Our nursery needs you!
Our children LOVE our church nursery, so they often don’t want to leave! But we’re facing a volunteer crisis. We need two volunteers every Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. service to meet the needs of our children. We’re putting a call out to adults and senior high youth to play with and care for our youngest members on Sundays, and ask that parents who make use of the nursery be of service. You’ll always work in pairs, and the schedule is based on your availability.

All nursery volunteers receive a background check and read through our Safe Place Policy before serving. Contact Deb Denison at 612-721-3296 or rd_denison@yahoo.com to learn more. Without you, we won’t be able to offer this ministry to our families!
Faith Formation

Faith & Life Conversations: Always Being Made New – 9:10 a.m. Sundays
Because God is at work in the world, we believe that we are always being made new! This month, we’ll focus on transformation taking place in the church and in the world.

October 1: Faith Communities & People with Mental Illness – October is Mental Illness Awareness Month at Lake Nokomis, and we’ll be joined by a speaker from NAMI (National Association on Mental Illness). We’ll learn about mental illnesses, the impact of negative attitudes, and five things each of us can do to make Minnesota a better place for people who experience a mental illness within a faith community.

October 8: The Race – As we continue our conversations about race and privilege this year, we’ll engage in an activity called “The Race,” which will help us see that we do not start out as equals in our society. We’ll further our understanding of how people are affected by privilege and oppression, and explore the implications of these realities and the hope that there is possibility for change and transformation.

October 15: Racial Justice – We’ll hear from the team that has been engaged in racial justice conversations, explore our shared beliefs and common values, and talk about our congregation’s vision for racial justice and a racial justice statement.

October 22: Safe Harbor, Changing Lives – How did Safe Harbor legislation change the way police, prosecutors, and social workers treat victims of sex trafficking? How is it affecting buyers and sellers? What does it mean for the future of sex trafficking? Has it influenced the healing process for those who are able to extricate themselves from trafficking? Join Ginny Rudloff, Interim

Director of Cherish All Children, Froiland-Parada, LICSW and volunteer therapist at Breaking Free for the transformative movement Safe Harbor.

October 29: Stepping Forward Together – What is God up to in our faith community and in our community? Who are our neighbors? And how can we work together as a community of faith to refine and further our mission and respond to the needs of our community? Let’s step forward in faith together.

Christ & Culture in Literature
In the 16th century, Martin Luther issued a challenge to the Catholic Church that shook the entire continent. In the 21st century, Joseph Fiennes stars in the film “The King,” telling the story of the man and his action that shook an entire continent.

Bring a snack to share if you are able and join us for the movie and discussion on Sunday, October 8, 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Glen Wheeler at 612-724-2655.
What’s Happening In The Library?

Our church is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!
The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Our Reformation 500 Bookstore will feature engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Stop in the narthex on Sunday October 15 & 22 between 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. to view and order fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family. Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer* as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.

Interesting reads for adults
To help celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the library has dedicated a section of shelves to feature additional books pertaining to Martin Luther and the Reformation!

“Martin Luther’s Basic Theological Writings,” edited by Timothy F. Lull features one of Luther’s sermons, including his 1530 sermon “On the Afternoon of Christmas Day.” It is a lengthy book, but a reader could select chapters that would be of interest and not read the entire 750 pages.

“The Lutheran Handbook,” is a small book that often gets hidden on the shelves with timeless theological truths and humor thrown in. You might be interested in the chapter titled, “How to Survive in an Un-air-conditioned Church,” or “How to Stay Alert in Church.” The illustrations will provide many chuckles. This book was donated to our library by Carl and Elaine Westby in memory of Carl’s sister, and can be enjoyed by adults and teens alike.

Steven Paulson, associate professor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, has written “Luther for Armchair Theologians.” It was written by an expert but was designed to be read by non-experts in religion. You might pick this book off of the shelves and browse through the great illustrations which will probably make you want to read further.

Our June Newsletter featured the book “Here I Walk: A Thousand Miles on Foot to Rome with Martin Luther.” Laurie Zaepfel wrote a review that covered the 1000 miles represented day pilgrims, Andrew Wilson and Sarah Hinlicky Wilson walked from Erfurt, Germany to Rome, Italy. Laurie recommended this book to anyone who enjoyed travel writing about Europe, or is curious to read about part of Martin Luther’s life.

Moonlight Madness, November 10 - 11
All 6-9th grade youth are invited to Moonlight Madness, an all-night event with multiple congregations that includes stops at Augsburg College for open gym and a dance; Grand Slam Entertainment Center; Andover Cinema; and a bowling alley! Youth can bring a friend and additional money for food and arcade games. Registration, due by November 5, is $35 and a completed Medical Form. We meet at Lake Nokomis at 9pm and return by 7:30am. Sign up in the Family Room.

FMF 2017: Extending Hospitality To Four Families Experiencing Homelessness
More than 60 volunteers had the privilege of hosting four spirited and loving families at our church in mid-August. It was a week of blessings. Looking ahead: We are considering an additional hosting week in April 2018. Please watch for more information, and JOIN US!

To get involved with the FMF ministry and our ongoing work to end homelessness, contact Kat Vann at katvann222@yahoo, Robbie Becker at robertadbecker@aol.com, or Jenica Carlyon at jenica.carlyon@gmail.com. Mark your calendars now for next year's host week: Aug. 5-12, 2018.

Give Blood. Save Lives!
Our annual Red Cross Blood Drive is Wednesday, October 4 from 1:30 - 7:30 p.m. Please go to www.redcrossblood.org, and enter sponsor code: LNLC to sign up.
Lectionary Readings

Our worship readings this month will be selected from the following scripture passages:

Oct 1
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Oct 8
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

Oct 15
Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

Oct 22
Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Oct 29
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Remembering the Saints on Sunday, November 5

On All Saints Sunday, we will celebrate the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ.

We’ll give thanks for Christ’s victory won for all the faithful dead even while we grieve for our beloved dead as well – knowing that God honors our tears. At the same time, we’ll rejoice with the newly baptized, giving thanks for God’s promise that we are always being made new.

At church on Sunday, November 5, you’re invited to bring a photo, copy of a photo or a memento of someone in your life who has died or who was baptized. Volunteers in the narthex will add it to a special display of remembrance. You’ll also have the opportunity to light candles during worship in remembrance of a loved one who died or was baptized.
Personnel Update

We are pleased to announce that Rich Bowring has accepted the position of custodian for the church. This is a part-time position, of about ten hours per week, with primary responsibilities to clean the building before Sunday services and Wednesday night activities. Rich is also responsible for lawn mowing, some yard work and light snow shoveling (we have a service for snow removal of over one inch).

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we have also created the part-time position of Property Steward. This person is responsible for working with the church staff, the Property Team and church volunteers to facilitate property maintenance, setup and teardown for events, and on-call handling of facility related emergencies. John Becker has decided to accept this position as a volunteer for the foreseeable future. Please contact John at 612-244-9245 or Beckercom@aol.com if you have property-related suggestions, concerns or if you would like to help out.

We would also like to thank Patty Kendall for her work as our building custodian over the summer months. Your efforts were much appreciated!

Your Personnel Team:
Bette Stacy, John Becker, Duke Borgerding, Jeanette Boothe, Patti Grube, Dave Miland

Visitation Ministry

Is Jesus calling you? In January 2017 I had the opportunity with members of the Personnel Committee to think about working in an area of ministry that is a passion of mine. THE RESULT: I am taking on my new role/responsibilities as Director of Visitation Ministry (DOVM). This is in addition to my continuing role/responsibilities as Parish Nurse (ypn). The main reason I accepted this role is that I cannot complete the amount of visits in 1/3 of the time my new role/responsibilities as your DOVM is to visit/bring communion to our elderly & home bound members. If you want to learn more about our Visitation Ministry and/or the possibility of participating in this ministry, please contact me @ 612-724-1864 or btauferner@yahoo.com.

The Visitation Ministry is by no means meant to replace the informal acts of kindness many of you already give to our Elders and home bound. PLEASE KEEP IT UP! It is possible that I can gradually going to grow a team of volunteers to help me meet our requirement of maintaining connections with our elderly & home bound members. If you want to learn more about our Visitation Ministry and/or the possibility of participating in this ministry, please contact me @ 612-724-1864 or btauferner@yahoo.com.
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