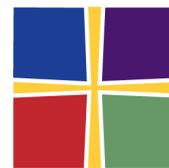


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**HEAR YE! HEAR YE! COME ONE! COME ALL!**

**Reformation 500**

**A REFORMATION FAIR FOR ALL AGES!**

**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in the Auditorium – 9:00 AM**

Ninepins (16<sup>th</sup> century bowling), crafting your own Luther rose, pinning the 95 theses on the castle church door, having your picture taken as Martin or Katie Luther, and even Reformation yoga! – these are some of the activities to enjoy at Grace’s Reformation 500 Fair during the Christian Formation hour this coming Sunday!

Select what interests you, and experience some of the pastimes of Luther’s day. Many thanks go to Karla Verkouw, who has been working on a wonderful variety of games and crafts for Grace folk of all ages to enjoy at this intergenerational event.

There will also be an encore showing of the Rick Steves’ video “Luther and the Reformation” in the parlor for those, who either missed it or would like to see it again. The showing will start at 9 AM, too.

**Martin Luther Speaks to Us at Grace**



Martin Luther has been speaking to the world through his writings for five centuries, but now he is speaking to us at Grace from our walls and hallways.

As you walk around our church buildings, take some time to read and think about the Luther quotes that have been posted. Some may already be familiar to you, but all are food for thought!

**“Looking Back and Called Forward” ELCA Reformation 500 Observance on 10/31**

On Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, the date of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will co-host a commemoration at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill in Washington, D. C.

This event will be live-streamed on the ELCA website from 10 AM to 6 PM. It will offer a unique way to share in this special day with fellow Lutherans across the country, and perhaps beyond. Turn in for all or part of the commemoration, as together we look back at our heritage and ahead in mission to what Bishop Eaton recently called October 32<sup>nd</sup>!

**CALENDAR - October 27—Nov 2**

**Friday**  
Sunrise Bible Study—Parlor .....6:30 a.m.  
NA Home Group—Stafford Room .....11:00 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Worship—Chapel .....6:00 p.m.

**Reformation Sunday**  
**Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18, Psalm 1,**  
**1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46**  
Worship—Nave ..... 7:45 a.m.  
Kyrie Bells—Balcony .....8:30 a.m.  
Reformation Fair—Auditorium..... 9:00 a.m.  
Worship—Nave .....10:30 a.m.  
Reformation Dinner—Fellowship Hall .....12:00 p.m.  
Matu—Chapel .....1:00 p.m.  
Good Shepherd Hymn Fest .....4:00 p.m.  
NA—Fellowship Hall.....7:00 p.m.

**Monday**  
Staff Meeting—Office .....10:00 a.m.  
Dramability—Auditorium .....5:00 p.m.  
Gloria Bells—Balcony .....6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
**Wednesday**  
Community Meal—Fellowship Hall .....5:30 p.m.  
Sanctus Bells—Balcony .....6:30 p.m.  
Property—Stafford Room .....7:00 p.m.

**Thursday**  
Grace Choir—Auditorium .....7:15 p.m.  
Band Practice—Stafford Room .....8:30 p.m.

To view monthly events go to our website  
[www.gracelutheranchurch.com](http://www.gracelutheranchurch.com)  
click on the calendar link  
at the top of the page.



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Grace Lutheran Church

**Attendance for Worship**  
**Worship 20 / 36 / 133 = 189**  
**Sunday School 69**

**5 Tips to Guarantee Canning Success**  
[Eartheasy.com](http://Eartheasy.com)

In addition to food security and freedom from unwanted additives, home canning gives us the old-fashioned satisfaction of transforming the harvest into next season’s feast.

**Canning is a science, not an art: avoid improvising.**

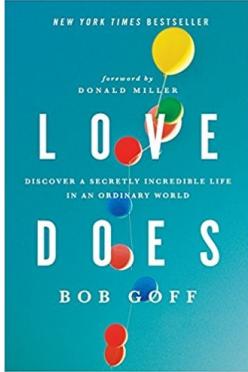
Put on your metaphorical white coat, and transform your kitchen into a laboratory for the day.

Get a canning manual (online or paper) and read it in advance. Use your stop-watch and don’t guess at timing or pressure rating.

Know the boundary between high acid fruits and pickles (water bath canning) and low-acid meats and vegetables (pressure canning), and never cross it. For instance, adding even a little meat into a tomato-based soup means you must pressure can, no matter the acid content.

Sloppy canning is very dangerous — botulism is one of the scarier words in our language — but if you stick to the book, you can have total peace of mind. Home canning performed under rigorous scientific conditions should be as safe as store-bought.

## Join a church-wide 5 session small group study.



### “Love Does” by Bob Goff Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World!

This class will be offered on several days and times. Pick the day that best suits your schedule:

- Tuesday mornings 10-11:30 am: November 7, 14, 21, 28 and Dec. 5 in the Stafford Room. Leader Barb Steinmetz.
- Thursdays at noon – 1 pm: November 9, 16, 30 and Dec. 7, 14 in the Stafford Room. Leader Kath Verkouw.
- Tuesday evenings 7-8:30 pm: November 14, 21, 28 and December 5, 12 in the Stafford Room. Leader Pastor V.
- Sunday Mornings 9-10:15 am: November 5, 12, 19, 26 and December 3, 10 in the Auditorium. Leaders TBA
- Thursdays 6:30-7:15pm (before choir): November 9, 16, 30, and December 7, 14 in the Parlor. Leader Kath Verkouw.
- Friday Sunrise Group 6:30-7:30 am: November 3-December 8<sup>th</sup> (no Nov. 24) in the Parlor. Multi Leaders.

## Be Inspired and Renewed for Advent!

## FLOCKING A FRIEND!!



### OUR FIRST VICTIM!

Will you be next????

A friend of yours may pay to place pink flamingos in your yard. This flocking is done in good spirits and is not meant to be mean.

These flamingos will roost on your lawn until the evening when they will mysteriously migrate to another friend's (victim's) lawn.

Don't want a visit from our flock? Flocking insurance will be available—talk to our youth on Sunday in the Narthex, or call the church office.

Paloma Bolt flocked her neighbor Elaine Esh (pictured above). Thanks to Elaine for being a good sport!

## Parish News ...

**Please Keep in Your Prayers For healing from illness or surgery this week:** Josephine Good, Ellen Hines, Jim Lyman, Barbara Music, Catherine Schnader, Corey Smith, Pat Suter  
**Grace folks who have asked for our continued prayers:** Gloria Ashby, Bonnie Beecher, Mary Bitts, John & Dolores Byers, Rose Fasig, Ruth Galebach, Jennie Hanna, George & Judy Hansalik, Mark & Christine Harman, Flo Koenig, Lorraine Long, Pat Long, Jeremy Morant, Jim Morant, Mike Ober, Myrna Pierson, Mark Powell, George Ries, Jean Schuam, Dave Schober, Jay Smoker, Mike Snyder, Lorraine Steele, Harvey Stewart, Pat Stewart, Emma Stumpf, Carolyn Wenger, Janet Wood, Marge Worley

## Grocery Card Ministry



THANK YOU for your purchases of shopping cards! Grocery cards are available every Sunday morning or by calling ... Duane and Kitty Weiss at 464-2536.



## WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH



Thanks to everyone who volunteered at the Fall Clean Up!

Many hands make light work!

See you in the spring!

Property Team

## This Sunday in the Narthex...

### Sparkhouse Family Reformation500 Book Fairs!

Books will be displayed in the Narthex. Sign up sheets will be provided. There are discounts on the books and free shipping.

BOOK FAIR

'Tis the season to spark the spirit of Christmas!

Reformation 500

SPARKHOUSE FAMILY



If you have any questions please contact Angie.

## Stewardship Snippet

### October 29, 2017 (21st Sunday after Pentecost, Year A, Proper 25)

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” –Matthew 22:39 AND Leviticus 19:18



We get the commandment to love our neighbor TWICE today. But if you don't feel love, how can you love? How can God command us to love God and our neighbor? It's a perplexing problem until we understand that feeling love and acting in loving ways are not the same thing. Fulfilling the command, we treat all our neighbors with respect, compassion, understanding, patience and kindness – just as we want to be treated.

STEWARDSHIP