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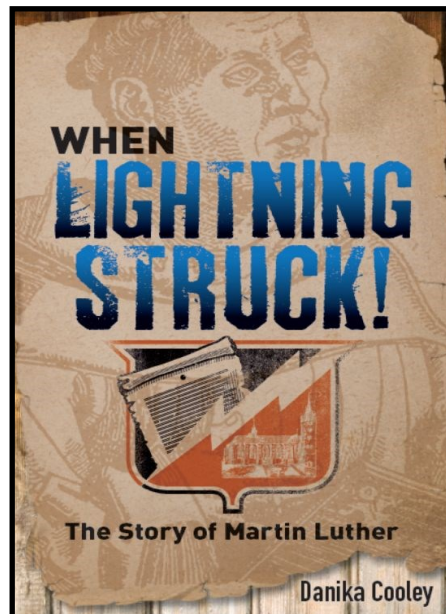
## *Well-paced 'Lightning' illuminates Luther*

**By Rev. Jeff Zell**

October 31, 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting the 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg. All the conditions were ripe, and that simple act of initiating a debate on the sale of indulgences initiated a reformation that rippled through all parts of western Christendom. The reformation reshaped Europe.

Many celebrations are in the works. Augsburg Fortress has published several works to help quench the thirst of those who want to learn more about Martin Luther and the reformation. I just finished reading *When Lightning Struck! The Story of Martin Luther* by Danika Cooley (Fortress Press, 2015).

*When Lightning Struck!* Was an enjoyable read. The book is written for Young Adults and moves along at a nice clip. Cooley uses literary license to keep the story simple and moving. However,



she manages to incorporate all the famous Luther quotes. I especially liked her build up to Luther's "I shall not

recant" speech. In the course of the story we meet all of the major figures in Luther's life and are presented with the broad strokes of his theological insights.

Cooley presents Luther as the complicated man that he is. He can be fearful, fiery, fierce, wise, and gentle as a lamb. Cooley takes us through Luther's childhood to his death. As an adult Luther went from being an anxious monk to a devoted family man with a playful relationship with his wife, Katie.

Let me know if you want to borrow the book.

## *ELCA members respond to Flint water crisis*

CHICAGO (ELCA) – In response to the water crisis in Flint, Mich., members from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia, Mich., delivered more than 3,000 gallons of donated water Jan. 31 to the congregation of Salem Lutheran Church in Flint.

"I thought it was a tremendous outpouring of love," said the Rev. Monica Villarreal, pastor of Salem. "It was a wonderful expression of love that came to Flint."

"We've got a little heart for Salem and what they're doing in Flint," said Kathy Weinberg, a member of Holy Trinity. "We know how important it is that they stay in their community and reach out to the people."

In 2014 the city of Flint changed its water source from the city of Detroit to the Flint River. Soon after the switch, high levels of lead were found in the drinking water and local doctors began reporting elevated levels of lead in the blood of children.

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## Liturgical Notes

### **All you need to know about 'temporal,' 'sanctoral' dates**

**By Rev. Jeff Zell**

The liturgical calendar has two distinct parts: temporal and sanctoral. The temporal calendar is the annual cycle of Sundays and Principal Feasts that focus on the life of Christ. These include Jesus' birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension.

The word sanctoral is Latin for holy. The sanctoral calendar consists of lesser festivals and commemorations. Beginning on page 54 the hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW), lists the Lesser Festivals and Commemorations. Examples of Lesser

Festivals are Stephen, Deacon and Martyr on December 26 or Mark, Evangelist on April 25, or Reformation Day, on October 31. Examples of Commemorations include Saints, Martyrs, and Missionaries.

We note that Lesser Festivals have specific dates attached to them. When the date is attached to an event, the date recognizes the event. For Lutherans, we hold dear October 31 because that is the day when Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle church in Wittenberg.

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**BUILDING ON FAITH REPORT**

To  
March 8, 2016  
Year-to -date

Receipts for February	\$	3,202.00
Mortgage paid for March		2,379.11
Loan principal on Feb. 29		101,163.00
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Mutual Bank balance on March 1		6,727.00
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Total paid from scrip sales		51,300

At present, 80% of each payment reduces the principal. An additional \$26,194 was paid toward the principal in 2015. Current interest rate is 4.95 percent; 51 payments remain; mortgage termination date is June 2020; Pledges totaling \$150,543 were received in October 2014 find drive. Congregation should continue making regular contributions and purchasing scrip.

*Report presented  
By Dan Lindborg  
March 8, 2016*

R.I.P. Dick Neal, 92, ‘people person’

Pastor Zell presided at the March 12 funeral Eucharist at Gloria Dei for Dick Neal, who died March 9 at North Woods Village Memory Care at age 92 following an extended illness.



Dick Neal

After a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall for family and friends, Dick was buried in Chapel Hill Cemetery, next to his wife. Clista, who died in 2006.

Survivors include a daughter, Gail, two sons, Dean and Thomas, six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, a sister and a brother.

A true “people person,” Dick always had a warm welcome for member and guest alike. He enjoyed meeting with the Social Ministry committee and, when the Hope Ministries meals were being planned, was quick to say, “I won’t be able to serve, but I will be happy to donate a can of coffee.”

His “standing duty,” which he fulfilled until his health began to fail, was to change the Haney Ave. sign to reflect the summer schedule and back again when September rolled around.

In his honor, the sign was changed one more time, to read:

**DICK NEAL**

**1923-2016**

**FAITHFUL SERVANT**

Five words cut in stone that ‘fit every situation’

By Howard Butt Jr.

Abraham Lincoln told the story of an Eastern monarch who commanded his wise men to create a sentence. This sentence would be cut in stone and always be in view. It must be true. It

must apply in every situation and at all times.

The wise men met and returned to the monarch with their sentence: "This, too, shall pass away."

This five-word statement does fit every situation. In moments of glory and triumph, it levels our sights. In our deepest grief, it lifts our vision.

You may have closed the deal of a lifetime. Or you may have just lost that deal by saying something stupid.

Whatever it is: this too shall pass . . . in the high calling of our daily work.

*“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”*  
(Matt. 24:35)

Howard Butt Jr., of Laity Lodge, produces one-minute devotionals that are heard on radio stations across the country. This is reprinted from the Web site, [TheHighCalling.Org](http://TheHighCalling.Org)

**SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION**  
Brochures with information from Lutheran Outdoor Ministries for the summer camp program are on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

*Those who have asked for our prayers include ....*

- Sara & Lorraine Doolittle, Al Saari (D. Scherer’s brother -in-law), Judithellen Larson,
- Jordan Cone, Suellen Petersen,
- Samantha Croymans, Ken Senn,
- Nikole Scherer, Joan Hartman,
- Karen Siderits, Shirley Brunt, George Seifer, Mercia Coulter, Nancy Nosoke, our shut-ins .



## All you need...

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Dates are also tied to the deaths of individuals. The reason that deaths are honored and not birthdays is because the Christian's death is the fulfillment of our baptismal journey.

Through death, we pass through the doorway to eternal life.

The ELW also recognizes certain Occasions as special and that may be beneficial to observe in the life of a congregation.

Examples of Occasions include the Day of Thanksgiving or Stewardship of Creation or New Years Eve.

The church calendar reminds us that time itself is sacred. Our time is God's time.

God gifts us with awareness of Christ our redeemer and the communion of saints.

## Study of Colossians resumes in April

The Bible study resumes at 10 a.m. April 6 at Gloria Dei. We are studying the Letter to the Colossians.

Dates and topics for the month follow:

- April 6, "Shadow and Reality, Slavery and Freedom" (2:16-23)
- April 13, "New Life: What It Is Not" (3:1-11)
- April 20, "New Life: What It Is" (3:12-17)
- April 27, "Christians at Work and at Home" (3:18-4:1).

## April dates of importance; first responder, Souper Bowl donations

Dates to circle in April and May:  
On April 17, **Cheryl Avery** of Thrivent will present information on Action Teams for members and non-members of Thrivent.

The presentation will occur in the gathering area immediately following

worship. She is proving goodies for us. Pastor Zell can attest to her fine baking skills

Please plan to stay and be informed about how we can use free money to benefit our community.

Then, on May 22, the Feast of the Holy Trinity, Gloria Dei and First English will join together for worship at 10 a.m. at Gloria Dei.

**Maj. Leslie Haines, (ret.)**, will speak with us about her ongoing ministry through Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries.

For the third year, the social ministry committee has chosen LMVFM as beneficiary of the May Fifth Sunday Servant program. You can learn more at [www.lmvfm.org](http://www.lmvfm.org).

Kudos to **Jill** and **Jack Seifer** and **Lisa** and **Bob Suter** for another outstanding Mary Circle-sponsored Trivia Night program.

It was an entertaining and highly successful evening.

Early Easter morn, **Maria and Joe Lutz** and **Nikole Scherer** delivered a piping-hot breakfast casserole, three carafes of steaming Starbucks coffee and boxes and boxes of Girl Scout cookies to the men and women in blue at the Sample Street police station.

It was the first in what we hope becomes a regular thank-you to the first responders of our community.

Proceeds from **Souper Bowl Sunday** were used to purchase Speedway scrip for the local branch of Hello, Gorgeous, which provides on-location spa treatments for women coping with the effects of cancer treatment.



**RUMMAGE  
SALE**  
August 2016  
*"No longer want it?  
We'll sell it!"*

**Donations NOW being  
accepted**

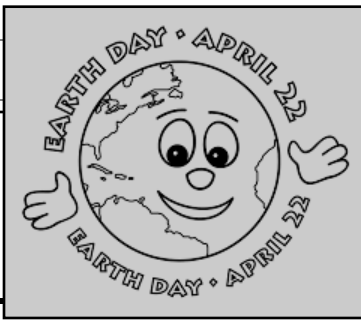
\*Gently worn clothing—all ages, all sizes \*Household goods \* Appliances \* Electronics \* Toys and games

\*Books & CDs \*What have you?

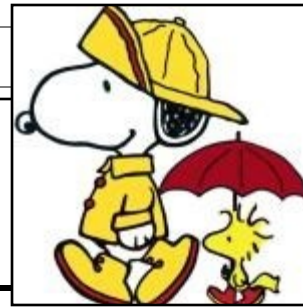
Especially needed: back-to-school clothing for boys and girls. Proceeds benefit our church and our neighbors.

Wanna help? See Nikole Scherer

Please take ALL donations to Sunday School Room 6



# April



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b><u>Every Sunday at Gloria Dei:</u></b>                      9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Sung Liturgy; Coffee Hour follows.</p>					1	2
<p><b>3 Easter II</b></p> <p>First English Council, 1:30 p.m.</p>	4	<p>5 Mary Circle, 6:30 p.m..                      The program is "Russian Mission." All are invited.</p>	<p>6 Bible Study, 10 a.m.</p>	<p>7 Worship and Music Committee, 6:30 p.m.</p>	8	9
<p><b>10 Easter III</b></p>	11	<p>12 Congregation Council, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>13 Bible Study, 10 a.m.</p>	14	15	16
<p><b>17 Easter IV</b></p> <p>Cheryl Avery, Thrivent Action programs</p>	18	<p>19 Ministerium, 9 a.m., Augustana</p>	<p><b>20 NN Deadline</b>                      Bible Study, 10 a.m.</p>	21	22	23
<p><b>24 Easter V</b></p> <p>Social Ministry</p>	25	<p><b>26 NN Mailed</b></p>	<p>27 Bible Study, 10 a.m.</p>	28	29	30

## *WELCA spearheading 'care kits' projects; donations are welcome*

WELCA members will be assembling personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief, and Gloria Dei members are invited to donate items that will be collected, bundled up and forwarded to LWR.

Each kit will contain the following new and unused items, which members are asked to bring to church for the next several weeks:

One lightweight bath towel in any

dark color (20x40 inches or no larger than 52x27); two 8- to 9-oz. bars of bath soap in original wrapping; three adult size tooth brushes in original packaging; one large sturdy comb with handle, and one large metal nail clippers (toenail clippers would be best).

The items will be assembled during the Synod assembly in South Bend in June, wrapped in the towel and tied with ribbon/yarn before sending them to

LWR sites. All items must be new and unused, devoid of any decals, symbols or any decorative images, and free of sewn or stamped messages.

There will be a collection receptacle in the gathering area for donations. Suggestions: use Bed, Bath & Beyond coupons in the mail or Sunday newspapers. Also, Sally's Beauty Supply is open to the public and the dollar stores have nail clippers in packages.

April Ministry Schedule

	April 3 Easter II	April 10 Easter III	April 17 Easter IV	April 24 Easter V
Liturgical Assistant				
Servers and Acolytes		SCHEDULE NOT AVAILBALE AT PRINTING TIME		
Bell Ringer				
Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	Jim Schleis	No Sunday School
Lectors				
Communion Assistant				
Greeters				
Flowers/ Lamp	F: Dolores Miller, Suellen Petersen, Elizabeth Bradbury L: Open	F: Harvey Holmes L: Open	F: Open L: Open	F: Open L: Open
Altar Guild	Dolores Miller, Mary Ann Sorocco, Sheryl Taghon	Dolores Miller, Mary Ann Sorocco, Sheryl Taghon	Jill Seifer, Lindy Dreher	Jill Seifer, Lindy Dreher

Ushers: Harvey Holmes, Stephen Saine, Eric Sult, Russ Buysse.  
 Counters: April 3: Sorocco and B. Saine; April 10: Lindborg and Fortson; April 17: Taylor and Forslund; April 24: Miller and Saine.

Ushers scheduled by Russ Buysse, counters by finance committee;  
 Altar Guild by Patty Carr, all others by Jack Seifer (jwseifer@juno.com)

*Response*

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Villarreal said including the donations from Holy Trinity, Salem has received water from 25 Michigan congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).  
 Villarreal, who was born and raised

in Flint, said the city's water crisis has affected her "personally as well as professionally."  
 "This situation has changed how I view ministry. It's changed how I view my work and role as a pastor," she said. "The church must be a place of the community. The church is, in fact, the people. And when you're serving in a community that has been afflicted upon

in the ways that Flint, Michigan, has, there is no boundary. The church walls explode and we become the body of Christ, the wounded body of Christ in the world.  
 "People from all over the community come to this church to find hope, to find healing, to find peace. And now we see families come here to search for life in the form of water," said Villarreal.

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*Please notify the church office if a special occasion is missed*

*Those celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries in April include ...*

### April Birthdays

Melinda Foley	April 1	John Brummitt	April 13
Elizabeth Bradbury	April 1	Harvey Holmes	April 13
Carol Larson	April 4	Nancy Lindell Johnson	April 24
Mary Elder	April 4	John Aronson	April 24
Marcus Foley	April 12		

### April Anniversaries

Linda and Len Jepson	April 8
Karen and Joe Menyhart	April 16
Robyn and Scott Sult	April 23

