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THINGS
I'VE
LEARNED
IN LIFE

~Life isn't fair, but
it's still good.

~Cry with some-
one. It's more
healing than crying
alone.

~Make peace with
your past so it
won't screw up the
present.

~All that truly
matters in the end
is that you loved.

~Forgive everyone
everything.

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SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

BY FAITH ALONE

There are moments in life where you just have to speak up. There are moments in which so much is at stake, something so egregiously wrong is taking place, that the option of keeping your mouth closed and your opinion to yourself is impossible to rationalize. In these specific moments, you think "I know someone is going to be upset but I just have to say *something!*" So you muster the courage and say, "Hey, you! Are you there? We need to talk."

Have you every felt this way? Have you ever taken this kind of action? And then, just as you feared, once you open your big mouth, your words spark a much bigger deal than you'd ever intended. Those moments are fun, aren't they?

If you can relate, then you know exactly how a little known pastor and college professor, in the modest town of Wittenberg, Germany, felt after tacking his 95 *Theses* to the main doors of the local Catholic church.

The man was Martin Luther. The day was All Hallows' Eve—the precursor to what we celebrate today as Hal-

loween. Luther knew that on this day the villagers, students, and fellow college faculty would file through those church doors for a special mass and that while entering, some would stop to read his

pastoral thoughts on in at problems the church large. It was, in

some ways, a means of tapping the powers-that-be on the shoulder and saying, "Hey, there! It's Martin. We need to talk." But he certainly could not have imagined it would spark a revolution that is still ringing loud and strong nearly 500 years later.

Today is Reformation Sunday. The 493rd anniversary of Luther's posting of the 95 *Theses* on the doors of the Castle church in Wittenberg, German, an event that sparked what we know as the Protestant Reformation.

On of Luther's major theses was "By Faith Alone." We receive God's gift of salvation only by faith in Jesus Christ. Nothing we do can earn this gift. It is given through God's love, grace, and mercy. Let us



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give thanks for the free gift of salvation, and for men and women who have been outrageous enough o proclaim this good news down through the centuries.

THOUGHT: Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all of the paint you can."

Harvest

Pumpkin in the field row

Become filling in the pie.

Apples in the orchard

Are gleaned from trees on high.

Roses in the garden

Offer fragrance and delight

Raising spirits in the sunlight,

Lending solace in the night.

If plants from fields and gardens

Give themselves with reserve

Never questioning, never doubting

Whether we deserve

To receive their bounteous blessings

Bestowed with out complaint

Surely, we, the Father's first fruits

Can be shared without restraint.

A Note on the Navigators

As reported in an earlier issue of “The Pew Review,” Brothers & Sisters for Missions adopted Rus and Jen Willette of the Navigators as our Mission Project for this year.

Rus & Jen are working on the campuses University of Southern Maine and Southern Maine Community College. Over 70% of their funding is in from faithful contributors and this is having a great Praise God for His goodness. Student attendance has increased from 8-10 students to 14-16 at weekly meeting. Planned special events have also increased in attendance.

“Soups On” ministry has hosted 8-10 students from other campuses. This is an informal evening with soup and fellowship.

Another new program, “Adopt a Student,” is also building relationships. Local church families are providing rides to church and having students to Sunday dinner and other family events. Some are writing

notes to the lonely students who have to families nears.

Rus and Jen are still looking for a home—a permanent residence—so that they might have more opportunities to serve more students in their home.

Rus and Jen thank you for your faithful prayers and support. God has provided each step of the way. Rus

will receive his first part-time in November.

If anyone in the congregation would like to be in partnership with this program, see Sally for details



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ports. While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

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sands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

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