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From Pastor McPike's Desk...

Since April 2022, various parts of LCMS history have been presented in this column. This month, I am deviating a bit from LCMS history and going back to 1523. This year is the 500th Anniversary of the release of Luther's revision of the Latin Mass, the "Formulae Missae 1523". This actually does tie together as a natural 14th installment of this series of history.

In 1054, the church "officially" divided for the first time. In the early days, there were several church "centers" or "sees" that were each considered equal to one another. Among them were Rome, Constantinople (now Istanbul), Alexandria, and Antioch. Jerusalem was considered a center because of its importance in the earliest days of Christianity. By the middle of the first millennium, Rome was beginning to assert itself as what they referred to as "first among equals." This grew into a rivalry between Rome (really the only "western" see) and Constantinople, a see that was looked to in a leadership way among the eastern sees. This "rivalry" gradually grew into a division fueled by several factors. Rome asserted the use of Latin, while Constantinople, while dominated by Greek, allowed for the *vernacular* (the language spoken in that land). Rome became the head of the "Western Church" while Constantinople was head of the "Eastern Church". Rome promoted the idea that the "Bishop of Rome" (later called the Pope) was actually a leader not only of Rome but of the entire Christian Church on earth. Eastern Churches rejected that and held that the Bishop of each city was equal to any other Bishop. There was also a point of doctrine, expressed as a controversial addition to the Nicene Creed. The Western church inserted that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the father *and the son*, while the eastern church asserted that was not correct, and that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father alone.

The year 1054 is known as *The Great Schism*, where the Bishop of Rome (Pope) and the Bishop of Constantinople (Patriarch) excommunicated each other and each other's churches. From that point on, the Western Church became known as the Roman Catholic Church, while the Eastern Church became known as the "Orthodox" (or Greek Orthodox) Church.

The insistence on the use of Latin for worship became even more firmly in place after the two churches split. Latin was already in use by 382 AD when St. Jerome translated the Bible from Hebrew/Greek into Latin. By 1500 when Martin Luther was coming of age, the Latin language had dominated the Western church for over 1000 years.

By the sixteenth century, Latin was the language of academia and the church, but very little else. In other words, in German lands, people spoke German, but didn't understand Latin except maybe a phrase or two. Yet when they would go to church, all the singing and reading would be in Latin.

As the Reformation moved forward after the events of 1517 to 1521, there was a call for worship services and hymns in German rather than Latin. Luther encouraged the writing of hymns but was slow to change the format of the worship service. When he did finally release a service, the "Formula Missae" or "Order of the Mass" in 1523, he retained all the main parts of the Latin Mass, taking out only things that he felt were not consistent with the Bible. Readings, sermon, and the like were now done in German, but he felt that since people had worshiped that way for so long, that basic part of their worship should only be changed VERY SLOWLY.

Luther's reason for SLOW change was to not upset those who had been brought up with a certain type of worship. Even when change is good, it can end up becoming a point of contention that takes away from the worship of the faithful. Many ceremonies of the church have great meaning and enhance worship. Slow change allows for the true meaning of that which is being introduced to be a blessing to those gathered for worship.

Next month: "Can an Immigrant Church survive without Immigration?"

Milestone for Pastor McPike

Pastor McPike reached his 35th year in the ministry on June 26th. He was introduced to Osman when Pastor Peters broke his hip in 2008. He filled in when needed until 2009 when Pastor Peters passed away. At that time Pastor McPike was a full time chaplain at Carle so Osman was fortunate to get two full year vicars – Vicar Steven Mazzeferro and Vicar Aaron Fenker. Osman had several substitute pastors in the years to follow that – Pastor Justin Schmidt, Pastor Daniel Fienen, and Pastor Keffie Deen. Interspersed with these substitutes, Osman had four summers that seminary students helped with services – Jonathan Scheck, Dan Grimmer, Brian Johnston, and Kurt Cockran. Shortly after that Pastor Don Ehlers came aboard as a substitute pastor. Through all of these circumstances in the last fifteen years, Pastor McPike has been the mainstay. We appreciate his God given talents and wish him the best in his ministerial career as he serves Osman and also his chaplaincy at Carle.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Alvin "Slim" Hinrichs who passed away on Friday, May 26th at the age of 82. May God provide comfort and care for those who mourn his loss. The funeral was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman on June 6th. The City of Champaign employees lined Grape Avenue with trucks and a hoist that flew the United States flag across the street. His burial followed at the Willowbrook Cemetery in Fisher.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Shirley Sprau who passed away on Tuesday, June 20th at the age of 72. May God provide comfort and care for those who mourn her loss. The funeral was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman on June 27th and burial followed at the Bellflower Township Cemetery in rural Bellflower. Shirley was a faithful Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher, choir member, and Ladies Aid/LWML member.

Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting

The next Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 13th, at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. Connie Warsaw and Brenda Hendricks will give a report on their trip to Milwaukee to the National LWML Convention as the topic. Connie Warsaw and Annette Warsaw will be the hostesses. The roll call will be answered with a Bible verse on freedom. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

Quilting

The ladies will NOT be tying quilts in July. They will continue on August 7th at 8 AM and August 9th at 12:30 PM. The quilts will be divided between Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train. Presently 98 quilts have been completed since October. All members are invited to come help as NO experience is needed!

Baked Goods Needed!

EVERYBODY is invited to bake for the Ladies Aid/LWML Bake Sale in Bellflower on Tuesday, July 4th! It will be served out of the Bellflower Fire House beginning at 7:30 AM. You can bring your “goodies” to church on July 2nd and put them in the fellowship hall refrigerator or you can bring them before 7:30 on July 4th to Bellflower. Plates with two to four cookies work well and individual baggies of snack foods are usually popular as parade watchers can eat these as they await the parade.

July 4th Float

The church will be represented in the July 4th Bellflower Parade with a float. There is not a general theme for the parade this year so the church float will be entitled “Hats Off to our Freedoms”. The back of the float will emphasize the Bible verse Psalm 33:12 “Great Is the Nation Whose God is the Lord”. Everyone wishing to help assemble the float can come to the FS Building in Bellflower on Sunday, July 2nd, at 3 PM.

Possible July Lawn Mowers

The week of July 3 – 8 – Jim Poppe
The week of July 10 -15 – Lee Whitehouse
The week of July 17 – 22 – Jeff Warsaw
The week of July 24 – July 29 – Leonard Delaney
The week of July 31 – August 5 – Bob Zimmerman



The schedule this year lists the week that the volunteer needs to mow. It is recommended to mow on Thursday through Saturday of that week, so it looks nice for Sunday. If you have misplaced your schedule which was in the March newsletter, there is one on the back church bulletin board. If you have any questions, contact trustee John Grussing. With the dry weather, please check to see if the property needs to be mowed each week.

Thank You

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Mahomet backpack program. It covered fifty bags for students in grades Prek-12. This was our 10th year helping students. We could not do it without your support. Grateful for Him and your congregation!

Lori Larson - Give Me Five Program

COVID Update

At the June church council meeting Pastor McPike recommended that the congregation return to some Pre-COVID practices. With the low amount of COVID cases at the present time, the following practices will be followed. The elders will not wear gloves or masks. The Common Cup will be offered at Communion. However, the offering plate will remain on the back table at the back of the church and the Communion cards will continue to be collected in the basket in the front center aisle. We thank the congregation for their patience during the COVID era, and please be assured that safety will always rule our decisions.

Church Picnic

Yes! The church picnic will be held this year! Mark your calendars for August 13th for the church picnic after the worship service. It will be a potluck with no grills making hamburgers or hotdogs. Games will be scheduled for adults and children. Watch for more details!

Adult Confirmation Class

There has been some interest in an adult Confirmation Class. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please contact Pastor McPike. The classes are being organized to start in late July.

Council Meeting

The next church council meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19th, at 6:30 PM in the hall. The quarterly voters meeting will be held on Sunday, July 23rd, after the worship service.

Happy Birthday!



Wilma Grussing, our oldest member, will be celebrating her 94th birthday on July 13th. She attends the monthly Ladies Aid/LWML meetings and helps with quilting each month. She is the Ladies Aid/LWML member that sends cards to our church members for all occasions. Let's shower her with many cards and blessings! Her address is 510 West Center Street in Bellflower, Illinois 61724. Happy Birthday, Wilma!

A Young Talent



On Sunday, June 25th, a “mere child” took over the reins as guest organist. Eli Beadle, who graduated from eighth grade at St. John Lutheran School in Champaign in May, played for Alicia Haggin while she enjoyed a vacation. He presently is an organ student of Keith Williams who is the organist at St. John Lutheran Church in Champaign. His youth did not prevent him from performing in an awesome manner to accompany the worship service. His God given talents are remarkable! Thank you, Eli!



7-02 Ryan Lammler
 7-05 Jerry Edwards
 7-06 MacKenzie Delaney
 7-12 Larry Lutz
 7-13 Wilma Grussing
 7-14 William Schroeder
 7-15 Ryan McPike
 7-15 Aaron Warsaw
 7-15 Bryan Warsaw
 7-20 Carolyn Majercin
 7-21 Shane Zimmerman
 7-27 Jane Poppe
 7-29 John Haggin
 7-30 Roy Whitehouse

Statistics

Date	Worship Service	Bible Class	Sunday School
May 28	52	13	2
June 4	46	10	3
June 11	29	0	0
June 18	44	11	0
June 25	49	14	0

Happy Anniversary

7-10-1971	Deb and Dick Johnson
7-12-2011	Hallie and Greg Payne
7-16-1977	Marsha and Steve Warsaw
7-21-2007	Rebecca and Scott Gercken
7-24-1999	Nikki and Rob Gallier
7-28-2007	Nicole and Jesse Johnson