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Weekly Newsletter — September 14, 2017

## New This Week

### ORANGE LUTHERAN PERFORMING ARTS

Tickets for the Orange Lutheran High School Performing Arts season are now available. Purchase tickets on their [website](#). Performances include musical productions and choral and instrumental concerts.

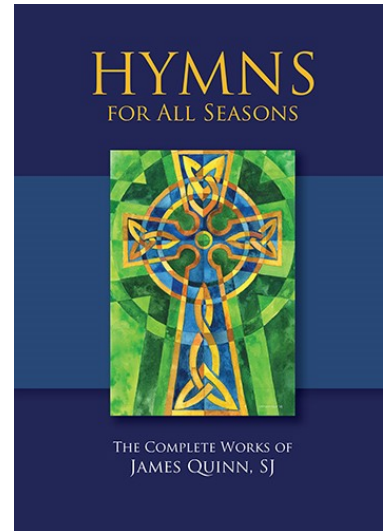
### CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Christ Lutheran School was featured in the LA Times, Daily Pilot article celebrating their 60th school year. Read the full article [here](#).



### CUI PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

President Kurt Krueger of Concordia University Irvine (CUI) has announced his intent to retire on June 30, 2018, the end of the 2017-2018 academic year. Krueger's career in higher education as a scholar and administrator spans more than 46 years, 27 of which have been at the private Lutheran Christian university. Krueger, the university's fourth president, took office as president July 1, 2010. Prior to his appointment, he served as executive director of The LCMS Board for University Education and president of the Concordia University System since 2005. Before joining the university system, he was a professor of English and later served as provost and chief academic officer at Concordia University Irvine. The university's Board of Regents will lead the search for a new president. Click [here](#) to read full press release.



### PSD PASTOR'S ARTWORK ON HYMNAL COVER

Rev. Mark Jennings' artwork is featured on the cover of *Hymns For All Seasons* published by Oregon Catholic Press. Pastor Jennings serves at St. John's, Long Beach and at Peace, Pico Rivera. If you would be interested in using some of Pastor Jennings' artwork, contact him at the churches mentioned above.

# Reformation Events & Celebrations

If your congregation or Circuit has a Reformation event planned, we would love to publish the details in the Weekly Newsletter and our website. Please send information to Gail Kanneg at [gail.kanneg@psd-lcms.org](mailto:gail.kanneg@psd-lcms.org).

## THEATER SHOWING OF NEW MARTIN LUTHER MOVIE

In anticipation of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, First Lutheran Church, Lake Elsinore is hosting a movie night at Edwards Temecula Stadium 15 (40750 Winchester Road) to show "Martin Luther, The Idea that Changed the World" on **Thursday, September 21**, at 6:30 pm. Tickets available at [www.tugg.com](http://www.tugg.com) for \$11.00. On the website, enter 'Temecula' in the 'Join the Event Near You' box to find the First Lutheran showing. Spread the word and get your tickets.

## REFORMATION ORGAN CONCERT

In honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Circuit 11 will be hosting a concert of organ music based on the hymns of the Reformation. Dr. Scott Anderson, guest organist will perform works by Bach, Brahms, Distler and others. The concert will be held on **Sunday, September 24**, 4:00 pm at Hope Lutheran Church, Glendora. For more information contact the church office at 626-335-5315.

## REFORMATION CELEBRATION & OKTOBERFEST CRAFT FAIR

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Menifee invites you to join them in celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation at our First Annual Oktoberfest Craft Fair on **Saturday, October 7**, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm! Sip on a cool German hefeweizen as you enjoy traditional German merrymaking music. Munch on a juicy bratwurst as you stroll among the various craft booths. Smile as your children run up excited to show you the free crafts they just made! Don't forget to stop by the raffle table, and also take some silly pictures at our photo wall! For more information, visit our website, [menifeelutheran.org](http://menifeelutheran.org) or call 951-672-6675. We still have a few spaces left for crafters! If you are interested in purchasing a booth, email Karyn Collie at [kc.gslc@gmail.com](mailto:kc.gslc@gmail.com) or call 951-672-6675 ext. 203 for additional information.

## HYMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Huntington Beach is hosting "Here I Stand – a Hymn Festival Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation" on **Sunday, October 8** at 4:00 (free of charge). For more information or directions, please call the church office at 714-846-6330.



## THEATHER SHOWING OF NEW MARTIN LUTHER MOVIE

500 years ago Martin Luther nailed his 95 Thesis to the Wittenberg door. This event triggered what we now know as the Reformation. In celebration of the anniversary of the Reformation, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Orange is hosting a showing of the new movie Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World on **Wednesday, October 18** at 6:30 pm at Century Stadium 25 Theater (1701 Katella Avenue, Orange). Filmed in historic locations across Europe, this movie brings Luther's story to life. Combined with narrations by top historians and theologians this docudrama movie will strength your faith and educate you on our Lutheran heritage. Cost per person is \$10.00. All tickets must be purchased in advance at the church website, [stpaulsorange.org](http://stpaulsorange.org) by Wednesday, October 11.

## REFORMATION CELEBRATION

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Orange is holding a BIG party to celebrate the 500 year anniversary of the Reformation and to remember all the blessings of St. Paul's as we celebrate 110 years of ministry. The Reformation Celebration event will be held on **Saturday, October 28** with a traditional worship service with brass at 5:00 pm followed by a German style dinner of brats, hot dogs, potato salad and more at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$10.00 per person. The evening will also include a musical performance by St. Paul's school children and a photo opportunity with Martin Luther and the Whittenberg door. Come dance to the music by the Oompah Meisters German style band as they play famous Polka and German songs including the Chicken Dance, Rucki Zucki and many more as well as American Pop and Country selections. Register to attend online at the church website at [stpaulsorange.org](http://stpaulsorange.org) by Monday, October 23.

## MOMENTOUS 500TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Downey invites you to attend their momentous 500th Anniversary event being held on **Sunday, October 29** at 4:00 pm. Join in the celebratory worship service followed by food, games, fellowship, raffle and special prizes. For more information call 562-803-4459.

## PRESENTATION FROM MARTIN LUTHER

In celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Arcadia is having a special presentation from Martin Luther (Allan Lemke) on **Sunday, October 29** at our 8:00 am and 10:45 am services with Q & A in-between at 9:30 am. All are invited to join us for this special service and celebration. For more information call the church at 626-447-7690.

## REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL

You are invited to attend a San Diego county-wide Hymn Festival to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. This event is being planned by Lutherans, but we want to welcome everyone in our community who loves music to celebrate what God has done in our corner of His kingdom. The Festival will take place on **Sunday, October 29** at 4:00 pm at College Avenue Baptist Church, San Diego. (Why not a Lutheran Church? This sanctuary can seat 1,500 people.) The Hymn Festival will feature a massed choir, organ, brass, and percussion instruments; congregational hymns with narration that includes scripture and history; a message by a speaker to be named later; and refreshments following the festival. For more information call the church office at 619-462-5211.

## SPECIAL REFORMATION WORSHIP SERVICE

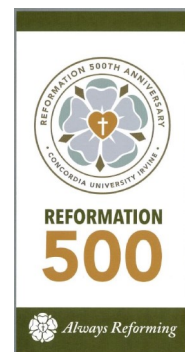
Circuits 31 and 32 (southern Nevada and northwest Arizona) invite all to worship for a special Reformation 500th worship service hosted at Mountain View Lutheran Church, Las Vegas on Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 pm. A circuit-wide choir is being assembled, and a dessert reception will follow worship. For general information, please contact Irmgart Grimm at [igrimm@mvcls.org](mailto:igrimm@mvcls.org) and for choral participation, please contact Christin Schlicker at [cschlicker@mvcls.org](mailto:cschlicker@mvcls.org).

## CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY PRESENTS:

### REFORMATION 500: AN EVENING OF WORD AND SONG

**Wednesday, November 1, 7:00 pm at Segerstom Concert Hall**

Concordia's choirs, handbells and orchestras join with musicians from area churches and schools in a 500-member music ensemble to lead festive hymns, choruses, and sacred music around the themes of Scripture Alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone and Christ Alone. Theologians from Christ College will share what it means to be Always Reforming as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Tickets now available to purchase. [Order Tickets](#)



# Reformation Resources

## SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Small Group Bible Study from St. John's Lutheran Church, Orange, CA

2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation and provides an opportunity to explore the simple and timeless truths of God's Word that were highlighted at that time. Sin abounds in our world. We have all fallen short of God's will. Reformation continues to be a need both on a personal and global scale. We can't accomplish this alone – and we weren't meant to! We invite you to grow together in God's Word during this 6 week video driven study which encourages us to re-form our ideas about how we can find purpose, security, value, peace, justice, and forgiveness for ourselves and for the world. Discover the difference it makes when we allow our own inclinations about life to be RE\*FORMED by God's perfect will and power. All study material can be viewed on line and will be available starting the week of 9/24/17, [stjohnsorange.org/lifegroups](http://stjohnsorange.org/lifegroups).

## Health Ministry News

### HEALTH MINISTRY FOCUS: FALL PREVENTION

The 10th Annual Falls Prevention Awareness Day (FPAD) will be observed on September 22. Falls put you at risk of serious injury. Prevent falls with these simple fall-prevention measures, from reviewing your medications to hazard-proofing your home. Fall prevention may not seem like a lively topic, but it's important. As you get older, physical changes and health conditions — and sometimes the medications used to treat those conditions — make falls more likely. In fact, falls are a leading cause of injury among older adults. Still, fear of falling doesn't need to rule your life. Instead, consider six simple fall-prevention strategies. For more information, click [here](#). For additional information beyond this article, click [here](#).

### HEALTH MINISTRY CONVOCATION

This year's health ministry convocations will be held **October 14** in Irvine and **October 28** in Phoenix. Topics will include end of life issues/ advanced directives, caregiver burnout, disaster planning, and requirements for AED usage. Sessions will run from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Click [here](#) for the registration form.

### ONE MINUTE: LUTHER'S WRITINGS ON PRAYER & HEALING

Ron Rehrer, Counselor for Church Workers; 949-433-5182; [ron@ronrehrer.com](mailto:ron@ronrehrer.com)

In my book, [Lighthouses of Hope: Prayer, Healing and the Body-Mind Matrix](#), chapter 39 describes Luther's role in the healing tradition in Christianity. In Luther's last five years he wrote profoundly about prayer and healing. He speaks personally of himself, family members and close friends who are healed by prayer. He prays for other ministers and tells of praying for Melancthon's healing. This month's Pastors' Conference focuses on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. It is a good time to read Luther's writings on prayer and healing. An excellent Lutheran book on healing is by Dr. Garth Ludwig called [Order Restored: A Biblical Interpretation of Health, Medicine and Healing](#) (available from Concordia Academy Press). Dr. Ludwig served on the faculty of Concordia University, Irvine and his book may be the finest Lutheran presentation on health and healing. I have reprinted his sermon "Preaching on Healing" in the appendix of [Lighthouses of Hope](#). Luther was a man of prayer. He modeled prayer, taught prayer, wrote prayers and urged prayer. His morning and evening prayers are among the most beloved. He was a reformer of uncommon brilliance whose life was rooted in prayer. Thank God for Luther and for the Reformation.



# Previously Posted

## NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH: Step 1 - Be Informed

September is National Preparedness Month! During the month of September, we are encouraged to educate and prepare ourselves and our families to respond during and after emergencies. Experts focus on four steps to being prepared: be informed, have a plan, make (or buy) a kit, and get involved. This week, we'll focus on Step 1: Be Informed. Learn what measures to take before, during, and after an emergency. Please include the Week 1 insert in your bulletins this week, and be sure to encourage your congregations to be prepared for the next disaster!



## HURRICANE RELIEF

I thank all who have responded so far to the hurricane relief efforts and encourage you to continue seeking financial donations. We now have two Districts which have been severely hit by storms and the needs are great. All funds collected can be sent to the District Office and we will forward 100 % of all funds collected to Texas and the Florida-Georgia District. Neither Texas or Florida are prepared yet to handle large numbers of volunteers and we will keep you informed of future needs. Donations can be made online at the District Giving page.

## WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST LOAN REPAYMENT GRANT

Are you a new commissioned worker in your first 3 years of ministry? Do you have student loan debt that you would love to have financial assistance with? If you answered yes to both these questions you are eligible to apply for the Workers for the Harvest Loan Repayment Grant. ***Please apply between August 15 and October 14, 2017.*** Further information on the grant and the application can be found on all three district sites under resources or just click here. Please contact Dave Rueter or Rachel Klitzing with any questions at [church.worker@psd-lcms.org](mailto:church.worker@psd-lcms.org).

## CUI GROUND BLESSING FOR MUSIC, WORSHIP & THEOLOGY BUILDING

President Kurt Krueger and Concordia University's Regents and Trustees invite you to be part of this historic moment on **Sunday, October 1**, at 4:00 pm. The ceremony begins in the C. U. Center and moves to the site of this 38,000 square foot building for the Ground Blessing. Music, worship and theology intersect in the hearts of people, and now they will intersect in the heart of Concordia University Irvine's campus. The two wings of the building will bring together the musical tradition and theological foundation of the Lutheran faith in a space that will serve the campus community and the Church worldwide spiritually, musically, and practically for decades to come. A reception will follow on the Concordia University Center patio. Contact [laveda.carter@cui.edu](mailto:laveda.carter@cui.edu) if you have questions or go to [cui.edu/giving/mwt](http://cui.edu/giving/mwt).

## CUI EAGLE GOLF CLASSIC

Concordia's annual golf classic will be held on **Monday, October 2**, at Strawberry Farms Golf Club, Irvine. Registration and putting contest open at 9:00 am and the shotgun start is at 11:00 am. Lunch will be served at stops along the course by Chick Fil-A, Gina's Pizza, and Bon Appetit. Hole-in-one prizes include a trip for two to the 2018 Masters, \$25,000 cash split (\$12,500 to the golfer and \$12,500 to the student scholarship fund), and a vehicle from Villa Ford!! You can win some great gift baskets, and each golfer will take home a Travis Mathew golf shirt. Go to [cui.edu/golf](http://cui.edu/golf) for sponsor information and to register. Questions? [Grace.Saldana@cui.edu](mailto:Grace.Saldana@cui.edu) or (949) 214-3185.

## MISSION CENTRAL VISITS THE WEST COAST

If you haven't heard of Mission Central, Gary Thies, or Rev. Dr. Brent Smith, you will be amazed to hear how this predominately volunteer organization, located on a farm in Iowa, has become the largest mission supporting agency for LCMS missionaries in 80 countries across the globe. **September 30—October 1** the LWML at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara is hosting Rev. Dr. Brent Smith as speaker to tell us all about it! Everyone is invited. More information will follow about the program. Inquiries may be made by calling Becky Johnson at 805-687-9627 or Jan Scheffler at 805-964-4909.

## PIPE ORGAN CONCERT

On **Saturday, November 4**, 4:00 pm at Grace Lutheran, Banning, CA recitalist Charles Raasch will perform on Grace's 16-rank, 959-pipe organ. The concert also includes harpist Gretchen Sheetz. Proceeds benefit H.E.L.P., Inc., a local food bank. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Directions, ticket purchase, and more information at [glcbanning.org](http://glcbanning.org) or phone 951-849-3232.

## HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Orange is pleased to announce the return of the St. Paul's Holiday Boutique on **Saturday, November 4** from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. With more than 50 booths to visit, this one-day event will bring local crafting enthusiasts together with holiday-themed vendors to sell their unique, hand-crafted gifts, jewelry and décor. Open to everyone – FREE ADMISSION – you can't afford to miss it! And don't miss our huge opportunity raffle featuring items donated by your favorite vendors. We can't wait to see you there! For information on becoming a Vendor – please contact Diane at 714-637-2640 ext. 201 (deadline for vendor registration is 10/13/17).

## NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT CONVENTION

The PSD Nominations Committee is at work on the early stages of securing nominations for positions to be elected at the June 2018 Convention. While formal nomination documents will be distributed early this fall for congregational use, the committee is also seeking the recommendation of qualified individuals to serve as candidates for Board of Directors (Commission Ministers & Lay Members) and the Constitution Committee (Pastors and Lay/Attorney). It is the committee's goal to secure 2-3 nominations per position in addition to the incumbents. Please seek the approval of the person nominated and provide a brief profile statement as to why this person is qualified to serve. Names can be submitted to Barbara Farley at the District Office at [barbara.farley@psd-lcms.org](mailto:barbara.farley@psd-lcms.org).

## PSD YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

- **Focus (High School):** Focus is moving to Tonto Rim Christian Camp (Payson, AZ) on November 3-5! To be bold is not always easy -- it doesn't come naturally to all of us. Sometimes it takes continued encouragement, strength in faith and trusting that our Creator will be faithful, even when we are afraid. To be bold with the Gospel takes grit, courage, and preparation. This year at FOCUS 2017, we will be exploring the concept of what it means- and what it takes- to be bold with the living, active Word of God, taking the message of grace and truth of Jesus to all corners of the earth with strength and perseverance. Registration: Early \$160 by September 6 or \$175 (late) by October 4; Speaker: Maria Devenport, DCE
- **Jr. High DYG (6-8 grade):** The Jr. High DYG is moving to the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center and will take place March 16-18, 2018. Mark your calendars! Details will be announced in the following months.
- **The Summit (4-6 grade):** The Summit returns to the campus of Crean Lutheran High School on April 14, 2018. Mark your calendars! Details will be announced in the following months.

# Prayer & Praise

Submit Prayer Requests to Kelly DeJongh at [kelly.dejongh@psd-lcms.org](mailto:kelly.dejongh@psd-lcms.org)

## Prayer Requests

**Natural Disaster Victims** — We pray for those who have been effected by Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma, fires in Oregon and Montana, and the earthquake in Mexico.

**Rev. Tom Rogers** underwent surgery for a fractured hip.

**Rev. Marty Schramm** had complications after a medical test.

## Praise Reports

**Rev. Ernie Jeong** was installed at Faith Lutheran Church, Moorpark on Sunday, September 10.



## Continued Prayers

*We pray for all congregations and schools currently in the calling process.*

**Sonya Abbott**, wife of Bill Abbott - is recovering from open heart surgery

**Rev. Dr. Edward Ambrose** – vascular disease/orthopedic problems

**Jo Ambrose** – fighting bone cancer

**Rev. Bill Bartlett** – fighting cancer

**Rachel Brunold** - fighting cancer

**Kim Francisco** – fighting cancer

**Rev. Roy Gesch** – macular degeneration and dementia

**Rev. Gerald Gettis** – fighting myeloma

**David Hendry** – suffering from dementia

**Rev. Ray Kibler** – fighting immunodeficiency disease and cancer

**Rev. Jim Lareva** - fighting cancer of the esophagus

**Rev. Lawrence Lewis** - suffering from congestive heart failure and orthostatic hypotension

**Jenny Lawson** - fighting cancer

**Marilyn Look**, wife of Rev. Lambert Look - in hospice care

**Phillip Taylor** - fighting cancer

**Rev. Hal Teuscher** – fighting cancer

**Rev. Gary Trickey** - fighting cancer

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