



Reformation Sunday

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PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Eleanor Galik
for immediate prayers



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Word may live in others.

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"What Happened on Reformation Day?"

On October 31, much of the culture will be focused on candy and things that go bump in the night. Protestants, however, have something far more significant to celebrate on October 31. It's Reformation day, which commemorates what was perhaps the greatest move of God's Spirit since the days of the Apostles. But what is the significance of Reformation Day, and how should we consider the events it commemorates?

At the time, few would have suspected that the sound of a hammer striking the castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany, would soon be heard around the world and lead ultimately to the greatest transformation of Western society since the apostles first preached the Gospel throughout the Roman empire. Martin Luther's nailing of his Ninety-Five Theses to the church door on October 31, 1517, provoked a debate that culminated finally in what we now call the Protestant Reformation.

An heir of Bishop Augustine of Hippo, Martin Luther is one of the most significant figures God has raised up since that time. This law student turned Augustinian monk became the center of a great controversy after his theses were copied and distributed throughout Europe. Initially protesting the pope's attempt to sell salvation, Luther's study of Scripture soon led him to oppose the church of Rome on issues including the primacy of the Bible over church tradition and the means by which we are found righteous in the sight of God.

This last issue is probably Luther's most significant contribution to Christian theology. Though preached clearly in the New Testament and found in the writings of many of the church fathers, the medieval bishops and priests had largely forgotten the truth that our own good works can by no means merit God's favor. Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone, and good works result from our faith, they are not added to it as the grounds for our right standing in the Lord's eyes (Eph. 2:8-10). Justification, God's declaration that we are not guilty, forgiven of sin, and righteous in His sight comes because through our faith alone the Father imputes, or reckons to our account, the perfect righteousness of Christ (2 Cor. 5:21).

Martin Luther's rediscovery of this truth led to a whole host of other church and societal reforms and much of what we take for granted in the West would have likely been impossible had he never graced the scene. Luther's translation of the Bible into German put the Word of God in the hands of the people, and today Scripture is available in the vernacular language of many countries, enabling lay people to study it with profit. He reformed the Latin mass by putting the liturgy in the common tongue so that non-scholars could hear and understand the preached word of God and worship the Lord with clarity. Luther lifted the unbiblical ban on marriage for the clergy and by his own teaching and example radically transformed the institution itself. He recaptured the biblical view of the priesthood of all believers, showing all people that their work had purpose and dignity because in it they can serve their Creator.

Today, Luther's legacy lives on in the creeds and confessions of Protestant bodies worldwide. As we consider his importance this Reformation Day, let us equip ourselves to be knowledgeable proclaimers and defenders of biblical truth. May we be eager to preach the gospel of God to the world and thereby spark a new reformation of church and culture.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 All Saints' Day	2 Daylight Savings Time Ends—Set Clocks Back 1 Hour 
3 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Worship Traditional Communion Hymnal Service All Saints' Day Observed	4	5 Election Day No School 10:00am Push Prayer	6 9am–Noon Preschool	7 9am–Noon Preschool	8	9
10 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Blended Worship Service	11 Veteran's Day 	12 9am–Noon Preschool 10:00am Push Prayer	13 9am–Noon Preschool	14 9am–Noon Preschool	15	16
17 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Blended Communion Worship Service	18	19 9am–Noon Preschool 10:00am Push Prayer	20 9am–Noon Preschool Townhome Meeting	21 9am–Noon Preschool 7:00pm Council Meeting	22	23
24 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Blended Worship Service 1:30pm Call Team/Council Meeting with Pastor Buss from NID	25	26 10:00am Push Prayer	27 Thanksgiving Eve Service (TBD) 	28 Thanksgiving Day Office closed 	29 Office closed	30
Thanksgiving Break—No Preschool						

This Week at Living Word

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:00am Worship Service Potluck	28	29 9am–Noon Preschool 10:00am Push Prayer	30 9am–Noon Preschool	31 9am–Noon Preschool	1 All Saints’ Day	2 Daylight Savings Time Ends—Set Clocks Back 1

Stewardship Snapshot

October 20th

22 Worshipped, 21 Communed

2 Watched Live

8 Watched Later

32 Total

Financial Support for October 20th

100.00 Peace Officer's Bible Project

1,135.00 General Fund Donation

\$1,235.00 Total Deposit

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November Celebrations



Nov 17

Ed Baidis

Nov 30

Jeff Regan



*Happy Baptism
Birthday!*

Nov 6

Barb Erjavec

Nov 9

Jill Goebel

Nov 26

Lily Rozwalka

**Happy
sary**



Anniver-

Devotional Time

Opportunities to Connect with God

PUSH PRAYER meets every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. to pray for our church, community and world. We welcome requests (call 708-403-9673) or visit our website to send in your prayer request, or join us for 30-40 minutes each week.

RADIO & TV OPPORTUNITIES

- **Worship Anew**—8:00 a.m. Sunday - Comcast channel 184 (TLN) & 8 (SD) , WPWR channel 50, AT&T U-verse channel 1008 (HD) & 8 (SD), Dish Network # 8495; 10:30 a.m. Sunday - DIRECTV channel 377 (TCT)
- **The Lutheran Hour** 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays on 1230 AM; and 9:30 a.m. Sundays on 1580 AM

VERSE OF THE MONTH ¹³For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. - *Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV)*

DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK *What if some were unfaithful? Will their unfaithfulness nullify God's faithfulness? Not at all! Let God be true, and every human being a liar. As it is written: "So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge."* - *Romans 3:3-4 (NIV)*

God has been directing human behavior since the beginning, and we have been turning to the left or the right for just as long. Yet our faithlessness is not reciprocated. God continues to remain faithful to His promise to send a Redeemer who would crush the serpent's head and free us from our sin. May we always remember to praise Him for his faithfulness.

Living Word News

PRAYER REQUEST OF THANKSGIVING for Pastor John as he is in the regular assisted living building. He was reevaluated again last week. He has expressed that he is up to having some visitors and phone calls again. He is walking around more, he is still very leery to want to go out as he doesn't want to take the risk of falling again. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they are very concerned about Pastor John, as we all are, and are very thankful for his improved condition. If you would like to send cards or well wishes or to call him, here is the complete address: John Bucka, C/O Victorian Village, **Rm #108**, 12600 Renaissance Circle, Homer Glen, IL 60491. Phone number for Victorian Village is 708-578-7091, so just ask for Pastor John Bucka when they answer. He is in good spirits and alert throughout the day, he is still struggling with having dizziness and falling, but other than that he is doing well.

HONEY SUNDAY FORMS were finally calculated and the money was deposited last week, I filled out the order form, Bill wrote the check and it all was mailed out this week. So keep an eye out in the next week or two for the bottles of honey to appear in your mailbox.

TRANSITION TEAM and the church council will be meeting with President Buss from NID and Pastor Schauer on Sunday, November 24th after our worship service. We have asked President Buss to be able to meet with us so we can discuss the availability of seminary students graduating in the spring and the possibility of shared ministry with other churches. We will also be discussing some other options that have been brought to our attention last year from Pastor Price from Trinity Lutheran in Lisle. We will keep you informed as the meeting draws closer and of any further updates or developments that we get. If there is something you would like us to address with President Buss, please let any of the members of the council or Call Committee know.

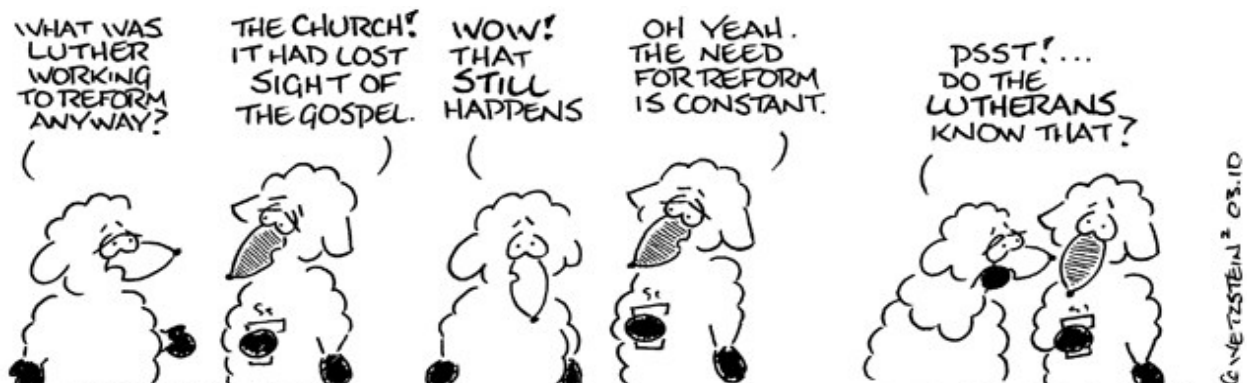
COUNCIL MEETING was last Sunday after the worship service. Diana or Bill will announce the different topics that were discussed during the announcements after service this week.

THANKS TO ELDER BILL for filling in for Pastor Lee this Sunday. Bill also was the one who had suggested that we have a pot luck meal this week. I really like Bill's ideas, lol. Remember to bring your appetites on Sunday.

POT LUCK MEAL BEING PLANNED for the last Sunday of the month in October. As I stated above, Head elder, Bill Merchantz suggested we could have a pot luck after service on Reformation Sunday. I have a sign up sheet out on the desk now, so everyone can let us know how many will be coming and the goodies that they will be bringing. It seems like everyone wanted to bring in German food since it is Reformation Sunday and as it is still October. Even though the graphic I have on the sign up sheet says "Germanfest", it really isn't, even though most of the food will of German delicacies, lol. Yum, I know we will definitely enjoy all of the food and everyone's fellowship. Don't forget to let our extended church family members who have not been here for a while know about this delicious event, it would be so nice to see some of our very dear friends in Christ!

POLICE OFFICERS' BIBLES are here now. They had arrived la couple of weeks ago. There are a few copies on the desk in the fellowship hall. Please make sure you stop and check them out. If you know of any police officers that could benefit from these bibles, please feel free to give them one.

PLEASE LET US KNOW if you will be able to make it for Thanksgiving Eve service. Pastor Lee and Elaine will be traveling, but Pastor Lee does want to make sure to be here to lead us in worship on Wednesday. They have been invited to his nephew's house in Columbus, OH for Thanksgiving dinner, they plan on leaving at 5 in the morning on Thursday and will return late Saturday evening to lead us in worship on Sunday morning. We will keep you advised of the time and if we will have service depending on how many people will be here for our traditional Thanksgiving Eve service. If you can let us know as soon as you have all of your holiday plans made, we would greatly appreciate it.



Preschool News/Mission of the Month

PRESCHOOL is in full swing. She has 4 students enrolled for this fall, she had a tour earlier this summer with a new family that has registered their daughter for the fall semester of 2025/2026 school year. Please keep Mrs. Diana and our preschool in your prayers for additional growth and opportunity. Also please let everyone you know what a wonderful program she has, and how their children will flourish in our preschool. Diana is hoping to have our preschool grow into a larger class again this year. In order to help our preschool out, she will be having a very yummy fundraiser. Nothing Bundt Cakes is partnering with us in an effort to help raise money for our preschool. This will also be our Mission of the Month for October. Please see the flyer below for the promotion. All orders will be due by 11/6 and they will be ready for pickup on November 18th. Remember you can always freeze them for an extra week to have them for dessert for your Thanksgiving dinner. It's very easy and yummy all at the same time, and there are many delicious varieties and flavors to choose from. It will only be their bundtlets that will be for the fundraiser, each bundtlet is \$6 and comes in their traditional flavors. There will be order forms in the bulletins each week. Please make sure you share these with your family and friends also. They also make great little treats for yourself even if it's just an ordinary day and not for a holiday.



The Sweetest Way to Support Living World Lutheran Church and Preschool

Fundraiser Cake Flavors Available:

Chocolate Chocolate Chip | Red Velvet | White Chocolate Raspberry

Lemon | Confetti | Classic Vanilla | Carrot

Snickerdoodle | Strawberries & Cream | Gluten-Free Chocolate Chip Cookie

Individual Bundtlet Cost: \$6

Preschool News & Pics

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN and Mrs. Diana just love the new swing. Every time the kids are able to go out and play in the play lot, that's the first thing they go on. The youngest student, Dani never wanted to go on it, but she eventually warmed up to it too, lol. And the only boy in her class stays on it the whole time they're out there. Thanks to Bill and Neal who helped Diana get the new swing installed, it was great teamwork. Since it's fall now, the students have been learning all about apples. Plus they love eating them too, lol. They even seen how they could use the apples to paint with and make their very own apple tree. The Dramatic Arts room will be getting a makeover next week, the kids are all excited for their Halloween party on Thursday. They will be dressed up in their costumes and will have a lot of sweets to eat and to take home with them. They'll be able to play all kinds of Halloween games in the other room on Thursday also. All they need now is some more friends to join them. Please don't forget to tell all of your neighbors and friends about how great Mrs. Diana is and what a wonderful program she has here. The kids learn how to write their names, they know all of their letters and numbers, and can count to a hundred, plus so much more. The kids are always so excited to come to school and never want to go home either, lol.

