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**“CHURCHES IN THE COUNTRY”**

“UNITED TOGETHER WITH CHRIST IN THE  
LIKENESS OF HIS DEATH AND HIS RESURRECTION.”  
[ROMANS 6:5]

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October 31<sup>st</sup> is Reformation Sunday. On this date, in the year of our Lord 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 Thesis on the castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany. The 95 Thesis are statements of objections and disputes against various teachings and practices held and promoted by the Christian Church at the time. This was the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. In celebration of Martin Luther and this event, below are a series of sayings made by the venerable and devout Reverend Doctor Martin Luther. Enjoy!

**ON EVANGELISM**

There is nothing I want more than to make His Gospel known to the world and to convert many people (LW 26:379).

**ON FAITH**

Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that a man would stake his life on it a thousand times . . . O, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith; and so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly (Preface to the Book of Romans).

**ON GOD’S LOVE**

Rather than seeking its own good, the love of God flows forth and bestows good. Therefore sinners are attractive because they are loved; they are not loved because they are attractive (LW 31:57).

**ON PRAYER**

Oh, if I could only pray the way this dog watches the meat! All his thoughts are concentrated on the piece of meat. Otherwise he has no thought, wish, or hope (LW 54:38).

I am accordingly compelled to pray it [the Catechism] every day, even aloud, and whenever I happen to be prevented by the press of duties from observing my hour of prayer, the entire day is bad for me (LW 54:17).

## **ON MARRIAGE**

It is impossible to keep peace between man and woman in family life if they do not condone and overlook each other's faults, but watch everything to the smallest point. For who does not at one time offend (W 1, 457)?

## **ON DEPRESSION**

Those who are troubled with melancholy ought to be very careful not to be alone, for God created the fellowship of the church and commanded brotherliness, as the Scriptures testify, 'Woe to him who is alone when he falls, etc.' [Eccles. 4:10] (LW 54:16).

## **ON BIBLE READING**

For some years now I have read through the Bible twice every year. If you picture the Bible to be a mighty tree and every word a little branch, I have shaken every one of these branches because I wanted to know what it was and what it meant (LW 54:165).

## **ON KATY, HIS WIFE**

I wouldn't give up my Katy for France or for Venice (LW 54:7).

## **ON CHURCH GROWTH**

We should preach the Word, but the results must be left solely to God's good pleasure . . . I opposed indulgences and all the papists, but never with force. I simply taught, preached, and wrote God's Word; otherwise I did nothing. And while I slept, or drank Wittenberg beer with my friends Philip and Amsdorf, the Word so greatly weakened the papacy that no prince or emperor ever inflicted such losses upon it. I did nothing; the Word did everything (LW51:77).

## **ON THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN DOCTRINE AND LIFE**

Therefore doctrine and life should be distinguished as sharply as possible. Doctrine belongs to God, not to us; and we are called only as its ministers. Therefore we cannot give up or change even one dot of it (Matt. 5:18). Life belongs to us; therefore when it comes to this, there is nothing that the Sacramentarians can demand from us that we are not willing and obliged to undertake, condone, and tolerate (LW 27:37).

## **ON LOVE THAT TOLERATES FALSE DOCTRINE**

A curse on a love that is observed at the expense of the doctrine of faith, to which everything must yield - love, an apostle, an angel from heaven, etc.! (LW 27:38).

## **ON MUSIC**

Music is an outstanding gift of God and next to theology. I would not give up my slight knowledge of music for a great consideration. And youth should be taught this art; for it makes fine skillful people (W-T 3, No. 3815).

## **ON HUMILITY**

If you are highly pleased when someone praises you in the presence of others; if perhaps you look for praise, and would sulk or quit what you are doing if you did not get it — if you are of that stripe, dear friend, then take yourself by the ears, and if you do this in the right way you will find a beautiful pair of big, long, shaggy donkey ears (LW 34:288).

## NOVEMBER 2011 CALENDAR

### Wednesday, November 2

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study at Immanuel  
5:00 p.m. Midweek at Trinity  
6:00 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation at Immanuel  
7:00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation at Immanuel

### Thursday, November 3

12:00 p.m. Trinity Ladies Aid at Pizza Ranch  
7:00 p.m. Trinity Council Meeting

### Saturday, November 5

5:00 p.m. Saturday Evening Service at Immanuel

### Sunday, November 6

8:45 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Immanuel  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel  
10:15 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Trinity  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice at Immanuel

### Monday, November 7

6:30 p.m. Working Women's Group at Immanuel

### Tuesday, November 8

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion at Sunny View

### Wednesday, November 9

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study at Immanuel  
5:00 p.m. Midweek at Trinity  
6:00 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation at Immanuel  
7:00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation at Immanuel

### Thursday, November 10

6:30 p.m. Elder's Meeting at Immanuel  
7:30 p.m. Council Meeting at Immanuel

### Sunday, November 13

8:45 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Immanuel  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel  
10:15 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Trinity  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice at Immanuel

### Tuesday, November 15

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion at Sunny Knoll  
10:00 a.m. Communion at Sunny View

### Wednesday, November 16

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class at Immanuel  
5:00 p.m. Midweek at Trinity  
6:00 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation at Immanuel  
7:00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation

### Thursday, November 17

1:30 p.m. LWML at Immanuel

### Sunday, November 20

8:45 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Immanuel  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel  
10:15 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Trinity  
7:00 p.m. Choir practice at Immanuel

### Tuesday, November 22

5:00 p.m. Serve Supper at Beacon of Hope, Fort Dodge

### Wednesday, November 23

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study at Immanuel  
5:00 p.m. Midweek at Trinity  
6:00 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation at Immanuel  
7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service at Immanuel

### Sunday, November 27

8:45 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Immanuel  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel  
10:15 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Trinity

### Wednesday, November 30

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study at Immanuel  
5:00 p.m. Midweek at Trinity  
6:00 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation at Immanuel  
7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Immanuel  
7:45 p.m. Dual Parish Council Meeting

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 – Paula Rautanen    | 18 – Ronald Doster   |
| 6 – Zelda Lightfoot   | 19 – Phyllis Kretlow |
| 7 – Richard Bahls     | 21 – Travis Rasmuson |
| 8 – Mary Rasmuson     | 21 – Edna Volk       |
| 9 – Brandon Hansen    | 22 – Kari Hanks      |
| 10 – Alyssa Rautanen  | 25 – Ronald Hepp     |
| 10 – Ranae Juhl       | 26 – Roger Bahls     |
| 10 – Markie Patterson | 27 – Beverly Klocko  |
| 11 – Christopher Hull | 27 – Bill Jud        |
| 12 – Carol Doster     | 28 – Jessica Weiss   |
| 16 – Lucas Fiala      | 29 – Dean Quade      |
| 18 – Araya Heilman    | 30 – Colt Slack      |
| 18 – Delmar Peterson  | 30 – Kathy Weiss     |



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – Mark and Jayne Gleason
- 5 – Neil and Tammy Morenz
- 8 – Roger Becker and Joyce Vosberg
- 19 – Jeffrey and Christine Fistler
- 20 – Richard and Maxine Rosendahl
- 30 – Troy and Carrie Melohn