breakfast begins again soon. The third Sunday of every month at 7:15 a.m. Good food, good fellowship, and a brief meditation. Come join us **Sunday, September 17th** and the rest of the 3rd Sundays in the Fall, Winter, and Spring!

**Gideon / Brotherhood Sunday**—A representative of the Gideon's will attend both worship services on September 17. He will relate the mission and various programs of this International organization. Our annual observance of Brotherhood Sunday or Lutheran Men in Mission, will also be held on September 17. A special men's choir will provide an anthem at the 10:00 a.m. service. All men of the congregation are invited to participate.

## Luther League News

We will "kick off" the new year of activities on **Sunday, September 17th** at the Anna Park starting at 5:30 p.m. Please bring yourself and a friend (let us know by signing up in the back of the church). Also, bring a snack or dessert to share and your beverage. Meat will be provided. The band "City of Bright" concert starts at 7 p.m. at the park.



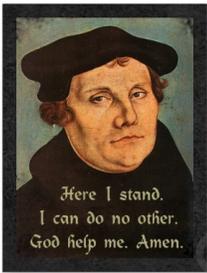
## Bell Choir



The Bell Choir will soon be starting another season of practicing and sharing in our worship services. We would like to take this opportunity to show our appreciation to those who gave their time and talent during our premier season: Jim Brandt, Jill Brandt, Gina Fogt, Jenni Shoffner, Linda Pleiman, Eve Pleiman, Sharon Schnell, Sue Althaus, Laura Brady, and Anna Brady. They gave with their whole hearts and hands to make a joyful noise to the Lord. We also want to express our thanks to Pastor Mick Althaus for getting the bells ready by taking them to be repaired and polished and ordering the new tables and equipment, to Nancy Martin for sewing the table covers, to Cody Limbert for setting up and taking down our equipment, and to all of you who supported us with your financial donations, encouragement, and prayers.

We would like to invite more people to join us in our ringing, on **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., starting on September 6th**. If you would like more information, please contact the church office or Amy Stratton at 937-726-0011.

## Reformation Movies



To commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, a DVD presentation of the Rick Steves documentary of our Lutheran roots will be shown during the Sunday school hour on **September 24, 2017**. Time starting approx. at 8:45 a.m.

The movie “Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World” is going to be featured at the Sidney Theatre, to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The film is approx. 1 1/2 hours. This is free presentation and open to the public. Sponsored by St. Jacob Lutheran Church. Date to be announced.

## Reformation: The Perfect Storm

Beginning Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, and continuing through October 1<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Dave will lead a four-week, adult study on the roots and foundations of the Protestant Reformation in Europe. The class will be held in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. each week and involve both lecture and discussion. Each week is its own entity, but the entire presentation is as follows:

Sunday, September 10: How We Got There – Church History from Jesus to 1500 AD

Sunday, September 17: What We Don't Talk About - Politics and Money

Sunday, September 24: A New Humanity – Art, Science and Technology

Sunday, October 1: The Perfect Storm – Luther and the Reformation

Sept 1 Phyllis Boone, Larissa Himmeger  
 Sept 2 Timri Berning, Justin Krites, Angela Maher  
 Sept 3 Erin Luellen, Jaime Quatman  
 Sept 5 Katie Lentz  
 Sept 6 Montana Pulfer  
 Sept 7 Elisa Cooper, Doug Huffman, Randy Krites, Ezra Quatman  
 Sept 8 Jill Brandt, Jose Pulfer  
 Sept 9 Morgan Spence  
 Sept 10 Paul Lang  
 Sept 12 Bailey Althausen, Ron Frank, Kate Opperman  
 Sept 13 Kim Klopfleisch  
 Sept 14 Amy Krites  
 Sept 17 Ashtin Bowman  
 Sept 18 Nancy Spence  
 Sept 19 Isaac Cooper, Geoff Wilt  
 Sept 20 Heather Althausen  
 Sept 21 Ashton Berner  
 Sept 22 Hunter Bowman, Elizabeth Butcher  
 Sept 24 Beverly Dunlap, Don Rump, Jack Wells  
 Sept 25 Abigail Current, Kantessa Stewart  
 Sept 26 Cody Limbert  
 Sept 27 Austin Fogt, Katrina McGowan  
 Sept 28 Carter Dirksen, Lois Fogt  
 Sept 29 Sherrill Clifford, Taylor Spence  
 Sept 30 Zachary Cost



Sept 6 Fred & Cheryl Pulfer  
 Sept 10 Bruce & Carol Bulle  
 Sept 12 Darrin & Bonnie Ihle  
 Sept 14 Chris & Andrea Hilgefert, Mark & Jane Wahl  
 Sept 16 Scott & Sharon Van Fossen  
 Sept 19 Steve & Jan Elsass



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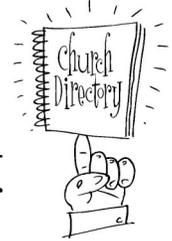
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Growing and Sharing; Inviting and Caring

### On-line Directory

Members of St. Jacob will have available a free on line church directory. Also, you will be able to update your personal church profile with our Servant Keeper database. If you have received an email for a invite to Servant Keeper, you will need a member password. It is **St Jacob Directory**. More email invites will be coming soon, so watch your email for your invite! If you have any questions, please contact the church office and I will try to help.



### SAPS -Seniors At Play

The SAPS group will begin this years activities on Tuesday, September 12th at 1:00 p.m. in the church basement. Come join the fun. We enjoy our fellowship together. Hope to see you there!

Clarence and Miriam Pfaadt.

### Upcoming Events

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| Sept 3  | Blood Pressure Ck 9-9:45am in office area   |
| Sept 6  | Teen Scene 6:30pm, Bell Choir 6:30pm  |
| Sept 10 | Special Congregational meeting 9 & 10 a.m.<br>Reformation: The Perfect Storm 11am   |
| Sept 11 | Brotherhood 6pm Tawawa Park   |
| Sept 12 | SAPS 1:00pm   |
| Sept 13 | Teen Scene 6:30pm, Bell Choir 6:30pm  |
| Sept 17 | Brotherhood/Gideon Sunday<br>Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:15am<br>Reformation: The Perfect Storm 11am<br>Luther League Kickoff-Anna Park 5:30pm |
| Sept 20 | Teen Scene 6:30pm, Bell Choir 6:30pm  |
| Sept 23 | Alzheimer's Walk-Sidney court square 9am  |
| Sept 24 | Reformation Movie-approx 8:45am<br>Reformation: The Perfect Storm 11am  |
| Sept 27 | Teen Scene 6:30pm, Bell Choir 6:30pm  |
| Oct 1   | Reformation: The Perfect Storm 11am   |

Trivia Answer: Liberal Arts