

Pastor's Page

October 2007

BIBLE STUDY

We will be starting up on Monday, October 1, 7:30 - 8:30pm. We will continue our study of the Gospel of St. John. Even if you have not previously come to the Bible study, you can easily join the group and slide right into the chapter we are studying. If you haven't been a part of this study of God's word, here's your chance. Why not start the new program year off on making God's word a major focus in your schedule?

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Every year the last Sunday in October is observed as Reformation Sunday. Actually, Reformation Day falls on what is otherwise known as Halloween, October 31, but since the 31st usually does not fall on a Sunday, we observe Reformation Day on the nearest Sunday before the 31st, hence October 28 this year. As far back as 1995 I composed the liturgy called *A Sacrifice of Thanksgiving*, that little separately bound worship book that we've used over the years. This liturgy was printed with an old music program which didn't print out very well, making the music and words difficult to read at times. Lately, I've acquire new software to enable a much better looking final result, so I have upgraded the printing of this liturgy and will soon have it ready in multiple copies. To set off the Sundays leading to Reformation Sunday and the final weeks of the long Pentecost season, I would like to begin using this service we already know on the first Sunday of October, October 7, and continuing with it until the first Sunday in Advent, which will be December 2. We don't want to forget this unique setting of the liturgy, which, musically speaking, is interesting, easy, and of high quality. One added benefit is that everything except the hymns will be in one book.

CHOIR

Choir has started up again. Our rehearsal night is still undecided, but it looks as though we'll be returning to Tuesday nights. Whether it's Tuesday or Wednesday, we will rehearse from 7:15-8:15pm. Please keep your eye on weekly bulletins for the correct night. Also, we hope to have a couple of new singers in the choir and invite anyone else in the church who may be interested. The choir serves a valuable role in our worship, not only providing special music on most Sundays, but in leading the congregation's singing.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

Now that our organ is finished and the dedication concert over, I want to pay special tribute to Tim Lyons, a man of our own church who spent tireless hours and days for the past year with the organ man in the rebuilding of the organ. It was Tim's great desire to do the best for our organ and he certainly demonstrated it all along the way. He often interceded for us with the organ man to make sure both sides understood what was happening and to help everything go smoothly. Without this being said, most of our members would have no idea of this dedication by Tim. So this is why I wanted to put my "thank you" to him in this format so that everyone would know.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We still need another teacher in our Sunday School. Please consider being a part of the church's greatest responsibility: the teaching of our young. Let me remind parents of confirmation kids, that class and church attendance is expected on a weekly basis.

Pastor Brewer