

the sower

reflections. . . .



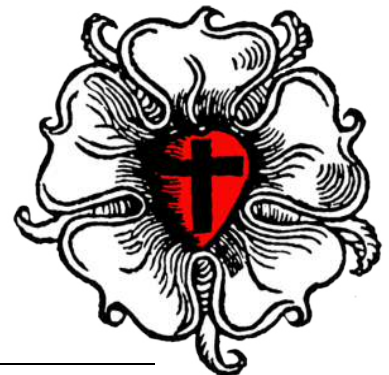
I've used the phrase, before. And by now, you've, probably, seen it yourselves. On billboards. Bumperstickers. Marquees. "Love God, Love Others!" It's the mantra of the movement to grow disciples. Short. Sweet. A hundred forty characters or less. But as popular as it's become, I'm still amazed. . . it says nothing about god! What god's done! What god's doing! Now, as our year of remembering and celebrating the Reformation draws to an end, I'm realizing just how focused, just how honed, just how refined, our believing has become. Bottomline, for us, as well, faith boils down to two points. . .

God so loves the world! And we do the same!

Those two tenets are bound – inextricably, indivisibly – to one another. God loves/ we love. We love/god loves. It's as simple as that! One an echo, a reflection of the other! And it's those two truths that sparked "our" revolution. Those two tenets that continue to kindle that revolt, generation after generation. God loves us; and so we live. . . humbly. . . boldly! God loves us; and we give freely, as we've been freely given. God loves us and, because god loves us, we, too, love.. just like Jesus! It's not the prayers or the songs or the bibles, that matter most. It's the love! It's always been and will always be the love! God's! And ours!

i Let's Be Radicals. . . TOGETHER !

Bob



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WHERE WE ARE, NOW. . .

Following the congregational vote on 8/19 to open official discussions with Midland Chin Immanuel Church (MCIC) regarding a potential sale of our church building, the Council has provided the progress report below. . .



- 1) Council meeting on 8/23 to establish plan and timeline
- 2) Local realtor provided an initial appraisal
- 3) Review top three professional church real estate entities and select preferred vendor — Service Realty in Plano, TX.
- 4) Receive Service Realty contract 9/19
- 5) Meeting with MCIC on 9/22 to establish how the two organizations would work together through this process.
- 6) On site visit, appraisal, and meeting with Service Realty on 9/29
- 7) Council vote to accept Service Realty contract on 9/30

coming up: Meet, again, with MCIC to present asking price and assess buyer's ability to obtain loan. Then, sometime in November, the Council will hold another infoMeeting to present an update to the congregation. And if you have any questions or concerns regarding this process, please talk with any council member, right away, and don't wait till later!

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LANIE BARNDT is finishing up her first month at Pacific Lutheran University – one of “the 26 [colleges and universities of the ELCA](#) dedicated to the freedom of inquiry and the development of the whole person in body, mind and spirit.” (check out the link when you get a chance!) Anyway, she's playing with the University Symphony Orchestra and the University Wind Ensemble. And in October, they hold their first concerts of the year. The Orchestra from 10-11:30pm CDT, Tuesday, October 9th! And the Ensemble from 5-6:30pm CDT on Sunday, October 14! And they're both livestreamed! The easiest way to get there is through [the calendar](#) for the music department at PLU! Just find the date and follow the link at the end of the entry. And

while you're there, take a look at the other concerts available!

Jazz! Choirs! Organ! Piano! Etc., etc., etc.! If you have a problem getting connected, talk with the pastor! By the way, just in case, her address is Hinderlie Hall, room 205 + Pacific Lutheran University + Tacoma, WA 98447.



THE pmSTUDY kicks off this month's activities! Wednesday evening, October 03rd! We've been watching and discussing, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" It's the most recent documentary on the life and ministry of Fred Rogers! We're about halfway through. But if you'd like to take part, jump in anyway! 7-8:00! One of the rooms off the south hallway! Any questions – or if you need a ride, call the church office – **432.694-1373** – or call or text pastorBob @ **432.349-7407!**



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THE NEXT ROUND OF FAITH TALKS – a

discussion between the members of Midland and Christ's Lutheran Churches about things that matter – begins this Saturday, October 6th! This time – year # 6 – we'll discuss the marks of the church! How can we tell if something really IS the church? As we've done in the past, we'll meet at Christ's Lutheran Church, 2002 N Lincoln Ave, Odessa, from 10am till 2pm! Lunch is included! Can make it this time, but not next? Come over, anyway! Just pick up where you leave off! Again, any questions – or if you need a ride, call the church office – **432.694-1373** – or call or text pastorBob @ **432.349-7407!**



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THE SUNDAY AM CLASS for adults meets, as usual, from 9:15-10:15, every Sunday morning. We meet in a room off the south hallway, pastorBob teaching.



The topic for the next few weeks? "For the Sake of the World!" We're thinking some more about about why the church is here?

CONFIRMATION continues with Lael Pitts, in the Patio room, with the Catechism! They're looking at the Lord's Prayer in Luther's *Small Catechism!*

Any questions about either, talk with pastorBob – office – **432.694-1373** + cell – **432.349-7407** + home – **432.689-9274** + or email – bbarndt@juno.com

Or with Lael – cell – **432.296-2684** + or email – larryniael@sbcglobal.net or, of course, on any given Sunday!

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THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH meet



the 2nd Wednesday of every month! This time, it's on October 10th! In the Patio room off the north hallway! From 9:30-11:00 (+/-)! No reservations required! Just come on down and join right in! Any questions, talk with Gretchen Shults, the study leader, @ **432.413-4354** or Donna Roberts, president of the organization, @ **817.223-3327**



THE PATIO caregiver's afternoon off may no longer be active. But we still host a caregiver support group! Susan Frederickson, Caregiver Program Specialist for the Area Agency on Aging for the Permian Basin, facilitates the discussion. They meet in the lobby of the church building, from 2-3:30 or so, the second Thursday afternoon of each month. This month, that's the 11th! No need to call ahead. Just come on down. But if you'd like to talk with Susan, her phone number at the agency is **432.563-1061!**

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THE NEXT CLUSTER CONFAB – our ongoing conversation with Christ's Lutheran about all things evangelical – will be @ Christ's Lutheran Church, 2002 N Lincoln Ave, Odessa, Thursday evening, October 11th, from 7-8:00 (+/-). We'll be talking about FaithTalks and the upcoming visit of Pr. Irma Bañales. Of course, everyone is welcome! Just come on over and join the discussion!



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**¡ THIS IS IMPORTANT !
¡ PLEASE READ!**

On Sunday, October 14th, Pastora Irma Bañales, ELCA Director for Evangelical Mission for Northern Texas – Northern Louisiana Synod, will be at Christ's Lutheran Church

in Odessa. And we've been invited to join them! So, the council decided – for this Sunday only – to close our doors and worship in Odessa! Sunday School @ 9:30; worship @ 10:30! If you have any questions or if you need a ride, talk with pastorBob. Church office @ 432.694-1373! Or call or text @ 432.349-7407! And remember. . .

¡ THIS SUNDAY ONLY !

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THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL

meets right after worship, the 3rd Sunday of each month! That's the 21st! Everyone's welcome to sit in and see what's happening! Questions – member or not – call **432.694-1373**, call or text **432.349-7407**, or drop a line to bbarndt@juno.com! And council members. . . if you can't make it, please do the same!



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THE FALL ASSEMBLY of the Conference Out West –referred to, cutely, as the "COW" conference – will be held at Hope Lutheran Church – 2003 North A Street here in Midland – Saturday afternoon, October 20th. Lunch is served at noon. The meeting/program follows. The topic for the day: How to Get to Heaven from

Texas! Things wind up by 3:00! Everyone's welcome! No r.s.v.p.s needed!



And again, any questions or need a ride, talk with pastor Bob. Numbers listed above. Oh, and by the way, if the denomination is like the nation, and the synod like a state, and a congregation like a city, the conference would be similar to the county. "COW" is made up of nine congregations: Faith/Sagerton, Bethel/Avoca, Grace/Abilene, First Salem/Rosco, Calvary/San Angelo, Trinity/Miles, Christ's/Odessa, Hope & Midland/Midland. See y'all there!

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IF YOU HAVEN'T HEARD. . .

Anneliese Hyde has moved! She and her family have been a part of Midland – and Midland Lutheran – for half a century. But her husband Charles died at the start of this year and Anneliese is off to "other" pastures! Her new address and phone number are. . .

**Ms. Anneliese Hyde
309 County Road 144
Marble Falls, TX 78654
432.631-4797**

Farewell and Godspeed! As you have been a blessing to us, go and be a blessing to others!

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AND ONE LAST ITEM! Mr. Dave

Pearcy, with Kairos Prison Ministry in the area

stopped by, the other day. They're looking for people who might like to



lend a hand with their ministry! Their website is. . .

www.kairosftstockton.org

Or, you can call or text Dave @ 432.528-4221 for more information! !

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Be sure to check out our presence online, in your spare time. . .

www.MidlandLutheranChurch.org

- our webpage -

www.Facebook.com -

/GospelCrossWords

- devotion posts -

/MidlandLutheranChurch

- us & our ministry -

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE in your thoughts, words, & DEEDS. . .

Kaylee Academia; Adrian; Aunt Betty; Corbin; Liz & Tom Daneker; Heather Dellinger; Donovan; Marilyn Douglas; Mary & Steve Douglas; Shirley Dye; Emily; David Fisher; Forest; Terri Gordon; Wanda Hayes; Anneliese Hyde; Wanda Howell; Linda Jamison; Pamela Jamison; Wayne Johnson; Marti Jones; Karen; Diane Keys; Kim & Sunny; Kirstie; Kristi & new daughter; Kurt; Toni Jean Lanier; Leanne; Eric Lee; Lisa; Liz, Kurt, & Brian; Louie; Cassie Martin; Ruth Mendenhall; Bill Reinert; Doris Muehlbrad; Cindy Nelson; Shirley Nelson; Jennifer & Kyle Norman; Peacekeepers; Reagan; Shellie Robbins; Geneva Russell; Ruth; Dean Saenger; Norma Saenger; Jody Smith; Johnnie Snider; John

Spaight; Doug Speer; Luther Steele;
Teresa: Tim; Tricia; Betty Tuminaro

For telephone prayer chain requests – or
if you'd like to be a link on the chain –
please call Barbara Porsch –

683-4474 * bporsch@sbcglobal.net

or Ginny Behnken –

262-3374 *

fred_behnken@suddenlink.net

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the ANNIVERSARIES

david & judy swenson	10/04
steve & mary douglas	10/13

the BIRTHDAYS

jerry hayes	10/03	kristie keys	10/10
blakeston stroud	10/03	ryann stroud	10/10
christopher keys	10/05	amanda schaffrina	10/19
isaac schaffrina	10/05	franklin nelson	10/25
marylin boomer	10/07		

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if we've – unintentionally – omitted a
birthday or anniversary, please let us know
we'll be sure
to get you NEXT YEAR

THE MOTTO OF THE REFORMATION: VDMA



Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum (The Word of the Lord Endures Forever) is the motto of the Lutheran Reformation, a confident expression of the enduring power and authority of God's Word. The motto is based on 1 Peter 1:24–25. It first appeared in the court of Frederick the Wise in 1522. He had it sewn onto the right sleeve of the court's official clothing, which was worn by prince and servant alike. It was used by

Frederick's successors, his brother John the Steadfast, and his nephew John Frederick the Magnanimous. It became the official motto of the Smalcaldic League and was used on flags, banners, swords, and uniforms as a symbol of the unity of the Lutheran laity who struggled to defend their beliefs, communities, families, and lives against those who were intent on destroying them. It was found inscribed inside churches, over doorways, on foundation stones, even on horse's helmets! The VDMA logo and statement has appeared throughout Lutheran churches worldwide and remains an enduring motto of the Reformation to this day.

<https://lutheranreformation.org/history/the-motto-of-the-reformation/>

the LEADERSHIP of the CONGREGATION

president	-----	vice president
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	education	-----
	fellowship	-----
	outreach	lael pitts (432.296-2684) ruth orson (432.684-4587)
	stewardship & finance	b.j. shraeder (724.584-3633)
	worship	noma saenger (432.599-5979)
nominating team	fred behnken (432.262-3374)	
organist	chad hauris	bob barndt
		pastor

the WORSHIP MINISTERS

	acolyte	reader	worship ass't	tellers
oct 07 th		deidre barnes	kay sewell	del bowie & lonnie yee
oct 14 th		lisa starling	lonnie yee	lonnie yee &
oct 21 st		fred behnken	sherice barndt	alan sewell &
oct 28 th		sherice barndt	bob boomer	fred behnken & deidra barnes
altar guild	norma saenger		lonnie yee	cantor

**“grant that l in ev’ry place
 may glorify thy lavish grace
 and serve and help my neighbor”**

martin schalling, 1532-1608, elw # 750

average sunday attendance for september: **25**

budget/month: **\$14,000⁰⁰**

offering rec'd in september: **\$19,883⁴⁶**

rice bowl offering, y.t.d.: \$1,346⁰⁰





the PROPERs for october

the TWENTIETH SUNDAY after PENTECOST, october 07

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READING**: Genesis 2:18-24 + Psalm 8 + Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 + Mark 10:2-16

the TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY after PENTECOST, october 14

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READING**: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 + Psalm 90:12-17 + Hebrews 4:12-16 + Mark 10:17-31

the TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST, october 21

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.


the **READING**: Isaiah 53:4-12 + Psalm 91:9-16 + Hebrews 5:1-10 + Mark 10:35-45

REFORMATION SUNDAY, october 28

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

the **READINGS**: Jeremiah 31:31-34 + Psalm 46 + Romans 3:19-28 + John 8:31-36

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sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1	2	 7:00pm – pmStudy	4	5	6 10:00am – FAITH TALK,1
7 9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship 1:00pm – worship 4:00pm - bsa 270 7:00pm - worship	8  columbus day misd holiday	9	10  9:30am – women of the elca 7:00pm – pmStudy	11  2:00pm – supportGroup 7:00pm – clusterConfab	12	13
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21 9:15am - learning 10:30am – worship 12:00pm - council 1:00pm - worship 4:00pm - bsa 270 7:00pm - worship	22	23	24  7:00pm – pmStudy	25	26	27
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God's work. Our hands.

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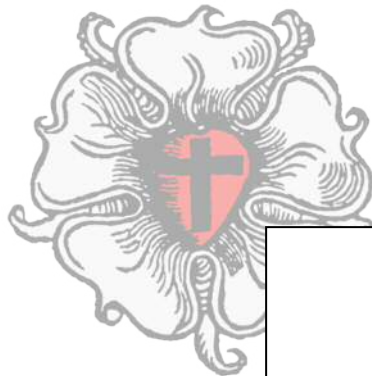
sunday morning schedule: **learning hour @ 9:15 * worship @ 10:30**

office hours: monday-thursday, 9am-noon & by appointment

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