

## Calendar of Events



### **Sunday, October 27** **Reformation Sunday**

9:30 am Worship/Communion  
9:30 am Sunday School

### **Monday, October 28**

10:00 am Nellie Byham Memorial  
Service  
7:00 pm Property Committee

### **Tuesday, October 29**

### **Wednesday, October 30**

6:30 pm Bible Study

### **Thursday, October 31**



7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm NA

### **Friday, November 1**

### **Saturday, November 2**



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## This Sunday, October 27 is Reformation Sunday



On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a German monk and University Professor, issued a challenge to debate any fellow professor regarding 95 points of concern about the teachings of mother church. As was the custom, this challenge was posted on the door of the University Church. This challenge was discovered by someone who was at the cutting edge of technology, a printer, and these 95 Theses for debate were circulated to the general public.

Under the leadership from Rome the church had developed into a huge power, a combination of religion and politics with the church holding the ace card, the keys to heaven. It was this power that Martin Luther faced when he nailed his 95

Theses to the door in Wittenberg in October of 1517. The Reformation was launched.

Over 500 years later on this October 31 we celebrate the story of the Reformation and the roots of the Lutheran tradition. We remember Martin Luther and the other men and women who boldly proclaimed the good news of God's grace. And we remember the gift that they gave us: not a denomination or even a congregation, but the insistence that God's amazing love is given to us freely. Every time we proclaim that God's love is more powerful than our sin and shortcomings, we honor them.

***Please wear red to commemorate the occasion.***



**Sunday, October 27, 2024**

**Service Assistants**

**USHERS:** Carl Gee, Jody Fullmer, Arch Watkins, Rita and Dave Strickler, Jimmy Gardner  
**LAY ASSISTANT:** Susan Bryan; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Candy Watkins  
**ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER:** Jonathan Hess; **TORCHBEARERS:** Jordan Morris, Doriann Morris; **ALTAR GUILD:** Rita Strickler, Carol Winter  
**GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS:** Dan and Kathy Rasdorf  
**CANTOR:** Bob Schweppenheiser; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Charles Luppert

**Sunday, October 13:** Offering: **\$4,763.93**; Capital Campaign: **\$10.00**

**Sunday, October 20:** Attendance: **95**; Offering: **\$3786.63**; Capital Campaign: **\$10.00**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dwain Butt, with love, from his family.

**Bible Readings**

**Sunday, October 27:** *Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36*

**Monday, October 28:** *Psalms 119:17-24; Exodus 4:1-17; 1 Peter 2:1-10*

**Tuesday, October 29:** *Psalms 119:17-24; 2 Kings 6:8-23; Acts 9:32-35*

**Wednesday, October 30:** *Psalms 119:17-24; Jeremiah 33:1-11; Matthew 20:29-34*

**Thursday, October 31:** *Psalms 119:1-8; Exodus 22:1-15; Hebrews 9:1-12*

**Friday, November 1:** *Psalms 119:1-8; Leviticus 19:32-37; Romans 3:21-31*

**Saturday, November 2:** *Psalms 119:1-8; Numbers 9:9-14; Luke 10:25-37*



**Presiding over our worship this Sunday, October 27, will be Pastor Amme.**

**Pastoral Care Number:** Please call (570) 326-9171. (Available 24 hours a day) During work hours' office staff will assist you. After hours, please press "3" for a Pastoral Emergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.

**Please contact the church office** if you or a family member are in the hospital or are ill. Pastor Jeff LeCrone is available for visits or phone calls (*see contact information above.*) The office will also contact our prayer chain leaders so that your fellow church members may pray to help you be restored to wellness. *Prayer is a powerful healer!*



**Articles for the Messenger and Bulletin are due in the office by Monday at noon**



Please join us for Bible Study and fellowship on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. *All are welcome!*



## **The Library Corner**



Children - **The Life of Martin Luther-Pop-up Book** - The Story of Martin Luther and his role in sparking the Protestant Reformation is given an interactive retelling in this beautiful and sturdy pop-up book. From Luther's decision to become a monk to his 95 theses, history jumps off the page through the vibrant, colorful illustrations. Full of surprising details this book will have kids coming back again and again to learn about this fascinating chapter in the history of the Christian faith. In the Children's section of our library.

Adult – **Martin Luther a Life** – Through vivid anecdotes and lively historical descriptions, the book captures the turbulent times and historic events through which Luther lived as well as his profound vision of God. A fast-moving narrative, it shows how his stinging criticisms of the Christian church struck a deep and liberating chord in the German people and led to the momentous change we know as the reformation. Found in the Adult Bio section.

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## **MISSION TO SEAFARERS**



Did you realize that **90% of everything we wear, use, and consume**, come to us by merchant ships, operated by 1.5 million seafarers? On ships for 9 to 10 months at a time, the seafarers face many hardships: storms, piracy, abandonment, and loss of contact with their families. Often the only contact they have beyond the ship, the Chaplains provide emotional and spiritual support.

Join in the Chaplains' mission of showing Christ's love.

Remember Matthew 25: 35, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Help fill gift satchels that the Chaplains deliver to the seafarers in the weeks before Christmas. Each satchel should contain the following:

**1 sweatshirt, unhooded or hooded (preferred) – size M, L or XL**

**3 pair of socks, thermal or white gym**

**1 casual pullover T shirt – size M, L or XL**

**1 heavy knit winter cap**

**1 can of nuts or large bar of chocolate**

**Christmas card**

## **NO ADDITIONS AND NO SUBSTITUTIONS**

Items need to be at the church by **October 30**. *Thank you.*



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## ***Dresses and Britches for Africa***

Please help the needy children of Africa by sewing dresses and/or britches. Shirts, pillowcases and trim are available in the Narthex on and under the table displayed, also included are the instructions. For questions contact Ann Marie Hohman, 570-244-1226 and leave a message. *Thank you.*





The new 13-week cycle of GriefShare at Redeemer will begin Monday, October 28, 2024, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Any adult who is grieving the loss of a loved one or friend is welcome to

join us each Monday. **Contact Barb Horn at 570-651-3541 if you have questions.** We are located at 1101 Washington Blvd. Please use the main Washington Blvd entrance. What is shared at GriefShare stays at GriefShare.

**Clothing for Daniel’s Closet is accepted year-round at Messiah.**

Daniel’s Closet



As you clean out your drawers and closets to make room for new clothes, please consider donating gently used clothing to enrich the lives others. Clothing and accessories may be placed in the blue bin in the alcove near the Chapel (*inside the church*) whenever the church or the office is open.

Especially needed this time of year: winter coats and boots.

***Please avoid over-stuffing bags so that our volunteers are able to handle them.***

Daniel’s Closet is a ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church (Washington Blvd, Williamsport) which offers a free clothing giveaway on the fourth Saturday of each month. **All are invited to “shop” the closet, regardless of need. Please take only what you can use.**

**This month’s Closet will be held on Saturday, October 26, 8:30-11:00 a.m.**

Shepherd of the Streets is in need of the following **adult hygiene items:** combs,

shampoo, conditioner, large bars of soap, and deodorant. **Children’s and infants’ hygiene items** needed include: children’s toothbrushes, combs, hair ties, baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby soap, and baby powder. Donated items may be placed in the gray bin in the elevator alcove or brought to the church office during normal business hours. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry to our community!



***Can’t make it to church? Join us live on Facebook!***

Worship services will be broadcast on Facebook Live each Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. To watch the service live, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MessiahSouth>.

To link to the video archive and for additional worship resources, visit Messiah’s web site at <https://messiahsouth.org/worship-resources/>.

A copy of the worship bulletin will be posted to the web site each week so that you can follow along.

***Did you know?*** Messiah’s Facebook page is a public page, so even if you do not have a Facebook account, you are still able to view content on our page.

