



It is the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation! This means that 500 years ago, the Holy Spirit moved through the people and the church was changed forever.

In 1517 Martin Luther was worried that the church was not following what the Gospels taught. He was troubled by the fact that people weren't familiar with Scripture, that they didn't know Jesus' loving presence in their lives, and that they weren't even aware that they needed forgiveness so that they could be freed to love and serve God in new and exciting ways.

When Luther nailed the 95 thesis or arguments to the church door, he wasn't aware that his actions would have such large consequences. He simply wanted the church to recognize that it had become greedy and had lost track of its call to share the good news with all people.

Today, we are still part of a church that is reforming and changing. We, like Luther, try to read the Gospels and all of Scripture. We study the catechism and listen for how God is calling us today. We confess our sins and rejoice in the forgiveness that we receive. We celebrate that the Spirit continues to move in and through us and that the sacraments (baptism and communion) are life-changing.

And this month, we rejoice that it's the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. One way that Christians in this area are celebrating the Reformation is through music, which was also a passion of Luther's that he has passed down through the generations to our congregations.

We are commemorating the Reformation on Saturday, October 7 with the FLAMe congregations and people around the area at the Sandusky State Theater. At 7:30 that evening, the Firelands Symphony Orchestra will perform their opening night concert with an emphasis on the Reformation. Then, on Sunday, October 29, again at the Sandusky State Theater, there will be a hymn fest with congregations from around the area and you are invited to participate.

As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this month, we give thanks that the church continues reforming and will until Jesus comes again. We have not been left on our own, but the Spirit moves in and through us, helping us follow on new ventures, grow together, and share the good news to this world that is so hungry for it.

It is important for us to remember that the church is always reforming, that the Holy Spirit continues to lead and guide us, and that God isn't finished with us! I enjoy being with you on the journey!

With you in Christ,
Pastor Stacy

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Special points of interest:

- *Remember to Fall back with the time on Sunday, November 5th.*
- *October Birthdays and Anniversaries*
- *Ministry Leaders*
- *Reformation Sunday*
- *Fellowship Opportunities*

Are you a good health care consumer? One way to be a good consumer is to know about the medicines you are taking. Some questions you should be asking your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

- Why am I taking this medicine? If you don't understand the explanation ask them to clarify. They want you to understand.
- When should I take the medicine?
- Will it interact with other medicines I am taking, such as prescriptions, vitamins, herbs or other medicine I can buy without a prescription?
- If I feel better can I stop taking the medicine?
- What are the risks/benefits of taking this medicine?
- Other questions you may have about the medicine.

Understanding your medicine and taking it correctly can help save your life or a loved one. Write all questions down, so you won't forget to ask, your health depends on it.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Psalm 119:105.

Crop Walk against hunger!

Walkers from St. John's will gather with other people of faith from around our community to put our best foot forward in the fight to eliminate hunger globally and locally. You can help by either walking or sponsoring a walker in the annual CROP Walk against hunger.

When: October 1st at 1:30 pm. Registration begins at 1:00 pm

Where: Begins at Columbus Ave. United Methodist Church

How long: Walk is 3.2 miles

We walk in solidarity with people around the world who must walk miles every day just to obtain the basics for survival. Thank you in advance for your support of this important event.



Don't Forget Noisy Collection!!!!!!

The second Sunday of every month is collection day for our local food bank, Care and Share. Please consider a cash donation or bring non-perishable food items to contribute.



Poet's Corner by Jerry Bauer

Free

"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."
John 8:36

Free from self.
Free for God.

Free from me centered.
Free for God centered.

Free from self serving.
Free for Christ serving.

Free from what I want.
Free for what God wants.

I find true freedom
living for Jesus,
doing whatever
He calls me to do.

Holy Spirit powered
I live free.
Nothing can take that
away from me.



John 8:36

Reformation 500 Celebration Opportunities



Lutherans go to the FSO!

Opening Night!

Sandusky State Theatre

Saturday, October 7, 2017 - 7:30 pm



Mendelssohn's stately **Symphony No. 5**

recognizing the
500th anniversary
of the

Lutheran Reformation

Debut of the
Firelands Symphony Chorale
and director Michael Shirtz

Classical Guitarist
Jason Vieux

Programming Sponsor:
Firelands Lutherans
Active in Mission
(FLAMe)

500 REFORMATION 1517 ✠ 2017

Great Hymns of

FAITH

CHORAL FESTIVAL

Michael Shirtz, conductor

*Celebrating the 500th Anniversary
Of the Reformation*

Join in celebrating the spirit of unity and
Faith through singing!

Sunday, October 29
4PM | \$10

For tickets:
sanduskystate.com
877-626-1950

Sandusky State Theatre
107 Columbus Ave., Sandusky, Ohio

**St. John's Choir will be
participating in the Choral Festival.**

**"The law says, 'do this,' and
it is never done. Grace says,
'believe in this,' and every-
thing is already done."**

—Martin Luther

Did you know?

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born Michael Luois King, Jr. His father changed the names in 1935 to Martin Luther in honor of the German Protestant reformer.

Looking Back & Called Forward: ELCA 500

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Please plan to join Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton on Tuesday, October 31, 2017, as she co-hosts a commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation.

The event, which will include speakers and a service, will be at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Bishop Eaton will be joined by co-hosts Indiana-Kentucky Synod Bishop Bill Gafkjen, ELCA Vice President Bill Horne, and Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod Bishop Richard Graham.

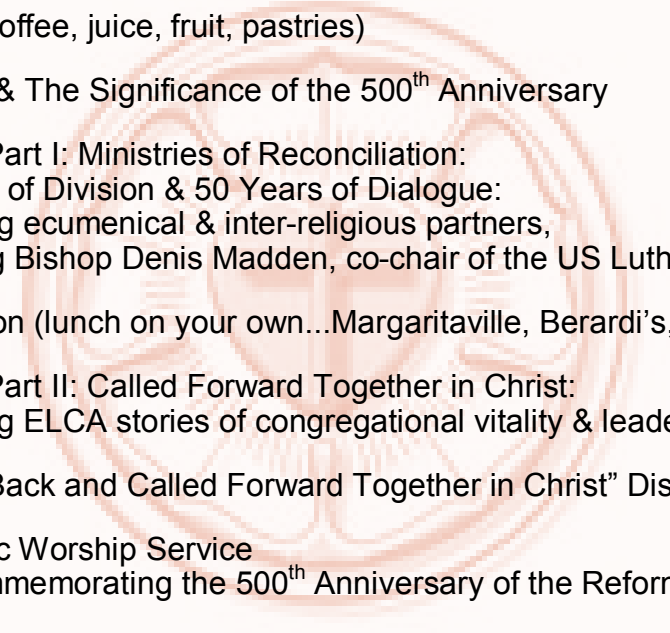
The event, which will meet under the theme “Looking Back and Called Forward,” will be available online via livestream for all to watch.

Pastor Phil Gardner and the people of

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation 502 Bardshar Road, Sandusky

invite you to come and share locally in this milestone event in the history of Christianity!

Come when you are able; stay as long as you are able.

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- 9:45 AM Prelude (coffee, juice, fruit, pastries)
 - 10:00 AM Welcome & The Significance of the 500th Anniversary
 - 10:15 AM Program Part I: Ministries of Reconciliation:
500 Years of Division & 50 Years of Dialogue:
Featuring ecumenical & inter-religious partners,
including Bishop Denis Madden, co-chair of the US Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue
 - 11:45 AM Intermission (lunch on your own...Margaritaville, Berardi's, etc.)
 - 12:45 PM Program Part II: Called Forward Together in Christ:
Featuring ELCA stories of congregational vitality & leadership and Rick Steves
 - 2:00 PM “Looking Back and Called Forward Together in Christ” Discussion
 - 3:30 PM Eucharistic Worship Service
Commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation
 - (5:00 PM) (Event ends in Washington with a Reception)

Please let us know you are coming! 419 626-0204

Your Prayers needed

Prayer is one of the most beautiful and meaningful gifts we can offer one another. Occasionally there are folks in this congregation, or friends or relative of members, in need of prayer for various reasons. Your prayers are needed for:

Polly Scheid DiCocco—battling pancreatic cancer
Irma Moon—Moved to Admiral's Pt. for rehab.



Pray for the Homebound

ST. JOHN'S HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Ruth Bruns: Lutheran Memorial Home, Sandusky
June Gorga: Commons of Providence, Sandusky. (Mother of Nancy Osbun)
Jean Hlavin: Parkvue Place, Sandusky
Rachel Kaliszewski: Gaymont Nursing Home, Norwalk (Renee Barkhimer's mother)
Ruth Knupke: At home, Huron
Jean Nottke: At home, Huron
Lois Oltman: At Parkvue Place, Sandusky
Margaret Ommert: At home, Huron
Joan Zorn: Portland House, Sandusky
Eloise Mitchell: Commons of Providence, Sandusky
Irma Moon: Admiral's Pt. Huron



Addresses and contact information may be found in the congregational directory unless they reside in a nursing home. Thanks for caring!

October Birthdays

Oct.. 1—Sheri Bauer
5—Ann Voight
12—Jim Moore
14—Mike Chill
14—Janice K Fulton
23—Ashlee Schlessman
28—Peg Kingsley
30—John Wilson
31—Cole Ruggles

October Anniversaries

Oct. 1—Barry and Kerry Laird
2—Dave and Sue Zorn



**BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY &
ANNIVERSARY**



November 5th 2017 is All Saints Sunday, when we take the time to give thanks for the saints who have shared their faith with us and helped us grow in our faith. You are invited to bring a picture of someone in your family you would like to remember on this special day and place it on the altar before worship begins.

Our pets are important to us, and are deeply loved. We will be having a brief worship service and pet blessing outside the church on October 1st at 6 PM (weather permitting). All pets are invited. If your pet can't be there, you are welcome to bring a picture.



BonFire Time!

FLAMe congregations are having a special raking day Sat. Oct 21st. Our congregations will have youth rake leaves for homebound members...but then we will have a lot of leaves! That evening we will have a bonfire for all of the youth who participated in raking in our congregations. Bonfire will be held at Don and Vicky Johnson.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
September 5, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Krawetzki called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PRAYER: Ann Voight led us in prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Krawetzki, Peg Kingsley, Paula Hoffman, Bonny Ambos, Jake Deehr, Barry Laird, Jerrie Krawetzki, Ray Witt, Kevin Young, Ann Voight, Colleen Shupe, Jerry Bauer, John Miller
Excused absence: Pastor Stacy, Jim Moore

MINUTES: August 1, 2017 council meeting minutes were approved as written by council on motions by Ray Witt and Barry Laird.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: YTD Revenue---\$81,801
YTD Expenses---\$92,325
Net Revenue----\$10,524

Treasurer's report was approved as written by council on motion by Ray Witt and seconded by Gerrie Krawetzki. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Endowment Team: Bob turned the meeting over to Jerry Bauer who brought Council up to date on the status of the Endowment Team's progress. After meeting with Attorney Mary Jane Hill, the Endowment Team recommended that we do not incorporate the endowment fund because it would be unnecessarily costly to manage. Bonny Ambos moved and Paula Hoffman seconded that we do not incorporate the endowment fund, but instead establish an internally administered fund. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Kevin Young moved and Barry seconded that we delegate to the Endowment Team the authority to move current funds into the brokerage firm that the Endowment Team chooses for fund management. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Jerry will continue to update Council as things progress with the Endowment Team.

Trustees: Ray reported that the kitchen counter, sink and cabinets are finished. The carpenter who built and installed the cabinets and sink charged nothing for his labor. A thank you will be sent to him! Jake Deehr reported that his friend will begin work on painting the bell tower on September 11th. Jake will repair the sidewalk within the next six weeks. The elevator is currently running even though we have yet to figure out why it sometimes refuses to work.

Giving Garden: All the corn is picked but we have many tomatoes and other vegetables still there for the taking. At least 12 truckloads of corn were delivered to area agencies this past season. Many thanks to all those who helped with this tremendous project this year!

FLAME: Barry reported that the corn roast was well attended with 61 people enjoying great food and good conversation.

Finance Team: Written report submitted. They recommended that we use the overhead screen to present bullet points containing information for the congregational meeting being held on September 17th. Information will be about need for and cost of repairing the storm windows. Announcement should be made that a six month pledge drive will run from October 1st –March 31, 2018 and all current members will receive a letter/email containing pledge cards and information.

Faith/Life Team: Written report submitted. Paula reported that Faith/Life is working with the Worship Team to prepare for Rally Day on September 10, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Movie “Freed and Renewed in Christ” still has tickets available for both theaters in Sandusky and Norwalk. The presentation in Sandusky will be on September 26th at Cinemark at 6:30 PM. Those people from Norwalk may be asked to come to the Sandusky presentation if they don’t sell enough tickets for their presentation on September 28th.
- Symphony tickets are still available.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Rally Day is being prepared by Faith/Life and Worship teams for September 10th. Pastor Lyn Schlessman will lead us in worship.
- The congregational meeting will be held on September 17th immediately following the service. Ray Witt and Bob Krawetzki are preparing their presentation.
- Three new members need to be chosen to replace the outgoing members of the Ministry Advisory Team. Ann Voight will work on recruiting replacements for John Miller, Jim Semon, and Heather Ruggles.
- SPURS will meet on November 6th at two different times in order to accommodate those who might have scheduling conflicts. Those times are 10 AM and 6 PM in the Upper Room.
- Cropwalk will be held on October 1st at 2 PM with registration starting at 1:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Colleen Shupe and seconded by Bonny Ambros, our meeting was adjourned. We prayed the Lord’s Prayer before departing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: October 3, 2017 next Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Kingsley, Secretary



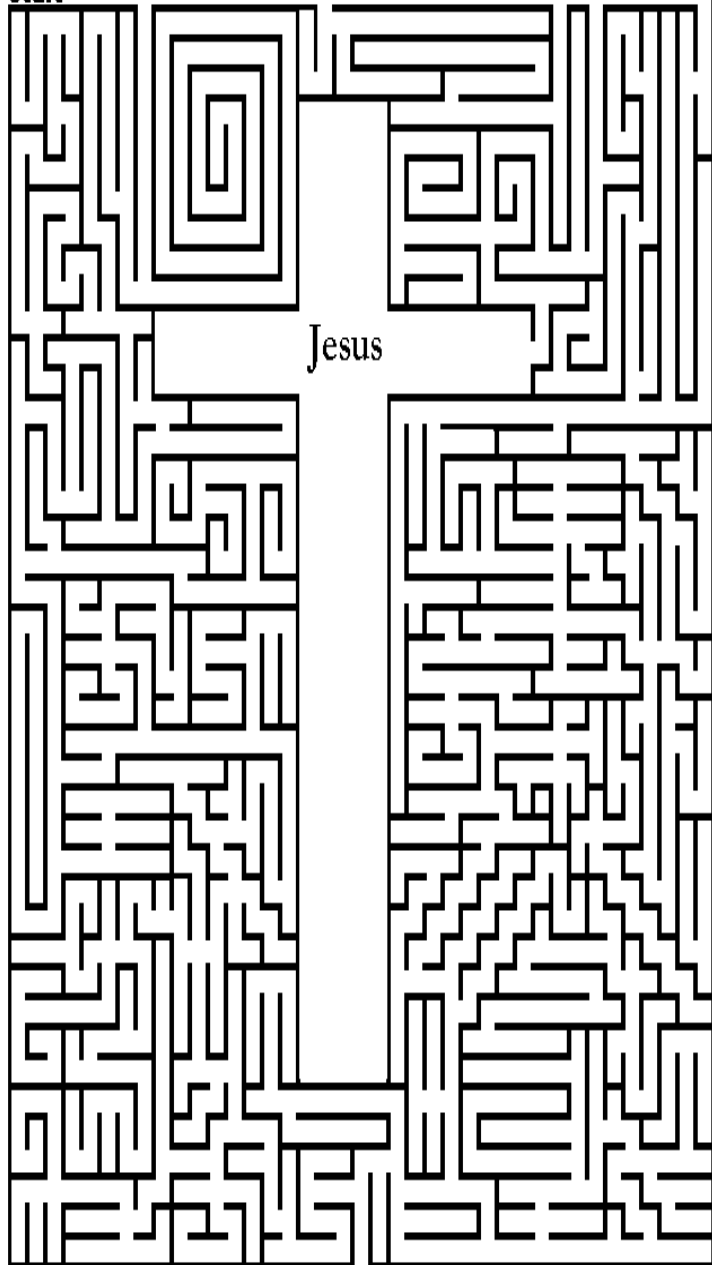
REFORMATION WORD SEARCH

Terms

Act of Supremacy	Church of England
Anabaptists	compromise
Anne Boleyn	Council of Trent
annul	(Diet of) Worms
baptism	Edward VI
Bible	Elizabeth I
Book of Common Prayer	Germany
canonize	ghetto
Catherine of Aragon	Henry VIII
Charles V	heresy
church	Huguenots
	Ignatius of Loyola
Inquisition	pope
Jesuits	princes
Johann Tetzel	Protestants
John Calvin	Reformation
John Knox	religion
John Wycliffe	scapegoat
kings	(St. Bartholomew's Day)
Martin Luther	Massacre
Mary Tudor	Teresa of Avila
Parliament	Thomas Cranmer
Peace of Augsburg	Ulrich Zwingli
Peasants' Revolt	upheaval
	wars

In a world of confusion, Jesus is the clear choice.

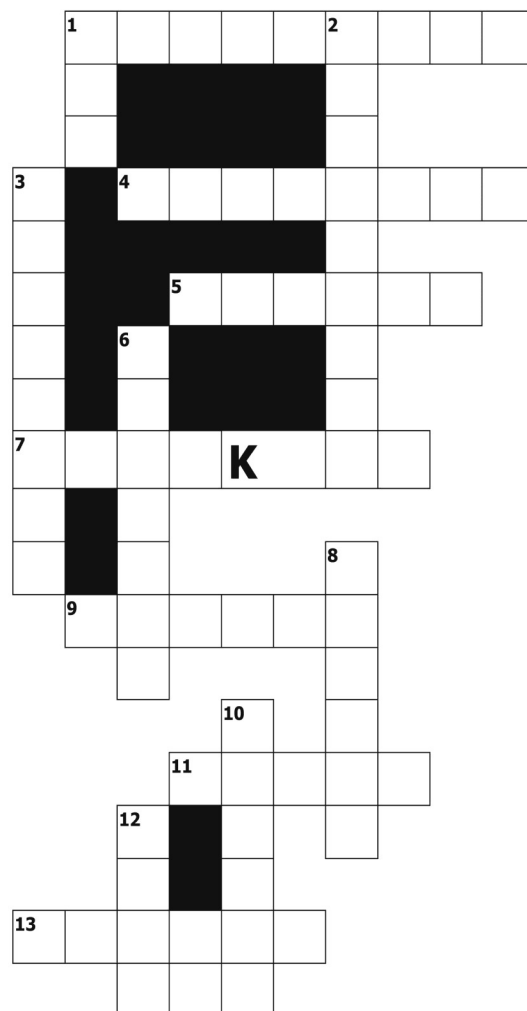
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Puzzle!

Use the clues to complete this crossword about women in the Bible.



1. (across) Cousin of Mary (Luke 1:36)
1. (down) Mother of Abel (Genesis 4:1-2)
2. Mother of Solomon (2 Samuel 12:24)
3. Moses' wife (Exodus 2:21)
4. Lied about her giving to the church (Acts 5:1)
5. Saved her people from destruction in Persia (also a Bible book name)
6. A judge in Israel (Judges 4)
7. Mother of Esau (Genesis 25:21, 25)
8. The wife Jacob loved (Genesis 29:20)
9. Sister of Mary (John 11:1)
10. Sewed clothes (Acts 9:39)
11. Hosea's wife (Hosea 1:3)
12. Sat at Jesus' feet in conversation (Luke 10:39)
13. Sister of Moses and Aaron (Exodus 15:20)

Answers: 1. (across) Elizabeth, 1. (down) Eve, 2. Bathsheba, 3. Zipporah, 4. Sapphira, 5. Esther, 6. Deborah, 7. Rebekah, 8. Rachel, 9. Martha, 10. Dorcas, 11. Gomer, 12. Mary, 13. Miriam



A FAMILY OF
DISCIPLES, FAITHFUL-
LY MAKING CHRIST
KNOWN

October 2017

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

Ushers:
Ann & Da-
vid Voight

Freed
& RENEWED
in Christ
500 YEARS OF GOD'S
GRACE IN ACTION

1 Flowers:	2	3	4	5	6	7 Firelands
CROP		Church	Choir Prac-			Symphony
Walk		Council-	tice—			& Chorale
2:00 pm		7:00 pm	7:00 pm			State Thea-
Pet Bless-						ter-7:30 pm
ing-6 pm						



8 Flowers:	9 Quilters	10	11	12 Cross-	13	14
	9:00 am	Brand	Choir prac-	roads 3:30 -		
		Luther	tice-7:00	6:00 Food		
		Book	pm	to church		
		Discussion-		by noon.		
		6:00 pm				



15 Flowers:	16	17	18	19	20	21
Kathy		Fourth	Worship	Faith Life		
Strayer		Quarter	Team-6:00	Team-6:30		
		team meets	pm	pm		
		at 2:00 pm	Choir 7:00			
			pm			

22 Flowers:	23	24	25	26	27	28
Bliss	Quilters		Choir Prac-			
Family	9:00 am		tice-7:00			
			pm			

29 Flowers:	30	31 Looking Back and
Refor-		Called Forward!
mation		Trinity Lutheran
Sunday-Gt.		Church, Sandusky
Hymns of		9:45 am-4:00 pm
Faith State		
4:00 pm		



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Faithfully Making Christ Known!

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Sunday School 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

ADDRESS CHANGE REQUESTED

Fourth Quarter Team

Sue Lucht, Peg Kingsley
Jerrie Krawetzki, Doreen Ross

October 1

Communion Glasses, Fellowship
Teams will be in charge of communion glasses, fellowship, and altar cloths.

October 1—

Flower Chart

8—
15—Kathy Strayer in
memory of Bob and
their anniversary

22—Barb & Amy Bliss
29—

Worship Leaders

Lay Readers

Oct. 1—Paula Hoffman
8—Linda Miller-Moore
15—
22—
29—Paula Hoffman

Communion Assistant

Oct 1—Jim Semon, Sr.
15—Allison Young
29—Paula Hoffman

Ushers

Ann and David Voight



500th Anniversary of
the
Reformation
Sunday,
October 29th!
Be sure to wear red!