

The Bell Tower

Sunday

October 29, 2017
Reformation Sunday

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SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES...

Say **YES** and be involved.



St. John's 500th ANNIVERSARY

FINAL WEEK TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS...please note tickets are NOT available at the door

St. John's 500th ANNIVERSARY REFORMATION CELEBRATION

will be held on Saturday evening, November 4th. This will be a wonderful celebration of our church history that you will not want to miss! Our meal, "A Taste of Germany", will be prepared and served by the Hamilton Career Center culinary arts students. A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to support their program. Our evening will begin at 5:30pm with a silent auction. You will have the opportunity to bid on some wonderful Lutheran memorabilia. Dinner begins at 6:15pm. There will be musical entertainment and a "Walk Where Luther Walked" presentation. **Tickets are \$20 each and will be on sale at the Spiritual Ops Table. Youth under age 18, who prefer not to "taste Germany", will be able to eat a "youth meal" for free - please see Joan Lewis for a special youth ticket. Tickets will be sold until Sunday, October 29th. They will not be available at the door.**

****If you are an older member who would like a ride please contact Joan Lewis at 710-1756 or see me after worship.**

If you know an older member who would like to attend please contact them and offer a ride.

CELEBRATING THE HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY

Sunday, November 5th, we will be commemorating All Saints Sunday with a procession into St. John's cemetery. The purpose is to remember those Saints who have gone before us, especially those who have passed away during the last year.



As a preparation for Sunday's service, a celebratory morning of fellowship, commemoration and light gardening is scheduled for Saturday, November 4th, 9.30 to 12.30. All are invited to participate - there will be activities suitable for all ages and abilities. And refreshments will be served. Church historians will be on hand to provide information and tributes will be laid for those who passed this year.

Participants will be assigned a family plot to tend. If you have a particular family you want to take care of, great. If not, we'll assign one for you and provide you with a biography of the family so you can get to know them. Jobs will include: removing old arrangements, laying tributes, weeding and trimming around copings. Instruction will be given!

Don't be shy. Join us for this new tradition.

If you can spare a bit of your time, please sign up at the Spiritual Opportunities table (and please note if you are representing a family). See Greg Harris or Joan Lewis for additional information.

Youth News

Today is the last Sunday for collecting "Loose Change" after the Student/Children's Message for the Baby Bottle Program at Foothills Pregnancy Center. Thanks to all who came with **heavy** pockets and left with **EMPTY ONES!!**

November will be **Jackets for Jesus** month. We'll take any and all items that fall under this category—gently used or new. The youth will have a table set up by the collection plates for you to put them on.



Check the calendar on the St. John's Website for other Youth activities and Bible Study times.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

will be held on Saturday, November 18th. Tables to sell your craft items are currently being rented for \$25 each. To reserve a table, mail your check made payable to St. John's Lutheran Church, to: Frieda Cobb, 131 Sloan Road, Walhalla, SC 29691. If you have questions, you may call Frieda at 864-903-1021. Applications available at the Spiritual Ops table.



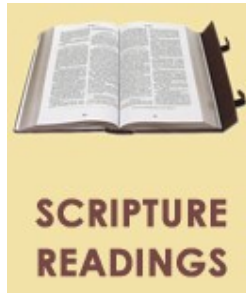
THANKSGIVING BUTTER-BRAID PASTRIES

are for sale. Sign-up to reserve yours at the Spiritual Opportunities table. Butterbraids are \$14 each; half of the proceeds go to Hospice of the Foothills.



We Pray for...

- Brenda Yost, recovering from shingles
- Sandra Marcengill, diagnosed with cancer
- Bill and Julie Corbett at the death of their son, Adrian
Julie had surgery
- Mark Steele, friend of Gary Cabbage, chemotherapy
- Brenda and Paul Cantrell, health issues
- Carolyn Brandt, recovering from hip replacement
- Edith Lambert, Grace Schmeelcke's sister, heart valve replacement
- Kathy Gross, recovering from surgery
- Joan Whitsel, recovering from a stroke
- Joyce Shirey, upcoming knee surgery
- Al Pittman, recovering from shingles
- Dolly Johnson, recovering from ankle surgery
- Bob Smith, medical tests
- Marie Palmatier, healing
- Diane Harper, diagnosed with cancer
- Jean Pittman, under Hospice care at Park Place
- Betty Wallace, home after a fall
- Horace Barrett, health issues
- Lauren, friend of Jan Long
- Ann Sloan
- Susan Watt, resuming chemo treatments
- Carol Ewald (Jeanne Welch's sister), continuing prayers
- Paul Maw, friend of Ann Brackett, cancer diagnosis
- Johnny Hester, Ann Brackett's cousin's husband, cancer
- Dan Fogel, son of Dean and Anne, continued prayers
- Carter Gale, 4 yr. old great-nephew of Tina Stephens
- Lauren Hartman, (daughter of the Bowman's) ongoing battle with lyme disease
- Joanne Garland, friend of Betty Sosebee
- Margaret Penington, Lila Doyle
- Bonnie Stebing, (Anne Fogel's cousin) continued improvement and recovery
- Marj Bouse (sister of Betty Mantell) various health issues
- Alison Williams (Cathy Plowden's sister), receiving treatments for pancreatic cancer
- Gina Daly, daughter of Bob Johnson, undergoing chemo
- Lily Sander, granddaughter of Bob and Dolly Johnson
- Our elected leaders, for wisdom and discernment
- All deployed military personnel.



October 29, 2017
Reformation Sunday
 Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Psalm 46
 Romans 3:19-28
 John 8:31-36

Worship Assistant Schedule
Sunday: October 29, 2017
10:30 am Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. John Yost III
 Lay Assistant: Ann Brackett
 Lector: Gary Cabbage
 Ushers: Chris Lee (H), Joan Lewis
 Greeter: Gary & Barbara Bowman
 Communion Ushers: Andrew Holliday, Bill Hughes
 Acolyte: Ryan Raab
 Crucifer: Randy Parris
 Nursery: Haileigh Chapman, Skyler Raab
 Altar Guild: Jeri Klaren
 Children's Sermon: Mark McLean
 Trumpeters: Joshua E. Koury and Mac McCrary
 Offering Counters: Klaren/Safrit
 Kitchen Cleanup: Lucy Klaren Circle

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES	
Reformation Sunday	
Sunday School	9:00 AM
Ministry Announcements	10:25 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Baptismal Celebration in the Fellowship Hall	11:30 AM
Monday	
Tuesday	
Bible Study	11:00 AM
Wednesday	
Handbell Choir	5:15 PM
Chancel Choir	6:15 PM
LCY Bible Study	7:00 PM
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
Cemetery History Celebration	9:30 AM
Reformation Celebration	5:30 PM
All Saints Sunday	
Sunday School	9:00 AM
Ministry Announcements	10:25 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
(Daylight Savings Time Ends)	

Christ in Our Home
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 available in the Sacristy

SAVE THE DATE -

- October 29- Reformation Sunday
- November 4- St. John's Cemetery History Day- 9:30am-12:30pm
- November 4 - 500th Anniversary Reformation Celebration at St. John's - 5:30pm
- November 5- All Saints Sunday
- November 18th- St. John's Craft Fair
- December 17- Advent Potluck after worship

Our tithes and offerings

are an important part of our faith journey. Electronic offerings may be given through GIVELIFY. You may also go to our website: www.stjohnswalhalla.org and access the secure giving button.



Every day, Living Lutheran offers a prayer for the day from the ELCA resource Prayer Ventures, which can be downloaded at scsynod.com. These petitions are offered as a guide for your own prayer life as together we pray for the needs of the world and give thanks for the ministries of our church.

October 29th: With humility and gratefulness, give thanks to God that we are justified and saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and that our salvation isn't dependent on our actions, attitudes or quality of faith.



November 12, 2017

Annual Congregational Meeting

After Sunday Worship...

please plan to attend.

The Morning Circle will meet on the second Tuesday (November 14th) instead of the third Tuesday because of the early date of Thanksgiving. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM. We will be preparing Christmas gifts for the DSS adults at the meeting and deciding on when and where to hold our Christmas Party in December. Sandy Yuda and Betty Mantell will be hostesses and Sandy will give the devotion. All women of the church are welcome to attend and join our Circle.

Commemorations:

Reformation Day

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

All Saints Day

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639

Friday, November 3, 2017

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed black slave from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.



A 12-part series on the life and thought of Martin Luther is available in the sacristy. This series was reproduced with permission of Living Lutheran Magazine and was provided to us by Pastor Gary Safrit.

St. John's Preschool Needs Donations

of Clorox Wipes, Baby Wipes, Kleenex, and Hand Sanitizer

With all of your contributions the Preschool teachers each received a debit card of \$100 to spend on their room and children.

Thank you for your continued support of St. John's Lutheran Preschool.