

# OCTOBER 2015

## CHURCH NEWS

### Where is THAT written?



*Now is the winter of our discontent, made glorious summer by this sun of York.*

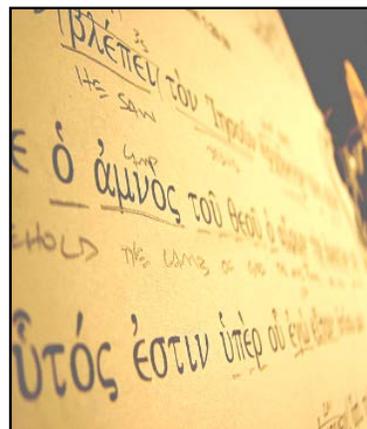
Where was that written? It was coined by Shakespeare and put into print in **Richard III**, 1594. The 'sun of York' wasn't of course a comment on Yorkshire weather but on King Richard. In this

play Shakespeare presents an account of Richard's character that, until the late 20th century, largely formed the popular opinion of him as a malevolent, deformed schemer. Historians now view that representation as a dramatic plot device - necessary for the villainous role that Shakespeare had allocated him. It isn't consistent with what is now known of Richard III, who in many ways showed himself to be an enlightened and forward-looking monarch.

So which is it? If you are like so many kids in America, you had to read Richard III (Richard the Third) in high school. In my High School, Mrs. Gittens was the best English teacher (as well as an incredible martial artist!). She used to say quotes and say to us "Where is that written?" And we would answer her. Of course, when we would say something (we thought to be clever) she would repeat what we said and then ask "Where is THAT written?"

The phrase "Where is that written" is an old Jewish one. It refers to the Scriptures. Meaning "Where has God spoken to us about that?" Later after what is known as the enlightenment era (when people began to question the nature and existence of God) we saw an emergence of people writing about a variety of topics. So once again, the question became "Where is THAT written?" It's interesting how over time, we fallen and broken humans take things and reshape them to say the same thing, but with a new and twisted meaning.

As we approach Reformation Sunday the phrase "Where is that written" becomes a very important concept again. You see, when Martin Luther began serving in the Church as a Priest, he did so for many years without ever being required to read the Bible. For the most part, he was only instructed according to the teachings of the Church. Is that bad? Well, that's the funny part. Truth be told, had he been instructed according to the Word of God as it had been rightly interpreted for hundreds of years, he would have most likely lived his life out as a simple, parish priest. But as we know, in a fallen and broken world, proper interpretation can be hidden by greed, power and the social agendas of the day. Thus the reading of the Scriptures are using the same words without the true power and blessing of their proper meaning. So when we remember Reformation Sunday, we need to be clear about something. It wasn't about hating Roman Catholics... it wasn't about rebelling against the status quo... it wasn't about gender and sexual rights... nor was it about the evil **Bourgeoisie and Proletariat** uprising towards an equally distributed wealth system in society. So what was it about? Simply put, it was about Jesus and the Christian Bible which proclaims Him to sinners in both Law and Gospel.

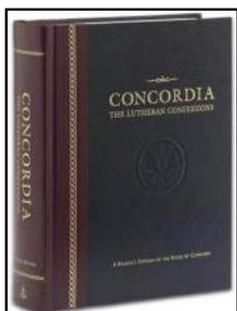


Upon reading the Scriptures, this was an entirely important moment because the God who had given him faith was revealed to him in these writings where "counsels and Popes often contradict themselves" (Luther at the counsel of Worms 1521). From this

the answer had to be found in God's Word and not just any old interpretation of it, rather the historic interpretation from the Apostles and the early Church Fathers. From what he and others learned, it was clear that his beloved church was in error. Does this mean Luther was arrogant because he said the Church was in error? No because he wasn't basing it on personal opinion or social agendas or power plays. He simply answered the questions to "Where is that written" with "In the Bible". Upon learning this, Luther began to write book after book telling people what he had learned.

This continued to the point where the Church demanded he stop writing these things because they were in conflict with the teachings and traditions of the Church at that time. **At that time...** that was the key phrase. The reason Martin Luther (and many others) were so upset was the Church failed to do was to proclaim our Lord the way the Lord proclaimed Himself throughout the Old and New Testaments. There are two facts that Lutherans have gleaned from this:

1. Fallen and sinful people (everybody) tend to forget what goes unused.
2. This is always true no matter what year it is. (Lutherans included!)



### ENTER THE BOOK OF CONCORD

So how did the Lutherans attempt to solve the problem of theological memory loss? **THEY WROTE IT DOWN.** In fact, if we were to classify the Book of Concord, we might use such terms as **“A Bold Confession of Faith”** or **“The**

**Confessions of The Evangelical Lutheran Church”** or **“A Book of Who We Are As Lutherans”** and those would all be good and right, but you know what? I think it’s missing something in those explanations. You see, the Book of Concord is unique because it is a book which is highly valued by most denominations calling themselves “Lutherans”. Why? Is it because it’s a new Bible like the Book of Mormon? No. That’s the great part about the Book of Concord. It isn’t valued because it brought new teachings, it is valued because it answers the question “Where is THAT written”. The entire book is a testimony to God’s inerrant Word. Over and over it affirms Christ and comforts Christians with the knowledge that when you read the Bible, here is a guide to understanding the old, Lutheran question **“What does this mean”** along with that even older question **“Where is THAT written?”** This year at Christ Lutheran, we will have a Reformation Party. Among the assortment of wonderful gifts and prizes being awarded will be one or more copies of the *Book of Concord*. This will be a wonderful opportunity for whomever wins it and for anyone desiring to order one to get their own copies. I promise you, the reading will be informative if not delightful. So perhaps when we see this book, we might read the words

**CONCORDIA: The Lutheran Confessions**, perhaps we should mentally put at the end **a book about love pointing us to EXACTLY where THAT is written.** God bless and keep you as you continue to learn of Him! (*Matthew 11:29*)

In His service and in yours,

*Pastor Hoffmann*



## CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

Here we are in the month of October already! With a month full of learning under our belts we have had time to adjust to the new classrooms, friends, routines, and all of the other beginning of the school year excitement!

**Reminder!** There are still some of you that need update your child’s information if you haven’t already. Please stop by the office or call to make sure that we have everything we need to get the year started.

**Fun Festival** In case you didn't know Christ Lutheran took first place in the Fun Festival parade!! Thank you to everyone that helped out, participated, and cheered us on!



October is the month designated as Fire Safety month. We will be having a visit from the Coos Bay Fire Station on October 5, 2015. It’s likely that your child will be informing you about different aspects of fire safety that they learn about in the classroom. Hopefully your family will discuss your own home fire plan and be sure to check out the local fire stations during their Open Houses.





The first field trip of the school year is on Friday, October 9, 2015 to the Mahaffy Ranch Pumpkin Patch.

For those of you that haven't been before, you're in for a wonderful experience! Please make sure to be on time so we

can load up and get on the road as soon as possible. Check with the office to ensure that you have turned in everything that is needed to attend. Because of the field trip we will not be having hot lunch that Friday. Make sure to send your child with a lunch.

We will be having an Open House on Thursday, October 15, 2015, from 6:30-7:30pm for all of our school families to come see what your child has been up to in their classrooms.



Do you need to clean out some closets? The Christ Lutheran PTL is having a Rummage Sale on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 8am - 3pm. You can drop

off items the week of October 19-23 to the upstairs fellowship hall/lunch room during school hours. There will be a work day planned at the next PTL meeting to get the sale set up.



Hurrah for volunteers!! Thank you to all of the parents that have already been helping out.

We had lots of help for the Fun Festival and our float placed second this year! Don't forget to log in your volunteer time. Below are the details for the Volunteer Bonus program.

For every 20 hours (that you volunteer for the school) you get your name put into a drawing that will be drawn every quarter at our Awards Assemblies. Your name can go in multiple times, so the more you volunteer the better chances of having your name drawn! The family drawn will receive \$100 off of their tuition! The hours/minutes you have logged get written in the visitor sign-in/out book located outside the office. The volunteer can be anyone that is able and willing to volunteer, i.e. parents, grandparents, siblings, etc., and it counts for your family. Just make sure that we know which family it is. We are also including attendance of PTL meetings, tasks completed

at home, driving for field trips, along with classroom helpers, lunch duty, and other activities accomplished on site.

## RECRUITMENT BONUS



A Recruitment Bonus of \$100 off the first month's tuition during the 2015-16 school year

to any school families that persuade a new student to enroll and attend Christ Lutheran School during the 2015-16 school term!!



## Mission Spotlights 2015/16

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For September and October our "Mission Spotlight" will be the local food cupboard. We will be collecting non-perishable food items throughout the next two months to contribute to the local food cupboard.



Attention Everyone!! This is your chance to order a Christ Lutheran shirt!

Be watching for School Shirt order forms!! We will be sending forms home on October 6, 2015. All orders are due, with payment, by October 13, 2015.



Christ Lutheran Parent Teacher League (PTL) meets every second Tuesday of the month. Child care is

provided by Preschool Plus and After Care Club.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at 3:15pm. Come join us and see what we are all about!!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
9:15am Sunday School <b>4</b> 10:30am Divine Service	Coos Bay Fire Station Visit <b>5</b> 3:30pm Faculty/Staff Meeting 5pm Elders	5:45pm Choir <b>6</b> 7pm Financial Peace Class	8:45am Chapel <b>7</b> 10am Ladies Bible Class 11:30am Bible Class at NB Senior Center 3:30pm Confirmation	<b>8</b>	9:30am Esther Bible Class	8:45am Field Trip to Mahaffy Pumpkin Patch <b>10</b>
October 6-8, Pastor Hoffman attending Pastor's Conference						
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		7pm Financial Peace Class				8am – 3pm PTL Rummage Sale <b>24</b>
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		7pm Financial Peace Class				9am Men's Club at Lakeshore Lodge <b>31</b>
October 28-30, No School- Office Closed Seaside Conference						

### October Birthdays

Connie Bingham – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rylee Bauer – 18 <sup>th</sup>
Sienna Mahaffy – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Chelsey Slater – 18 <sup>th</sup>
Garret Juelke – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Stellman – 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Gary Horner – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Socia – 27 <sup>th</sup>
Ron Meusling – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Hugh Tyler – 28 <sup>th</sup>
Pearl Kruusi – 10 <sup>th</sup>	

### October Anniversaries

Myron & Glenda Marchant – 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Steve & Connie Bingham – 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Richard & Patricia Michaelson – 30<sup>th</sup>