

November 2018 Scribe

Greetings!

This is a shortened version of the Scribe. We do not presently have an acting secretary so this is a shortened version of the Scribe. Enjoy. Share it. Tell others about what we have happening.

See you in worship!

Pastor Bruce Kolasch

Facility Repairs

Work on restoring and repairing our church facility continues. The brick work on the east side of our building has been examined and a solution recommended. The repair for this should be done yet this fall.

The men's bathroom work is also going to be taking place yet this fall.

Thank you to all who are doing the work, and to all those who are contributing to our ongoing care and repair work! You are all appreciated!

Sunday, October 28—REFORMATION SUNDAY

The Protestant Reformation began when Dr. Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the Wittenberg Chapel door as a way of protesting the sale of indulgences.

Indulgences was the church's fundraising effort at the time for the building of St. Peter's Basilica. The selling of indulgences was supposedly for the buying of forgiveness of sins. People could purchase forgiveness for their own sins or the sins of dead loved ones presumably caught in purgatory. This practice was dishonest, abusive and against the Gospel message about Jesus.

Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the chapel doors as a way of beginning public debate against this practice and to raise awareness of what the real Gospel is—forgiveness through faith in what Jesus has done for us through His life, death and resurrection.

It took courage for Luther to take a stand against the powers to be of his day. It takes courage to live by grace today as well. Especially when we recognize our need

to live our faith out-loud in today's culture. Courage to listen with grace, courage to disagree without putting others down or disparaging them. Courage to not back down ourselves, but to seek to clarify and explain what we believe and why we believe and live the way we do.

Join us as we celebrate the gift of genuine forgiveness through faith in Christ. The proclamation of God's love for us in Christ and the forgiveness we have through His shed blood continues to be the corner stone of the Christian message we live and proclaim today for the sake of the world.

Anticipate story or two about grace! Come. Wear red—it's the color of Reformation!

Sunday, November 4—ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

This is a day when we recognize what theologians have called the “mystical union” the inner connectedness that we have with all believers of all time, past, present and future. There is only one holy Christian Church. Jesus is Lord of the Church, and of heaven and earth. On this Sunday we will light candles for loved ones who have died before us as a way of remembering and celebrating our ongoing connection with them through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Come be part of our special worship on November 4, 10 a.m.

Sunday, November 18—THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

We do not always say thank you the way we should. More often than not we fall into the trap “entitlement” thinking—an attitude that says we deserve all the blessings we have and enjoy, an attitude that gets grumpy when our health or wealth or wellbeing are negatively affected.

Take time this year to pause and say thank you God! Having an attitude of gratitude helps us to be mentally, emotionally, spiritually and even physically healthier.

We will celebrate Sunday, November 18th as Thanksgiving Sunday. Our hymns and songs, Scripture readings and prayers will reflect the Thanksgiving theme. Many of our members do not venture out after dark, therefore we will not have a Thanksgiving Eve Service this year.

Advent begins on Sunday, December 2

We will have special services during December to help us prepare once again for the celebration of God coming to us as one of us, the “baby born of Mary.” Advent means “arrival, coming, appearance.”

We celebrate Messiah Jesus' first advent as His coming to us as the Savior of the world. He was born to die and rise for us. The Christmas Story leads us to the cross and to empty tomb. The best gift of all is the life we have in and through Jesus.

We also celebrate Messiah Jesus' promised Second Coming—the day of reckoning when He will usher in the new heaven and earth foretold in the Bible.

The following article comes from a special member who is well read and knowledgeable about a range of archeology topics. Thank you Karlene, for your continued input and this article.

Subatomic Physics

By Karlene Widner

THIS ARTICLE WAS VERY LONG and technical so I will just try to give you a much-shortened version of the article.

Brent Seales is featured in most of the article. He spent many years perfecting ways of decoding scrolls and other similar artifacts. He was successful, for example, in scrolls found 3 years after the Dead Sea scrolls which included the Old Testament and other Biblical as well as non-Biblical “writings.”

He is now Director for the Center of Visualization and Virtual Environments at the University of Kentucky.

In 2015, a friend took Seales to Naples where the evacuated Herculaneum scrolls were displayed. They were thought to be a lost cause for deciphering because of the condition in which they were found. Due to the extreme volcanic heat the scrolls were found formed into balls. Much effort over the years was applied to these with some success but none being able to read any of them due to the condition of the letters.

In July of 2017, a physicist, Jens Dopke, decided to try what he called subatomic physics. He went to England and carried a small white frame that he set up in a small room crowded with metal tables, switches and platforms. He coordinated with a colleague in another room to get it centered right on a turntable. There is a

lot more involved included thick lead walls. Dopke and his colleague sent through a lead shutter a blast of photons 10 billion times brighter than the sun! It worked. The ink was transformed to be legible. The difficulty now is getting countries to send the material to be read. It will be interesting to see what follows.