**SUMMER LYCEUM** is a two-month series that runs June and July at St. Paul-Reformation on Wednesday nights. The name “Lyceum” is Greek and was a common name for a community of learners at the time of the Reformation. **Lyceum meets every Wednesday night from 7:00-8:30 p.m. (June 7, 14, 21, 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26), and during these summer months, we will continue to expand our conversation on race and inequality reading a collection of essays titled “A Good Time For the Truth: Race in Minnesota.”** Books, along with a reading schedule, are available in the narthex for $12.

In **August**, Lyceum will go to the movies and explore four films under the theme “Catching the Light” (see the back cover of the newsletter) with discussion afterward:

- August 23: *Babette’s Feast* (1987)

**SUMMER LITURGY SCHEDULE:**
One service of the Holy Eucharist at 9.30 a.m.
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IS ONE OF THE most important protections that communities of faith have throughout the world. The freedom to worship as one’s conscience dictates is a bedrock of not only civic documents (the Constitution, for example), but is also finding increased theological significance as an outgrowth of philosophical categories of “truth.” The separation of Church and State is a bedrock foundation of this nation, and – sadly – requires some “re-upping” in these days in ways that no religious community or clergy had anticipated.

In early May, executive actions by the White House were announced on the same day as a visit to the Vatican that supposedly were designed to allow religious communities – churches, religious orders, etc. - to engage in more political activity without threat from the Federal government. And while this executive action was less pointed than had been feared, it raised the issue of the separation of Church and State (again...), and why such a separation is beneficial.

The civic implications of this are obvious. In a pluralistic and democratic society, it is unwise for the state – as a matter of political philosophy – to sanction, officially, one religion over another. This, of course, is how things are on paper, though in practice, the United States certainly favors some religious expression over others. Even so, this wall must remain built for the good of the state.

That, of course, is of great concern to all people: the separation protects the state. But how does it, likewise, protect the Church? I am interested in the former, but because I am clergy, I am particularly concerned with the latter. It is the job of pastors and bishops and members of Churches everywhere to see to the health and safety of the Body of Christ, and our Lutheran history bears out that a diminishment of this separation is not only bad for the state, but it is particularly bad for the Church. The Church is in danger when this wall is broken down.

Consider: in the 1930’s, Lutheran Christians in Germany were by and large either silent or supportive of National Socialism. The same was true of the Roman Church in Fascist Spain, and the number of times that the Church has gotten into bed with destructive secular powers is too many to count. Such a proclivity is what Luther called a *theologia gloriae*, the “theology of glory,” wherein the Church has power, status, and resources and desires more of these things, especially when it comes to the recognition of its voice in the public square. This is different than the *theologia crucis*, the “theology of the cross” which instead seeks to serve, is often perceived as weak or ineffective, and seems to be defeated. The former leads to disaster, the latter to faithfulness. Likewise, the list is long of secular rulers who have made use of the Church for their own destructive ends. When the lines are blurred between Church and state, the Church is wooed out of faithfulness and instead into complicity with the “City of the World” as Augustine said. And, because Lutherans are really Augustinians (Luther was, after all, an Augustinian monk), we need to remember and remind the world that the Church – the Body of Christ – pitches its tent with Christ, not the Emperor. The City of the World and the City of God are two distinctly different things; they cannot and must not become the same thing. It puts the Church at risk.

For some Christians in the United States, this will come as good news. For a time. But the story always ends the same: the Emperor tries to silence, eventually, the prophetic task of Gospel faithfulness that calls the world to care for the most vulnerable among us, work for justice, and proclaim that there is but one ruler of things: Jesus himself. When this prophetic work is muzzled, or
handicapped by other responsibilities to politics, it ceases to be the “Good News” and instead is simply a megaphone for those who would proclaim themselves gods. This is not part of our Christian story, which always proclaims the Gospel of liberation and freedom and grace, “…weather the time is convenient or inconvenient.” (2 Timothy 4:2) We build our house in the City of God, and good fences make good neighbors.

Grace and Peace,
Pr. Patrick H. Shebeck

SYNOD ASSEMBLY  Jon Moe served as SPR’s Voting Member to the St. Paul Area synod Assembly May 19-20 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Burnsville. This year’s theme was “We are Lutheran: Among Our Neighbors,” and—in this 500th Anniversary Year of the Reformation—Archbishop Bernard Hebda of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, as well as ELCA Bishop Guy Erwin, served as plenary speakers. This year was a bit light on resolutions, but one did pass on common sense gun legislation.

SCAFFOLDING OUTSIDE SPR
This summer and fall you will likely see scaffolding set-up on the outside of our building. There are two wonderful reasons this will be happening. The first is the installation by T-Mobile of their cell tower equipment in our bell tower (leasing space for $$). The other is tuck-pointing work that will be done to preserve and maintain our wonderful façade of Kasota stone (quarried in Mankato, don’t ya’ know) and repair of doors and window lintels.

Work done by both companies in and around bell tower will require scaffolding to be set-up over and around the main church door on Oxford. But no worries—the door will not be blocked, and there will be a protective barrier on the scaffolding above the door for the safety of all.

PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY: We welcomed our new Affiliate Pastor, Eric Doughty. Pastor Doughty serves as chaplain at Southview Nursing Home and will be with us ten hours a week.

April was another strong month financially for which we give thanks. After a slight delay, T-Mobile will complete the installation of their equipment in the bell tower by early June.

Members have been identified to serve on a worship and music committee and as altar guild. Another successful year of Sunday school classes and Godly Play ended with kite flying on May 21. Three of our youth were confirmed that same day. We will welcome eight new members in June. Good things are happening at SPR!

Shear Grace continues to do hair cuts once a month at Family Place. Opportunities to expand at another site are being explored. A grant was received from the ELCA Deaconess Community.

Our Isaiah core team has made significant progress to become a sanctuary church. We joined other nearby parishes to form the St. Paul Coalition of Sanctuary Churches wherein we will share logistical information.

Gwen Jackson announced the summer Lyceum series on race using the book, A Good Time for the Truth, available for purchase in the narthex.

We approved the change in title for Kalle Akkerman from Director of Music to Cantor.

Several things have been happening to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Six SPR members continue to meet together every other month with members of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church to explore themes of reconciliation, unity, and common witness. Pastor Shebeck lead two workshops on the Reformation at the St. Paul Synod Assembly. To top it off, he and eleven members will tour parts of Germany to learn more about our Lutheran heritage.

Deanna Sande, Council Secretary
AMMPARO is a new program of the ELCA that urges congregations to accompany refugee children coming to the United States. The Parish Council of SPR has voted to become an AMMPARO congregation, meaning that we are committed to a.) pray for migrant children; b.) advocate for justice for migrant children and families; c.) accompany those going through the legal system. Watch for more information as we welcome the director of this program to SPR!

GERMANY TRIP + By the time you get this edition of The Spectrum, twenty-six people from SPR and other ELCA members will be traveling around Germany to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The group begins in Berlin and travels to Eisleben, Wittenberg, the Wartburg Castle, Leipzig, Erfurt, and Frankfurt. In addition, we will be visiting Buchenwald concentration camp. Stay tuned for pictures and a full report from those on the trip.

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS:
Sunday, June 18: Juneteenth which is a holiday commemorating the final end of slavery in the USA. The states of Texas and Louisiana heard the news on June 19, 1865 of the Emancipation Proclamation—2 1/2 years after it was signed.

Sunday June 25: New Members received. Speak with Pastor Shebeck if you are interested in being received as a member of SPR now or in the future.

Sunday, July 23: Como Park Pavilion, Anniversary Service at 9:30 a.m. followed by Potluck Picnic.

BAY LAKE CAMP... TIME TO GET OUT YOUR SWIMSUIT!
Bay Lake has two camps for SPR youth to learn, grow, and play this summer - and you are invited: Elementary Camp/High School Camp Aug. 1-4, Middle School Camp, Aug. 7-11

Bay Lake is a wonderful time for children. Trained counselors lead youth in activities, community-building, and exploration of faith. Cost is $280.00, but financial assistance is available, and SPR is determined that cost will not prevent any child from going who wants to go (please speak with the Pastor if you have more questions on this).

Registration forms are available to download at http://www.baylakecamp.com/vibe-camp-registration-forms.html

Wednesday—Friday August 9-11 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday August 12, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sitting sign-ups will be both online by you and only if needed, through Jennifer in the office. Watch for more info in June bulletins and weekly announcement and in the July newsletter.
ISAIAH: SPR SANCTUARY COMMITTEE PREPARES
During our May 8th meeting, the SPR Sanctuary Committee began plans to host guests in need of sanctuary support later this year. Our goal is to complete these preparations prior to August. We identified areas where detailed preparations will be needed, including obtaining legal counsel, establishing intake criteria and procedures, providing services to guests, and financing. Committee members assumed leadership for each of these areas of work. It was also agreed to pursue formation of a coalition with other Saint Paul sanctuary congregations: (Macalaster-

TWIN CITIES GLBTQ PRIDE
occurs the weekend of June 24-25, and SPR will again host a (brand new!) booth...for which we need volunteers. Volunteers staff the booth in two-hour increments, and this is an incredibly fun way to make SPR’s presence known in the community. Want to sign up? There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex starting at the beginning of June; you can sign up for as many slots as you like! Haven’t done it...? Not to worry! You will be glad you did! People who attend Pride are friendly, and this is a concrete way to make known the loving acceptance of the Church. Join us!

SPR members Sharon Starla Lee and Cantor Kalle Akkerman work the 2016 SPR booth at Twin Cities Pride.

NEW BOOK
AUTHORED BY SPR MEMBER MARK HOLLABAUGH
The interest of nineteenth-century Lakota in the Sun, Moon, and stars was an essential part of their never-ending quest to understand their world. The Spirit and the Sky presents a survey of the ethnoastronomy of the nineteenth-century Lakota and relates Lakota astronomy to their cultural practices and beliefs. The center of Lakota belief is the incomprehensible, extraordinary, and sacred, or wakȟáŋ, nature of the world in which they live. The earth beneath and the stars above constitute their holistic world.

Mark Hollabaugh presents a detailed analysis of the aspects of Lakota culture that have a bearing on their astronomy, including telling time, Lakota names for the stars and constellations as they appeared from the Great Plains, and the phenomena of meteor showers, eclipses, and the aurora borealis. An explanation of the cause of the spectacular aurora that occurred at the death of Lakota holy man Black Elk in 1950 is a new contribution to ethnoastronomy.

The Spirit and the Sky is available through University of Nebraska Press at www.nebraskapress.unl.edu.
MY SECOND YEAR OF TEACHING music has come to a close, and I believe I’ve finally settled into the style of teaching that fits me best. There are many different methods for teaching music, especially elementary music, and for guiding musicians to become their best. For me, that would be the Kodaly approach to music education. Kodaly is really an approach to teaching music to young children. However, I find myself using elements of it in teaching everyone! Believe it or not, elementary music pedagogy comes in pretty handy in leading church choirs (not to say that the church choir is at an elementary level!). As I prepare rehearsals and lessons, I find that many components of the psychology involved in the preparation, a la Kodaly, relates not only to children, but to musicians of all ages. Between school and SPR, I have many students, and students of all ages; collectively, I’ve found that the Kodaly approach to teaching music suits all ages very well. For all intents and purposes, I consider the chancel choir, bell choir, Sunday School kids, and all other musicians, as my “students.” Allow me to give you some background on the approach I’ve grown so fond of.

The Kodaly approach was derived from mass music illiteracy within the country of Hungary. Zoltán Kodály, a prominent Hungarian composer and teacher, sought to evolve the musical literacy of his (future) people. His approach to music is therefore based on the value or use of music in society, rather than a method of instruction. The learning of music is just as much to do with the role of music, as it does the music’s intellectual value as a whole.

First though, the value of the human spirit, individually, is taken into consideration. Music’s job is to evoke emotion; to mobilize the spirit. This could be in connection to moods, feelings, experiences, etc. This approach is also to find the innate musicality in all human beings, connecting first hand experiences to music learning. This is where Kodaly implements the use of music within a society: folk songs, children’s rhymes, games, lullabies, etc. These are the trademark songs of the Kodaly approach.

Secondly, the Kodaly approach also considers learning in a certain sequence as imperative to guiding learners to an understanding. Within this sequence, the concept of sound before sight is prominent. It is easier to teach music by rote; we all have musical ears, and they oftentimes work better and faster than our eyes. Reading music is not easy, but if you plant the tune in your head first, it’s quite a bit easier to then correlate those pitches to the notes on the page. In reading and writing music, the implementation of “Movable Do” improves audition (or aural image: hearing the music in one’s head,). Hand signs and rhythm syllables are also important, as aids to learning more efficiently. By assigning a hand sign and a syllable to each pitch (or scale degree) within the scale, our brain can then more easily memorize those pitches by associating the images to them. It also makes sight-reading a more concrete process.

The Kodaly approach also heightens the awareness of great musicality which overflows from masterpieces of the classical repertoire. I often refer to recognizable orchestral works to teach musical concepts in other songs and hymns. Just as well, I often sneak in passages or musical ideas from orchestral works into my hymn playing and improvisation. Quoting other compositions is a beautiful way to connect the old with the new. With really minimal instrumental influence though, this approach to teaching considers the most important instrument to be the human voice. Everybody has one, and each is natural and unique. Where instruments fail, and technology hinders, and money runs short, our voices will always make beautiful music together. I’m a lover of choral music, and this pedagogy surely works to promote it, for students of all ages! It has also been a great way to help me connect the bridge in my life between leading church music and teaching public school music. It works everywhere!

Kalle Akkerman, Cantor
Mark Hollabaugh, Bishop Guy Erwin, and Jon Moe attended the St. Paul Area Synod Assembly May 19 and 20.

**SPR’S OWN LEO TREADWAY** will be honored by Rolling the Stone Away, a group of ecumenical scholars and theologians who have identified individuals from around the United States who have worked with exemplary effectiveness to advance the cause of GLBTQ inclusion in the Church. Leo joins good company in this honor (it’s a big deal!) including Bishop Gene Robinson and Carter Heyward of the Episcopal Church, Troy Perry (founder of the Metropolitan Community Churches), and a host of other activists. Held at the end of October, the Rolling the Stone Away Conference will honor Leo and these other guests in St. Louis Missouri. We give thanks to God for this honor for Leo, and even more so for the wonderful work he has done over the years to make the Church open to all. Congratulations, Leo!

**DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO GIVE TO SPR?**

We are thankful for all those who contribute to the work of the Gospel at SPR—thank you! Did you know that there are other ways that you can give: appreciated stock, investments, and make provision in your estate plans for supporting SPR long into the future. If you have made long-term plans to support SPR, great! If you have been putting this off and would like some help...we can help you through this process so that your legacy of faith will sustain this community long into the future. Interested? We’d love to talk to you. Contact the parish office for how we can help!

**JUNE LITURGY VOLUNTEERS**

**Summer Schedule**

**Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.**

**June 4, The Day of Pentecost**
Andrés Albertsen, Bonnie Olson, assisting ministers
Samantha Eiken, Ruby Beckman, Anaigia Batres Pearson, Jose Daniel Batres Pearson, acolytes
Matt Entenza, Jim McGowan, lectors
Sandy Iverson, Ted Johnson, Marilyn and Jim McGowan, greeters and ushers
Mike Banks, cantor
Tim Iverson, communion assistant
Alice Swan, coffee and treats hospitality

**June 11, The Holy Trinity**
Tony Hedlund, , assisting ministers
Tunary Bitrus, Pasy Bitrus, Carlos Ramirez, acolytes
Marilyn Harder, Aaron Brown, lectors
Doris Ikier and Pat Graham, Kim Hanson, Tamika Ramirez, greeters and ushers
Carsten Slostad, cantor
Marilyn Harder, communion assistant
Tamika Ramirez, coffee and treats hospitality

**June 18, the Second Sunday after Pentecost**
Andrés Albertsen, , assisting ministers
TBD, acolyte
Carla Hagen, , Cheri Gohr, lectors
Chuck Aase, Beth Benson, Kay Bonzcek and Lee Lundin, greeters and ushers
Linda Dahlen, cantor
Tony Hedlund, communion assistant
Teresa Ortiz and Carla Hagen, coffee and treats hospitality

**June 25, The Third Sunday after Pentecost**
Andrés Albertsen, Leo Treadway, asst. ministers
Ruby Beckman, acolyte
Marilyn Harder, Steve Winfield, lectors
Doug and Barb Merchant, Tamika Ramirez, Josh Sima, greeters and ushers
Mike Banks, cantor
Tony Hedlund, communion assistant
Vicki Ostendorf, coffee and treats hospitality
Below, almost sixty people join in singing Handel’s Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah as the postlude on Easter Sunday. Right: Earthy HillGivens was honored for fifteen years of service to SPR with his family on Sunday, April 23.

Congrats Grads! Casey Damberg, Archie Gjerdrum and Kenyatta Peyton receive their gift pillows. Thanks Quilting Group!

Above and below, the littlest ones, sing Butterfly On Sunday April 23. Thank you Eldora!

SPR members Jon Moe, Diane Brennan, Mark Hollabaugh (and Miles and Judy Renaes) joined together to help out with the Hymn Festival for the National Workshop on Christian Unity held in downtown Minneapolis.
THE GOOD SAMARITAN FUND is an active Neighborhood Community Outreach ministry that gives immediate help to those in need. Year round, this fund provides food, gas and bus cards, emergency housing, survival clothing, utilities assistance and much more. When you are out shopping for your holiday gifts, please consider buying an extra grocery, gas or store card to drop in the offering plate on Sunday.

As we ramp up the balance of this Fund, we will receive a second offering on the second Sunday of the month. You are welcome to contribute to this fund at any time using the yellow envelopes available on the usher’s table in the narthex. Every little bit helps!

ELCA WORLD HUNGER DONATIONS: $ 576

“Your gift to the ELCA World Hunger is surely a manifestation of your faith in God’s grace and mercy and a witness to the light that shines brightly through Christ to all the nations. Thank you for your creative and courageous work in ending hunger and poverty. And for accompanying others as they work together to provide water and sanitation; education and training; agriculture and nutrition; income and savings; healthcare and prevention—whatever it takes until all are fed. Rev. Daniel Riff, Director and Rev. Robin Brown, Congregation Support

HALLIE Q BROWN FOOD SHELF DONATIONS: $1414

FEEDING OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS - Summer is here and kids are out of school which means they are NOT getting free/reduced breakfast or lunch at school. Family food budgets are stretched to the breaking point during the summer. Both the Hallie Q Brown Food Shelf and the St. Paul-Ref Good Samaritan Fund will see increased requests for food assistance.

Please consider one of the following:
* buy extra breakfast and lunch items and bring to SPR and place in the food basket
* buy a grocery card and place in either the food or offering basket
* contribute to the SPR Good Samaritan Fund.

PRAYERS +

Please remember in your prayers all those sick in mind, body, or spirit: especially Kaj Reinholdt, Susie Adams, Lee Snook, Randy Beard, Dick Kennedy, Shirley Heyer, Tony Hedlund, Emily Eastwood, Synovia Colbert, Anna Swenson-Seelen, Fern Mackey, Roger Mackey, Peter Slostad, James McGee, Elaine Hollabaugh, Millie Olson, Missy Weider, Denine Harrell, and Louise Benson; those who are homebound: Gertie Jochum.

CONNECTIONS

This MET Goal Social Justice Ministry continues to be an active engagement with our immediate neighbors. Local hairstylists have responded and are delighted to use their skills to be part of this ministry giving free haircuts to families experiencing homelessness.

Needed: White and colored socks for ages 4–12.

June 19 is the next date for Shear Grace.
**BIBLE MATTERS**

Bible Matters will be on hiatus for the month of June. Because the Bible does matter, you are invited to engage the Book of Faith using these lectionary readings for each week at home. Starting again in July, plan to join an engaging group weekly on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. at church with Pastor Patrick Shebeck.

**June 4 Day of Pentecost**
Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

**June 11 The Holy Trinity**
Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

**June 18 The Second Sunday after Pentecost**
Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8-23

**June 25 The Third Sunday after Pentecost**
Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

**ANNIVERSARIES**

06/02 Tamika Ramirez and Doroteo Ramirez-Leya, Margaret Schuster and David Weiss
06/06 Kay Bonzek and Lee Lundin
06/07 Phillip and Sandy Archer
06/12 Betsy Braman and Carol Sellars
06/17 Jane and Mike Hagedorn
06/16 John and Laura Richardson
06/20 Laurie Hamre and Lisa Mueller
06/21 Tom Dunn and Colleen McGuire
06/22 Fern and Roger Mackey
06/24 Aaron Brown and Nathan Pommeranz
Don and Synovia Colbert
06/27 Jon Moe and Mark Hollabaugh
06/28 Adrienne and Jason Eldridge

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM MAY 21**

Above: Jose Daniel Batres Pearson, Janice Erickson, Alton Proctor and Carlos Ramirez Affirmed their Baptismal Vows after 3 years of Study. Thanks to all those who walked with them over these past years. Also pictured are Pastors Patrick Shebeck and Erik Doughty. Beside: Kids practice before singing in church on Sunday May 21.
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WHY IS IT?
Catching the Light
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Wednesdays during August at 7:00 p.m.

8.2 | Lars and the Real Girl
8.9 | Atonement
8.16 | Babette’s Feast
8.23 | Maria, Full of Grace
8.30 | The Apostle

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