

Augsburg Church

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3	4	5 (B) Madison Lotz (B) Ruth Summann	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 (B) Denise Wolf	13 (B) Pam Parrish	14 (A) Eric & Cathy Dothager 00	15	16 (B) Linda Rhodes
17 (A) Matthew & Sarah Sasse 10 (B) Amy Schaal (B) Teresa Barnick	18 (A) Lee & Fran Schaal 58	19	20	21	22 (B) Abigail Rogers	23 (A) Joe & Rachel Schaal 04 (A) John & Ruth Ann Moyer 71 (B) Grace Kruenegel (B) Rachel Koonce
24 (B) Garrett Austin	25 (B) Danny McCaslin	26 (B) Dennis Schukar (B) Kenny Dothager	27	28	29 (B) Abigail Wolf	30 (B) Dennis Lange
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Dearly Beloved,

On Sunday, October 31, we will celebrate Reformation Day, the 504th anniversary of Martin Luther posting the 95 Theses on the Castle Church door. As we remember what God accomplished through His servant, we are reminded that to be Lutheran is nothing else than to be Christian, that is, to live a life of repentance and faith in Christ. For we do not worship Luther, but rather the God who worked through him to restore to the Church the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ in its truth and purity. With Luther we "believe, teach and confess" Jesus Christ as the only Savior of the world and the only way to heaven ("Solus Christus"): Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6). If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Rom. 10:9). There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12).

"Sola gratia" refers to the Scriptural teaching that man is saved by God's grace alone without deeds of the Law: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Eph. 2:8-9). We are saved from sin, Satan, death, and hell only by God's grace through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ alone. Man contributes nothing to his salvation. It is ALL God's work. Luther writes:

Grace consists in this, that God is merciful to us, shows Himself gracious for the sake of the Lord Christ, forgives all sins, and will not impute them unto us for eternal death. This is grace: the forgiveness of sins for the sake of the Lord Christ, the covering up of all sins. (What Luther Says, p. 603)

"Sola fide" (faith alone) refers to the Scriptural teaching that "a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the Law" (Rom. 3:28). It is only by faith that we receive the gifts of God's grace, the forgiveness of sins and eternal life on account of Jesus alone ("solus Christus"). And, lest we misunderstand, this faith is not a work we do, but itself is a gift from God (Eph. 2:8), for "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). So part of God's grace is that He gives us faith to receive His grace.

Oh, that we would believe and speak with St. Paul as he emphasizes the importance of such faith:

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ

Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith- that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. (Phil. 3:8-11).

"Sola Scriptura" refers to the fact that the Bible is the only source and norm for our faith and life. That's why "we pledge ourselves to the prophetic and apostolic writings of the Old and New Testaments as the pure and clear fountain of Israel, which is the only true norm according to which all teachers and teachings are to be judged and evaluated" (Formula of Concord). For "from these writings you learn that you are a sinner by nature and how you are to get rid of your sins and receive life eternal, namely, through faith in Christ" (What Luther Says, p. 81).

Christ alone, grace alone, faith alone, Scripture alone. Each directs us to what God has done, and continues to do, for us and for our salvation. Thus, Soli Deo Gloria, to the glory of God alone, for His grace shown us in Christ, for the gift of faith by which we trust in Jesus alone for forgiveness, life, and salvation and receive His gifts, and for His gift of the Bible which points us to Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

In two short stanzas, Matthias Loy (1828-1915), a Lutheran pastor, summarizes the Reformation and the work of Martin Luther:

When Rome had shrouded earth in night,
God said again, Let there be light!
And Luther with the Gospel came
To spread the truth in Jesus' name.

When Rome the saints of God oppressed,
And burdened souls could find no rest,
Through Luther God deliv'rance sent
By His pure Word and Sacrament. (ELHB 283)

Have a blessed Reformation Day!

The Lord bless you and be with you always.
Pastor Landskroener

P.S. Thank you to all who donated in support of my Bike MS ride. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. I rode 170+ miles and, with your help, raised over \$3,000 for MS research and support.

DAILY, 15-MINUTE, VERSE-BY-VERSE BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon is leading a study on the Book of Mark. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Council Meeting is Oct. 6th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
Voters Meeting is Oct 10th at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary

Faith Lutheran Church annual soup supper, October 17th. See flyer in Narthex for details

For a Pastoral visit, please contact Pastor Landskroener

OCT. 31ST REFORMATION RALLY- All should come to the Altamont Reformation Rally, this year on Reformation Day, Oct. 31st, 5pm at Immanuel, Altamont. Our preacher this year is Pastor Richard Marrs of Concordia St. Louis Seminary. Offerings will go to ALIS Church Worker Scholarship Fund. What joy to hear we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

Mark your calendars – There will be a dinner honoring all recent confirmands and new members to be held November 7th, immediately after services. Ladies Aid will provide the meat and drinks. Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

Important news about the way we dial — **Beginning October 24, 2021**, everyone in the 618 area code must dial 10 digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. In addition, all services or automatic dialing equipment must be re-programmed to use the 10-digit numbers. Some examples are life safety systems or medical monitoring devices, PBXs, fax machines, Internet dial-up numbers, fire- or burglar-alarms, security gates, speed dialers, cell phone contact lists, call-forwarding settings, voicemail services, and other similar functions. Also, be sure to check your websites, advertising materials, checks, stationery, pet ID tags, and other such items to see that the area code is included. This change will enable a new, nationwide emergency number (988) for the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline, which will go into effect July 16, 2022. Until then, suicide prevention services can still be accessed by dialing 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

Trimming Stamps for Mites -- Trim each stamp leaving paper measuring 1/8 of an inch or less around the stamp. Be careful not to trim too close to the stamp. No corners or edges should be cut. The stamps must be 100% complete. If there is a group of stamps trim around the whole group.

Camp Cilca Lowdown posted in narthex.

Janice Torbeck is staying at Luther Terrace in Altamont, IL. Her contact info is: Luther Terrace, 700 W. Cumberland Road, Appt. 105, Altamont, IL 62411 Phone number is 618-483-6218.

Parish Hall reservations – If you would like to plan an event or meeting to use our Parish Hall for any reason, this also includes Church activities, you will need to contact Scott or Karen Torbeck. If not asked, we don't know. Use of the Parish Hall will be determined by the first reservation made.



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Why did you eat your
math homework?



Because the teacher said
it was a piece of cake!



