

THE ST. JOHN NEWS

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What You Should Know about Martin Luther and the Reformation

There is little argument that the Reformation in the 1500s changed Europe and impacted the rest of the world. Just how far the ripples of the Reformation were felt is a topic for another time. For now, we shall content ourselves with some basic information about the Reformation. Below are the key facts and events of the Reformation.

- John Huss was excommunicated by the Church in 1415 for insisting on the true teaching of God's Word and he was sentenced to death. As the killing fire was being lit, the official executioner stated, "Now we will cook the goose" (which is what Huss means in Bohemian). To that Huss replied, "Yes, but there will come an eagle in a hundred years that you will not reach." Many have found Martin Luther to be the fulfillment of that prophecy.
- Martin Luther was born on November 10, 1483 in Eisleben, Germany.
- Luther's father, Hans, was a copper miner.
- Luther was educated at schools in Magdeburg and Eisenach, Germany.
- At the age of 18, Martin Luther received the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Erfurt.
- While studying to become a lawyer, Luther experienced a terrifying thunderstorm while traveling by foot on the road and promised his patron saint, Anne, that he would become a monk, in exchange for saving his life.
- In July of 1505, Luther left his law studies behind and entered the Augustinian monastery.
- Martin was ordained as a priest in 1507 and read his first Mass on May 2 of that year.
- Luther taught Aristotle's *Ethics* at the University of Wittenberg in 1508.
- On official monastic business, Martin Luther trav-

eled to Rome in October of 1510 and returned to Wittenberg in the spring of 1511, hoping to find comfort in the power of the Church to give peace and comfort. He was disturbed by the sinful behaviors of priests and bishops in Rome, along with the selling of forgiveness he found through the purchase of religious items and the visiting of Christian relics.

- In 1511, Luther began his teaching of Biblical books at the University of Wittenberg.
- In October of 1512, Luther was made doctor of theology at Wittenberg.
- In 1514, while preparing lectures for his Biblical classes, Luther had his "Tower Experience" where he began to understand the heart of the Gospel, that it is by faith we are saved, not by works. Romans 1:17 was a key passage for Luther.
- Johann Tetzel, a traveling monk, famously sold indulgences throughout Luther's area of Germany.
- On October 31, 1517, the day before many travelers would come to Wittenberg for the celebration of All Souls' Day, Luther posted 95 statements to incite discussion about the Church's teachings on repentance and indulgences.
- Luther wrote his 95 Theses in Latin. They were quickly translated into German and hundreds of copies were printed on the relatively new movable-type printing press.
- In 1518, a debate was held in Heidelberg where Luther's understanding of the Gospel officially began to become public.
- Cardinal Cajetan interrogated Luther later in 1518 in Augsburg as a result of Luther's preaching against indulgences.
- Luther was questioned again in 1519 by Miltitz in Altenburg and was again cautioned away from preaching against indulgences.

- After publishing three works—*An Address to the Christian Nobility of the German Nation*; *On the Babylonian Captivity of the Church*; *The Freedom of the Christian Man*—Luther was threatened with excommunication by Pope Leo X in 1520.
- On January 3, 1521, Martin Luther was officially excommunicated from the Church after failing to recant of his written works and his preaching against indulgences and the pope.
- On April 18, 1521, Luther made his famous “Here I Stand” speech before Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Worms.
- The Edict of Worms of 1521 declared Luther to be a heretic and an outlaw. He could be killed on sight by anyone.
- Luther was “kidnapped” by friends for his protection and kept safe at the Wartburg Castle.
- While in seclusion, Luther took on the identity of Knight George, and proceeded to translate the New Testament from Greek into the language of the German people.
- Martin Luther married Katharina von Bora on June 13, 1525. They had six children together.
- Luther published the Large and Small Catechisms in 1529.
- The articles of Lutheran teaching were presented at the Diet of Augsburg in 1530.
- Luther did not write these articles, known as the Augsburg Confession. They were written by Luther’s close associate and friend, Philip Melancthon.
- Luther published the Smalcald Articles in 1537, wanting his theological positions officially stated in the event of his death.
- Martin Luther continued to preach and teach in Wittenberg and the surrounding towns until his death on February 18, 1546. He was 62 years old when he died in the town of his birth, Eisleben, Germany.

These key events are a mere portion of all that Luther experienced in his life as a Christian. It is clear from Luther’s writings and his actions that he did not wish for separation from the Catholic Church. Having recognized errors in the church’s teachings because of his fervent study of the Bible, Luther sought to reform the church from within. Only after the church cut ties with Luther did Luther then begin to lead the formation of other churches in his homeland of Germany.

We give thanks to God for bringing the Gospel to light through the work of Martin Luther and all those who were allies of Luther in the time of the Reformation. We pray that God continues to keep the saving message of forgiveness in Jesus alone front and center in our lives and the ministry of this congregation. The Lord bless you and keep you in this saving faith, which is our comfort, our hope, and our strength.

In Christ’s service,

Pastor Caithamer

Mission Statement

United in faith, we serve the Kingdom of God by building lives that are rooted in the Word, centered on Christ, and motivated by Grace; to reflect Christ’s love and share His Gospel with all.

Let Us Pray

For Peace and Comfort: Pam and family at the death of sister Deb, Butch and family at the death of wife Pam, Paulos and Sina and family at the death of Paulos' father Joseph, Patty and family at the death of granddaughter Ashley and great-granddaughter Timbella, the family of Mary Grahl at her death

Upcoming Surgery: Aidan

For Healing and Recovery: Kendra (school parent), Martin -son of Letty, Paul, Cookie, Barbara - friend of the congregation, Ashlyn-infant relative of Joyce, John, Tom, Jan, Opal, Hendricks - grandson of Dan & Joanie, Maria, Merv, Brett - cousin of the Kindts', Jessica -granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Jacob -great grandson of Bob & Joan, Joan -mother of Bill, Judy -mother of Rochelle, Rebecca-daughter of Marvin & Esther , Roy -father of Anne, Dan -brother of Bonnie, Todd -grandson of Harold

For Successful Treatments: Cari (school

parent), Earl, Jayne, Linda, Roxy, Jeanette, Joan, Nancy

For our Military: Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Zachary, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Ben, Allyson

For our Missionaries: Pastor Randrianasolo Dembiniana Havanjanakary and the Madagascar Lutheran Seminary, Pastor Magnus Bengston and Lielsalaca Lutheran Church in Latvia, Pastor Obot Ite and the Lutheran Mission in Kingston, Jamaica



Pastoral Visits: While our congregation has been able to worship together again since the beginning of June, many members have not been able to join us. Please know that you are truly missed and are not forgotten! You are prayed for often and it is our deep hope that we can all be back together as we were before this virus situation began. In the meantime, for those of you not yet able to return to church, Pastor Caithamer is available to meet with you at a place of your choosing and a time of your choosing. It can be a social visit or a short service can be held. If you would like a pastoral visit, please email him at revcaithamer@stjohn-lcms.org The Lord bless and keep you always!

Email Addresses – Pastor Caithamer has compiled a list of members' email addresses so he can communicate with the congregation. If you are not receiving these email communications, please call the church office with your email address so we can add you to the list.

Church Landscaping—Trustees are looking to form a committee that will hold informal meetings over the phone or zoom to help plan the landscaping of the church property. Please contact Rick Thank you.

Sign Up for Church Services: Please contact the church office 359-1123 between the hours of 10am and 2pm, Monday through Friday, to sign up for Sunday's services. You can also sign up anytime by emailing Pastor: revcaithamer@stjohn-lcms.org . Thank you to those who have been signing up. It does make the task of preparing for the Lord's Supper easier and in allowing enough space for everyone in the sanctuary. We do know that circumstances do not always allow for everyone to sign up ahead of time, so we will still welcome those who may come otherwise unannounced.

FIRST SEMESTER CHAPEL OFFERINGS

The LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces supports almost 200 chaplains, who represent the church on active duty, the reserves, the National Guard, and Civil Air Patrol. Chaplains meet the needs of military personnel and their families. From the Civil War through both World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, and current areas of conflict, our chaplains bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to those protecting our great nation. We will help this ministry with our second semester Chapel Offering.



2ND ANNUAL

St. John Arts & Crafts Fair



October 24, 2020
9am-2pm

Shop from hundreds of items from local artists and craftsmen!

Get a fresh cup of coffee and purchase bake sale items. The Bake Sale will include individual items to eat on site and also items to take home.

Soup, salads, and sandwiches will be available for lunch.

Contact the school office with any questions.

Application forms for vendors are available in the school office .



How you can help to make this event successful:

Be a Vendor – are you a crafter or artist and have personal creations to sell? Fill out a vendor application form, found in the school office..

Be a Shopper – come to the fair and see all the wonderful arts and crafts. Get a head start on Christmas or just buy something for yourself.

Be a Baker – items will be needed for the bake sale. A sign-up sheet will be posted in October.

Be a Volunteer – extra hands will be needed to help with this event. A sign-up sheet will be posted in October.

Be an Advertiser – help spread the word! Tell your friends, family, coworkers, neighbors, etc.... Share the flyer on your social media. Post the flyer at your work. Contact the school office to get a paper or electronic copy of the flyer.

Ram Rebate Gift Cards

Purchase gift cards for hundreds of stores and restaurants through Ram Rebate and a percentage will go towards your tuition or a church account of your choice. In Stock cards are available during school office hours.



Orders will be placed the first of the month.

Pick-up on physical cards in 5-7 days.



Discover your earning potential with new mobile app

*Earn Every Day: Easy access means you can order whenever and wherever it's most convenient for you.

*Everything in one place: You can manage your eGift cards and reloads for simple redemption online and in stores.

Stop by the school office or visit www.shopwithscrip.com



Get Ready for the holiday season or family dinner with Beef House Rolls, Strawberry Jam and Apple Butter.

Orders must be turned in by Monday, Oct. 26

Items will be delivered Monday, Nov. 9

(time TBD).

Order forms will be available on the narthex table and in the school office.



October Music Notes



The Alleulia Ringers, our handbell choir, has resumed rehearsals. We gather in the overflow at the back of the sanctuary, maintaining social distancing. We gather at 6:00 on Wednesdays and rehearse from 6:15 – 6:45 pm. Our plans at this point are to record music for playback on Sunday morning. If you ever never come up the balcony to see the handbells in action, this is a chance for you to “get in on the ground floor.” Newcomers are always welcome – if you can count, you can ring!

Recording of Sunday services for online devotions continues, and I continue to provide “Wednesday Music” for your online listening as well. Thanks to Lou Ann who both assists in making these new recordings, and has archived many years of previously recorded services and music from which we are occasionally drawing selections as well. Please be in touch with me at any time with questions and suggestions.

A couple of weeks ago, we posted a 2009 concert featuring music of Bach and Mendelssohn for our Wednesday music. I have a couple of other events I will share in this fashion. Does anyone have photographs that include Betty Matzdorff (who was an organist of our church and was the founding director of the Alleulia Ringers)?

Thank you for your continues prayers and support as we navigate these uncharted waters. I know that the Lord’s grace and purpose will continue to guide us forward together. I continue my prayers that we all stay well, and find safe ways to worship and make music together.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Keith

St. John Athletics



XC Meets

Saturday Oct. 3 @ Trinity, Bloomington
 Saturday Oct. 10 @ Trinity, Bloomington
 Saturday Oct. 17 @ CID Meet, Trinity,
 Bloomington

Important Dates for St. John Lutheran School

- October 1 - Ram Rebate Orders Due
- October 3 - XC Meet @ Trinity, Bloomington
- October 6 & 7 - Picture Day
- October 7 - Chapel - Offering for St. John Food Pantry
- October 10 - XC Meet @ Trinity, Bloomington
- October 14 - Chapel - Offering for Ministry to the Armed Forces
- October 16 - End of 1st Quarter, Early Dismissal, 11a LL, 11:30a K-8
- October 17 - XC CID Meet @ Trinity, Bloomington
- October 21 - Chapel - Offering for Ministry to the Armed Forces
- October 24 - St. John Arts & Crafts Fair, 9:00am-2:00pm
- October 26 - Beef House Orders Due
- October 28 - Chapel - 1st Quarter Awards & Offering for Ministry to the Armed Forces
- October 29 - Parent/Teacher Conferences, Early Dismissal, 11a LL, 11:30a K-8
- October 30 - No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences

The Annual St. John Lutheran Box Top Baseball Contest is back for one last time!

Bring in clipped Box Tops to help your favorite baseball team score “runs” in the game! (Only physical, clipped Box Tops can be counted for the contest. Electronic Box Tops will benefit the school, but they cannot be counted for the contest.) Each of the 9 weeks will represent an “inning” of the game. The score will be announced at the end of each “inning”. Gather up all those Box Tops you’ve collected this summer and place them in either the Cubs or Cardinals Box Top container in the school office.

Go Cubs!!! Go Cards!!!



Inning	Cubs	Cards
1	10	9
2	30	34
3	50	38
4	20	0
5	28	10
Total to Date	138	91

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Dan, Marissa | 24 Rita, Curt, Jeff |
| 2 Lauren | 25 Claire, Catherine, Jordan |
| 3 Lance, Jake, Brandon | 26 Linda, Alayna |
| 4 Rebecca, Jean, Luke, Connor, Annabel | 28 Patty |
| 5 Diane, Rachel, Kathy | 29 Karen, Joe, Trent |
| 6 Tracy, Gail | 30 Pat, Ronda |
| 7 Daniel | 31 Sue, Max, Robert, Eli, Dorothy |
| 8 Matt, Alexis, Rex, Caroline, Leslie, Michael, John | |
| 9 <i>Terra</i> , Spenser, Kara, Walter, Jay | |
| 10 Nathaniel, Tinley, Duane | |
| 11 Bryce, Delores | |
| 13 Traci, Ben | |
| 14 <i>Randy</i> , Jim | |
| 15 Will, Nicholas, Gabriel, Kyle, Julie, Nick | |
| 16 Alex, Julia | |
| 17 Terry, Ryan | |
| 19 Roger, Bailey | |
| 20 Wally, Christina, Anthea, Dot | |
| 21 Ruby, Linda | |
| 22 Geneice, Ethan | |
| 23 Selam, Tracy, Greg, Alexa | |



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 Rev. Jeff & Katie Caithamer (15) | 26 Tom & Peggy (52) |
| 2 Laran & Erin (10) | 31 Jon & Susan (22); Alvin & Beverly (51) |
| 4 John & Lisa (17) | |
| 5 Daniel & Laura (7) | |
| 6 Lee & Judy (47) | |
| 7 Rene & Nicole (20) | |
| 8 Rev. Don & Mar Ehlers (60); John & Cheryl (54) | |
| 9 Martin & Beth (26) | |
| 10 Curtis & Lori (39); Gerald & Linda (47) | |
| 11 Ryan & Amy (17); David & Kristina (23) | |
| 13 Derek & Jamie (8) | |
| 14 Chad & Tracy (14); Arnold & Myla (48) | |
| 15 Andy & Cindy (54); Jim & Fawn (4) | |
| 16 Tony & Jennifer (27) | |
| 17 David & Lisa (22); Roger & Norma (22) | |
| 18 Curt & Paula (34) | |
| 21 Raymond & Judy (53); Mike & Maxine (31) | |
| 24 Steve & Nancee (39); Richard & Barbara (50) | |



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"...the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith.'" Romans 1:17

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