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Worship time:
9:00 a.m.
Adult Bible
Study: 10:15
a.m.

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The above symbol is the logo that The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has chosen to use as it celebrates the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this year. The date of October 31, 1517 is acknowledged by many to be the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. That's the day when Martin Luther posted the Ninety-five theses against indulgences on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany.

As you can see, the theme stated with the logo is "Reformation 2017: It's Still All About Jesus."

What does the logo mean? On a website that the Synod has put together (lutheranreformation.org), the following explanation is given. "This logo takes many elements from Luther's seal, which is the most easily recognized symbol for Lutheranism. (Note: We will talk more about Luther's seal and the meaning of its parts another time.) It was common in Luther's day for people to create a seal or coat of arms for their families, and that seal told the world what the family cared about or did for a living. It's no surprise then that Luther's seal was all about Jesus! At the center of Luther's seal, and at the center of the Reformation 2017 logo, is a red heart in the middle of a white rose. (The heart and rose together are commonly referred to as Luther's rose.)...At the center of that rose is Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Jesus is the center and Rock of our faith. He has been since He came to Earth in the flesh, and He still is today. The word "still" bears witness to the ever and ongoing relevance of this one saving truth for sinners."

This anniversary is not just about remembering Luther and the tremendously significant work that God used him to do to bring reformation and restore the message of the Gospel to the church. It is also about remembering Jesus Christ as the only source of comfort and peace, hope and joy for us as sinners in this earthly life and for eternity. He alone has made forgiveness possible for all people with His death on the cross as the final and perfect sacrifice that our loving heavenly Father required to deal with our sin once and for all.

Through faith alone in Jesus Christ as Savior, and not because of any good works that we've done or tried to do, we receive as free gifts that forgiveness and all of the other benefits of Jesus Christ's work. That also includes His ongoing care for and presence with us as well as His triumphant victory over death with His resurrection from the dead on Easter day.

Martin Luther died on February 18th of 1546 in the town where he was born—Eisleben, Germany. He was 62 years old. While we do not worship Luther, we are thankful to God for him and the work that our gracious Lord Jesus used Him to do to restore the comforting message of how God saves us--by grace alone received through faith alone in Jesus Christ. That is true not because we as Lutherans have decided it, but because that's what God clearly teaches in His word. That word alone (not the words of Luther or anyone else) is the basis for what we believe, teach and confess.

As we move into the Lenten season, we focus on remembering our own sin and that like Luther, we too will die someday. "...for you are dust and to dust you will return". (Genesis 3:19b) As we do so, we can be thankful that that when it comes to the practical reality of needing relief from a guilty conscience and comfort as we think about our own death or that of someone else, it's still all about Jesus.

I pray that you and I will continue to repentantly trust in Jesus Christ alone for the real, relevant, and lasting comfort that only He can give. Amen!

In Christ,

Pastor Jon Rathjen

John 14:6, ESV: "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

Romans 3:21-24, ESV: "But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the (over please)

righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

“How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
 In a believer’s ear
 It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
 And drives away our fear.
 (LSB #524:1)
 Text: John Newton, Public domain

P.S. Please watch the newsletter and bulletin for more information and events connected with the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.




Revelation 2:10, ESV : *Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

Acts 4:12, ESV: *And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*

John 10:27–28, ESV: *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.*



Coming Events:

-  **February 3 – 5, Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend, Lincoln, Nebraska**
(info by kitchen window)
-  **March 1: Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins**
-  **March 11: Spring Ahead for Daylight Saving Time**



New Address: Ida Kuhlman
 c/o Belle Terrace
 1133 N. 3rd, Room 111
 Tecumseh, NE 68450



Baptism

Gretchen Marie Jobe was baptized during worship on Sunday, January 1st! Gretchen is the daughter of Chris & Amy Jobe. Also participating in the baptism were Sponsor Rebecca Petry and Witness Jeremy Roschewski.



Jeremy, Chris, Amy and Gretchen, Rebecca

We welcome Gretchen as a baptized member of Trinity Lutheran and pray that the Holy Spirit will bless her with growing faith in Jesus as Savior so that she follows Him in faith all the days of her life.

Lenten & Holy Week Worship calendar:

The Lenten midweek worship services will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 1.

Please mark your calendar for these Lenten and Holy Week dates, and watch for details in your weekly worship bulletins!

-  **March 1 at 7:00 P.M. – ASH WEDNESDAY Service**
-  **March 8 at 7:00 P.M. Midweek Lent 2 Service**
-  **March 15 at 7:00 P.M. Midweek Lent 3 Service**
-  **March 22 at 7:00 P.M. Midweek Lent 4 Service**
-  **March 29 at 7:00 P.M. Midweek Lent 5 Service**
-  **April 5 at 7:00 P.M. Midweek Lent 6 Service**
-  **April 9 – PALM SUNDAY at 9:00 A.M.**
-  **April 13 – Maundy Thursday at 7:00 P.M.**
-  **April 14 – Good Friday at 7:00 P.M.**
-  **April 16 – EASTER at 8:00 A.M.**

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 Secretary - Laurie Clark

*Denotes Board of Directors member

Congregational Goals for 2016-2017

- 1) Promote engaging relationships and connections in the community (esp. Preschool and KOHK parents) to share the saving love of Jesus.
- 2) Promote engaging relationships and connections inside the congregation to share the saving love of Jesus.
- 3) Utilize, to maximum potential, the website to communicate with the community and the congregational members, allowing the boards to use the website to maximize the potential of completing their goals

February 2017-March 2017

ELDERS

February	March
05 – Troy Barker	05 – Mike Zaruba
12 – Tim Becker	08 - Mdwk Lent 2 (7PM)
19 – Eric Bohling	12 – John Ackerman
26 – Dan Buman	15 – Mdwk Lent 3 (7PM)
01 Ash Wednesday (7PM)	19 – Troy Barker
	22 – Mdwk Lent 4 (7PM)
	26 – Tim Becker
	29 – Mdwk Lent 5 (7PM)

ORGANISTS

Sandy Wilson Loretta Kerchal	Vicki Ackerman Tyne Chaney Merri Johnson Sandy Wilson
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PIANISTS

ALTAR CARE

February	March
TBA	TBA

ACOLYTES

February	March
05 – Kyle Becker	01 – Chloe Curry 7 PM Ash Wed.
12 – Angel Tanderup	05 – Madison Pingel
19 – Madison Pingel	08 – Chloe Curry MW 7 PM Lent 2
26 – Sam Ackerman	12 – Madison Pingel
	15 – Dariane Stutheit MW 7 PM Lent 3
	19 – Kyle Becker
	22 – Sam Ackerman MW 7 PM Lent 4
	26 – Madison Pingel
	29 – Madison Pingel MW 7 PM Lent 5

Cut out and put somewhere that you will remember to pray regularly and often in your devotional prayer time for these people:

On-Going Prayers

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, ESV

- ✚ **Healing and strengthened faith in Christ for those who are ill:** Eric Adams (friend of Eric Bohling), Nate Becker (Tim Becker's brother), Alivia Birdsley (John Birdsley's granddaughter), Amelia Becker, Harold Bickford (friend of Trinity members), LeRoy Caspers (friend of the Hawley family and others), JR Chaney, Marshall Clark (Jim & Sharon Clark's grandson), Cheryl Dirksen (Les' daughter-in-law), Diane Drew (Gary Kamtz's sister), Marvin Green (friend of Hawleys), Catherine Hawley (Chuck Hawley's mother), Dominic Herrera (Kim Kieler's great nephew), Donna Hoadley (Merri Johnson's sister), Karen Kamtz, Linda Kasprzak (Laurie Clark's sister), Sanna Manders (Sadie (Johnson) Vercauteren's sister-in-law), Beverly McLaughlin (Marlene Dietrich's relative), Jerry Oestmann, Linda Oestrich (Vicki Ackerman's aunt), Rae Osenbaugh (Merri Johnson's daughter-in-law's mother), Tammy Pinnow (wife of Melissa Buman's cousin), Loyal Rippe, Hank Schaart (friend of Trinity members), Rev. Robert Schermbeck, Kellan Schlichtman (Vicki Ackerman's nephew), Richard Schultz (Linda's brother), LaVerta Schultze, Deb Sisco (Erin Fisk's mother), Fredrick and Carolyn Tietjan (Vick Ackerman's uncle and aunt), Clint Thomas (Tim Becker's uncle), Emily Zech (Pat Collins' daughter), and all others in special need.
- ✚ **Our missionary families:** Rev. Ed and Deaconess Cherie Auger. Pray that the Lord will watch over, bless, and provide all that is needed for this missionary family as they make the transition to serving in the Dominican Republic. Pray also that He will bless them with wisdom and all that they need for their new roles. Licensed Deacon Tulia Meza. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless Tulia with wisdom and all that he needs as he works with children, youth and families to prepare them for baptism and confirmation.
- ✚ **Others in foreign missions:** Papua New Guinea: Martin & Marie Dicke as they prepare to go to Papua New Guinea; Grand Cayman, Jamaica, Puerto Rico: Rev. Charles, Deborah, Olivia & Sophia St-Onge; Dominican Republic: Rev. Joel, Clarion, Slav, Sergei, Andrei Fritsche and Bill, Nicole, Kiersten, & Karissa Lohmeyer; Africa Radio Ministries: Rev. John & Kathy Duitsman: Mongolia: Rev. David, Rachel, Julia, Timothy, Daniel & Esther Baker; Southeast Asia: Rev. Charles, Cheryl, Caleb, Caitlin, Carissa, & Cassie Ferry; Kenya: Shara Cunningham and Julie McManus, Rev. Shauen, Krista, Josiah, Elijah and Isaiah Trump; Germany: Rick, Marla, Courtney & Jonah Steenbock, and Rev. Dr. Christopher, Elizabeth & Thomas Ahlman; Taiwan & the Philippines: Sean Harlow; Nicaragua: the people, pastors and deaconesses of the Lutheran Church—Nicaragua Synod: Rev. Junior Martinez and the members of the mission congregation at La Paz, Honduras; the mission congregation at Comayaguela, Honduras; the emerging mission at Choluteca, Honduras; Peru: Rev. Josh, Amanda, Katherine and Zechariah Gale.
- ✚ **Encouragement, strengthened faith and healing for those with long-term illnesses:** Kate Blaylock (Linda Jacobsen's mother), Jill Bloss (friend the Ackermans), Lee Bogle (Randy Bogle's brother), Gary Boham (Pat Maddox's brother-in-law), Ruth Bohling, Greg Brandt (Brother-in-law of Pam Tetrick), Neena Cipolla (Janet and Chuck Hawley's granddaughter), Aaron Clark (son of former members), Myrna Corbin, Ethel Currier (Heather Lowrance's Grandma), Myrna Fredrick (friend of Jane Stutheit), Susan George (Vicki Ackerman's sister), Donna Gottula (friend of Trinity members), Gale Haun (Kamtz family friend), Maryann Kalkwarf

(friend of Lori Parrish), Paul Koehler (cousin of Becky Lueders, Eric Bohling, Sandy Wilson, and Dale Bohling), Ida Kuhlmann, Sonia Madridejo (relative of Jane Stutheit), Patty Mason (Linda Schultz's sister), Cindy Meyers, (Pat Collins' niece), Bev Moyer, Elaine Riley (Ken's sister), Nora Marie (infant relative of the Riley family), Scott Riley, Dick Schlichtmann (Vicki Ackerman's dad), Sally Schneider (Becky Lueders' cousin), Rosanna Tanderup (Rich's sister-in-law), Pam Tetrick, Robyn Tetrick, Ann Virtucio (Jane Stutheit's sister), Joy Virtucio (Jane Stutheit's sister), Justin Williams (friend of Hawleys and Hasslebrings).

- ✚ **Preaching stations or subsidized congregations:** Zion, Crookston (Rev. Greg Hinners); Lamb of God, Hickman (Rev. Luke Russert, vacancy pastor); Sandhills Ministry [Bingham Lutheran, Bingham; Faith, Hyannis; Shepherd of the Hills, Hyannis] (Rev. Andy Safarik)
- ✚ **The Friendly Face Program:** Pray that the Holy Spirit will bless this effort by volunteers from Trinity to build caring relationships with the families who bring their children to Kids of HIS Kingdom daycare, and use it to nurture a growing faith-connection with Jesus, their loving Savior.
- ✚ **Those in the armed forces:** Dillon Becker (Tim's nephew), Bob Bogle (Randy & Kay's son), Jake Bruss (fiance of KoHK daycare worker Sophia Fox's cousin), Alex Chase (son of Becky Lueders' friend, Tammy Chase), Guy Cipolla, Brody Clark (Kim Kieler's son), Aaron Fisk, Luke Gifford (son of Rev. Dan & Katy Gifford), Trey Hightower (friend of Trinity members), Rev. Matt Mortenson, Chris Pelchat, Scott Rathke (Becky Lueders' cousin), Chris Riley (Ken's nephew), Matt Riley (Ken's nephew), Rev. Pat Riley (Ken's brother), and Andy Roepke.
- ✚ **Ethnic congregations/ministries:** Cristo Cordero de Dios, Grand Island [Hispanic congregation] (Rev. Salvador Ferrero); Ministry to Muslims, Omaha (Emad and Shireen Tawadrous, missionaries); African immigrant ministry (Rev. Eddie Mekasha); Peace International Friendship Center, Omaha (Rev. Jim Haaack, director); Sudanese Ev. Lutheran Church, Omaha (Rev. Peter Gatkuoth); Jesus Es el Senor (Jesus is Lord), Omaha (Rev. Obdulio Felix); Lord of Lords Sudanese Lutheran Church, Omaha (Rev. Leroy Gerner, vacancy pastor); Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Outreach, Winnebago (Rev. Ricky Jacob).
- ✚ **Seminary students we support or who have connections with our congregation:** Rev. Tim Prince as he finishes an advanced degree at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Zachary Courie at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana as he prepares to be a pastor. Rev. Mashon Asaki from Nigeria as he works on his doctorate at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne. Pray that the Lord would bless the learning process for these men so that they will be well prepared to serve Him as pastors and in other ways. Pray also that the Lord will bless their families with all that they need—physically, emotionally and spiritually.
- ✚ **Trinity Lutheran Preschool & Kids of HIS Kingdom Childhood Development Center** that the Lord will continue to bless these missions of our congregation and bring more students to hear about the saving love of Jesus.
- ✚ **Our college students** – Madison Anderson, Sydni Barker, Tyler Barker, Blair Benton, Quintin Boden, Laura Butler, Drew Clarke, Danielle Gauchat, Wyatt Gauchat, Tyler Hasselbring, Rachel Hinrichs, Kelsey Jacobsen, MacKenzie Larson, Mallory Parrish, Lauren Pelchat, Heidi Rathjen, Micah Rathjen, Scott Riley, Christine Ruskamp, Cassie Severs, Robyn Tetrick, Tori Tetrick, and Nadine Yoesel—that God would bless their studies and other activities. Pray also that they take time during the school year to feed their faith by listening to God's Word in personal devotions and in attending worship services so that by the Holy Spirit's work they will continue to trustfully follow Jesus and be comforted by the Good News of His ongoing love, care and forgiveness for them.

- ✚ **New congregations (within 5 years):** Cross of Christ, Aurora (served by Rev. Timothy Wells), and Life Church Lutheran, Lincoln (served by vacancy pastor Rev. Bill Steinbauer)
- ✚ **New ministry starts (not yet congregations):** Columbus Lutheran Hispanic Ministry [joint ministry of Peace, Immanuel, 1C] (Sergio Puente, missionary); River of Life, Grand Island [satellite of Trinity, GI] (Rev. Jack Gillam/Rev. Adam Snoberger); The Edge, Holdrege [ministry of Mt. Calvary, Holdrege] (Rev. Kenton Birtell); 211South, Lincoln [satellite of Christ, Lincoln] (Rev. Jeff Scheich/Rev. Carl Grulke); LifeStory, LaVista [satellite of Beautiful Savior] (Rev. Ryan Brons)



Poinsettias were given in memory of our loved ones by:

Circuit News

The Falls City Circuit Pastors met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 17th. District President, Rev. Richard Snow, and Nebraska District LCEF Vice President, Nathan Meier, met with the pastors.

President Snow has set the goal of visiting each circuit once a year to meet with pastors. He talked about the call process and also about District finances - - how the money sent by congregations to the District is spent.

The 2016 budget for the Nebraska District LCMS was \$3,674,000. The six primary uses of funds and the percentage of the total budget is as follows:

- Synodical Support: 25.3%
- North American Missions: 27.2% (within the District)
- Preparing Church Workers: 5%
- Direct Services to Congregations: 13.3%
- Mission and Ministry Support: 20.7%
- Ecclesiastical Supervision: 8.5%

Watch for a bulletin insert with more detailed information about District finances.

Nathan Meier talked with the pastors about 2 programs that LCEF provides for congregations. One is the Consecrated Stewards program, that has a stewardship education emphasis. The other is a program that can provide specific demographic information about the area in which the congregation is located. He provided a sample to each pastor for the congregation/community in which they serve. Mr. Meier said that such demographic information is helpful for congregations when it comes to outreach and missions in order to have a better awareness of the people and trends in their own areas. Mr. Meier also said he is available to give presentations to congregations about this demographic information.

- ✚ Dennis Wittmann
 - For Joan Wittmann, his wife
- ✚ Judith & Jerry Ruskamp
 - For Marlin & Joni Scheer, Judith's parents
 - Francis Ruskamp, Jerry's father
- ✚ The Parrish family
 - For Rod & Jan Vandeberg, Lori's parents
- ✚ Ed & Susan Johnston
 - For Shonna Simon, daughter
 - For Rev. Royden & Elvira Frese, Susan's parents
 - For Lester & Edna Johnston, Ed's parents
 - For Elroy Frese, Susan's brother
 - For Warren Johnston, Ed's brother
- ✚ Dan & Melissa Buman, & Dolores Glasser
 - For Wayne T. Glasser, Melissa's father, Dolores' husband
- ✚ Doug & Becky Lueders
 - For Myron & Bernice Lueders, Doug's parents
- ✚ Brian & Amber Meyer
 - Michiel Burkland, Amber's uncle
- ✚ Rich & Michele Tanderup
 - Fern Gifford, Michele's grandmother
 - Jennifer Sandau, Michele's sister
- ✚ Les Dirksen
 - For Sylvia Dirksen, his wife
- ✚ Micah & Sarah Bogdanoff
 - For Brian Wlosinski, husband of Lindsey
- ✚ Elta Whitney
 - For Gary Whitney, her husband
- ✚ Gary & Pat Maddox
 - In honor of their 50th wedding anniversary

These lovely flowers were a beautiful remembrance of our Savior's love that came to us at Christmas time, and that we have for our loved ones – those here present and those with the Lord.



KoHK encourages creativity!



There's lots of interaction with KoHK friends!



As well as quiet time for learning!

Come & See Our Growing Daycare Mission in Action!

Please come and tour Kids of HIS Kingdom (1320 20th Street) Mondays – Thursdays, 8:00 – 10:30 AM, or 2:00 – 3:30 PM. Just as a picture is worth a thousand words, you can best feel the energy of our growing daycare by experiencing it! We have added new faces to our daycare family of children. Come and see HIS Kingdom in the faces of the little children who believe in Jesus!

Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."
 Luke 18:15-17

KoHK Welcomes VOLUNTEERS!
 Please contact Heather Schultz (402-274-1424) to see if there is something you can help with involving various tasks at our daycare mission. Examples:

- ✝ Assisting staff with various childcare and activities
- ✝ preparing snacks
- ✝ Cleaning
- ✝ Occasional repairing/sewing of toys

Thank you Trinity members for your prayers for these missions of our congregation and to all who have helped the Preschool and Daycare missions of our congregation with gifts of time, talents and financial resources!



Trinity Lutheran Preschool

In December we focused on Letters F, G and H the number 8 and the color purple. Our shape of the month is a star. We also continued our lessons with Pastor on the Ten Commandments and continued to practice for the Christmas Program.

Our Christmas Program got canceled due to the weather, and was rescheduled for January 6th. We hope everyone had a wonderful winter break with their loved ones. In January our focus was on Letters P, S and J.

Kim Kieler, Director



Preschool children doing a fingerplay during their Christmas Program.

Christmas at Trinity



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." *Luke 2:11*

Our Christmas Bazaar kicked things off on December 3!



Shopping included the usual cookies, and baked goodies, as well as jams, crafts jewelry, toys and cards.

New to the bazaar this year was the inclusion of several outside vendors, and shoppers were treated to cinnamon rolls and hot coffee/cocoa while selecting their purchases!



Thanks to our three organizers (Vicki Ackerman, Melissa Buman, and Lori Parrish) for a wonderful job putting together this bazaar! And the success of the bazaar could not have taken place without all the Trinity family who worked so hard to provide the treasures to be sold, helped set-up, serve customers and clean up afterward. Proceeds of \$1800 assisted local charities and service organizations. What a way to celebrate the Lord's birthday!!

Sunday School Christmas Program



The stage is set!
The lights are down!
The program is about to begin!



People visited together while enjoying refreshments after the program.



Everyone likes to dress up for the
Sunday School Christmas Program.

Preschoolers Reflect on Christmas...



Miss Kim and Miss Holly talk with the Preschool children
about how the nativity scene reminds us of Jesus' birth.

Trinity Sings Carols to the Community!



This group of Trinity voices is pictured bringing Christmas cheer to Long's Creek Assisted Living residents, while Vicki Ackerman accompanies on the piano

The carolers also sang at Good Samaritan Nursing Home, the High Rise, and at the homes of several members. Thanks to all who helped organize this activity and to all who shared the good news of the Savior's birth in song.

News from Rev. Ed and Deaconess Cherie Auger

The Lord willing, the Augers will be moving to the Dominican Republic sometime in March. Deaconess Cherie will be affiliated with a new regional seminary and will help teach deaconess students there and in extension programs in Guatemala, Panama and Venezuela. She will also assist with some administrative details at the new seminary. Rev. Ed will be an area facilitator to assist missionary families in Mexico, Venezuela and Guatemala. He will also assist with mentoring seminary students and younger missionaries. Please pray for the Augers as they make the transition to the Dominican Republic. Pray also that the Lord will bless them with appropriate housing and transportation and all that they need as they begin serving in new ways.



Reformation Events in Our Area

The three circuits in Omaha will host a Hymn Festival on February 12, celebrating Lutheran Musical Heritage, featuring Dr. Jeffrey Blersch and the Brass Ensemble of Concordia University, Seward. It begins at 3:00 p.m. at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church, 1110 South 90th Street in Omaha. This is an event in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Reformation at Concordia University

Feb. 19, 2017 3:00 PM
 Music/Art Collaboration Recital by Grimppo/Robson
 Music Center Recital Hall

February 20, 2017 7:00 PM
 Dr. Amy Burnett
 University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
 Early Reformation Tradition / Women:
 "The Reformation and Women's Place
 in the Sixteenth Century."

Feb. 24, 2017 7:00 PM
 Reformation Sing-along
 Bottle Rocket Brewery

Mar. 13, 2017 3:30 PM
 Presentation by Dr. Louis J. Reith
 An Unknown Reformation Prince – Duke Christoph of Württemberg
 TLEC Room 111

Mar. 17, 2017 7:00 PM
 Wind Ensemble Concert
 St. John Lutheran Church

Mar. 20, 2017 7:00 PM
 Guest Lecture by Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz – Lutheran Hour Speaker
 Reformation Mission
 Weller Chapel

Mar. 21, 2017 11:00 AM
 Guest Chapel Speaker – Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz – Lutheran Hour Speaker
 Weller Chapel

Mar. 29, 2017 3:40-5:00 PM
 Dr. Russel Moulds – A CUNE Reformation 500 Table Talk
 TLEC Room 113

500th Reformation Anniversary Celebration Schedule For Sunday, October 29, 2017

Concordia University Walz Arena

2:30 P.M. Walz Arena Lobby	Reformation Art Gallery by Concordia Art Students
2:30 P.M. Walz Arena Entrance	Sidewalk Chalk Art Exhibit
3:30 P.M. Walz Arena	500th Reformation Worship Service, Dr. Timothy Saleska
5:00 P.M. Walz Field House	German Fest Dinner and entertainment

(Meal tickets available on-line beginning September 2017 or at the door the day of the event.)

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!