

St. John's Lutheran Church of Massbach



October 2017



"Soli Deo Gloria"

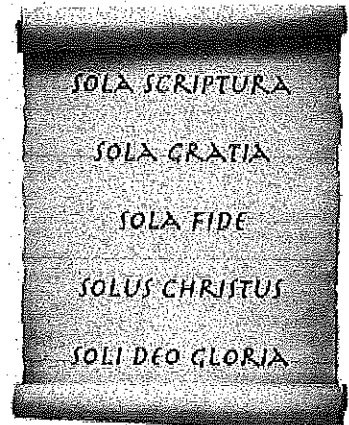
Pastor Bruce and I agree: October is a good month for anniversaries. Our wedding anniversary is October 12 (it will be 4 years for us this year), but a more important event in the history of the world is being celebrated this month: the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.



Now, why should we in the 21st century care about a German monk who, on October 31, 1517, nailed his 95 objections to abuses going on in the church, on a church door in Wittenburg?

We care, and we celebrate this event, because what that German monk, Martin Luther, did, changed the world. The fact that we can read the Bible in English is due in large part to Luther's translation of the Bible into the German language, opening up God's word to the

common people. And the fact that we can worship God freely, as we choose, is also due in part to what he did.

But perhaps the greatest gift of the Reformation was summed up in what are called the Solas: Sola Fide (only faith), Sola Gratia (only Grace) and Sola Scriptura (only Scripture). Put simply, Martin Luther said that we are saved by faith alone, through grace alone, and that only Scripture is our authority.



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Mission Statement
We are the people of God
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Perhaps that last item, Sola Scriptura, would be a good point of reflection for this month. Because for us, Scripture is more than words on a page. Scripture is the Word of God, enfleshed in Jesus Christ. So as we read Scripture, we are invited to enter ever more deeply into a relationship with the Word of God, Jesus himself.

That will be the goal of our preaching for October, to explore the hallmarks of the Lutheran faith, all with an eye toward inviting you into that kind of relationship with Christ. As you hear the Scripture read and proclaimed, may you feel embraced by the Living Word, Jesus Christ, and may that relationship set you free.

*Blessings,
Pastor Lisa*



Scenic Hills Lutheran Parish Worship/Pastor Schedule

Date	St. John 9:00 a.m.	Trinity 9:00 a.m.	St. Paul 10:30 a.m.
Oct. 1	Pastor Lisa 	Pastor Bruce 	Pastor Lisa 
Oct. 8	Pastor Lisa 	Pastor Bruce 	Pastor Bruce
Oct. 15	Pastor Bruce 	Pastor Lisa 	Pastor Bruce 
October 22	Pastor Susan Davenport 	Pastor Peg Casper 	Pastor Susan Davenport
Oct. 29	Pastor Lisa	Pastor Bruce	Pastor Bruce



Denotes Holy Communion service



Denotes Pastor will be available after service for coffee hour

October Acolytes



Oct. 1	Ashley Carroll
Oct. 8	Jamie Eden
Oct. 15	Justin Eden
Oct. 22	Hunter Trueblood
Oct. 29	Rhett Geisz



Church Council and Church Ministry Meetings

Church Council

Tuesday, October 10 ----- 7:00 p.m. ----- Trinity
 Tuesday, October 17 ----- 7:30 p.m. ----- St. John
 Sunday, October 15 ----- 11:30 a.m. ----- St. Paul

Mutual Ministry

December 5 ----- 7:30 p.m. ----- St. John

Men's Group Ministry

October 14 ----- 8:30 a.m. ----- Welcome Inn, Elizabeth

Women's Group Ministry

October 16 ----- 11:00 a.m. ----- Stella's, Stockton

October ~ Mark Your Calendars!

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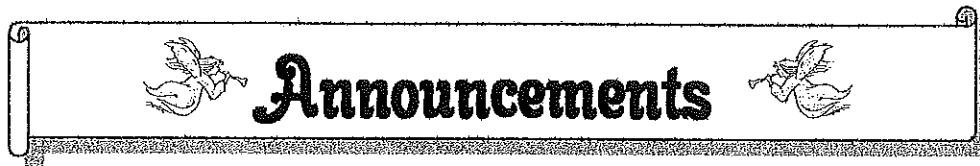
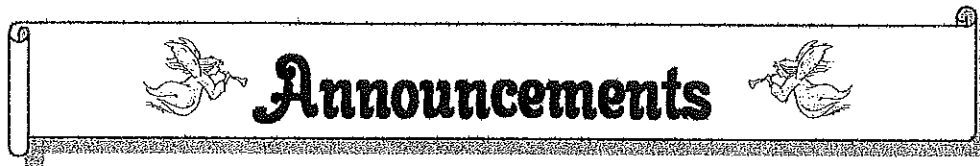
99 Coming Up In November!

19 - 26	Pastors on vacation 10/26/17 Contacts: Pastor Bruce or Pastor Lisa
1	All Church Bazaar Meeting 1:00 p.m. Hanover Presbyterian Church Contact: Pastor Lisa
1	Confirmation 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Contact: Pastor Lisa
1	Elizabeth Nursing Home Service 1:00 p.m. Contact: Pastor Lisa or Pastor Bruce
2	Lutheran Book Study Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Contact: Pastor Bruce
2	Lutheran Book Study Meeting 10:30 a.m. at St. John Contact: Pastor Bruce

2	Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Contact: Calvin Klopff
5	Lutheran Book Study Meeting 10:30 a.m. at St. John Contact: Pastor Bruce
5	St. John's Quilting 9 a.m. - Noonish with potluck lunch
5	Waverly Place (Stockton Nursing Home) Service: 1:30 p.m. Pastor Lisa or Pastor Bruce
7	River Ridge PTO Craft Fair River Ridge Contact: Kathy Teberg
9	Lutheran Book Study Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Contact: Pastor Bruce
10	Trinity Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Contact: Daryl Groezinger

11	Confirmation 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Contact: Pastor Lisa
12	Lutheran Book Study Meeting 10:30 a.m. at St. John Contact: Pastor Bruce
14	Men's Group Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Welcome Inn, Elizabeth
15	St. Paul Council Meeting 11:30 a.m. at St. Paul Contact: Don Crawford
15	St. Paul Soup Supper 4:30 - 7 p.m. Contact: Kathy Teberg
16	Lutheran Book Study Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Contact: Pastor Bruce
16	Parish Women's Group Meeting 11:00 a.m. - at St. John's Lunch and Meeting Contact: Pastor Lisa

17	St. John Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Contact: Calvin Klopf
18	Confirmation 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Contact: Pastor Lisa
18	Trinity WELCA 9:00 a.m. - Quilting Lunch at noon Contact: Joyce Huttenlocher
19 - 26	Pastors on Vvaction Contacts: Pastor Bruce or Pastor Lisa
28	G.I.F.T.S. Dinner Church 4:30 - 6 p.m. at Trinity Contacts: Pastor Bruce or Pastor Lisa
30	Lutheran Book Study Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Contact: Pastor Bruce

 **Announcements** 

St. Paul's Soup Supper

It's that time of year again, folks - Soup's On! St. Paul's in Hanover will host their annual Soup Supper on Sunday, October 15 from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Stop by to enjoy several varieties of delicious soup, as well as guaranteed zero-calorie desserts (wink wink).

Celebrate Recovery

Beginning Thursday, October 19, Hanover United Methodist Church will host weekly meetings of Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program. The sessions will run from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and will include large group worship and small open share groups. For more information, please call Pastor Tiffany at 815.656.0356.

Financial Planning Seminar

The public is invited to attend an informal informational gathering at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 411 W. Catlin St. in Elizabeth on Monday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. This free event will cover the topic of protecting your assets and planning for later years in life. Representatives from Law Jones Funeral Home, a tax consultant and a financial planner will be there. Joe and Mary Ambrosia will answer your questions concerning tax deductions and stewardship while making retirement and end of life decisions. If you have any questions, please contact St. Paul Lutheran Church at 815/858-3334 or stpaul.elizabeth@yahoo.com.

Movie Night!

Your area churches are offering a movie night at the Savanna Times Theatre on October 23 at 7:00 p.m. The film "Walking Across Egypt" will be shown. Tickets are \$3.00 and are available from the pastors.

Lutheran Trump Cards

Our book study on Reformation ideas and beliefs that are treasures of our Lutheran heritage continues in October and into November. Each week we examine a "card" in our Lutheran deck of principles for our faith. Come join us as we look at the benefits and insights that we hold as "trump cards" in day to day life as Christians. We meet Monday nights in Derinda at 7:30 and Thursday mornings at 10:30 in Massbach.

Parish Men's Ministry

Our Men's group will meet Saturday, Oct. 14th at the Welcome Inn at 8:30 am. We will be looking for plans to help grow the ministries of our churches in the coming year. Please consider joining this important group.

G.I.F.T.S.

Generations In Faith Together Supper continues in October on Saturday night, Oct. 28th. Imagine talking about the Bible, singing songs, using crafts and projects to learn, sharing time and a meal along with prayer and communion designed for all ages to explore and experience together and that is what G.I.F.T.S. is about. This experience will involve all ages, be interactive, informal and develop as we go along. Come help us explore sharing Christian worship, learning and fellowship in less structured way that allows younger ages to participate fully. All ages encouraged.

October is a Reformation Worship Celebration!

For the five Sundays of October we will be using a special worship series called "Justified!" that uses each Sunday to focus in on a special teaching that was brought back to light by Martin Luther and the Reformation. The series will finish with Luther's ground-breaking declaration that justification comes only by grace through faith in Christ, celebrated on Reformation Sunday. Each Sunday will be a special celebration of our Reformation heritage on this the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation.

Easy-as-Pie Bake Sale

Our GW3 Mission Trip youth are raising money again with an Easy-as-Pie bake sale closing Oct. 8th. Pies will be delivered in November in time for the holidays. If you have not gotten an order in with one of our youth, forms are available at each church. Please help support our youth as they continue to raise funds for their mission trip next summer.

For St. John's members interested in ordering for your convenience, Ashley Carroll will have an order form on St. John's bulletin board. Please see Ashley or any youth group member if you are interested I place and order or have any questions. (Thanks from her mom, Connie!). Pricing information is as follows:

Please make checks payable to GW3 Youth Group. Easy As Pie Fundraiser items for sale include:

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| Fruit Pies | \$10 each | 3 lb. Tub of Cookie Dough..... | \$10 each |
| Cream Pies..... | \$10 each | Banket (Dutch Letters 2/pkg).... | \$7each |
| Pastry Strudels | \$8 each | | |

River Ridge PTO Craft Fair

The ladies of St. Paul in Hanover will be hosting a hot dog booth at the River Ridge Craft Fair on October 7 & 8. Come on out, enjoy a hot dog, and help support the ministries of the church!

Can Tabs

Remember to save can tabs for the Austin Nack family to give to the Ronald McDonald House. Collection container is in the narthex.

October Celebrations!



Happy Birthday!

6 - Sam Albrecht

23 - Joan Beyer

23 - Jan Klopff

26 - Donna Albrecht

30 - David Baltierra

30 - Ernie Lieb



Happy Anniversary!

12 - Pastors Lisa & Bruce Burbank

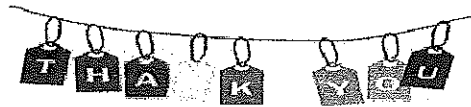
17 - Marlin & Sharon Eden

28 - James & Carol Krohmer

Prayer Time!



Take time to place in God's hands those who need his healing and loving touch: Ernie Lieb; Pastor Bernie Daiker; Pastor Ben Ahles-Iverson; Jackie Reusch; Kay Dick; Kenny Eden; Anna Appleby; Austin Nack; Donna Wurster; Shane Haas; Harold Miller, and the men and women serving in the armed forces.



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