

LUTHERANS UP NORTH
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Sometimes the words we use in our worship, hymn and prayers are so familiar to us that we actually don't **hear** or think about what we are saying. This was brought home to me on Thursday morning when Bishop Walter read the following passage to us in our morning prayer.

A few thoughts on the Lord's Prayer

I cannot pray Our, if my faith has no room for others and their need.
I cannot pray Father, if I do not demonstrate this relationship to God in my daily living.
I cannot pray who art in heaven, if all of my interests and pursuits are in earthly things.
I cannot pray hallowed be thy name, if I am not striving, with God's help, to be holy.
I cannot pray thy kingdom come, if I am unwilling to accept God's rule in my life.
I cannot pray thy will be done, if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.
I cannot pray on earth as it is in Heaven, unless I am truly ready to give myself to God's service here and now.
I cannot pray give us this day our daily bread, without expending honest effort for it, or if I would withhold from my neighbour the bread that I receive.
I cannot pray forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, if I

continue to harbour a grudge against anyone.
I cannot pray lead us not into temptation, if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.
I cannot pray deliver us from evil, if I am not prepared to fight evil with my life and my prayer.
I cannot pray thine is the kingdom, if I am unwilling to obey the King.
I cannot pray thine is the power and the glory, if I am seeking power for myself and my own glory first.
I cannot pray forever and ever, if I am too anxious about each day's affairs.
I cannot pray Amen, unless I honestly say, "Cost what it may, this is my prayer."

Anonymous

About People

We have two weddings to celebrate – David and Elizabeth were married at St. Peter's Collegiate Church in Ruthin where Bishop Walter performed a service of blessing on August 19th.

Hans and Mildred are to be married in Germany on September 3rd where Bishop Walter will again be bringing greeting and best wishes from St. Luke's.

Congratulations and blessings to both couples as they start their new lives together.

Congratulations also to Hannah Kay on her graduation from Newcastle University. Hannah will soon be heading south to London to take up a new job there. We wish her success and happiness in her new career.

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Eddie on August 14th as he returned home to Tanzania on the 20th. It was a joy to have him worship so faithfully with us during his stay and hope that the book of photographs of Leeds we gave him will bring him happy memories in the future.

Bishop Erniša Geza of Slovenia has been a guest in Church House for three weeks during August. Bishop Geza has been studying English to enable him to participate more fully in meetings of the Council of the Lutheran World Federation. He has made excellent progress with his studies as

everyone who heard him speak after the service on August 14th can testify. He is going to continue with English evening classes when he returns home.

Barbecue



Thanks to Ron and family for inviting us to their new home in Harrogate for a barbecue on August 14th. We enjoyed fabulous food in wonderful weather



Bishop Geza with Bishop Walter and Ron's father in law.



Colin and Katrina enjoying the sunshine

Members of the **Church Council** held a joint meeting with members of the **Church House Trust** to discuss plans for essential renovations and repairs to Church House. A top priority is to replace the current boiler and heating system as the current system is very old and expensive to run, and there are fears that it could break down just when it is needed. The Trust is looking into obtaining grants and possibly raising a loan.

A **Songfest** will be taking place at St. Luke's on Saturday **October 29th**.

Coffee will be served on arrival and the day will then start with Service of the Word at 10.30 am, which will be followed by a talk about Lutheran worship by Bishop Walter.

After lunch there will an opportunity to learn and sing some new hymns and songs as well as some favourite hymns that we perhaps don't sing very often. The day will end with a Eucharist service using a new liturgy written by Revd. Dr. Roy Long for the use of small congregations.

If you would like to write a new hymn for the occasion, perhaps using a national folk tune for the melody, please send a copy to Pastor Libby by the beginning of October so that copies can be made and Nev can receive a copy.

Please let Annette know if you are planning to attend so that she can arrange catering:

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or tel: 01274 615 365

Our traditional joint **Reformation Celebration Service** will take place on Sunday October 30th.

A pot-luck lunch will follow the service. Please spread the word far and wide.



Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the next two **Parish Dinners** on:
September 24th
November 26th

Please let Bishop Walter know if you can help.

LCiGB Women's Group

On Saturday 18 June a group of 18 ladies met at the home of Marlies Adam in Leicestershire. The day began with Sarah Owen leading the Morning Prayers, adapted from the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* book.

After the service, Marlies introduced a colleague from the University of Leicester Chaplaincy team, Julie-Ann Heath, who gave a lovely, and lively, insight into her life (so far), and how she became an Ordained Minister within the Church of England. Julie-Ann is a very busy lady. She is a chaplain to international students at the University of Leicester, a work place chaplain in the centre of Leicester, takes part in services at Leicester Cathedral, and takes services at other churches.

As well as all this she is an accomplished writer, and has published both children's (*Sparky and Mirabelle & Maude*) and adult (*The Angel at the Bottom of the Garden*) books through her own publishing company, Potters Maze. We were all able to ask many questions about her work, books and so on.

As is traditional, a good spread was provided for lunch, which was enjoyed by all.

In the afternoon Pastor Libby led a Eucharistic Service, which was very moving.

We were then able to socialise over tea and home baked goodies provided by several ladies.

We all had a great time, and thank Marlies for opening her home for the annual summer get together.

Livija Upmalis



The **LCiGB** is celebrating its 50th Anniversary on **October 15th** at the German Christchurch in London. Invitations have been sent to each congregation, so if you would like to go, please ask Bishop Walter for a ticket.

Bishop's Diary

September

1st – 4th

In Germany for Hans & Mildred's wedding

6th – 10th

Ecumenical Bishops' Conference, Welwyn Garden City

29th –

Family holiday

October 4th

in Poland

15th

LCiGB Anniversary, London

19th – 21st

Ministerium & Pastors' Retreat, Welwyn Garden City

27th

Lutheran Clergy meeting,

Bishop Walter's house

29th

Song Fest, St. Luke's

November

2nd

WYEC Council meeting

10th

LCiGB/ELCE Clergy Conference, St. Luke's

15th

Churches Together in Headingley, St. Columba's

If you have any items of interest that could be included in the next edition of 'Lutherans Up North', please send them to Pastor Libby by November 19th 2011.



Bible Readings

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, September 4

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost,

September 11
Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost,

September 18,
Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 25

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Prayer of the Day

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties

and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 2

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

Prayer of the Day

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 9

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23 (5)
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honourable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost,

October 16
Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] (7)
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 23

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalm 1(2)

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbours, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Reformation Sunday, October 30

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46 (7)

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Saints Sunday, November 6

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (9)

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost,

November 13

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 (12)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Christ the King, November 20

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a (7)

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

Prayer of the Day

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.