

# Good Shepherd News & Notes

Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity: Sept. 22, 2024

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## **FATHERS OF THE REFORMATION: PHILIP MELANCHTHON**

*by Pastor Goodroad*

Let's learn a little bit about some of the fathers of the Reformation! Martin Luther is well-known already, so I'd like to cover some of the less well-known fathers of the Reformation starting with Luther's close friend and confidant, Philip Melanchthon. Melanchthon is the guy typically known as "the one who started off very Lutheran, but wound up being disappointing." We'll talk about that in just a little bit.

Philip Melanchthon was born on February 16, 1497, in Bretten, Germany, and died on April 19, 1560. His name was actually originally Philip Schwarzerdt (Schwarzerdt means 'black earth' in German), but after showing incredible aptitude in Greek, Philip's great uncle, in following with the humanist tradition of the day, renamed him "Philip Melanchthon" (Melanchthon means 'black earth' in Greek).

Melanchthon was a very gifted man regarding academics. He excelled in Greek, so much so that he was offered a position as a Greek language professor at Wittenberg University on August 26, 1518, at the age of 21. This laid a firm foundation for him to study theology, which he did with Martin Luther while teaching at Wittenberg. As Luther taught Melanchthon theology, Melanchthon, in turn, taught Luther the Greek language, allowing them both to sharpen one another. As Proverbs 27: 17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

Melanchthon also brought with him a great love and knowledge of rhetoric (persuasive speech and writing), dialectic (debating or examining the truth of one's position) and philosophy. This made him a great candidate to write theological treatises, works, and documents. The most famous and influential work of his was titled *Loci Communes*, Latin for "Common Places," a dogmatic work that formally taught the fundamentals of theology. Luther thought so highly of Melanchthon's work that he considered it below only the Holy Scriptures.

In 1530, Holy Roman Emperor Charles V invited the Lutherans to meet in Augsburg in order to present their confession of faith. In preparation for that meeting, Martin Luther, Philip Melanchthon, Justus Jonas (the topic of the next Reformation Fathers article!), and Johannes Bugenhagen met in Torgau to make a first draft of what would become the Augsburg Confession. Melanchthon authored the document with much input from the others, and it was presented in Augsburg on June 25, 1530. This is the same document that we still confess as true and good today and can be read in the Book of Concord!

Unfortunately, Melanchthon did not remain steadfast to the truth of Scripture as Martin Luther did. In an attempt to keep the Reformation movement unified, Melanchthon made several small compromises with those in the Calvinist camp,  
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culminating in him redrafting the Augsburg Confession in 1540, which we now call the "Altered Augsburg Confession."

The most important change was made regarding the confession of the presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper. The Unaltered Augsburg Confession reads, "Touching the Supper of the Lord [the Lutheran Churches] teach, that the body and blood of Christ are there present indeed, and are distributed to those that eat of the Lord's Supper; and they condemn those that teach otherwise." This clearly confesses the Real, Sacramental Presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper. The Altered Augsburg Confession reads (changes in **bold**), "Touching the Supper of the Lord they teach that, **together with the bread and wine, the body and blood of Christ are truly exhibited** to them that eat of the Lord's Supper." This alteration changes the meaning from the Body and Blood of Christ being present in the Supper to being merely a representation of Christ's Body and Blood. To quote Luther, "IS means IS." We, as Lutherans, accept nothing less than the full truth of Scripture. Check in next time for another Reformation father! Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Goodroad

### **MAIN STREET LIVING: SEPTEMBER MISSION PROJECT**

Main Street Living is a televised worship service produced in conjunction with LCMS churches and pastors. Services include a liturgy and sermon (Good Shepherd is one of the locations for these recordings to be made.) and then are edited to include hymns sung by local choirs. These recordings are intended to provide worship opportunities for those who are unable to attend a local congregation.

The cost to record, produce, closed caption, and broadcast both "Main Street Living" and "This is the Life" programs averages \$1,100 per station each week. KLKN/Omaha is the local broadcast station in our area. The air time is 10 am—11 am on Sundays.

Check out the bulletin table for more information and envelopes you can use to make a donation. Thanks for your help in making this ministry possible.

### **OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH**

Take a moment to recognize our faithful pastors, Pastor Moline and Pastor Goodroad, for the ways in which they serve our congregation, pray for us, bring us God's Word, and administer the Sacraments every week. Consider dropping a note of thanks, expressing your gratitude to them personally, and praying for them.

### **SAVE THE DATE: REFORMATION BRATFEST CELEBRATION**

Save the date for the Reformation Bratfest Celebration on Sunday, October 27 after the second service. More details will be coming soon.

### **FLOWERS TODAY**

The flowers today were provided by Paula Erickson in memory of her husband, Rick.

### **Life Chain 2024**

Life Chain 2024 will be held on Sunday, October 6 from 2:30 to 3:30pm on "O" Street. Good Shepherd members and friends will stand on the south side of "O" Street between 53rd Street and Piazza Terrace. This is the front of Michael Tish Jewelers. Parking is available at that location. Signs will be furnished. You may bring a lawn chair. Please join us for this annual silent prayer vigil in support of all human life. Questions? Call Sandy Langemeier at 402-486-1361 or Lyn Heng at 402-947-1211.



## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

*If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at (402) 423-7639. Your request will appear for 6 weeks. If you would like to keep it on the prayer list, you may*

*call during the 6th week to renew it.*

- **Barb Poppe**, with short-term memory issues (3)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, with continued medical issues (6)
- **Irma Brandt**, in hospice care (3)
- **Brent Travis**, dealing with health issues (3)
- **Danika Norton and her husband Bobby**, daughter of Deanna Leyden, as they deal with a high-risk pregnancy (2)
- **Pam Abels**, sister of Darla Posner, dealing with health issues (2)
- **Carol**, sister of Darla Posner, dealing with medical issues (2)
- **Beth**, mother of 4 young children, pregnant and dealing with health issues (2)
- **Dean Posner**, for more strength and opportunity for physical therapy (2)
- **Todd Bohlender**, for good test results and effective treatment (6)
- **Jerry & Lori Sidlo**, with continuing medical issues (6)
- **Bill & Bonnie Wright**, parents of Steve Wright. Bill is dealing with declining health, and Bonnie is recovering from back surgery (5)
- **Jim Carr**, recovering from a heart procedure (6)
- **Gail Haskell**, niece of Georgia Deubler, recovering from a leg amputation (4)
- **Paula Erickson**, recovering from a hospitalization (4)
- **Dorothy**, friend of Barb Kumm, facing a possible surgery (4)
- **Carole**, friend of Wendy Stepp's mother, for strength while battling brain cancer (2)
- **Dan**, brother of Brent Stehlik, dealing with a health issue (2)
- **Maureen Marshall**, recovering from foot surgery (1)

- **Kara Severson**, travelling to Kuwait (3)
- **Lydia Kangas**, friend of Grace Marshall, ill with an unknown infection. Please pray for an accurate diagnosis and effective treatment (3)
- **Lisa Daly**, sister of Rich Lichtenfeld, bedridden with lower back issues, Please pray for an accurate diagnosis and effective treatment (3)
- **Lynda Mahloch**, hospitalized (1)
- **The Dominguez family (Suzie)**, niece of Wendy & Jimmy Stepp, whose 2 daughters were killed in a car accident (2)
- **The family of Elaine Egner**, who was taken to her eternal home (1)
- **The family of Robert Zook**, who was taken to his eternal home (2)
- **Thanksgiving for the birth of Harrison Finn Oliver**, great-grandson of Tish Loomis (1)
- **Thanksgiving for the birth of Edith Ehrich and her rebirth in the waters of Holy Baptism (1)**

## HIGHER THINGS

The Higher Things regional conference will be at Concordia University in Seward on July 8-11, 2025. The theme of the conference is "All Things New." Youth who are interested need to contact Pastor Moline or Pastor Goodroad to sign up immediately.

## DAILY EMAILS

If you are not currently signed up for the daily emails and would like to receive them, please go to the Good Shepherd website (see the top of the first page of this newsletter) and go to the bottom of the website home page to sign up.

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**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT— Luke 14: 5 — “And he said to them, ‘Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?’”** The time is always ripe to do right. God is always calling us to faithfulness and love, which is the fulfillment of the Law. The Pharisees wanted an easier law, something less than love, which was easier to keep. Why? Because they thought they had to in order to be saved. But since we know that Jesus saves by His sacrifice, we are free to see the real Law of love and to strive to fulfill it, not out of fear but out of thanksgiving.

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (September 22 thru September 28)**

People celebrating birthdays are:

Matt Phillips            Barb Poppe  
Jan Knaus                Kim Lange  
Brett Cover

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

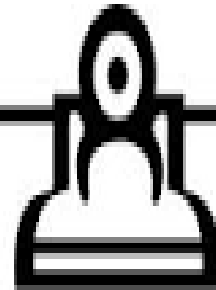
Eric & Bridgette Beed  
Aron & Wendy Wiest  
Rich & Suzie Znamenacek

## **LIFE MOMENT**

Jesus affirms that God forbids both murder and adultery. The Lord categorically says, “No!” to abortion because He emphatically says, “Yes!” to marriage, family, and community. His “Yes!” even extends forgiveness and salvation to those who have aborted their own children. We may advocate the sanctity of human life with the same courage and compassion — no matter who calls us a fool.

## **PROJECT 24**

On Friday, Sept. 27th at noon, Rev. John Kissinger will be making an informational presentation in the UNL Chapel about Project 24: Christ’s Care for Children: Kenya. These facilities are managed by the LCMS and our partner church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya. This program offers food, shelter and more. It is designed to equip children with everything necessary to foster their success in life. While living at Project 24 facilities, children learn to plant, harvest, cook, tend to livestock, clean the compound, and care for their personal space. They begin each day with devotions with opportunities for choir practice, Bible study and catechesis during the week. Sponsorships for the children are also available. Come and learn the story of Project 24.



### FINANCIAL INFORMATION SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:  
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:  
WED, Sept. 11: 67  
THURS. MATINS:  
SUN. SEPTEMBER 15: 229

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:  
\$ 6,411.00

OUR OUTSTANDING MORT-  
GAGE: \$ 1,531,914.09

Our goal is to pay off the mort-  
gage by 2030. We need \$2,300  
per week donated in principal  
only payments to accomplish this.

Between Jan. 1 & Sept. 15, 2024  
We have received  
\$ 36,765.04  
in principal only gifts.

Vicarage Fund Jan. 1 — Sept. 15,  
2024:  
\$ 28,060.00

MAIN STREET LIVING:  
\$ 3,036.00

## **SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:**

**DOORKEEPERS:** (Sun., Sept. 22): 8 am: Stehlik  
10:30 am: Sidlo  
(Wed., Sept. 25): Brodbeck

**ELDER TODAY:** (Sun, Sept. 22): Joel Kaldahl  
(Wed., Sept. 25): Matt Phillips

**USHERS:** (Sun., Sept. 22) 8 am: Brodbeck, Sidlo, Von Busch (A & A)  
10:30 am: Novaks, Klutzes  
(Wed., Sept. 25): Civic, Kaldahl, RJ Huff

**ACOLYTES:** (Sun., Sept. 22): 8 am: Jack Walker  
10:30 am: Sawyer Shubkagel  
(Wed., Sept. 25): Austin Huff

**ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT:** (Sun., Sept. 22): Brittani Jackson  
(Wed., Sept. 25): Hannah Moline

**COMMUNION SET-UP:** (Sun., Sept. 22): Deb Burow  
(Wed., Sept. 25): Karen Huff

**COMMUNION CLEAN-UP:** (Sun., Sept. 22): Sheila Turek  
(Wed., Sept. 25): Karen Huff

**COFFEE SERVERS:** (Sun., Sept. 22): Bryan & Sandy Prenosil

## **USHERS/ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED**

If you would be willing to help with ushering once a month or so, please contact the church office at (402) 423-7639 and let us know your name, contact info, and availability (Sun. at 8 or 10:30 am or Wed. at 6:30 pm). Thanks!

The altar guild also needs people to set up and clean up for communion services on Wednesday evenings especially. If you would like more information or to volunteer, please contact Marilyn Meyer at (402) 484-8599 or dm15622twc.com.

## **THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY OPENING**

Cataloging and stickering all the books in the Theological Library is complete! Many thanks to all those who have helped us achieve this goal!

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for any Good Shepherd member who would like to get a Theological Library card. The library will officially open on Sunday, September 22. We will hold open house introductory sessions on Sunday, September 22 from 12 pm to 2 pm and on Saturday, September 28 from 3 pm to 5 pm. On these dates, we will show everyone how to use the library system to check in and out books, and we will pass out library cards that can be used with our library system. If you have any questions, please contact Jerika Perrin at 402-525-2379 or Marlyse Goodroad at 816-352-8947.

## **GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH BIBLE STUDY**

Youth Bible study for the month of September will follow the 10:30 am service on Sunday, September 29th. Come for lunch and Bible study.

## **FLOWERS**

The fall arrangement for Sun., Sept. 15 was provided by Connie Swenson in memory of her parents, Lester & Adeline Swenson.

## GOOD SHEPHERD SHUT-IN MEMBERS:

Several of our shut-in members have requested to be listed in the News & Notes in order that members might pray for them.

Ron Amack (at home)	Anita Armitstead (at home)
Betty Bluhm (at The Grand Lodge)	Irma Brandt (Yankee Hill Village)
Joe Burke (East Lake Flats)	Jim & Marilyn Carr (at home)
Jim & Peggy Cather (Bailey's Pointe)	Georgene Duer (at home)
Elaine Egner (Gateway Vista)	Verneda Gerdes (at home)
Shirley Kalina (Orchard Park Asst.Living)	Arlyss Ketelsen (at home)
Janet Kniep (at home)	Jerry Kohl (The Woodlands)
Tish Loomis (at home)	Lynda Mahloch (Legacy Estates)
Dorian Merritt (address unknown)	Brent & Cherie Travis (at home)
Cindi Olson (Country House)	Francine Poppe (Azria Health, Central City)
Dean Posner (Good Samaritan, Beatrice)	Alice Urbach (at home)

On the tall table next to the pro-life display is a way for you to send birthday and anniversary greetings to our shut-in members. There are cards to sign, or you may write a short note to those having birthdays and anniversaries in the current month. **There are no current birthdays.** Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.

## BUILDING FAITH IN THE HOME

Come join us for Building the Faith in the Home class on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> following the second worship service at noon. We will have a meal of hamburgers in the Fellowship Hall before the class on The Two Kingdoms begins. The church will be covering the hamburger meal cost for members. **Please bring a side or dessert to share.** The children will be able to participate in board games in the classrooms again while the parents meet with Pastor in the fellowship hall for the class after lunch.

If you are a **non-member**, please contact Elizabeth Moline (701-640-7989) or Jerika Perrin (402-525-2379) with a family head-count and names and ages of children attending **by Friday 9/20/24**, and please bring **\$5/person** to cover costs.

## YOU ARE INVITED

St. John Lutheran Church, Crete (Kramer) would like to extend an invitation to their 150th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, Oct. 13th. The worship service is at 9 am with the banquet following at noon at the Hallam Auditorium, 315 Main St., Hallam. Please RSVP for the banquet by email to [stjohncrete@gmail.com](mailto:stjohncrete@gmail.com) by Sept. 30th.



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