

MISSION FRONTIERS

Mission Lutheran Church, Las Cruces, NM

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Pastor's Pen

"I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints ..."

The month of November begins with the Feast of All Saints, All Saints' Day. In this devotional writing, we will think on the reality of the communion of saints and what comfort the Holy Spirit gives to us within this communion of saints. While we are alive in this world and following Christ we have need of encouragement and comfort, encouragement to serve and confess Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior no matter the cost to our earthly life, and comfort to know that we are not alone, despite what it may look like at times. Being made a member, by Holy Baptism and the Holy Spirit, within the communion of saints we have encouragement from our fellow believers in Christ who are alive and remain within the fellowship of the Church on earth, and we have encouragement from the testimony of those believers who are not visible to us but in whose fellowship in heaven we stand, especially as we come together in the Divine Services and Services of the Word, that is, in worship around the Word and Sacraments.

Neither death nor life separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, just as it did not and *does* not separate from God's love those who have departed this world by the gate of death into the presence of Christ Jesus and all the company of heaven. Consequently, although death has separated us saints on earth from the visible/bodily conversation and help of those who are in heaven, it does not separate us from their fellowship, if, that is, we remain true to Christ Jesus and have Him as the sole focus of the eyes of our hearts even while we might be thinking about one or another of the saints in heaven (cf. Hebrews 12:1-2). That unbroken fellowship with the saints in heaven

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Upcoming Events:

- ◇ Nov. 5: Baptism of Liam Melton
- ◇ Nov. 7: FUN Night
- ◇ Nov. 8: Veterans' Day Chapel
- ◇ Nov. 11: School Fall fundraiser/dinner
- ◇ Nov. 18: Prayer Ministry gathering
- ◇ Nov. 22: Thanksgiving Eve church service
- ◇ Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Day
- ◇ Nov. 26: Native American Sunday



(and with the holy angels) affords us great comfort when we find ourselves grieving the temporary loss of the day-to-day presence, conversation and help of Christian loved ones who have departed this world in the faith. We find ourselves most closely to them when we are gathered together in worship at the preaching of His Word, as we voice our prayers and praises to God in Christ's local church, as we feed on the body and blood of Jesus in His Holy Supper at His holy altar.

Two chapters of the book of Hebrews, chapters twelve and thirteen, are devoted to teaching us about this unbroken, heavenly/earthly fellowship of the communion of saints on earth and heaven. From there we understand that the Divine Service of the Word and the Sacraments is a fellowship of baptized hearts from which spring the voices of those within visible reach of our trembling hands as we greet one another in the peace of the Lord (see Hebrews 10:19-25) and of those who are invisible but within earshot of us as we echo their confessions of faith in Jesus Christ, confessions like: "Lord, have mercy" (of King David and of the believing Canaanite woman and King David: Psalms 4 and 6 and Matthew 15:21-28); "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (of John the Baptist: John 1:29); "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of His glory" (of the angelic seraphim before the throne of Christ: Isaiah 6:3); "Hosanna---save us, now!---in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!" (of the psalmist in Psalm 118 and of the believers in Jerusalem in Matthew 21:1-9); "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God... Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and to the Lamb, forever! Amen!" (of the believers in heaven and throughout the world in Revelation 5:9-10, 12-13), and others. How could we not sing and pray the songs and words which those who are now in heaven have left unto us in the pages of Holy Scripture? For although they have died in body, yet they live (cf. Matthew 22:31-32 and John 11:25-26) and by faith they are *still* speaking, as Hebrews 11:4 teaches us.

Both the members of the local Christian congregation on earth, with whom we worship the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and the testimonies of brave obedience by faith and bold prayer in faith of those who are now in heaven impart courage into our often-tired hands and weakened knees (cf. Hebrews 10:24-25 and Hebrews 11:1-12:1). Together they urge us to keep on keeping the faith, to find the strength in the everywhere present Lord Jesus Christ to live in holiness of life and to suffer all, even death and any hardship less than death, rather than to fall away from this confession and Church. It is in this confession and Church that the Lord Jesus shepherds, defends and feeds us all the way through the valley of the shadow of death into His presence. Oh, and about the issue of death ...

For too many, the death of a Christian loved one seems painful enough to keep them away from the fellowship of the congregation where they are members and where their departed loved one used to sit, stand and kneel in worship. The tears seem to automatically flow in that sacred space, and for good reason. Either they are embarrassed to be seen crying over their loss, which they know is temporary but is painful all the same, or the grief highlighted by the familiar place so easily distracts their hearing and singing of the Word, or because one or more who were unable to empathize with their grief told them that they should stop crying by now. But hear the Word of the Lord:

You number my wanderings;
Put my tears into Your bottle;
Are they not in Your book?
Vows *made* to You *are binding* upon me, O God;
I will render praises to You,
For You have delivered my soul from death.
Have You not *kept* my feet from falling,
That I may walk before God
In the light of the living? (from Psalm 56)

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Those who sow in tears
Shall reap in joy.
He who continually goes forth weeping,
Bearing seed for sowing,
Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,
Bringing his sheaves *with him* (from Psalm 126).

Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?" (from John 11)

It is within the fellowship of the Christian Church that the Lord counts the tears of His people as precious. A command to the local congregation of saints is that we "rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15). The heart swell of mourning from the heart of a Christian believer is an indication of that one being blessed by God, for so the Lord Jesus teaches the Church in Matthew 5:4, saying "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." He does not say to what extent we who weep will experience that comfort or whether it will be here and now or in the life of the world to come. From the rest of the Bible, I can guess, no, I can assure you, that within the fellowship of the holy Christian Church we will experience that comfort, *both* here on earth *and* there in eternity. No one who finds himself in trial or temptation, or under burdens too heavy to bear himself, or in joys too great to keep to himself, or in grief so deep, wants to feel like he is alone. The joy of believing in, of banking on, of entrusting ourselves to the care of the communion of saints is to know that we are never alone. I remain ...

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Robert Carabotta

MISSION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

SILENT AUCTION

Mission Lutheran School is now accepting donations for the annual Silent Auction held on November 11, 2017. We ask each school family and/or church member to donate or collect a donated item for the Silent Auction. The Annual Silent Auction is our largest school fundraiser.

Possible donations include: Round of Golf, Movie Tickets, Night Out Items, Crafts, Restaurants, Gift Cards, Paintings, Gym Memberships, Massages, Facials, Furniture, Jewelry, etc.

We request the items be new or in like-new condition. Please have all donations to MLS by November 9, 2017. Items can be dropped off during school hours. If the item being donated needs to be picked up, please call the school so arrangements can be made.

When a donation is received there will be a short informational form requesting the value of the item, a suggested starting bid for the item, and information on what to do if the item is not sold.

A receipt for the donation can be given upon request.

Thank You for your support.

Mission Lutheran School PTO

Advent by Candlelight

Ladies, if you've never attended an LWML Advent by Candlelight event, this is a wonderful opportunity for us women to set aside all of those holiday preparations and focus our hearts and minds again on Jesus. It is a beautiful evening filled with Scripture readings, narration, prayer, occasional skits, songs of praise and Christian fellowship.

This year our Advent by Candlelight event will be held on Monday, December 4, beginning at 7:00 pm in Luther Hall.

Hostess Opportunities: Do you enjoy decorating? Volunteer to be a table hostess and we will reserve a table for you! Many ladies partner with one or two others to host a table. Hostesses provide table settings, holiday decorations, advent candles and a dessert for a table of 6 to 8 ladies. It is lots of fun, and requires only a few hours of your time for planning, baking and decorating.

If you want to host a table this year or need more information before committing, please contact Jacki McCurley by November 14th at 526-9182.

Daily Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries

By Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Speaker of **The Lutheran Hour**

"No Selfies Needed When God Offers His Grace"

Philippians 3:12-14 - Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

In a recent sermon, I quoted one of my favorite authors, Philip Yancey. In his book, *What's So Amazing About Grace?*, he defines one of the big words of the Christian faith: grace. Grace is often described as "undeserved love." Some have said grace is "**G**od's **R**ighteousness **A**t **C**hrist's **E**xpense." I like how Yancey defined it when he said, "Grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us more, and grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us less."

In other words, your works don't matter when it comes to God's grace for you. Your resume, your list of accomplishments and, thankfully, your sins as well -- they don't matter because God loves you by grace in Jesus Christ. His unconditional love is a complete gift, repentantly received by faith alone. A selfie, even the best one you can muster, it won't cut. But thank God it doesn't have to.

One of the blessings and, unfortunately, one of the curses of the technological age has been this thing called Facebook. Have you heard about it? I'm sure you have. At its best, it is the ability to catch up with friends that you haven't seen or heard from in years. It's a way to share experiences and keep up with what's going on with those you love. Unfortunately, it's also a way to gather the worst of our impulses, the flash mobs of violence and crime, the cyber bullying, and the documentation of our foolishness for all to see. I read the other day that Facebook actually is causing depression in many young people. Why? Because they see what they think is going on in other people's lives; they compare that to the reality of their own, and they find themselves wanting, pining, for things they don't think they can ever have. The problem: most of those other people's posts share only the good things, but none of the bad. Most of these Facebook posts don't paint the whole picture.

We live in a world of Facebook posts of half of the reality of the moment. We live in a world of selfies where we hope that no one sees the whole picture of what is really going on in our lives.

St. Paul rescues us from that reality with God's Word today. He is telling you that Christ's people can be honest with themselves. He even gives us a glimpse of his life -- sins and all. He is willing to get real with you and me so that we can see the real blessing of life and salvation in Jesus alone. No caricatures of life in Facebook form. No selfies needed. Why? Because selfies don't paint the whole picture of our sin, our need before God. And selfies miss the ultimate reality of life: that we have a Savior who is Christ the Lord.

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That's not a Facebook reality; that's a *faith-book* offer of grace. That's not a selfie, that's a (here it comes) *selfless* life that trusts in Christ for all things and serves others in His Name. To that end, may God keep you in that grace!

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, Your grace is so wonderful when I really see what it overcomes in my life and what it offers to me because of Jesus. May that guide me in all things. Amen.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Speaker of The Lutheran Hour
Lutheran Hour Ministries

Stewardship

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by the His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise, and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as (good stewards of His varied grace,) (1 Peter 4:10) we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's holy Word, as an offering. Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also offerings to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies, share with our family, neighbors, and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by the holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands, and He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing, and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for the celebrations of Thanksgiving, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. "For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance" (Matthew 13:12).

LCMS Free Stewardship Resources



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For 75 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries

and to support global missions.

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

At Mission our LWML chapter is called WINGS - Women IN God's Service. We support the vision statement as the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

WINGS meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. All women of Mission Lutheran Church are invited to join us for an evening of devotion, fellowship and planning mission projects. Our meetings typically last no more than one hour.

Our next meeting will be on November 14th in Luther Hall. If you need a ride to any of the meetings, please contact Jacki McCurley at 526-9182.



JULIETS: The Juliet's are Just Us Ladies Into Eating Together. We meet once a month for fellowship and prayer. Join us at Chili's on Tuesday, November 14th, at 11:30. If you plan to attend, please contact either Jacki McCurley at 526-9182 or Ruth Jakcsy at 522-8637.



Anniversaries and Birthdays

November Birthdays

Pathy	Patricia	2
Franz	Janet	4
Patterson	Michelle	11
Stegemann	Cathy	12
Burns	Rosalie	13
Montalvo	Matthew	13
Del Bozque	Jerry	15
Kofoot	Vicki	17
Siffring	Alvin	17
Duever	Pat	21
Gunderson	Fran	21
Shaw	Kerri	29

November Anniversaries

		Date	# of years
Lujan	Al & Becky	8	31



*Happy Anniversary to all those couples married in
November.*

May God continue to bless you.

If your birth and/or anniversary date is missing or incorrect, please notify Carol Moore in the church office.



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Talk to your aging parents before it's too late

Talking to your parents about caregiving, end-of-life decisions and their wishes is important, but many people put it off because they don't know how to begin the conversation. Reduce the stress by starting the discussion with something nonthreatening, like the location of important information and documents, rather than talking about their contents.

Start by taking a financial inventory, which should be updated annually, that includes:

Legal documents: property deeds, wills, trusts, living wills, health care and financial directives, and birth, marriage and military discharge certificates.

Contact information: attorneys, accountants, financial planners, physicians and anyone else who provides financial, legal or medical advice and care.

Current account information: type, number and institution for all financial accounts, including checking, savings, retirement, investment, plus loans and insurance contracts.

Get financial guidance to help you prepare for the future. Contact Joann Rodriguez, FIC, at 575-523-1879 or joann.rodriquez@thrivent.com - today, or visit Thrivent.com. There, you'll find helpful information and resources, including a checklist to help start "the talk" with your aging parents.

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MISSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Voters' Assembly
May 21, 2017

President Greg Fant called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Doug Lorenz opened the meeting with devotion and prayer. There were 38 of 62 voting members present.

Robert Scaling moved, and Carol Moore seconded, that the minutes of the February 26 meeting be approved as emailed. The motion passed.

Robert Scaling moved, and Yvonne Waters seconded, that Joanie Eisenbraun and Fran Gunderson be accepted as new voting members. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report will be included with the Elder's Report.

Treasurer's Report: see attached financial report and proposed budget provided by John Guenther. John reported that for the current year, revenues for both church and school are running behind. Robert Scaling asked if John believed the shortfall would be made up before the end of the fiscal year. John said that is unlikely.

John discussed the proposed budget for fiscal year July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. John explained that contributions of \$5,500 per week were included in the current budget, and we are receiving \$5,000 per week. The proposed budget includes contributions of \$5,105 per week, so this provides a challenge. The budget assumes that the school will include preschool operations, which may not be the case. Preschool options will be discussed later in the meeting. Robert Scaling moved, and Carol Moore seconded, that the proposed budget be approved. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report: Jim Vance reminded us that we would be electing new officers and board members later this year. At the moment, we need a President, Vice President and Secretary, and have many openings on the various boards. Jim asked everyone to consider serving, as he will be recruiting for these positions beginning in July. Council meets the third Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. It is an open meeting and Jim invited everyone to attend and learn how the Council operates. Greg asked each person to pray and ask God's advice regarding serving in an officer or board position.

Elders' Report: Doug Lorenz reported that the Elders met on May 10. He thanked Pastors Buttke and Weber for conducting services and visiting shut-ins while Pastor Carabotta is on leave. Pastor Carabotta did attend the meeting to discuss how he is doing while on leave and if he needed any assistance. Lourdes' health is improving. David Maestas has resigned his position as Elder. The next meeting will be held June 14.

Day School Report: Mary Martin reminded us that the next week is the final week of the current school year. For next year, enrollment in the elementary grades is holding. Preschool enrollment is quite low and that program may not be viable for next year. The staff is fully aware of the situation.

Closing chapel is next Friday and will be led by Vicar Andy Perry. Cake and punch will be served to celebrate the end of another successful school year.

Mary said she has been cleaning house at the school and has some heavy items needing disposal. She asked that someone with a pick-up truck or trailer help her make a dump run.

Approximately \$11,000 in Angel Scholarships will be awarded next week. This program is separate from financial assistance.

Christian Education: Dianne Wensel reported that Vacation Bible School is the week of June 12. Volunteers are coming forward, and a preschool leader is still needed.

Trustees' Report: Frank Brennan reported that the lighting in the parking lot is greatly improved. The lights above the goal post should be done by Wednesday of next week. Painting will continue when school is out. Frank asked what color he should use in the hallway outside Carol Moore's office. The group agreed that a light color would be best.

Evangelism Report: Carol Cooper reported that one visitation was conducted since last meeting. Fran Gunderson is sending cards to all visitors. Carol asked that each person pray and ask God's guidance about working with the Board.

Christian Service and Missions: see attached report by Ruth Staffeldt, which was read to the voters by Greg.

Stewardship Report: Jerry Stickles reported that temple talks would begin next quarter.

Fellowship Report: Robert Scaling said that a July 4 event would be held with dinner at 6:00 p.m., to include world famous hot dogs and pasta salad. At 7:00 p.m., a half-hour of music will be followed by a movie, and at 9:30 p.m., fireworks will be viewed from the parking lot. Faith Lutheran is invited to join us.

Endowment Report: Robert Scaling provided information for the two endowments as of March 31, 2017. The Strasser endowment for the school experienced a gain of approximately 5% and had a balance of \$48,815.69. The general endowment experienced a gain of 3% and had a balance of \$83,147.67. The general endowment is 60% fixed-income and 40% equities.

Unfinished Business:

Greg Fant presented two possible changes to the bylaws. The first was a suggestion to change the wording for those Boards that require two elected board members to read two or more elected board members. After discussion, the voters decided this change is not necessary.

The President serves as the second signature on the church checkbook. This duty is not documented in the bylaws. The voters agreed that this duty should be documented in the bylaws. The process to incorporate this change will begin at next quarter's meeting.

New Business:

Carol Moore explained that she had visited another church where the mailboxes are assigned in alphabetical order rather than assigning box numbers to individuals. She said the name is affixed to a clip so that it becomes easier to move the names when required. The voters liked this idea.

Doug Lorenz said that Jerry del Bosque had called and informed him that there is no plan to move forward with the Rey de Reyes ministry, so the church should use any funds leftover as it wished. Doug moved that the \$40,000 be given to Faith Lutheran at \$1,000 per month to support their Hispanic ministry. The motion was seconded by Alma Lorenz. Lively discussion ensued which asked if Faith had a need for additional funds and suggested that other Hispanic ministries should be considered as well. The motion failed and the group indicated that this topic requires further investigation. Doug thanked the group for the open discussion.

Robert Scaling moved, and Carol Moore seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice F. Peyton, Secretary

MISSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting
September 19, 2017

President Greg Fant called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Attending were Greg Fant, Pastor Carabotta, Jim Vance, John Guenther, Beth Fant, Megan Wood, Robert Scaling, Frank Brennan, Doug Lorenz, Ruth Staffeldt, Jerry Stickles, Carol Cooper, Dianne Wensel, Jan Peyton, and guest, Carol Moore. Pastor led opening devotion and prayer based on Matthew 24.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as emailed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Carabotta reported that two confirmands are attending the youth confirmation class, which will instruct them on how to defend their faith. The baptism of Liam Melton is being scheduled. Sunday, October 29, celebrates the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Elders' Report: see attached report submitted by Doug Lorenz.

Vice President's Report: Jim Vance reviewed the positions up for election for 2018. Volunteers for President, Vice President and the Boards of Evangelism, Christian Services, and Day School are needed.

Treasurer's Report: see attached report submitted by John Guenther. The mortgage on the church buildings will be paid off in roughly four and a half years. In the past, terrorist risk insurance has been included at no cost to us. Beginning now, there is a \$36 annual charge for this coverage, which can be declined. After discussion, the Council members agreed that we will not decline this coverage.

Trustees' Report: Doug Lorenz noted that tree roots are pulling up a concrete slab near the basketball hoop, a safety hazard for the students. In addition to removing this tree, he recommended removing bushes by the bench and the bushes and vines near the Jakcsy's house. Council agreed that the tree, bushes and vines be removed.

A neighbor has sent us a letter requesting that the oleanders growing over the wall, thereby obstructing their view, be trimmed. Frank Brennan noted that this trimming will be done.

Carol Moore has obtained estimates to replace the carpeting in the church building from Casey Carpet, Malooly's, and Home Depot. Volunteering to join Frank and Carol to develop a carpet recommendation for the Voters' Assembly are John Guenther, Ruth Staffeldt and Jan Peyton.

On behalf of the school staff, Megan Wood asked if the Council's decision regarding backpack hooks in the hallway is final. After further discussion regarding safety issues, Council agreed that the final decision is that hooks for backpacks will not be allowed.

Evangelism Report: Carol Cooper reported that the Joining Jesus to pray for our neighborhoods began on August 27 and will continue for three months. Barbara Honda is preparing a map showing the areas that members have volunteered to include in their prayers each week.

The school/church barbeque was very nice. The Board continues to follow-up with visitors.

Day School Board Report: see attached report submitted by Megan Wood. Doug Lorenz led us in prayer regarding the dis-enrollment of a student from our school.

Christian Education Report: see attached report submitted by Dianne Wensel.

Christian Service and Missions Report: Ruth Staffeldt reported that we have received another thank you from Lila Spaman. Two bags of food have been given out.

Fellowship Report: see attached report submitted by Robert Scaling.

Stewardship Report: no report this month.

President's Report: Jim Vance will conduct the September 24 Voters' Assembly meeting. Greg asked Board chairs to keep their reports to two to three minutes, looking forward rather than back. Greg will order sandwiches for this meeting and Carol Moore will meet the delivery from Jason's Deli.

The District Circuit Forum will be held November 12, 4:00 p.m., at Ascension Lutheran Church in El Paso, Texas. We need a volunteer for the lay representative to attend this meeting. This forum will discuss matters we wish to bring to the Synod in later meetings.

Doug Lorenz reported that Comcast cable will replace Century Link services by October 23. Comcast will not charge us for their construction costs.

Leadership Shield: Megan Wood asked that Mary Martin and school staff be included as they deal with the dis-enrollment of a student.

Pastor Carabotta led us in closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice F. Peyton, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2017 COUNCIL MEETING

Mission Lutheran Church and School

Report Preparation Date: October 16, 2017

Budget Status: Month of September 2017 FY Thru September 30, 2017

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual*</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual*</u>
<u>Income:</u>				
MLC General	\$20,420.00	\$18,639.30	\$66,365.00	\$64,582.80
MLS Total	\$17,910.00	\$16,219.19	\$52,720.00	\$67,971.10
Designated / Other	\$212.50	\$1,786.84	\$537.50	\$8,512.80
	<u>\$38,542.50</u>	<u>\$36,645.33</u>	<u>\$119,622.50</u>	<u>\$141,066.70</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>				
MLC Total	\$17,479.07	\$17,697.56	\$47,542.71	\$47,867.76
MLS Total	\$29,900.34	\$27,237.10	\$67,943.14	\$65,020.20
	<u>\$47,379.41</u>	<u>\$44,934.66</u>	<u>\$115,485.85</u>	<u>\$112,887.96</u>
Net Difference	-\$8,836.91	-\$8,289.33	\$4,136.65	\$28,178.74

*Note: Actual figures also include income and expenses not originally budgeted for the fiscal year.

Church General Fund Contributions – FY 2017/18 (Through October 15, 2017):

Average Weekly Contributions Needed:	\$5,105.00
Average Weekly Contributions Received:	\$4,999.30
General Fund Contributions Year-to-Date:	\$79,988.80
General Funds Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$81,680.00
Surplus/Shortfall Year-to-Date:	-\$1,691.20

Assets / Liabilities (As of October 16, 2017):

Current Assets:	<u>Checking:</u>	\$40,002.10
	<u>LCEF Savings:</u>	\$109,382.44
	(- Designated)	
	Hispanic Ministry	\$40,031.06
	MLS	\$5,811.28
	Sabbatical Acct.	\$4,426.68
	Youth Activity Fund	\$988.42
	<u>Savings Available</u>	\$58,083.00
Liabilities:	<u>Mortgage Loan:</u>	\$56,427.48

Notes:

1. \$2,925.97 used this fiscal year for covering pastoral care during Pastor Carabotta's leave. Funded from sabbatical designated account with no impact on overall budget
2. Higher designated MLC income due to an estate donation of \$5,000 and transferred funds from savings to cover Pastor Carabotta's medical family leave period.
3. Higher MLS income due to Apple Tree donations, Angel Program allocations encompassing the entire year, and for families paying tuition ahead for entire semesters.

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