







Philipp Melanchthon Young Philipp Melanchthon (painting by Lucas Cranach the Elder, 1532)



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this year when we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, I have been highlighting various aspects of the Reformation. Previous articles covered: the five 'solas' that emerged out of the Reformation; a brief overview of Luther's life; Luther's wife Katharina von Bora; and, the Luther Rose. In this issue of our Newsletter, I introduce you to Luther's trusted friend and colleague, Philipp Melanchthon. The article that follows was taken from the Concordia Historical Institute.

#### Melanchthon's Youth

Philipp Schwarzerdt (Greek: *Melanchthon*) was born February 16, 1497, in the house of his grandparents in Bretten, Germany. He was the first of five children (1499 Anna, 1500 or 1501 Georg, 1506 Margarete and 1508 Barbara). Melanchthon's father, Georg Schwarzerdt, was master of armory of electoral Saxony. His mother came from the well-to-do Reuter family of merchants. His grandfather saw that young Philipp, his brother Georg and two other grandsons had a strong education in Latin by hiring the tutor Johannes Unger from Pfortzheim.

At school Philipp was the best student. He went on to learn Greek under Johannes Hiltebrant. His great-uncle, the humanist Johannes Reuchlin, in the humanist tradition, gave him the Greek name "Melanchthon."

"Your name is Schwarzerdt (German for 'black earth'), you are a Greek, and so your new name shall be Greek. Thus I will call you Melanchthon, which means black earth."

-- Johannes Reuchlin, March 5, 1509

#### **University Education**

Reuchlin saw to it that Melanchthon was admitted to the University of Heidelberg at the age of twelve. About two years later, in 1511, at the age of fourteen, he received his BA. However, the following year, when Philipp applied to take the examinations for his MA, the professors were hesitant to allow him to continue, on the grounds that they thought the fifteen-year old could not possibly be accepted as a teacher. He did finish his studies at Tübingen, and in January of 1514, he received the MA at seventeen. He was received by the faculty of philosophy and began teaching. He also began writing, which he was to continue doing for the rest of his life.

Melanchthon was greatly influenced by humanism. At the age of nineteen even the famous Erasmus of Rotterdam recognized Melanchthon's many talents and spoke highly of him: "To what hopes does this young man or rather this boy, give rise! What acumen of innovation, what purity of language, what mature erudition!" -- Erasmus, 1516

#### Wittenberg

In 1518, the twenty-one-year-old Melanchthon was recommended by Johannes Reuchlin to Elector Frederick the Wise of Saxony for the new chair of Greek literature at the elector's Wittenberg University (founded in 1502). On August 28 he gave his first lecture on "reforming the instruction of the youth." It was the beginning of a lifelong association for Melanchthon with the university.

At Wittenberg Philipp Melanchthon studied theology under Dr. Martin Luther. In September 1519 he was granted his first degree in theology: *baccalaureus biblicus*. Melanchthon turned out to be a popular lecturer. And Luther, who was fourteen years his senior, recognized Melanchthon's remarkable abilities.

#### Home Life

"I am asked to get married because it is thought to be an improvement of my situation. If I knew that marriage would not disturb my work and my writing, I could easily decide in favor of it. For the time being, however, it will not happen."

-- Philipp Melanchthon, 1519

# **Ladies Guild September**

#### Forever Clean

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3–4).

Imagine being buried in the sand at the beach. It sounds like fun until the weight of the sand becomes oppressive. When your friends pull you out, your first inclination is to jump into the water to be washed clean of all that sand. But getting clean on a sandy beach is nearly impossible. No matter how many times you dunk under water, the sand still clings somewhere on your body.

Without the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, our lives would be buried in sin. No matter how hard we tried, no amount of washing would make us clean. Sin would cling to us like that beach sand. But through His sacrifice on the cross we have been given a new life.

What a gift we have in Baptism! Through the water and God's almighty Word we have been washed clean. Christ died to remove the filth of sin forever. We remember our Baptism daily as we enjoy the new life we have been given. We will never be hopelessly buried in sin again!

#### Walking with my Lord

Lord, thank You for cleaning my life in this powerful, mysterious, and effective way. Thank You for daily walking with me in my new life. In Your precious name I pray. Amen.



Queens Zone Fall Rally - Sept. 23rd **Immanuel Lutheran Church, Whitestone** 

AD LWML 2017 Annual Fall Retreat -Tuscarora Inn - October 13-15, 2017

Our next meeting will be on Tues. Oct. 10, 2017 @ 7:00pm



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Debbie Sichler President Ladies Guild



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#### SEPTEMBER 2017

Can't sleep? Don't count sheep, talk directly to the shepherd.

#### AND

There are some questions that cannot be answered by GOOGLE.



**SEPTEMBER 2017 Trivia Ouestion** 

#### **LAUGHERS and DANCERS**

Whose entrance dance proved fatal for John the Baptist?

HINT: LOOK IN THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

**LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER 2017** 

#### LAUGHERS and DANCERS ...

What group of people were busy dancing and partying when David caught up with them?

HINT: LOOK IN THE BOOK 1 SAMUEL





- for all of us at Resurrection that we may all have a heart for those who don't know Jesus, to help everyone come to know the love of God, and become part of God's church family, into an even closer relationship with God, and come to eternal life.

Our Members who are *Home-Bound*: Joe Dunlop and Dorothea Gruenwald; in *NURSING HOMES*: Harriet Rose; and those with *OTHER CONCERNS*: Lynn, Connie, Marie Cappello, Nicole, Kathy, Ronnie Sowa, Diana Green, John Ulicny, Cheryl Ulicny, Antony Gajadhar, Jennifer Gajadhar, Pastor Sam, Marilyn Lang, Danielle Valente, Juliette Valente, Heather Valente, Ralph Valente, Nancy Michaelis, Arlene Novitske Anthony Novitske, Trina Seibel, Peter Seibel, IV, Margaret Ciminelli, Melissa Samuels, Joanne, Mike Scarano, Tom McNeely, Audrey Jones, Baby Brielle Timmers, Julie and Laraine Hetzer.

**Heavenly Father** - We pray for ourselves -- young and old, rich and poor, singles, couples, and families -- as we gather for worship and care for one another in our spiritual, emotional, and physical needs that your words grow richly among us to the praise of Your Holy Name. Amen

**Shared Faith Ministries -** Dear Heavenly Father, Direct and guide us as our two churches work together in your name spreading the good news of your beloved son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

**Our Mid-Week BIBLE Study -** Dear Heavenly Father, God, you have made the heavens and the earth. You have revealed your beauty in creation and inspired the book that we are now studying. Please help us now as we read together. Take us deeper into understanding more about you and your love for us. Amen

**Our missionary groups** right here in Flushing, the Chinese Lutheran Ministry, the Korean Ministry, the Indo Pak Ministry, and Glory Lutheran Ministry that God will continue to bless all of these ministries and help them to grow.

- For all of our troops: "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

"Pray without ceasing ... Do not put out the Spirit's fire" 1Thessalonians 5: 17, 19

#### (Pastor's article is continued from Page 1)

Melanchthon's belief about marriage did not last long. In November 1520 he was married to Katharina Krapp, the daughter of the mayor of Wittenberg, Hieronymous Krapp. Their marriage was to last nearly 40 years, until the death of Katharina in 1557. There were four children (1522 Anna, 1525 Philipp, 1527 Georg, 1533 Magdalena).

#### **Achievements**

Melanchthon also became involved in the administration of the Wittenberg university. In 1523-24 and 1538 he was rector. In 1535-36 and 1546-48 he was dean of the philosophical faculty. Beginning in 1555 Melanchthon gave lectures in world history. The resulting work was later published under another name.

While Melanchthon was associated with the University of Wittenberg, it achieved world fame that lasted until the middle of the seventeenth century. On occasion over 2,000 students would attend his lectures. He is credited with the founding of schools, writing of textbooks and initiating of reforms.

#### Melanchthon & Luther

Philipp Melanchthon came to know Dr. Martin Luther at Wittenberg. Their relationship was to develop over the years into a deep, life-long friendship. Melanchthon was to say of Luther: "I would rather die than be separated from this man." This friendship lasted until Luther's death in 1546.

#### **Leipzig Debate**

Beginning in 1519, Melanchthon was to spend the rest of his life studying and defending the Evangelical theology of the Reformation. In June of that same year he and Luther accompanied another Wittenberg theologian, Andreas Karlstadt, to Leipzig, to debate with a Roman Catholic theologian sent by the Pope named Dr. Johannes Eck (a German name that also means "corner"). While he did not formally take part in the debate, Melanchthon is said to have written little notes to Luther giving biblical passages that contradicted the Pope's claim to preeminence. This advice irritated Eck. Luther later commented, "In my teaching profession I do not respect anything more than Philipp's advice. This man's judgment and his authority are worth more to me than all dirty Ecks (corners)."

#### **Luther's Bible Translation**

Melanchthon came to Wittenberg from a strong humanist background. However, it was not long before Luther won Melanchthon for the Reformation. Luther gave Melanchthon the theology of the Reformation and Melanchthon taught Luther Greek. It was Melanchthon who urged Luther to translate the Bible into the German of his day. Hiding in the Wartburg castle against his own will--but at

# God's Blessings to all celebrating this summer.

Sept. 1 Anna Chang

Sept. 2 Grayson Gmuca

Sept. 5 Jayden Gajadhar



Sept. 6 Karen Carella

Sept. 17 James Gajadhar, Jr.

Sept. 28 Marilyn Lang





Mario & Sherry Coluccio - September 2nd

Pastor James & Jenny Gajadhar - September 18th

Chris & Liz Vitacco - September 21st

Tom & Dottie McNeely - September 30th

We acknowledge with gratitude the following gifts that were made to the Resurrection Memorial Fund or other funds this past month to the Glory of God and in memory of:

#### **ELEANOR ANN DUNLOP**

from the following individuals are:

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Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day.

Unseen, unheard, but always near; Still loved, still missed and very dear.

#### The following poem was submitted by Marie Cookson

This anonymous poem describes a consecrated Christian minister. We feel it is an excellent picture of Pastor Bobzin's life and work.



"He held the lamp each live-long day
So low that none could miss the way,
And yet so high to bring in sight
That picture fair - of Christ, the Light That gazing up - the lamp betweenthe hand that held it was not seen

He held the Pitcher, stooping low,
To lips of little ones below,
Then raised it to the weary saint
And bade him drink when sick and faint;
They drank; the Pitcher thus betweenThe hand that held it scarce was seen.

He blew the Tumpet soft and clear That trembling sinners need not fear And then with louder note and bold To storm the walls of Satan's hold: The Trumpet coming thus between, - The hand that held it was not seen.

But when our Captain says, 'Well done,
Thou good and faithful servant! Come!
Lay down the Pitcher and the Lamp,
Lay down the Trumpet - leave the Camp.'
Thy weary hands will then be seen
Clasped in His pierc'd ones, naught between."

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# Serving Schedule:

# SEPTEMBER 2017

September 3, 2017

Elder: Tom McNeely

Reader: Walter Hartman

Usher: Stephen Gavora

Greeter: Dottie McNeely

Altar Care: Eleanor Johnson

Dottie McNeely

September 10, 2017

Elder: Tom McNeely

Reader: Gary Carella

Usher: George Fisher

Greeter: Sharon Rouzier

Altar Care: Ida Myers

Cynthia Myers

<u>September 17, 2017</u>

Elder: Tom McNeely

Reader: Jenny Gajadhar

Usher: Stephen Gavora

Greeter: Sonja Munzenmaier

Altar Care: Ida Myers

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September 24, 2017

Elder: Tom McNeely

Reader: George Fisher

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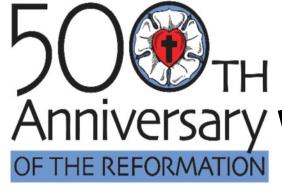
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Altar Care: Christel Schnackenberg Sonja Munzenmaier Voters Meeting

September 24<sup>th</sup> after our worship service.









## FOOD PANTRY Needs Your Help!

Your HELP is NEEDED NOW for the food pantry at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Corona which serves the hungry in this community. Non-perishable foods can be brought to the FOOD BASKET located in the Narthex of the church for future distributions at Emanuel, the second Saturday of the month For further information call (718) 359-3289.

Won't you please help to fill the basket with non-perishable foods!

SUNDAY'S -

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 9:30am

Pastor Sam uses Church 2:00pm - 3:30pm Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm

WEDNESDAY'S - Resurrection Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 10:00am

Choir Practice - @ 7:30pm

Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:30pm -8:30pm

THURSDAY'S - Alcoholics Anonymous - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Glory Lutheran Bible Study 7:30pm - 9:00pm

FRIDAY'S - Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:45pm - 9:00pm

SATURDAY'S - Alcoholics Anonymous - 11:15am - 2:00pm

#### (Pastor's article is continued from Page 3)

the will of his prince-- Luther began the translation in 1521 and continued into 1522. After his return to Wittenberg in the spring of 1522 he polished his translation with Melanchthon's help. Luther's Bible translation remains the most widely read to this day.

#### **Eulogy for Dr. Luther**

It was Melanchthon who delivered the oration at the funeral for Dr. Luther in the Castle Church at Wittenberg on February 22, 1546, four days after Luther's death. In it he assessed Dr. Luther's position in the Reformation and the history of the Church. Melanchthon fit his venerable co-worker within the line of the fathers of the Old and New Testaments and the Church.

#### Melanchthon's Works

While Dr. Luther was hidden at the Wartburg castle (because of the imperial ban against him after the Diet at Worms), Philipp Melanchthon took over his lectures on the Scriptures. This marked the beginning of a time of great productivity for Melanchthon.

In 1525 the new elector, John the Steadfast, released Melanchthon from his professorship, allowing him to hold lectures on any topic he wished. Based on his lectures concerning the ethical and political writings of Aristotle and Cicero (held from 1529 to 1532), Melanchthon published his own system of ethics in 1538 and a revised edition in 1550. In 1540 Melanchthon published the first part of his teachings on man titled *De anima* (final version 1553), and in 1549 a work on physics appeared in which he expressed his opinion concerning the Copernican view of the world.

Melanchthon also wrote commentaries on the New Testament: in 1527, on Colossians; and between 1529 and 1556 on Romans. (He wrote a brief introduction to Romans in 1520; his first completed commentary on the book was published in 1532, with revised editions in 1540 and 1556.)

#### Loci Communes

Luther was the prophet among the Wittenberg theologians. He worked endlessly on the evangelical theology. But that gave him little time to systematize its various doctrines. In 1521 Melanchthon took on this task, writing the first summary of evangelical theology titled *Loci communes rerum theologicarum*. Luther was enthusiastic about the book and recommended it as essential reading to understand the Reformation theology of Wittenberg.

#### **Praeceptor Germaniae**

Philipp Melanchthon is known in Germany as "Germany's Teacher," or in Latin, *Praeceptor Germaniae*. He was given this title while he was still living.

But the impact of his work and writings have long since extended past Germany's borders.

Humanism gave Melanchthon the ideal of the mastery of languages. He wrote a text book, *About Greek Grammar*, in 1518. This book was used in schools well into the eighteenth century!

Inspections were conducted in the schools and universities under Melanchthon's guidance. The ignorance of the people, and even of the teachers and clergy, was embarrassing. He developed what can be best described as an organizational structure and a defined curriculum. His *Instruction for Inspectors* (1528) documents this system.

#### Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Since I came to the US and to the LCMS back in late 1996, I have always had a Reformation Day Service at the Parish's where I served. I began at Grace in the Bronx and now for the past 10 years here in Flushing. On this special year of the 500th Anniversary of the



Reformation, I wish to extend this annual Reformation Service beyond the dual parish that I am blessed to serve.

Consequently, I do hereby extend a cordial invitation to all members and friends of Resurrection/St. John, Flushing, including the Parishes of Circuit 07. The Service will be held on Reformation Day, <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>October 31</u>, <u>2017</u> at The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, <u>44-10 192nd Street</u>, Flushing, New York 11358. Resurrection will provide a Reformation Supper/Fellowship from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. followed by a Communion Service starting at 8.00 p.m.

Bishop Derek Lecakes has kindly consented to join us in fellowship and Worship and also to be our Guest Preacher. Thank you, Bishop!

We are excited to have all of you share with us in gathering together for Fellowship and Worship on the day, 500 years ago, that God set in motion what we now call the Reformation.

Peace in Christ, Pastor James T. Gajadhar

Please RSVP to the church office at 718 463-4292 or by signing the sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

### **JULY 16. 2017 PICNIC RECAP**







What a great day for a church picnic. God really blessed us with great weather. The sun was shining and there was a breeze blowing. And yes it was hot in the direct sunlight, but as you can see from these pictures all had a great time. Many thanks to all who brought food, drink, salads, dessert and paper plates and plastic ware to share. We would especially like to thank 'everyone' who helped lugging all the tables and chairs from the Undercroft outside. Fellowship was enjoyed by Immanuel Lutheran Congregation, Glory Lutheran Congregation the Korean Congregation, Pastor Sam's Indo Pak Congregation, as well as our own church family. Again thanks to all who participated in our annual BBQ Picnic kicking off the summer of 2017.























# Bible Wordsearch

## Parables

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After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

**BIRDS** CHOKED **CROP** CLOSED **EARS** CROWDS **EYES FARMER GIVEN HEARTS** GOOD HEAVEN **GREW** HUNDRED HEAL KINGDOM **PEOPLE HOUSE PLACES** ISAIAH **JESUS PLANTS** PROPHECY LAKE LARGE QUICKLY MIGHT REPLIED **NEVER** ROCKY SEED SAYING SECRETS SHORE SHALLOW SIXTY SPRANG SOWN **SPEAK** THORNS TIMES THIRTY



## Luther film to air on PBS Sept. 12



In this scene from "Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World," Martin Luther, played by Padraic Delaney, faces Emperor Charles V in the trial known as the Diet of Worms.

"Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World," the full-length feature film that premiered in selected theaters in February, is set to air nationally on PBS on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. Central time.

Funded by Thrivent Financial, the film dramatizes the events that shaped Luther and examines the questions he wrestled with, such as "Who am I?," "What is my purpose?" and "How do I get right with God?"

Included are insights and commentary from LCMS theologians and historians.

## **DEADLINE IS NOV. 12th**



Contact person is: Liane Runco (718) 357-4681

By now you know the drill, get your shoe box, wrap it with Christmas paper and fill it up for either a boy or a girl. Remember to include (1) WOW gift. More information to follow in the November issue of the newsletter.







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Sunday Worship 9:15am

(Pre-Worship Singing begins at 4:05am)

Immanuel Lutheran Service II:15am

Indo Pak Service 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm



As disciples of Jesus and in obedience to God's word the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church is: Growing in the knowledge and love of Christ,

If anyone is in

Christ

there is a new creation

community, sharing the Gospel with unbelievers so that the Holy Spirit draws them into a faith ministering to one another and to those in the relationship with Jesus.