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HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

10 Things you may not know about the Reformation

(Condensed from The Living Lutheran June 19, 2017 "Reformation 500: 50 things you may not know about the Reformation by Rod Boriak.)

1. The word "Protestant" was first used formally around 1529. "Protestant" originates from the Latin word protestari, meaning "declare publicly, testify, and protest."
2. An estimated 6,001,500,000 Bibles have been printed since the first one came off the press in the Middle Ages. The first Bible published in North America was in 1663.
3. With the invention of the printing press...women in the 16th century found increasing access to information they had been previously restricted from reading, studying, discussing or even listening to.
4. An emphasis on the involvement of laypeople during worship was revolutionary. Many of the physical barriers between the priest and congregation were removed.
5. The area of Germany where Luther's story unfolded is now referred to as "LutherCountry." This region of Reformation sites and history was part of East Germany for 40 years until the Berlin Wall fell in 1989.
6. Luther's exhortation to read and interpret the Bible on one's own and the impact of the printing press opened new doors for lay people that changed the church's approach to Christian education forever.
7. The first Lutheran worship service in North America is believed to have taken place in what is now Manitoba, Canada, on January 23, 1620.
8. The Reformation influenced the transition from the Middle Ages to the modern period. It caused stirring changes and new thinking about the church, religion, politics, law, economics, education and society.
9. Christian education was a passion of Luther's. He encouraged a partnership between the home and the church in which parents would take the lead and the church would assist.
10. Luther didn't lay personal, unique claim to his beliefs and teachings. "It is God's gift, not a human discovery.

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- Simply Giving – Automatic ACH transfers from your checking or savings account on a weekly, monthly or semi-monthly schedule of your choice. You can fill out a form found on our website or outside the church office
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- Online Bill-Pay – Set up automatic payments through your bank to pay your church commitment just like any other bill you pay.

Enrollment for any of these methods is easy and available through our website or your personal online banking where you can easily set up a recurring giving schedule or make one-time contributions. Recurring payments are convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for Holy Cross.

Please remember that using a credit card carries merchant fees for Holy Cross so using your checking or savings account would always be preferred. If you use a credit card, consider checking the box for an additional contribution to offset fees. Please feel free to contact the church office if you have questions, phone 262-251-2740 or email Beth Dorsey, Financial Administrator: bethd@holycrosslutheran.org

Two Weekends. Two Confirmation Retreats!

On Sunday, September 17, our 9th-grade students had a wonderful day (and wonderful weather) for their Fall Retreat! They worked on their Faith Statements and climbed high on Lutherdale's High Ropes Challenge Course! Our 9th grade students will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 29.

Last weekend, our 7th-grade students enjoyed an overnight for their first Confirmation Retreat experience. The weekend was filled with team building, getting to know one another, and worship together as a community. Thank you to all of our Small Group Leaders and Adult Volunteers who have invested in the lives of our students at Holy Cross!



Update on Stephen Ministry Workshop:

With so many needs for care all around us, there is a real demand for trained Stephen Ministers to walk with hurting people. In fact, as more people learn about the value of Stephen Ministry, the demand is likely to keep growing. If you have been wanting to feel more secure in reaching out to people in your own life in a caring Christian way, or perhaps have been thinking about the possibility of becoming a Stephen Minister, please plan to attend the Stephen Ministry Workshop on Saturday October 21 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. See Krista Hohensee between services in the Gathering Place to sign up, or email her at 4600krista@gmail.com There is no charge, but we do ask that you sign up. If you or someone you know would like to receive care from a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Meredith, Deacon Ellie, or go to one of our Stephen Leaders; Jill Konicek, or Linda Schmidt. We are looking for volunteers to supply goodies for the day. A sign up sheet is available in the Gathering Place.

But I call to God and the Lord saves me.

Psalm 55:16



Join Us For...

Dinner tickets are now on sale for the Reformation Concert! This wonderful meal, served by The Kitchen Angels, will be held on October 21 from 5:00-6:30 pm. Tickets are \$7.00 each and children under the age of 12 are free. The last day to purchase a dinner ticket is Sunday, October 15. Tickets are on sale after worship services and in the church office. After dinner, get ready to enjoy our Reformation Concert.

Pet Blessing

Celebrate God's Creation and Love for all Living Things! A worship service focusing on the blessing of animals will be held on Saturday, October 7 at 5:00 pm in the Trinity Center. All living things are welcome to attend! Animals are encouraged to be in crates, cages, bowls or on leashes. Please send in a picture of your pet and its first and last name to be included in our Worship Service. Pictures can be sent to jeffb@holycrosslutheran.org.



PRAYER CONNECTION

Join the Prayer Chain or submit a request by emailing prayerchain@holycrosslutheran.org

MEMORIAL CHART

- Mission Partner support is given by Rolf & Barb Berg in memory of Donald Neu.
 - Flower is given by Scott & Karen Steinke in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary.
- NOISY OFFERING
- Tanzania

SERVING ON October 7 & 8

Ushers:

5:00 pm Marvin Jacobson team
7:45 am Ron Jaeger team
9:00 am Walter Blahnik team
10:30 am Mark Barelmann team

Lector:

5:00 pm Kalli Young
7:45 am Joan Timmerman
9:00 am Mike Naumann
10:30 am Steve Tretheway

Worship Assistant:

Deni Naumann

Altar Guild:

Connie Blahnik, Candice Ekstrom, Kim McCarty

Greeters:

5:00 pm Lowell & Mary Carl, Wendy Kalland
7:45 am Patsy Baer, Glenn & Carolyn Schellhaas
9:00 am Donna James Romano, Avis Dallman, Richard & Donna Hoffman
10:30 am Nancy Barelmann, Susan Gartzke

Welcome Center:

4:40 pm Pam Oliverson
8:30 am Evangelism
10:00 am Evangelism

SAVE THE DATE

From Conflict to Community:
Lutheran-Catholic Commemoration of the Reformation
October 14 at 5:00 pm

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Worship Schedule: Saturday-5:00 pm, Sunday-7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am

TODAY

Reading: Colossians 2:13-14

Lectors: Robyn Zinda, Carolyn Schellhaas, Mark Christiaansen, Stephanie Truckenmiller

TODAY-Sunday 1

Scrip Sale, Flu Shot
Worship 7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am
Celebration Band & Choir 9:00 am
Faith Development 9:00 & 10:30 am

Monday 2

Preschool 9:00 am

Tuesday 3

Elizabeth Circle 9:00 am
Preschool 9:00 am
Staff Meeting 10:00 pm
God Squad 6:00 pm
King's Kids 6:00 pm
Book Club 6:30 pm
New Beginnings Handbell Choir 6:30 pm
Vicar Hans Bible Study 6:30 pm
Baptism Seminar 7:00 pm
Celebration Band & Choir 7:00 pm

Wednesday 4

Preschool 9:00 am
Quilters 9:00 am
Heavenly Sounds Handbells 6:00 pm
Chancel Choir 7:00 pm
Student Ministry Night 7:00 pm
Festival Choir 8:00 pm

Thursday 5

Vicar Hans Bible Study 6:30 am
Preschool 9:00 am
Preschool Chapel 9:30 am
Pr. David's Bible Study 11:00 am
Youth Team 6:30 pm

Friday 6

Preschool 9:00 am
Church Office Closes At Noon
Shelstad/Barthel Rehearsal 5:00 pm
Movie Night 6:30 pm
Reformation Rehearsal 7:00 pm



Saturday 7

Orchestra Rehearsal 10:00 am
Shelstad/Barthel Wedding 2:00 pm
Worship 5:00 pm

Sunday 8

Scrip Sale
Worship 7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am
Celebration Band & Choir 9:00 am
Faith Development 9:00 & 10:30 am
Breakfast Club 9:30 am

JOIN US FOR

Children

●It's time for the best movie night ever! We welcome all 2nd-6th grade students and their friends to attend the first fall movie night on Friday, October 6 from 6:30-8:30 pm. We'll be showing the film "The Long Haul" from the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series. In the movie, Greg Heffley is done spending time with his family -- he'd rather have fun this summer so he can forget about a humiliating video. His plans are foiled when his mom plans a cross-country family road trip to Greg's great-grandmother's house for her 90th birthday. When it doesn't seem like things could get any worse, his mom declares it a technology-free vacation! We'll provide the snacks and even play a couple of games during an intermission. Kids may want to bring along blankets and pillows to get comfortable. If you are interested in being a chaperone please contact Sue at suec@holycrosslutheran.org.

Adults

●Six processional assistants are needed for the 7:45 and 9:00 am service on Reformation Sunday, October 29. Two people will carry the torch, 1 person will carry the bible, 1 person will carry the cross and 2 people will carry ribbons. Please call Mike in the church office to volunteer or for more information.
●If you have been worshipping with us and you are ready to grow in your commitment to our Lord and to this congregation; we invite you to attend our next New Member class. It will be held on Sunday, October 8 from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm. If you would like more information, please contact Eleonore at eleonorek@holycrosslutheran.org or 251-2740 or use the Events Sign-Up insert.
●We are in need of ushers for the 10:30 am 5th Sunday of the month team. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

PRACTICE 7 WORSHIP



Faith is permitting ourselves to be seized by things we do not see. Martin Luther