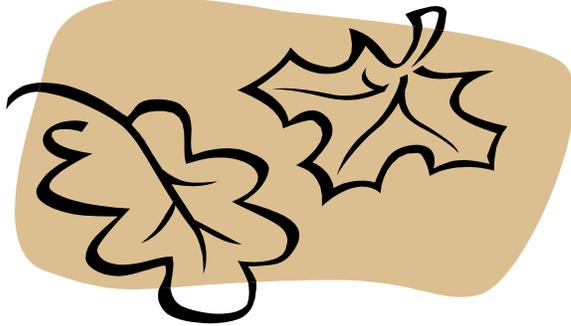


YOUR NOVEMBER ~2016 HUG-IN-A MUG from Pat Reck



{ Isaiah 43:1b~3a} Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name. you are mine.

The Prophet Isaiah recorded this comforting message some 2,700 years ago. But the entire verses, read them please, go on to tell us of passing through waters, of overwhelming rivers, walking through fire and flames, yet not being consumed!

In my pre-dawn meditation this morning, I am drawn back to this book, my favorite, and have marked three chapters that remind me what our Nation has just been through!.....with a lone verse. Ch. 1:18: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord. AND (I chuckle, thinking, *Jesus is the Reason for the Season*, as we look to the early Advent season. But here we are, catching our breath, in a new Season of Reason!) And weary as we might all be, a bit drained from tense emotions, sorting and sifting political chaff from the true grain, we are Called and Redeemed and His!

I have to share with you, if I look back breathlessly on the Fall season here, first a Rally Sunday for my home church now 90 years old, followed quickly on its heels by a wonderful LWML Sunday nationwide, and THEN Reformation Sunday, as we focus on the upcoming 500 Anniversary of Martin Luther's hallmark religious awakening, it is all so uplifting and re-energizing! Reformation Sunday was, for me, a time of deep introspection: "No repentance? No forgiveness," for by Grace alone is His forgiveness mine. Wow! It was a day of re-dedication for us all, I think, to draw closer to the Lord God, our Father, Jesus, our King, and the Holy Spirit, our Comforter.

It is, NOW, for the women of the LWML, a time to open our hearts and ears to others, **dedicate** our lives to showing others aggressive love, with a witness to the resurrection, life, & Grace of the Son, that through faith are we saved. In Webster, I looked up **dedicate**: to set apart and consecrate to a sacred purpose!!! Then, I looked up **consecrate**: to declare to the service of a deity! I need to make it a very PERSONAL RE-DEDICATION, and we, as leaders, can make it a **RE-FORMATION TIME FOR US ALL**. Go, in God's Grace, dear friends. Blessings on your families, all, this *THANKsgiving*

Respectfully Yours, Pat Reck , ☺ Leader Development Chairman

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