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With the 500th anniversary of the Reformation just over a month away, I thought I would start to highlight some of key events and contributions that were made by Martin Luther and the reformers. One of the least known but most enduring of these contributions is in the form of hymns.

It is not widely remembered but Martin Luther was an accomplished musician in addition to his other God given talents and skills. As such he wrote the text, tune, or both for some 38 hymns for the church to sing. As the preface to *The Hymns of Martin Luther* (CPH 2016) puts it so well, "Today, these hymns do what they did five hundred years ago. They remain some of the finest examples of Christian hymnody. They proclaim Christ and His saving work. They teach the faith and encourage the faithful. They give voice to the people's praise of their God for what He has done through His Son. Moreover, they do this with excellent poetry that is rigorous in form and beautiful in language. They do it with music that is bold, sensitive to the text, memorable, and singable. And they do all of this with fidelity to the historic contributions of the Church."

As you look through the following list of hymns that Martin Luther contributed to by writing the text, tune, or both, I encourage you to see which ones are included in our hymnal, the Lutheran Service Book, and perhaps do a little searching for the texts of those not included. I have all of them in the book mentioned earlier "*The Hymns of Martin Luther*" and on CD. Please stop by and I will gladly let you take a look at and/or listen to these wonderful hymns that teach the faith and give voice to our praises.

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
A New Song now Shall Be Begun
All Glory Be to God Alone
Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands
Christ, Our Lord, Who Died to Save Us
Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost
Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice
From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy Lord
Happy the Man Who Feareth God
If God Had Not Been on Our Side
In Peace and Joy I Now Depart
In the Very Midst of Life
Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old
Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
May God Bestow on Us His Grace

My Bride, the Church, Is Dear to Me
Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One
O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold
O Lord, We Praise Thee
Our Father, Who from Heaven Above
Savior of the Nations, Come
The Litany
The Mouth of Fools Doth God Confess
These Are the Holy Ten Commands
To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray
To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord
To Shepherds as They Watched by Night
Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay
True God from All Eternity
We All Believe in One True God
We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth
We Sing Thy Praise, O God
Why, Herod, Unrelenting Foe
Wilt Thou, O Man, Live Happily

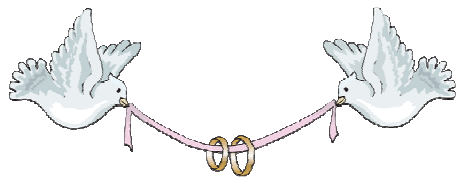
As an added reminder of the importance that Martin Luther placed on hymnody to teach God's Word, we will be dedicating our new organ during this year's Reformation Service on October 29. Please join us as we hear God's Word spoken and sung!

Blessings from the one who teaches us through His Word and in the music that He allows us to create, even Jesus Christ our Lord

Pastor Jones



Lois Eichinger	10/3
Laurie Schweisthal	10/5
Roger Ewings	10/6
Gerald Hoepner	10/10
Karen Clark	10/15
Jenna Ewings	10/15
Mark Klemke	10/15
Vicki Bellore	10/17
Beth Welke	10/17
Ethel Vance	10/18
Arlene Hakes	10/20
Ben Ziebarth	10/24
Dianne Schroeder	10/25
Diane Leland	10/27
Mary Gettler	10/30
Amanda Ziebarth	10/30



Bradley & Carol Sundell	10/1/2006
Roger & Laurie Ewings Jr.	10/2/1993
Greg & Diane Leland	10/4/1975
Shawn & Mandy Schoelzel	10/5/2002
Keith & Jackie Schick	10/19/1985
Tom & Judy Benson	10/22/1994
Herman & Sharon Sahr	10/24/1964
Craig & Kristina Lyberg	10/29/2005



Mavis Berry	Lila Pahl
Robert Jacobson	Juanita Lueck

WOMEN'S SOCIETY



Women's Society met on Thursday, September 14th in the Fireside room at 1:00 p.m. After the table prayer was said we enjoyed cream puffs, cookies, nuts and mints along with coffee and tea served by Diane Gettler, Dianne Schroeder and Rosa Blake's help. Desserts were delicious!

Pastor Jones had a Bible Study "After a Disaster". Pastor closed devotions with a prayer. 10 members and Pastor present.

We discussed that Advent Tea will be Sunday, December 3rd at 3:00 p.m. "Who Jesus Really Is" program with Christine Jones as narrator along with Kathy Peterson. Open seating planned.

We will have a float in the December 2nd parade. Kathy Peterson will be in charge.

All women are invited to attend and guests are always welcome!



PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONS

CLEF, Rev. Daniel Jastram, Wade Bellesbach, adopted seminary student, Concordia Theo. Seminary.

KWIK TRIP SCRIP AVAILABLE



for the support of our Youth Group. We are currently offering \$10, \$20, & \$50 Gift Cards. On sale during office hours Tuesday through Friday and also on Sunday mornings.

2018 WALL CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED!!

Our youth will be selling them for only \$7 each. Stock up - Great for gifts! This will be our first fundraiser in support of the Higher Things Conference "Sanctified" to be held in July. We have the potential to have 10 students from our congregation attend. So we will also be hosting 3 Advent suppers, a Lenten supper, and Ascension Day meal. An on going way to assist the youth budget is by donating your aluminum beverage cans for recycling or purchasing Kwik Trip Scrip. These gift cards can be used at any Kwik Trip store for groceries or gas.

HYMNS WE LIKE TO SING

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to give me a list of hymns that you like to sing. So far there are 189 favorites, and that number is sure to grow. If you haven't done so, please write down and turn in your list of hymns that you really like to sing. Whether it is one hymn or 100 your input is valued and appreciated. Green "Hymns we Like to Sing" sheets are available in the Narthex and by the church office. Blessings, Pastor Jones.

NEW BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

We will be holding a new Bible Study on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. starting Oct 4th. The topic will be an in-depth walkthrough of the Old Testament.

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