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WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday6:00 pm
Sunday8:00 am/10:30 am
Sunday School/Bible Study9:15 am

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday9:30am



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Russ Bowder Senior Pastor
Rev. Sam Powell..... Associate Pastor
Ms. Caley Gerth Director of Music
Angie Brenner Dir. of Christian Education
Lois Kollmeyer, RN.....Parish Nurse
Jenni WachterChurch Office Manager

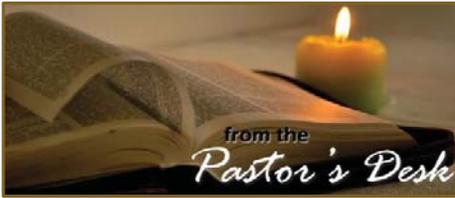
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Dear Fellow Redeemed,

"Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace" (Collect for Reformation Day)

The month of October brings with it the yearly commemoration of Martin Luther's 1517 posting of his 95 Theses on the Wittenberg Castle Church door. As has become customary in the recent past, our parish will keep this commemoration on the Sunday prior to October 31. (Perhaps asking parish members to assemble on Friday, October 31, would prove a futile request.) But whether it be on October 28 or 31, the event recognized as the overture to the Protestant Reformation will be remembered.

Besides the retelling of the theses' posting, Reformation Day commemoration always includes the singing of Luther's hymn "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" ("A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"), his paraphrase of Psalm 46. But a much-forgotten hymn of Luther's based on Psalm 124 carries the theme of the Reformation: salvation of helpless sinners who have no power or worthiness in them solely accomplished by divine action. Luther's hymn "Wer Gott nicht mit uns diese Zeyt" (often translated as "If God Had Not Been on Our Side") paraphrases the psalm which speaks about divine deliverance given to the Lord God's people.

King David's psalm was used by those who were on pilgrimage to Jerusalem's Temple, especially for the Passover Festival. This Song of Ascents begins as a remembrance of what the Lord God had done for Israel, especially their liberation from Egypt: "If it had not been the LORD who was on our side," let Israel now say—

"If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us alive, when their wrath was kindled against us; then the waters would have overwhelmed us, the stream would have gone over our soul; then the swollen waters would have gone over our soul." (Ps. 124:1-5)

Those who remember the Exodus story see it recalled in the words of the psalm.

As the Lord God's faithful people remembered their deliverance—whether from Egypt, Philistia, Assyria, or any of their ancient enemies—the significance of having Him on their side would not be forgotten. The same can be said of Luther and the Reformers. Their work and effort would have been for naught, "if it had not been the LORD who was on [their] side." As the wrath of Church and Empire rose against them, anger kindled in hatred of hard truth, the German theologians and princes awaited the floods and torrents of Ecclesiastical councils and Imperial armies. But even as they came, the confession of faith remained and the Lord God's people were delivered.

This coincides with the second portion of Psalm 124: "Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped." (Ps. 124:6-7) These words reflect the exultant cries of the Israelites in safety on the opposite side of the Red Sea. The same words could be uttered by Luther and the Reformers, even in spite of earthly losses by many of them and their followers.

As centuries of time have passed, we know that the Lutheran Confession of the Christian faith has remained. Statements of doctrine made in the 16th Century are held by us today. Despite the efforts of Ecclesiastical councils and Imperial armies, those who hold to the Lutheran confession of faith still exist. They were not "swallowed alive" or "overwhelmed." That would have happened, "if it had not been the LORD who was on our side." But as we have been divinely aided, "[their] snare is broken, and we have escaped."

However, this psalm and even Luther's work are not ultimately concerned with

earthly existence and success. The deliverance that the Lord God gives is from enemies greater than an Egyptian Pharaoh and his court conjurers or a Spanish emperor and the Roman curia. What the Reformers were concerned with was salvation: deliverance from sin, from death, and from the power of Satan. "If it had not been the LORD who was on [their] side," such deliverance is impossible.

Deliverance of this sort requires divine action, something first given at Holy Baptism. For at the font, "[our enemies'] wrath was kindled against us," as the Lord God brought His people out of slavery into salvation through the waters. Like Pharaoh and the Emperor, Satan's hordes ride out to recapture us, to keep us from reaching the promise of everlasting life. But as the Lord God is on our side—present among us with His free gift of forgiveness given in the aural and visible Word—we remain free. We are still redeemed, kept secure in our covenant relationship with the Lord God.

That is what Luther, the man between God and the devil, came to understand: it is the truth that he confessed, even in his hymn based on Psalm 124. The same truth is what we cling to in our day, as our enemies rise up against us. Each time we go in pilgrimage to the Lord God's sanctuary, we remember this deliverance that He has accomplished for us. As we gather to commemorate Reformation Day this month, we also remember that Luther and the

Reformers have a special place for the sole reason that they faithfully believed, taught, and confessed that truth about divine deliverance for helpless sinners. We recognize that they have handed down that truth to us.

Such commemoration is appropriate and right, for the focus is not on our efforts or any other human works, not even the acts done by Luther. Rather, the focus of our commemorations, the focus of the Divine Service, the focus of our Christian lives is on "the LORD who was [and is] on our side." That is the truth which Luther and the Reformers confessed, which the faithful Israelites confessed, which we confess. It is the truth that King David made clear for all divinely-delivered people in the last verse of Psalm 124: "Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth." (Ps. 124:8) The burden of our salvation is not placed on us, but is carried by Him who sustains all creation and bore the sins of the world on His crucified shoulders.

Thanks be Jesus Christ, our Deliverer who is still on our side, the Word of God who remains forever!

In Christ,

Pastor Powell

MEMBER NEWS

August 15 through September 15, 2018

Baptisms:

- Beau Allen
- Elaina Holland
- Mason Holland
- Eliana Holland
- Levi Stinnett

New Members:

- Breanna Hilton (St. Paul, Des Peres)
- Joyce Miloro (Grace Lutheran, Holts Summit)
- Scott & Laura Robinson w/ children David & Raymond (Immanuel Lutheran, Jefferson City)

Weddings:

- ♥ Kelly Farley & Mike Scheuerman

Transfer to Church Triumphant:

- † Wilma Keiser

NEWS AND

CONGRATULATIONS TO PASTOR BOWDER!!!

The Board of Elders was notified September 20 that Pastor Russ Bowder intends to retire immediately as Senior Pastor from Trinity Lutheran Church and School. We thank Pastor Bowder for his many years of service as teacher and pastor at Trinity and wish him and his wife Fern all the best in the years to come.



RUMMAGE SALE

EVENING GUILD RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, October 6

7 am - 1 pm Trinity Lutheran School Gym

You'll find everything from novels and household goods to furniture and tools—and much more!

Donations can be dropped off at the school on Friday, October 5 after 3:00 pm

MEN'S CLUB



MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the upcoming Men's Club Fall Bar-B-Que. This year's event will take place on October 6 at Schulte's parking lot beginning at 11:00 a.m. Brats and pork steak dinners and sandwiches will be available. Come enjoy some good bar-b-que.

COUPON MINISTRY SPENDING

is something we plan very carefully. We ask ourselves, "Is this really a good deal, or will something better come along?" During September we bought 100 pounds of chicken legs and thighs for \$49, knowing this was a good price for our gifts to the Samaritan Center. Then later, we purchased 100 pounds of chicken for \$39, an even better deal. So our cash on hand is being used up quickly. And that's where you come into the picture: Can you help with a \$5 - \$10 - or \$20 gift? All gifts given through the church office are being "saved" for our Thanksgiving purchases; that's why we bring this to your attention. We will continue to buy cereals, pasta (or more chicken) with our cash on hand, which is the cash you place into our little locked box in the church office. Thank you for any and all gifts to our ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Christmas Music

As Trinity prepares to celebrate the great events of Christmas, we are inviting children to help tell the story! Beginning in November, we will have weekly rehearsals to prepare Christmas music to share with our church and community. The children will help lead the 5:00 Christmas Eve worship service, as well as participate in Living Windows, a community event in downtown Jefferson City. This is open to children ages 4 - 12. A rehearsal schedule will be posted in the bulletin and church calendar later this month. If interested, please contact Caley Gerth (cgerth@trinityjc.org).



Missionary Society Update

October 6-7: LWML Sunday

October 9: Missionary Society Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall

October 20: 8:30 A.M. Fall Zone Rally (Hosted by Women's Auxiliary and Missionary Society)



Fall Zone Rally

Registration begins at 8:30 on October 20

Theme: Philippians 4:6

In-gathering items to be collected for the Central Missouri Foster Care and Adoption Association

include: backpack, toothbrush, toothpaste, body soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, hair brush, nail clippers, deodorant, shaving cream, face wash, journal, feminine care, calculators, coloring books, crayons, stamps, gift cards to Walmart, bottles, wipes, pacifiers, diapers... for a complete list, email sjohnson@trinityjc.org.

It's pecan time! Please consider purchasing pecans from a Missionary Society member for your holiday baking needs. All proceeds support local, state, national, and world mission programs. \$10/bag



Happy Drifters

The Happy Drifters will meet in the fellowship hall October 18, 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:00. This month we will play cards and games, be sure to bring your favorite. Bring a simple snack to share. Everyone is invited to come to any activity, no dues and nothing to join. Great fellowship with fellow church members.

The Library is open during church office hours as well as Saturday evening before and after church and Sunday mornings before and after each service and during Sunday School. If you would like to talk to a Librarian or helper please contact us anytime.

To check out a book pick one, PRINT your FIRST & LAST name on the card located in the back of the book, PRINT the date MO/DAY/YR then place the card in the box on top of the cabinet next to the printer. The card should be filed under the AUTHORS last name.

Please check your bookshelves, car trunks, book bags, baskets, and library bags for Trinity Lutheran Church Library books. We have 30 books that have been checked out for more than 1 year. We are currently compiling a list and will be contacting you to return the items or pay for the items so that we can replace them in our collections. If you have books you have not checked out please return those also.

We are currently looking for donations of the following items: Christian Fiction books of all types, Books on CD, DVD Family Movies, Children's movies and stories, Inspirational books, bible studies, desk chair, printer that will feed heavy paper and any other Christian books. Please leave them on the desk in the library with your name on them so that we know who to thank. If you need someone to pick them up for you please call Carmy at 573-690-5612. Any items that are donated that we cannot use or already have will be given to Calvary's Gift.

We also are listed on Amazon.com, Christianbook.com, cph.org under Trinity Lutheran Church library. We can also use monetary donations, Thrivent gifts, amazon.com gift cards (get a two for one to help Trinity School and the library by purchasing these thru the script program). All gifts are truly appreciated.

The librarians and helpers,
Glennie Goser, librarian
Carmy Heerboth, Jennie Steinmetz,
Mahayla Brunner, and Jennie Holzschuh, helpers



MEN'S CLUB *at Work*

The Men's Club of Trinity Lutheran Church has been active in church and school and the Jefferson City area for over 75 years.

The Club's main objective is to help strengthen the Christian faith by promoting and encouraging one another in our membership to be more active in the work of our congregation, and promote fellowship with one another.

Not only does the Men's Club offer its assistance through physical labor to help on various projects for the church and school, but the club works hard to collect a majority of its revenues through two fundraising bar-b-ques each year. The first fundraiser is held in the early Spring and the other in the Fall. From these funds, the Men's Club is able to offer financial assistance to students, home for the elderly, funding for devotional and inspirational literature, and many other activities.

During 2018, the Men's Club voted to approve the donation of some of its proceeds to the following projects:

- Trinity Lutheran School Playground Debt Fund
- Calvary Lutheran High School Kitchen Fund
- The purchase of electric warmers that can be used during the annual church supper
- Lutheran Laymen's League
- Rose Bowl Parade Float (the only Christian float left in the annual parade)

The Men's Club of Trinity Lutheran Church thanks you for your support in the past and we look forward to your support in the future. If you have any questions please contact Jay Wunderlich at 573.636.4188.



FALL DINNER

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Stadium Blvd

Jefferson City, MO

Sunday, November 18, 2018

11:00 am to 5:00 pm



**Sausage Links, Fried Chicken,
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Sauerkraut, Green Beans,
Corn, Applesauce, Bread, Pickled Beets, Dessert, Drinks**

***Featuring a Country Store & Bake Sale,
Quilt & Dessert Auction at 1:00 pm***

Adults - \$11.00

**Children - \$5.00 ages 5 to 12
(4 and under eat free)**

****MasterCard/VISA accepted****

Carryouts available

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

**Or at Trinity Lutheran Church office
803 Swifts Hwy**



Appreciating Pastors

28 September 2016, by Rev. David A. Muench, Director of Ministerial Care

October has always seemed to me to have something of a “quieter” character. It’s not the month of Thanksgiving, or Christmas, although thoughts of preparation for them surely are beginning to “push their way” to the surface. Neither is it a month in which a lot of state and county fairs are held, nor the beginning of another school year. There are, of course some important events in the month. The fall schedules for high school and college are in full swing, Major League Baseball hosts the World Series, and our denomination observes the Protestant Reformation. I’m confident that you can add a few other events which have made their way onto your October calendar.

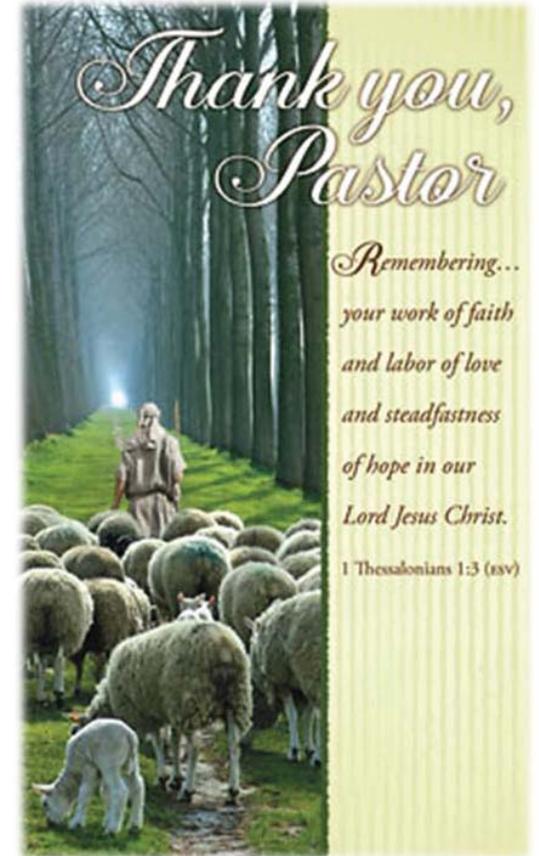
It seems to me, then, that October is a wonderful time for God’s people to share their appreciation for Pastors. It’s an excellent opportunity to express the respect, appreciation and admiration you have for your pastor(s) and for the work they do. With the month of October having been identified as Pastor Appreciation month you have a reminder to think either individually, as a small group (perhaps your Bible Study group), and/or as the entire congregation, as you plan for activities and gestures to encourage your pastors, demonstrating your love for them. This is not to say that other roles and activities of ministry are not important and worthy of appreciation, but in October, we take the time to specifically honor Pastors and thank God for them.

It has been suggested that Pastoral ministry involves activity in at least 13 different “task clusters” (i.e. Administration, Care-giving, Rituals and Sacraments, Management, Communication, Preaching, Public Worship, etc.) which require 64 personal competencies. Now, you and I know that Pastors are human, and no one is “excellent” in every one of these specific competencies, but the importance of the work means that your Pastor(s) are making efforts in each of them. Many of

these efforts happen in quiet, confidential, and private ways. It could not be otherwise. As a result, there is much which is accomplished in Pastoral ministry of which you are unaware until/unless it intersects with you and your family, and it can be difficult for him to know of the support and affirmation of the people he’s called to serve. Please consider regularly providing support and affirmation for your pastor(s), and especially in October-Pastor Appreciation Month.

Here are some ideas to get you started in your planning:

1. Pray for your pastor
2. Authorize the formation of a special committee to “care for pastor”
3. Express appreciation, written and spoken
4. Respect his time, and encourage him to get appropriate rest and renewal
5. Live in peace
6. Discover and encourage him in his personal interests
7. Support a strategy for professional connections, including outside of ministry
8. Encourage him to plan significant and meaningful time with his loved ones
9. Lovingly insist he take vacation, and provide resources for his duties to be covered in his absence
10. If he’s married, learn from his wife of the special/unique challenges confronting her, and be sensitive to expectations inappropriately placed upon her



For more specific information on how and why to consider these for pastor and other workers, contact me at david.muench@concordiaplans.org.

WHAT OUR TIGERS ARE UP TO

We're collecting new and gently used shoes as part of our offerings for 1st quarter.

The shoes will be sent to international families in need. There are collection bins in the school lobby and church narthex. Thank You for helping us share and care for others! <https://soles4souls.org/>

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A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

September was a very exciting month at Trinity! Our girls' varsity volleyball team won the Immanuel, Washington Volleyball Tournament, the cross country team won the sportsmanship award at the St. Francis Xavier and St. Stanislaus cross country meet, and two students and their sister were baptized in chapel! The school is also collecting new and gently used shoes as part of our tangible offerings for 1st quarter.

God's Blessings,
Mr. Gonzales



What a wonderful way to start the day! On September 12, we began with chapel led by Pastor Alter who reminded us that JOY is about what is inside. Joy to the World is not just for Christmas - Heaven and nature sing because they know God has come into the world! God's deep and abiding joy comes to us in baptism and never leaves us. We had a triple blessing today as we welcomed three new members into God's family through Holy Baptism. Praise God!



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Faith Families

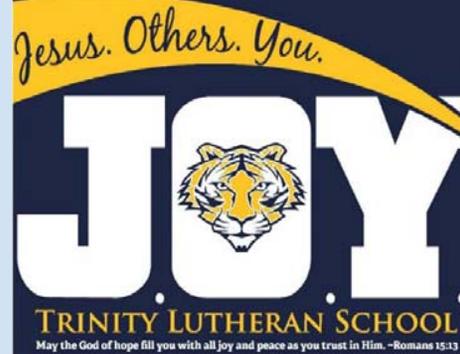
Students at Trinity belong to multi-grade Faith Families that meet together once a month for special activities.

September's activity was to create a Faith Family shield.



8th GRADE POINSETTIA SALE: Trinity's 8th grade class is selling poinsettias as a fundraiser. Proceeds will be used for an end-of-year class trip and class gift for the school. The poinsettias, from Trinklein Brothers Greenhouses, are available in three colors, red, pink and white, and two sizes. A large 6" pot is priced at \$11 and an extra-large 8" pot is \$16.

These are beautiful Poinsettias. Orders for homes, offices and gifts may be placed through any 8th grade student or by contacting Vicky Johnson at 573-680-0510 or Kim Schmidt at 573-821-0352. The order form is also available on ParentsWeb under Resource Documents. Orders must be placed by October 23, 2018. Please pay at the time of order. Poinsettias will be delivered to the Fellowship Hall on November 29th and will be available for pick up starting around noon. The TLS 8th grade class thanks you for your support!



October Activities

- 3 XC Meet @ Binder Park – 4:30p
 - 4 JV VB @ St. Peters Fulton – 7p & 8p
 - V VB @ ICJS – 6p & 7p
 - 6 5th VB @ St. Martin – 9a & 10a
 - 6th VB @ Immanuel – 11a
 - 8 XC Meet @ Binder Park – 4:30p
TLS Hosts
 - 11 JV VB @ St. Martin
 - V VB @ St. Francis Xavier – 7p
 - XC Meet @ Riverside Park – 4:30p
 - 13 5th VB @ St. Francis Xavier – 11a
 - 6th VB @ St. Joe Westphalia – 10a
- VB Tournament @ Trinity**
- XC Meet – LSAM @ KC Lutheran High School
 - 17 XC Meet – PALS @ Cole County Park
 - 18 JV VB @ St. Joe Westphalia – 7p
 - V VB @ St. Peter JC – 6p
 - 20 XC Meet – National @ Mequon, WI
- 31 Reformation Chapel - presented by 8th Grade**

FALL BREAK

No School

October 18-19



Our first big turn-in date is coming up on October 12th. You can turn in them in anytime to the school or church offices. The class with the most BoxTops collected at the end of the school year will get an ice cream party!

TIGER SPORTS

Don't Forget About



Participating families will receive 50% of the money earned as a credit at registration the next school year, and the school will earn the other 50%!

Be sure to talk to your family that attends Trinity. Order forms are available in the church and school office.

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:00a Quilters 6:00p Grief Support L 7:00p Evening Guild F	2 9:00a Lifeline Exercise F 7:00p Voter's Mtg F	3 8:05a Chapel 9:30a Lectionary Class L 5:30p Handbells 6:30p Adult Instruction L	4 9:00a Lifeline Exercise F 6:00p Choir	5 9:00a Women's Bible Study F	6 7:00a Evening Guild Rummage Sale 6:00p Divine Service 7:15p Social Game Night F
7 <i>Pentecost 20</i> 8:00a Divine Service 9:15a Bible Study/SS 10:30a Divine Service	8 8:00a Quilters	9 9:00a Lifeline Exercise F 1:30p Women's Auxiliary F 6:00p Men's Club O 7:00p Missionary Society F	10 8:05a Chapel 9:30a Lectionary Class L 5:30p Handbells 6:30p Adult Instruction L	11 9:00a Lifeline Exercise F 6:00p Choir	12 9:00a Women's Bible Study F	13 11:00a Blind Mission Meal F 6:00p Divine Service
14 <i>Pentecost 21</i> 8:00a Divine Service 9:15a Bible Study/SS 10:30a Divine Service	15 8:00a Quilters	16 9:00a Lifeline Exercise F 6:30p Board Meetings	17 8:05a Chapel 9:30a Lectionary Class L 5:30p Handbells 6:30p Adult Instruction L	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9:00a Lifeline Exercise F 1:00p Happy Drifters F 6:00p Choir	19 9:00a Women's Bible Study F 7:00p Singles Game Night F	20 6:00p Divine Service
21 <i>Pentecost 22</i> 8:00a Divine Service 9:15a Bible Study/SS 10:30a Divine Service	22 8:00a Quilters	23 9:00a Lifeline Exercise F 6:30p Council Meeting L	24 8:05a Chapel 9:30a Lectionary Class L 5:30p Handbells 6:30p Adult Instruction L	25 9:00a Lifeline Exercise F 6:00p Choir	26 9:00a Women's Bible Study F	27 6:00p Divine Service
28 <i>Pentecost 23</i> 8:00a Divine Service 9:15a Bible Study/SS 10:30a Divine Service 5:00p Circuit Reformation Service @ Faith Lutheran	29 8:00a Quilters	30 9:00a Lifeline Exercise F	31 8:05a Chapel 9:30a Lectionary Class L 5:30p Handbells 6:30p Adult Instruction L			

B = Board Room F = Fellowship Hall L = Library Y = Youth Room O = Off Site

Servant Schedule

	Oct 6/7	Oct 13/14	Oct 20/21	Oct 27/28
Saturday 6:00 PM				
Reader	Bruce Heerboth	Gary Barkhaus	Dennis Nickelson	Bruce Heerboth
Elder/Deacon	Jay Wunderlich Dennis Nickelson	Keith Schwinke Nate Roettgen	Leland Fischer Gary Barkhaus	Jay Wunderlich Dennis Nickelson
Ushers	Dan Beck Team	Carol Fischer Team	Tom Blanchard Team	John Killday Team
Greeters	Daun Blanchard Jan Young	John & Paige Bleidistel	Crystal Killday Wanda Martin	Lisa Beck Linda Vaughan
Acolytes	Ada DuBois Carter Hunget	Ben Hardin David Hofherr	Carter Brooks Jack Fehr	David Robinson Olivia Howell
Sunday 8:00 AM				
Reader	Sam Ziegelbein	Jim Schulte	Marc Kollmeyer	Sam Ziegelbein
Elder/Deacon	Ed Rakow Randy Seidel	Randy Seidel Robert Fluegge	Dan Sandhaus	Andy Wachter Ross Walquist
Ushers	Ross Walquist Team	Ralph Robinett Team	Stephen Johnson Team	Doug Young Team
Greeters	Susan Holzschuh	Youth Team	Bernie & Amy Nadler Pat Mantle	Fern Bowder
Acolytes	Jayden Brunner Elena Myers	Abbey Otten Jacob Tritz	Logan Meers Adam Johnson	Jayden Brunner Kaitlyn Schmidt
Nursery	Amanda Simpson	TBD	TBD	Amanda Simpson
Sunday 10:30 AM				
Reader	Steve Resner	William Schatte	Ryan Dubberke	Emmett Spradlin
Elder/Deacon	Don Cook Russ Brenner	Brent Fischer Larry Beck	Todd Fetters Mark Otten	Don Cook Russ Brenner
Ushers	Kevin Bateman Team	Matt Fife Team	Todd Fetters Team	Gerry Wolf Team
Greeters	Kevin & Sarah Johnson Charlotte Skomia	Ryan & Jennifer Going	Joseph & Tasha Kollmeyer Donna Ware	Stacy DeLong Judy & Kristina Hein
Acolytes	Tyler Meers Olivia Howell	Sophia Johnson Maddie Homfeldt	Cole Huffman Kate Bailey	Joel Cluver David Hofherr
Nursery	TBD	TBD	TBD	Kim Case
Pews	Leslie Brunner's Class	Gary & Mary Chegwidden	Connie Kirchner Linda Smith Deb Schulenburg	Pat Mantle Bethel Johnson
Heisinger		Randy Siedel		Brent Fischer

~ Serve the Lord with Gladness – Psalm 100:2 ~

Words on Stewardship

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the instruction and Word of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the Law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.

Children emulate their parents. When they grow up they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents, but there is more to it than

that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, how they do and say most everything.

And children try to copy it, which can be quite humorous when parents wish they wouldn't. It can be uncomfortable and embarrassing if a child copies or repeats something less than polite that they learned from a parent. Sitcoms thrive on these situations. It only happens because children emulate their parents because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God, by grace, through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan: "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins, and in exchange He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit, by which we cry out, "Abba, Father."

We are born again, born from above, born of water and the Spirit, to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ, through Baptism. And since we are sons, we are heirs – heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace and mercy, His generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

And this is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the Church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received God our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. And His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As the Small Catechism teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

"Give us this day our daily bread." *What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. *What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

In other words, God gives us everything we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds. Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week to set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the Church.

We don't do this simply because He has commanded us so to do; it is because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.

6 Activities To Help You Teach your Children about Reformation Day

A Day Worth Celebrating

We celebrate Reformation Day because it represents the reclaiming of the one true gospel that had been lost in the Catholic church and replaced with the traditions and teachings of men. We celebrate that there were men who were willing to face the wrath and judgment of man rather than violate conscience according to the Holy Spirit and Scripture. We celebrate the boldness to proclaim the truth of God in the face of very real and present danger. We celebrate the movement that placed the Word of God in the hands of believers, to study for themselves so they could be taught by God Himself, rather than having to take the priests word as gospel. We celebrate Reformation Day because it is yet one more testament to the faithfulness of God.

Yes, the Reformation did bring division. Separating, even through pain and loss, from a false church with a false gospel and reclaiming the true gospel is a reason to celebrate. Yes, there have been countless splits and denominations flowing from the Reformation, and while we long for unity in the body of Christ, we celebrate the freedom to follow Christ according to Scripture informed conscience and are not forced to do so according to the design and tradition of men who themselves deny the true gospel.

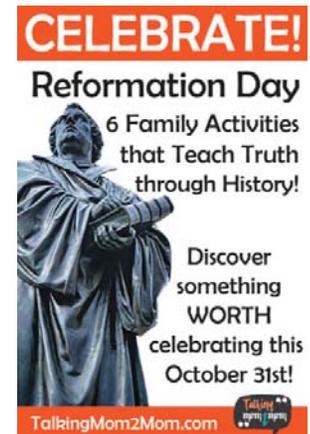
The division and war that came from the Reformation was not the desire of the reformers, but of a Church that refused to be informed by Scripture and would not tolerate a question of its legitimacy and power. The reformers were called reformers because they sought reformation in the Catholic church; they did not begin with intention of splitting, but in refining and reviving the Church that was there. The Catholic response was to condemn any questioning of canon law and tradition, refusing to even debate the weight of Scriptural arguments, and declaring everyone who refused to toe the line damned to hell. We celebrate that God raised up such men for such a time as the Reformation; we praise God that He made them faithful at any cost to the gospel that is the power of God for salvation.

How Do You Celebrate Reformation Day?

Many families, mine included, have chosen to use October 31st as a day to commemorate and celebrate the spark that set the church of God on fire. I love this day. I love playing games that help my children learn and remember important facts about this time in history. I love telling the story of what happened. I love making this day exciting and helpful for my kids.

So as I started my preparations for this special day I began to become convicted. I realized that I was using this day simply as a surrogate for Halloween. I wanted so badly to make my "celebration" scream louder than the "world's celebration". I then knew it was time to do a heart check.

I still want to celebrate, but I want to celebrate Reformation day as a Christian.



CELEBRATE!
Reformation Day
6 Family Activities
that Teach Truth
through History!

Discover
something
WORTH
celebrating this
October 31st!

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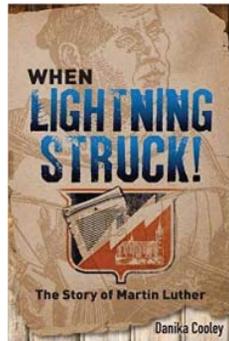
I had to regroup. I began with questions...questions to reveal my motives.

*What do I want my children to remember and understand about this day?
Will this make much of God or much of man?
Does this preach the Gospel to my children?
Am I feeding their souls or their entertainment-driven lusts?*

I want my children to see in this day the same things I hope to show them in each day...The Gospel. I want them to know that God is at work in His Church and in this world that He made. I want my kids to see the Holy Spirit working through Martin Luther. I don't want this day to be turned into hero worship of Martin Luther. Luther himself said, "Who is Luther? The doctrine is not mine. I have been crucified for no one".

With my newly sanctified (and ever-needing sanctification) priorities in mind I am now planning accordingly. Here is a brief run-down of what I have planned thus far. A list of materials and directions for each activity are provided at the end.

1. Reading a biography about Martin Luther. This may seem odd after previously stating my desire to steer away from hero-worship. But, my goal in reading this biography is to show my children a "real-life" story about God's ability to use a common, sinful man to bring about sanctification in His church and in the world. We are tools in the Master's hands and Martin Luther is prime example of God's hammer busting down the walls of self-reliance and self-worship.
2. Nailing the theses on the door. Taking the time to read through SOME of the theses with my children and point out Luther's desire to base our practices on Scripture alone and how we too should share that desire and zeal for ensuring Scriptures importance in our practices.
3. Discussing/Memorizing the 5 solas. This will most likely be what we do as a family for our evening family worship time. Taking each of these solas and discussing the importance and meaning of each.
4. Pin the hat on the theologian. I must be honest, this activity is simply for fun!
5. Coloring the Luther rose and discussing the symbolizing of each color.
6. Printing press activity. This activity has a two-fold purpose. One to show God's grace in using this time and these men and their gifts and talents to invent a press that would allow His Word to go out in a form from which His people could read and learn. Two, to learn about the history of the printed word and how Gutenberg's printing press worked during the time of the Reformation.



Activity #1: Read About Martin Luther

Suggested reading: *When Lightning Struck* by Danika Cooley. We read this last October and loved it!

Activity #2: The Ninety-Five Theses

What you will need:

1. Printed 95 theses (You can find a printable version of the 95 theses here: <http://www.spurgeon.org/~phil/history/95theses.htm>)
2. Toy hammer
3. Tape
4. Door

Directions: Print the list of 95 theses (I burned the edges of the papers and run leftover coffee on the edges to make the paper look tattered and worn), roll tape and place on back of paper, then allow the children to "hammer" the theses to a door.

Activity #3: The Five Solas

What are The Five Solas?

- 1.) "Sola Scriptura" (Scripture Alone: 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- 2.) "Sola Gratia" (Grace Alone: Ephesians 2:8-9)
- 3.) "Sola Fide" (Faith Alone: Galatians 3:11)
- 4.) "Solus Christus" (Christ Alone: 1 Timothy 2:5)
- 5.) "Soli Deo Gloria" (To God Alone Be Glory: 1Peter 4:11).

What you will need:

1. Index cards or card stock
2. pen
3. Bible

Directions: Write each Sola on a card the write the Scriptures to support each Sola on the back. Then during family worship time discuss the Scriptures and practice saying the Solas together as a family. Be sure to sing that day "[A Mighty Fortress is our God](#)" written by Martin Luther.

Activity #4: Pin the Hat on the Theologian Game

What you will need:

1. paper for printing
2. tape
3. a wall

Directions: Find a picture of Martin Luther. Print several copies, and cut the hat out of all of them but one. Tape the full picture to the wall. One at a time, each child is blindfolded and handed a hat with a thumbtack poked through it (or a bit of sticky-tac applied to the back). The blindfolded child is then spun around until he or she is disoriented. The child then sets off to try and attach the hat. The player who pins their tail closest to the target, wins.

Activity #5: Color the Luther Rose

What you will need:

1. Paper for printing
2. crayons/markers

Directions: Print coloring sheet: <https://hiphomeschoolmoms.com/reformation-day-activities/>. Assign the appropriate color for each section and explain the significance as they color each section.

Activity #6: Johann Gutenberg and the Printing Press

What you will need:

1. Foam letters, paper
2. wooden board (or something comparable)
3. glue dots
4. paint/ink
5. paintbrushes/ cotton swabs

Directions: Apply glue dots to the back of form letters (you can make any message you like), stick letters to the wooden board, sponge paint/ink on letters, press paper onto letters, lift gently to reveal message.





PARENTS ADMIT LESS FAMILY PLAY TIME

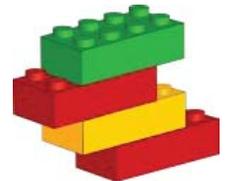
Passing the Torch Newsletter by Tom Couser

Families are spending less time playing together. The new study was done by The LEGO Group. It examines the state of play for parents and children in nine countries. Not surprisingly, researchers found a strong link between the hours spent playing together and the happiness of families.

Produced by independent research agency Edelman Intelligence, the LEGO Play Well Report 2018 revealed that nine out of 10 families (88%) who play together for five hours or more a week claim to be happy, but nearly a third (30%) of families spend less time than that on play, and one in 10 (10%) play for less than two hours per week. Of those who play for less than five hours, only seven out of 10 (75%) say they are happy.

A busy lifestyle was the biggest reasons parents are spending less time playing with their children. Six in 10 (61%) of the parents polled admit they get distracted by other demands, including work, house chores and their smartphones. The study also found that one in five children (17%) say they are too busy for play, with four out of five (81%) wishing their parents would play with them more. The research included nearly 13,000 parents and children ages 18 months to 12 years old in China, Denmark, France, Germany, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, the UK and the US.

Those surveyed seem to understand the importance of family play time. Among those polled, 91% say it is good for their own well-being and happiness (72%). They also note that it helps them feel more relaxed (86%) and connected to their children (64%). Almost all kids surveyed say play makes them feel happy (93%) and helps them relax after a long day at school (87%).



You can read more at: <http://kidscreen.com/2018/08/23/study-lego-finds- hectic-lives-affect-family-playtime/>.

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Trinity Junior Youth and Senior Youth October Activities

National Youth Gathering Update – National Youth Gathering 2019 Minneapolis is fast approaching and God has blessed Trinity with an amazing group of 42 youth and leaders that are planning to attend. The senior youth will continue to fundraise for this event. We currently have about \$23,550 saved. The estimated cost to attend is \$1,100 per person. We thank you for the continued support you provide the youth at all our events!!

Every Young Woman's Battle study – In today's society, girls who just want to fit in and look attractive can be swept up in destructive relationships and behaviors---paying a terrible cost. Authors, Ethridge and Arterburn, offer interviews, research, and godly advice to help young women avoid these pitfalls and achieve sexual integrity. Over the last month, our youth group girls have been meeting once a week and will continue to work through the book.

Every Young Man's Battle – In this book author's Stephen Arterburn, Fred Stoeker, and Mike Yorkey discuss how men can achieve victory over sexual compromise. Every Young Man's Battle shows how to rise above today's debased, self-seeking culture by examining God's standard, training your eyes and mind, cleaning up your thought life, and developing a plan. The youth boy's first discussion with Russ will be Wednesday, October 10th from 6:30 to 7:30 in the youth room. If you are interested please let Angie or Russ know.

Trunk or Treat – This year Trinity Youth will partner with the Central Missouri Foster Care & Adoption Association (CMFCAA) to provide an afternoon of treats and fun. Come in costume and Trick or Treat at Trinity in the parking lot on Saturday, October 27th. This will be a safe environment for kids to trick or treat and for our youth to fellowship and serve the community. Trunks will be open from 12:00pm – 2:00pm. The games, crafts, and food CMFCAA fundraiser will be open from 12:00pm – 4:00pm.



Open Mic Night – NYG Fundraiser Friday, October 5, 2018, 7-9pm in the fellowship hall. Bring your special talent and SHINE! We welcome all talents: music, song, reading, comedy, etc. No entry fee, and all acts must be family friendly. Bring your family and friends! There will be free food! A free will donation will be accepted and are highly encouraged! If you want to perform email Angie at ABrenner@trinityjc.org

October 2018

Serve, Worship, And Trust

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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Youth Praise Band 5:30 Youth Fall Party - Location TBD			Happy Reformation Day			

Open mic

night

October 5, 2018
TRINITY LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP HALL
7-9 PM
MUSIC, SONG, Comedy,
Reading, AND MORE!

THE CENTRAL MISSOURI FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION ASSOCIATION & TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday October 27, 2018
12PM-4PM
Parking lot of Trinity Lutheran Church
805 Swifts Highway
Jefferson City, MO

FROM 12-2PM

Trinity Lutheran Church
TRUNK OR TREAT!
Please Bring Your Children to Enjoy Candy, Fun, Fellowship, Games, and a Bounce House! Through God's gift of Grace, we are offering this event for free to the community

FROM 12-4PM

Family Games
Craft Sales
Food & Cider
Pumpkin Decorating
And more!
100% OF PROCEEDS GO TO CMFCAA!