



Acts of Faith

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Why celebrate Reformation Day?

Think about it: how many Reformation Day presents have you received? The media hasn't reminded us of how many shopping days are left until Reformation Day. The *Voice* hasn't posted where we can go to see the houses with the best Reformation Day lights, and our community doesn't have a Reformation Day parade or Reformation Day fireworks.

I wonder how many of you are having a special Reformation Day meal. There's no such thing as a Reformation Day turkey, and you don't hunt brightly-colored Reformation Day eggs, and Martin Luther doesn't leave gifts.

This is why Reformation Day has become a routine which is pretty much reserved for, and remembered by, a diehard group of pastors and laypeople who are perceived as having nothing better to do on the last day in October. As a child I remember joint Reformation services from surrounding Lutheran schools and churches with hundreds of voices singing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." But things have certainly changed.

To celebrate the Reformation properly is to understand the work of Martin Luther and the events of the Sixteenth Century as one part of our history as the Church of Christ. The Reformation was, first and foremost, all about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It was then, and it still is now. The task of reformation never ends — for every person, in every generation, needs to hear the good news of their Savior from sin and eternal death.

We are living in an age which still needs a Reformation. In Luther's day the Church was making up laws and saying, "These have come from God." Today, many churches are taking God's laws and saying, "These no longer are in effect." In Luther's time the Church said, "You need to buy indulgences to be forgiven of your sin." Today, more than one church says, "Sin? What is sin?"

Luther confessed and taught the pure truth of the Holy Scriptures, and he called the entire Church to a focus on Christ Jesus and His Word. Truly, our battles are not the same as Luther's because the pendulum of heresy has swung. In an age when political correctness has usurped the authority of the Word, the need for faithful preachers and committed Christians remains as strong as ever. The Savior still stands, His nail-pierced hands extended in welcome to all who are called to faith by the Holy Spirit. It is right that we point clearly and unerringly to the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.



In our native sinfulness, there is always the danger of falling into the same trap as the Church of the Middle Ages, supposing that Christ and His Gospel and Sacraments are somehow insufficient, and that we must do something to supplement His work with works of our own, or programs and gimmicks, or emotional excitement, or savvy strategies, or money, or what have you.

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Corinthians 16: 13-14) Ours is a time when God's people need to join with Luther and say, "Here I stand."



THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, for the Reformers of the past, we give thanks. Grant that we, in our own age, may stand fast to the Scripture, and the Savior, whose life was given so we might have forgiveness and eternal life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Please consider joining the Kewanee LCMS churches for a Reformation service at 10:00 AM on October 31st at St. Paul's building.

Worship Schedule
9:00 AM, Sunday Worship Service

October's Calendar

Church Workers Appreciation Month

Oct. 04	18th Sunday after Trinity Worship with Holy Communion
Oct. 06	LifeLight Bible Study 2:00 PM
Oct. 08	W.O.F. Meeting 9:00 AM
Oct. 11	19th Sunday after Trinity LWML Prayer Service no Communion
Oct. 13	LifeLight Bible Study 2:00 PM
Oct. 14	Oktoberfest Food Preparations 9:00AM
Oct. 15	Oktoberfest Preparations 9:00-Noon Dinner 4:30-6:30 PM
Oct. 18	20th Sunday after Trinity Worship with Holy Communion
Oct. 20	LifeLight Bible Study 2:00 PM
Oct. 22	Elders Mtg. 6:30 PM Church Council 7:00 PM
Oct. 25	Reformation Sunday Observance Worship with Holy Communion Gary's 80th birthday party afterwards
Oct. 27	LifeLight Bible Study 2:00 PM
Oct. 31	Reformation Day joint Worship service at St. Paul's 10:00AM



Oct. 04	Carol Cook	(Green)
Oct. 11	Mary Hahn	(Green)
Oct. 18	Leah Weber	(Green)
Oct. 25	Marilyn Sturtevant	(Red)

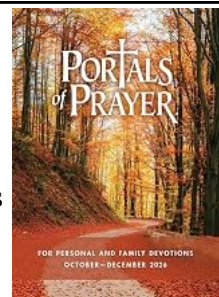
ELDER'S LIST:

Kevin Hull:	309-852-0801
Ron Larson:	309-853-5111
Ted Sturtevant:	309-853-8203
Gary Hahn	309-854-2203

USHER'S LIST

1st Sunday:	Ted Sturtevant
2nd Sunday:	Nick Phillips
3rd Sunday:	Gary Hahn
4th Sunday:	William Croegaert
5th Sunday:	Jim Cook

Portals of Prayer devotional booklets are now available for the final quarter of the year (October-December) in small and medium, sizes. Please pick up a copy for yourself and others you might know .



Those For Whom We Pray: Please include the following in your thoughts and daily prayers.

Our Faith family: Allison Leezer, Cari Bridgewater, Nancy Tudder, JoAnne Behnke, Peggy Faber, Nancy Gillespie, Bonnie Nuding, Randy Stockner, and Carol Cook.

Friends: Pat Hewitt, Jim Tudder, Steve Faber, Jacob Nimrick, and all military personnel and all first responders.

Inactive Members: Pray the Holy Spirit bring them to the understanding of their need to be in regular worship in church on Sunday, and that we as their brothers and sisters in Christ would reach out to them.

CID: Our campus, prison, deaf, and Hispanic missions in the District need your prayers and support.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy



Prayer Request: St. Paul's congregation has requested our prayers for Rev. Burnell Eckhardt and his family. Rev. Burnell Eckhardt suffered a heart attack in September. No other information is available at this time.



OCTOBER

Birthdays

October 2	Jane Davis
October 8	Ted Sturtevant
October 11	Michael Leezer
October 19	Judy Bridgewater
October 20	Myrene Carper
October 20	Sharon Larson
October 22	Paul Estes
October 27	Sandra Heinrich
October 28	Gary Hahn
October 30	Tinsley Newman
October 31	James Cook

Baptism Dates

LaJean Breedlove	10/01
Sara Nimrick	10/01
Erin Tavares	10/04
Cade Knox	10/11



Wedding Anniversaries

October 02	William and Claudia Croegaert
October 18	Ronald and Sharon Larson



For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

Women of Faith: The ladies will be meeting on Thursday, **October 8th**, at **9:00AM** to bake pies for the Oktoberfest dinner. Bring a brown bag lunch; a business meeting will follow lunch. Jeri Bye is the hostess.

This month we are featuring Mission Grant No. 17 Our Place After School Care Inc., Hastings, Nebraska (\$69,500). Our Place After School Care is a Christian program for teenagers with special needs. Programming designed to promote academic, social, and life skills is provided. Our Place is open for these teenagers until their parents can get them after work. It provides a loving and safe environment, education and fellowship, but for the teenagers that are confined to wheelchairs, This mission grant will provide funds for a vehicle equipped with a wheelchair lift to solve their transportation problems. The vehicle, with a wheelchair lift, will enhance the quality of life for the teenagers and will be a huge asset to the staff. Thank you for your support.



Carol Cook and Mary Hahn, attended the LWML Rock Island Zone Fall Rally at Zion-Taylor Ridge on Thursday, September 10th. The theme is "Great is the Lord." Guest speaker was Rev. Chris Hull, pastor at Immanuel-Macomb and Lutheran Student Center on W.I.U. campus. As always, LWML-CID continues to collect mites to support the projects chosen at the last District Convention. Perhaps our first grant amount of \$30,000 for Church Worker scholarships through CID can be paid in October or November.



Faith's Oktoberfest Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, October 15th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Tickets are available in the church office at \$12.00 per person. Meal includes bratwurst sandwich, homemade German potato salad, sauerkraut, and dessert. Take out or eat-in is available downstairs. We expect a large crowd so help is requested for preparation on 10/ 14 and 10/15 at 9:00 AM and again at serving times. Sign up sheets are located in the Narthex area. We are also looking for donated pies, fruit pies are preferable. This is a Thrivent action team project.



The children and family of Gary Hahn invite the congregation in joining them to wish God's blessings on Gary's 80th birthday after the worship service on October 24th in the church fellowship hall. Drinks and pastries will be provided.

Church Council Report: The September treasurer's report was distributed and Sue reported that the general fund has \$42,278.94, the Memorial/Dedicated Fund has \$10,465.63 for a total of \$52,744.57. The church extension fund balance is \$81,056.19. Expenses for the year exceeded the income by \$316.57.

Pastor Weber will be attending a Preaching Conference at the Ft. Wayne Seminary Sept. 29 thru Oct. 1st. A joint congregation Reformation service will be held at St. Paul's on October 31st. St 10:00AM. Rev. Grieser and Pastor Weber will conduct service. LWML prayer service will be used on October 11th. A joint Council meeting is planned for November with St. Paul's to review the past summer's experiences. The R.I. Circuit pastor's meeting will be hosted by Faith in December.

Another letter to our in-actives will be sent out in November informing them about the upcoming Advent and Christmas services available. St. Paul's will be hosting the Wednesday Advent services at 6:00PM.

Two lights in the Sanctuary are not working. Ted believes they were accidentally disconnected when ceiling work was done. Ted will check on a estimate for a lift to repair them.

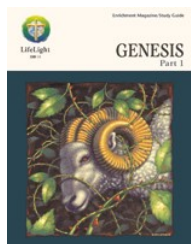
Gary reported plans for the Oktoberfest on October 15th are moving along. Thrivent Financial has sent a Action Team kit with a \$250 debit card. St. Paul's has indicated they would like to help on this fundraising event and a sign-up sheet and tickets were sent to them. H.E.L.P. in Kewanee was designated as a mission project to receive a portion of the proceeds from the dinner.

Gary and Mary donated 24 small battery operated candles and batteries to use for smaller children attending our candle lighting Christmas service.



Reformation Day Service
St. Paul's Lutheran
Kewanee, IL
Oct. 31st 10:00 AM

Revs. Grieser and Weber, Officiants



LifeLight Bible Study
Genesis Part 1
Tuesdays- 2:00 PM



October is Church Worker Appreciation Month: The most important way to thank God for your church workers is to receive the gifts that He provides through them: go to church to receive God's gifts of Word and Sacrament. Take time to also say "thank you" to them and to show your appreciation in special ways. Pray for the church workers at our congregation and 14,000 faithful church workers in the LCMS, thanking God for their service.

Thank you Pastor Weber for your service to our congregation. Thanks also to pastor's family who support him. We also remember all those others that assist with our church services and the work that gets done around the church building and grounds. Many times no one notices or expresses appreciation for their assistance.

Q. What facets should we keep in mind when celebrating the Lutheran Reformation?

A: We are nothing but, by grace and by faith. Grace alone, faith alone, and Scripture alone mean by Christ alone. There is no other Christ than the one Scripture gives us, which is the instrument of the Holy Spirit for bestowing the gifts of life and salvation. In celebrating the Reformation we should be cautious not speak scornfully of any other Christians who look only to Christ for their salvation and not to themselves.