













October 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 FOOD BANK SUNDAY 17th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 9:30 a.m. Adult Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. Preschool Coffee Fundraiser 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes Campus Ministry Sunday	2 9:00 a.m. Preschool Class 1:00 a.m. Preschool Class 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study at Good Shepherd Home 7:00 p.m. Men's Evening Out	3 9:00 a.m. Wetaskiwin Ministerial 9:00 a.m. Preschool Class 9:30 a.m. Ladies Morning Out 3:15 p.m. Staff Meeting 5:15 p.m. Education/Youth Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Good Sams Meeting	4 9:00 a.m. Preschool Class 10:00 a.m. Young at Heart 1:00 p.m. Preschool Class 7:00 p.m. Growing in Grace Preschool Steering Committee 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice	5 9:00 a.m. Preschool Class 9:30 a.m. Clergy Missional Formation 6:00 p.m. North Pointe West Annual General Mtg. 	6 Jubilee Park Official Opening	7 Church Cleaning: Alternate Cleaners paid for by Erven & Norma Heinz  8:00 a.m. Mayor's Prayer Breakfast @ Mission Church
8 Thanksgiving Sunday (White) 9:30 a.m. NO Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Holy Com. Worship 11:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee	9 Thanksgiving Day  Thank You, LORD!	10 9:00 a.m. Preschool Class 9:30 a.m. Ladies Morning Out 3:15 p.m. Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	11 9:00 a.m. Preschool Class 10:00 a.m. Young at Heart 1:00 p.m. Preschool Class 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice	12 9:00 a.m. Preschool Class	13 	14 Church Cleaning: Alternate Clean paid for by Erven & Norma Heinz 9:00 a.m. East/West 2017 Synod Gathering at Peace Lutheran, Innisfail, Alberta
15 19th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 9:30 a.m. Adult Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Holy Com. Worship 11:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes	16 9:00 a.m. Preschool Class 1:00 p.m. Preschool Class 7:00 p.m. Men's Evening Out November Parish Pump Deadline	17 9:00 a.m. Preschool Class 9:30 a.m. Ladies Morning Out 9:30 a.m. Pastor's Cluster 3:15 p.m. Staff Meeting 	18 9:00 a.m. Inter-Agency Mtg. 9:00 a.m. Preschool Class 10:00 a.m. Young at Heart 1:00 p.m. Preschool Class 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice	19 9:00 a.m. Preschool Class 12:00 p.m. PLURA Ministerial 7:00 p.m. Caregivers Gathering	20	21 Church Cleaning: Wayne & Carol Wait and Lorne Hagstrom 5:30 p.m. Oktoberfest at Grace 
22 20th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 9:30 a.m. Adult Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 11:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes	23 9:00 a.m. Preschool Class 1:00 p.m. Preschool Class 	24 9:00 a.m. Preschool Class 9:30 a.m. Ladies Morning Out 10:30 a.m. Good Shepherd Home Worship 2:00 p.m. Sunrise Village Worship 3:15 p.m. Staff Meeting	25 9:00 a.m. Preschool Class 10:00 a.m. Young at Heart 10:30 a.m. Peace Hills Lodge Worship 1:00 p.m. Preschool Class 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice	26 9:00 a.m. Preschool Class	27	28 Church Cleaning: Wayne & Carol Wait and Lorne Hagstrom 12:45 p.m. End of Life Issues @ Peace, Leduc 
29 Reformation Sunday (Red) 9:30 a.m. Adult Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Holy Com. Worship 11:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee	30 9:00 a.m. Preschool Class 1:00 p.m. Preschool Class	31 				



From our Bishop Larry

Dear Beloved of God –

Soon we will be gathering across our Synod, the ELCIC, and indeed, around the world to Commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Already much has taken place, for example: the *Common Prayer* service in Lund, Sweden in October 2016 with His Holiness Pope Francis, Rev. Dr. Martin Junge – General Secretary of the LWF and Bishop Munib Younan – President of the Lutheran World Federation; and of course, the international Lutheran Commemoration during the 12th Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation in Namibia this past May.

Closer to home and within our Synod two Hymn Festivals were held in Calgary and in Edmonton using the Hymn Festival commissioned for our 2016 Synod Convention. I know of many other congregations who have used or will be using this Hymn Festival, too, within their own context and inviting their sisters and brothers in Christ from other congregations to join them.

Already in Lent 2016 Roman Catholics and Lutherans in Edmonton gathered for study, conversation and Evening Prayer focusing on the joint Roman Catholic and Lutheran document, *From Conflict to Communion*. And this past year with a resource prepared by the ELCIC and Roman Catholics, *Together in Christ*, other Roman Catholics and Lutherans from across the Synod gathered during Lent or at another time.

Many lecture series, workshops, presentations and worship are being prepared for this October. Wonderful! As these are further opportunities for learning, reflection and relationship building.

Please do forward posters or information to the Synod Office for inclusion in *Wednesday's Word*.

And I pray that many will gather for three 'larger' events within our Synod, *Common Prayer*, together with the Roman Catholics and Anglicans:

- Sunday, October 29, 2017 - 5:00 p.m. Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary with Bishop William McGrattan, Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson and myself.
- Monday, October 30, 2017 - 7:00 p.m. All Saints Anglican Cathedral, Edmonton with Archbishop Richard Smith, Bishop Jane Alexander and myself.
- Thursday, November 16th, 2017 - 7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Cathedral, Whitehorse with Bishop Hector Vila, Bishop Larry Robertson and myself.

Similar *Common Prayer* services are happening across Canada.

I encourage you to join in on the Commemoration. Invite your neighbor. Join me in Calgary, Edmonton and/or Whitehorse as we make this milestone and perhaps more importantly, look forward.

Rev. Dr. Martin Junge, preaching at the Commemoration Service of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Federation of Lutheran Churches in Switzerland, September 10, 2017 says it well: "The Reformation continues. But it is not about how right we are, and how wrong are the others. Instead, it is about what we have in common in Christ."

Blessings as you gather to commemorate what we have in common in Christ.

In Christ Jesus –

Shalom,

+Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

