



November  
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## Concordia Lutheran Church

*"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"*

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Blessings to you, dearest brothers, and sisters in the Lord!

Last Sunday, October 31, remembered the 504 years since Martin Luther nailed the 95 Thesis to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. By the time he posted these "topics for debate," he had spent more than a decade considering the Scripture, the local culture, and the church of his day. He was nearing his "ah ha" moment centered on the "righteousness of God" in Romans. He was in the process of a meaningful and significant personal transformation ... a true repentance.

Last Sunday, we considered the first of the 95 Theses:

*When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, "Repent" (Mt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.*

After our reflection on the everyday practices of "repentance," discovering that the processes of our daily experience contribute to our understanding of "repentance," we asked, "is there a Word of God that causes you to pause and reconsider part or all of your current life?" Is there a new insight into God's Word that you have come across that motivates some level of personal transformation?

This coming Sunday, we will hear Jesus pray: *"I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me"* (John 17:8).

Here are several thoughts I have when listening to Jesus pray:

- + The Life-Giving Word of God comes from the Father to me through Jesus.
- + The Word of God comes to me in "words" I can understand.
- + The Word of God "given" to me is meant to be "received" or possessed.
- + The "words" I have "received" cause me to "know" the Lord Jesus.
- + This "knowing," or awareness of my part motivates me to "believe."
- + What I am inspired to "believe" is the loving act of God in sending Jesus.

In working through these reflections, I am reminded, humbled, and grateful that my real life is initiated, sustained, and secured through the Word and Deed of the LORD my God in and through the Person of the Lord Jesus. For my part, I can "get up" and "get involved" in the Life He desires for me to live. What are your thoughts?

Luv ya'!

Pastor Craig

### Happy November Birthdays

11/01 Chris Duryea  
11/19 Laura Rende

11/03 Joanne Boomgarden  
11/21 Suzanne Holm

11/05 Jack Craig  
11/30 Katie Riemenschneider

# Slate of Candidates for the Sunday, December 5 2021 Voter's Meeting

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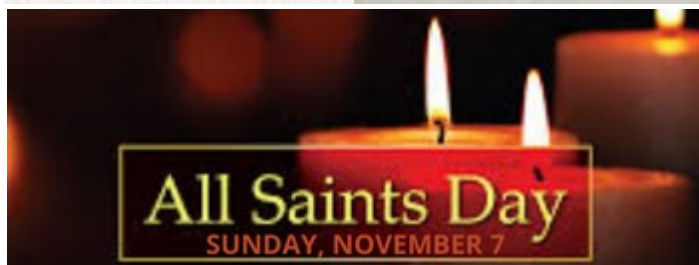
**Board of Stewardship — *Open***



**Time to "fall  
back" this  
Sunday**

## Sunday Nursery

We have been BLESSED with BABIES!!! If you would like to minister to our Moms and Dads by watching their babies during service on a rotating schedule, please let us know!



## HOLIDAY SERVICES

**Thanksgiving Eve Service  
Wednesday, Nov 24th**

**Advent Services  
Wednesday, December 1st  
Wednesday, December 8th  
Wednesday, December 15th**

**Christmas Eve Service  
Friday, December 24th**

