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October Devotion-

The Reformation: “Revive Us Again”

Revive us again Psalm 85:6

More than five hundred years ago this month, Martin Luther nailed 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, and set in motion a movement that rocked Europe. Though many other factors joined to launch the Protestant Reformation, God used a revival in Luther’s heart to start a revival of Christianity in his time.

As we read Psalm 85 we recognize a call for a revival that begins with the Holy Spirit working in individual hearts, bringing a refreshing return to God with passion and zeal. Revival is not a random burst of energy and emotion but is based on truth found in the Bible. For Luther and other

Reformers of the 16th century, the revival that came to be called the Protestant Reformation was based on five enduring principles.

True Christian faith is based on *Scripture alone*, on salvation in *Christ alone*, by *grace alone* and through *faith alone*—and all of this is for *glory to God alone*.

These five points summarize the key principles of the Reformation.

Are these five lasting principles at work in our lives? As we ponder these teachings that were rediscovered long ago, may their truth work in our hearts to strengthen and revive us, making us agents of revival wherever God has placed us.

“Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?”

Psalm 85:6

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Let us pray:

Dear God: Thank you, Lord, for the way you shape and discipline your church. As we reflect on your salvation this month, we pray with the psalmist: “Revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you.” In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Adapted from an internet article by Kurt Selles, Director of Back to God Ministries International 10/1/2017

October Scriptures

10/6 HYMN SING SUNDAY

Colossians 3:12-17, Psalm 98, Luke 17:5-10

10/13 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Psalm 111, Luke 17: 11-19

10/20 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Psalm 121, Luke 18:1-8

10/27 2 Timothy 4:6-8, Psalm 84:1-7, Luke 18: 9-14

Note: We will have Reformation Sunday Worship on 11/3/19

Prayer Requests

For continuing comfort and healing

Carolyn Krick, Lelanie Exbom, Donna Kowalske, Pat Bingham, Vern Parsons, Sue Bernard, Cathy Bain, Char and Dale Matheny, Barbara McCord, Paul George, Floyd Morris

If you know of someone who should be included in the monthly ongoing prayer list, or you yourself would like to be included, please contact Pastor Michael (509-710-3283).



Living Word Hymn Sing planned for 10/6/2019

"I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being." Psalm 104:33

Plan to join in our worship on the first Sunday of October as we sing our praise!

We all have our favorite hymns. Too often we sing our hymns mindlessly, out of habit or tradition; we don't know anything about why that song was written. On this special Sunday we will learn something special

about each of the five hymns members selected to be included in today's worship!

Bring family, neighbors and friends as we raise our voices in song and worship at 10 AM. See you there!

Teaser: How much do you know about "Jesus Loves Me"???



From Pastor Michael

I'm going to miss it ! I'll be visiting my family up North October 6th so will miss the Hymn Sing Sunday! I'm thinking we should do this on more Sundays....:) Hymn singing is a tradition in my family and maybe yours. It definitely is a Church tradition, especially since the Reformation when Luther and the reformers started using common folks tunes of the day (and yes a beer hall tune or two....) and adding words that taught

the laity, most of whom couldn't read, repeatable and memorable verses with Biblical references and doctrinal teaching. Many hymns also make great prayers in and of them self. As Luther said: "When we sing hymns we are praying twice...". Sooooo, enjoy your Hymn Sing Sunday and watch how God will use the Holy Spirit to plant words and tunes in your heart and mind!



Visiting Pastor

Pastor Michael will be out of town on the last Sunday in October, 10/27/19. We are pleased to let everyone know our visiting Pastor for that Sunday will be Pastor Kenneth Davis!

Pastor Kenneth was with us in July when Pastor Michael was recovering from health issues. It will be a pleasure to have Pastor Kenneth with us again!



Children's Time

Children are invited to come to the Sunday School room during the worship services on Sunday morning to enjoy a time of song, prayer, snacks and a Veggie Tale or other Bible story movie. The children will return to sit with their family during communion. Please bring your youth to worship at Living Word and let the children enjoy a time together during church.

W.O.W. (Women of the Word)

The W.O.W. group met at the church on Saturday, September 21. There were 13 members and guests involved in the many, many steps of preparing the masa mixture, pork filling, and folding the finished product into two different sets of corn husks before Eneida carefully arranged one tamale next to the other, over 180 tamales in all, into two steamer sessions. The women involved will tell you that is the very short version of the 6 hour process. On Sunday morning the tamales were ready to be distributed and sold. After deducting cost of materials, the W.O.W. group donated \$187 to the bake sale held at the church yard sale.

The W.O.W. group is planning to take orders for the Christmas holiday season for church members to purchase tamales, perhaps as gifts for neighbors or friends or a holiday meal. Look for an order

form during November to place your order.

W.O.W. (Women Of the Word) will meet at the church on Saturday, October 19th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a business meeting to discuss the possible church projects in refurbishing the inside of the church, landscaping in the perimeter of the church parking lot and mid-week church services or events. Also, a group will be formed to plan an evening Thanksgiving service with a pie fellowship. We will also have a guest speaker who will tell us about her call from the Lord to serve Him through Hurricane Harvey. All women who attend Living Word are encouraged to join us.



Yoga anyone?

Living Word Yogi Donna Ferguson is proposing that we have free yoga classes at our church on Tuesday morning at 10 AM, and also on Tuesday evening at 6 PM. Classes would be combination chair/mat practice and last approximately 1 hour. Classes would begin in October, if there is enough interest. Please talk with Donna to let her know if you would like to participate! Both men and women are welcome.

Have you tried yoga yet?



Living Word Council Minutes-Meeting Summary 8/12/19

Present: President Ken Bourlier, Vice-President Bob Pressler, Treasurer Arlene Allison, Pastor Assistant Eileen Pressler. & Secretary Sharon Peterson. Pastor Michael Birnbaum, Excused: Mission Coordinator Rosie Freeman

Meeting opened with prayer. July minutes approved. Eileen requested to add to old business Amazon Smile – Charity list.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Michael Birnbaum Pastoral Care team: working on rearranging who is working with who. Eneida would like to work with Donna on Sunday story time during the service.

Pastor Assistant: Eileen Pressler Easter in August is planned for 8/25, with potluck to follow worship. Homecoming is planned for 9/8, with potluck to follow worship. Lutheran Pub is doing a series on "Christ Films". Eileen and Bob are inviting council to their home to watch this together and discuss how we can use? Bible Study,

Sermon? Children's Sunday School will not be resuming in September. There will be a Bible Story/DVD time for children ages 2-9 during worship. This will be sponsored by Donna Pederson and assisted by Cara.

Financial Report: Arlene Allison July report approved.

Old Business: Amazon Smile – Eileen did some investigation in how to get Living Word listed as a Charity. It seems really involved. Pastor suggested that she talk with Eneida.

New Business:

Thermostat Lock Boxes: there has been an issue with finding the thermostat changed. Council approved motion to purchase 2 lock boxes for thermostats.

Pots/Soil for outside plants: Pastor requested \$150 to purchase 2 new big flower pots for the front of the church. Council approved.

Advertising in Kingman Daily Miner: Pastor went in to talk to the miner. Would like to know of other papers. Sharon mentioned that there is also The Standard. Pastor will do some investigating.

Advice and Aide Pregnancy sent a letter regarding the upcoming Benefit Tea. Council approved we support Benefit Tea. \$100 will be used from Designated Funds.

Next meeting: Tuesday September 10th at 11:30 am

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted by Sharon Peterson, Secretary

October Celebrations



Oct. 15 Zabdi Diaz

Oct. 29 Donna Kowalske



Oct. 1 Todd and Judy Ormsby

Oct. 11 John and Debbie Cronsell

Oct. 14 Ron and Pearl Redmon

Oct. 17 John and Karen Shaffer

Yard Sale Update

What a great time was had by all at our 3rd annual **Giant, Huge, Really Big Fundraiser Yard Sale** on 9/20 & 9/21!

The 4 days before the sale, many hard working ladies spent hours in preparation, collecting, sorting and pricing all the items being donated.

Hard working men got together to pick up large items being donated and also helping sort and price items from a man's

point of view! *(Just how much is that tool worth??)*

Bake sale items were donated, attractively packaged for sale and priced. Some items never made it to the sale due to workers who couldn't wait!

After the sale, teams worked together to get the "left-overs" to Annie's Art Attic, clean the worship area and set up chairs for worship the next day.



Proceeds are still being tallied but all can agree it was a huge success!

Ecclesiastes 4:9 tells us, *"Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor."*

GOD'S TEAM AT WORK!

TIDBITS

Romans 1:12

"¹² That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me."

Paul George, a brother in Christ of our church family, is now in an assisted living home in Las Vegas. For some of our newer members, you may remember Paul as the person who made yarn name tags for everyone who came to Living Word. He could always be found in church at the end of the front row in his motorized wheelchair.

Unfortunately, due to health concerns, it seems unlikely that Paul will be able to return to Kingman. We are sharing his address for any of the church family who would like to send Paul a note or card to encourage Paul and brighten his day.

Paul George
4462 Farmcrest Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89121



Several members of our church family could also use a card or two to let them know we care about them and pray for them regularly! Check the prayer request list on pg. 2 and also our weekly worship guides for names of our brothers and sisters who would be cheered by the gentle reminder that they are in our hearts and prayers!



DECISIONS, DECISIONS!! WHAT SHOULD I BUY??

Pastor Michael-isms!

Here is a "flash back" to some of the things Pastor Michael has emphasized during his messages. Enjoy!

Easter in August (8/25/19)

"You are part of God's plan."

"Live like you're going to live forever-because HE IS RISEN!"

"The Kingdom of God starts today." (9/1/2019)

"Think about this... 'What do I need to do to get ready to live forever?'" (9/22/19)



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Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a welcoming, scripturally based community intentionally serving Christ through missions.

Mission Statement

Living and growing in faith together as a spirit filled church with the

Word of God as our foundation and reaching out through missions showing the

Love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to

Create a hunger in others to embrace the Word of God, salvation through Jesus Christ and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Back Cover Story

A loyal member of the congregation was selling books at her church bazaar. Sales were going well until she got into an argument with a prospective customer. He was interested in buying a certain book but claimed it was over-priced at 75 cents since other paperbacks were selling for only 10 or 15 cents.

The woman pointed out that the book was in exceptionally good condition that the author was well-known, and that the money would be going to a worthy cause.

The customer insisted it was a matter of principle.

The woman finally agreed to sell him the book for a dime, whereupon he handed her a ten dollar bill and said, "Keep the change".

Editor's note: This story was taken from a paperback book I bought at our recent Giant, Huge, Really Big Fundraiser Yard Sale for 10 cents! Sadly, I must admit I did not pay with a 10 dollar bill!

