

Trinity Lutheran Church
and Learning Center
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Service Schedule:

Sunday

Bible Study & 9 AM
Sunday School
Divine Service 10:15 AM

Wednesday

Catechesis 6:30 PM
Service 7:00 PM

Monday-Friday

Children's Matins 10:00 AM

Private Confession & Absolution

Wednesday 10:30-11:00 AM
Saturday 8:00-8:30 PM
or by appointment



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500 Year Anniversary of the Reformation

I am struck by the words included in the General Prayer for The Festival of the Reformation.

"Praise be to Thee especially this day that, when the gross darkness of popery covered the earth, Thou didst kindle afresh the light of Thy holy Word, and through Thy chosen vessel Martin Luther didst teach our fathers once more the everlasting Gospel of salvation. Praise be to Thee that Thou hast to this day preserved the goodly heritage, saved us from persecution and confusing creeds, defended churches and schools from the assaults of Satan, given strength and success to Thy Word, and at all times provided faithful shepherds to feed Thy flock in the pleasant pastures of Thy Word."

The 500-year anniversary of the



Reformation provides a wonderful opportunity to remember and give thanks for the manifold spiritual blessings which we enjoy in our churches today. More than that, the contemplation of this anniversary should inspire us to rejoice in these blessings, commit ourselves to preserving this wonderful inheritance, and fight the good fight to retain the chief article of the Christian faith. I find myself unable to adequately express in words the importance of this special work of God.

When properly understood, this remembrance of the Reformation will not become a self-congratulating pat on the back for those who

claim Luther and the reformers as their fathers. Instead, we will realize how little we have valued their sacrifice and effort. We will be humbled and ashamed by our indifference and ingratitude toward true and pure doctrine. We will come to understand the singular gift of God in providing for us the person of Dr. Martin Luther.

The television specials—which are sure to want to capitalize on this quicker than you can buy an indulgence to try and save your soul—will surely get it wrong. Martin Luther did not save us from the immorality of the

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The Learning Center

By Keely Gelso
ECLC Director

Often with the New Year ringing in, we typically set goals to achieve. This year I am going to try and write down what I would like to accomplish and be able to check it off as I go along. It's a big list, not only professionally but personally. One thing I am going to try and commit to this year is from the Peacemaker's Pledge.

Glorify God * Instead of focusing on our own desires or dwelling on what others may do, we will seek to please and honor God - by depending on his wisdom, power, and love; by faithfully obeying His command: and seeking to maintain a loving, merciful, and forgiving attitude.

I am going to stick this on my computer and my fridge....I feel like this is a fantastic focus for 2017! May peace be with you and yours, all throughout the year of 2017.



Please remember that with the New Year, changes happen with rooms and teachers. I will keep you updated for the changes that I anticipate to come.

Happy Birthday!

1/1 Ms. Ashley
1/31 Reid Baldi

Important dates to remember!

Trinity is closed for the following dates

Monday, Jan. 2, 2017
Monday, May 29, 2017
Tuesday, July 4, 2017
Monday, Sept. 4, 2017

Pre-K Graduation

Sunday, May 7, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

Please feel free to come by and see me at any time for questions or concerns.
Mrs. G



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church hierarchy, though the lives of the leaders were horrendous. He didn't set the Christian free from the oppression of organized religion, so that each man could use his own free will to decide what is true. He wasn't a radical or a heretic or a wild bull from the forest who was ravaging the church.

The true Gospel message of Jesus Christ had been covered over with the teaching of works-righteousness and humanely-instituted ordinances. The good news of the forgiveness of sins by grace through faith in Jesus Christ had almost been taken away completely. Men were being told to trust in their works for salvation. This dark falsehood led some people to despair as they did not know the only saving remedy. Others, following man-made laws, went along in false pride, thinking they were saved, maybe even thinking they could help save others, and yet they weren't and couldn't.

It was a dark and dire time when the Lord raised up a man to reform the church and return it to the apostolic teaching of justification by grace through faith in Christ alone. On October 31, 1517, Dr. Martin Luther nailed a document containing 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg. Rather than a discussion of the false teachings and practices as they compared with the truth of God's Word and a repentant return to the truth, church leaders clung to the doctrines of men and sought to assault God's messenger and extinguish the truth of the Gospel.

The Lord defended His Word. The Lord protected Dr. Martin Luther, the angel with the everlasting Gospel. The Lord sent many faithful shepherds who joined in the fight for the pure and saving Gospel and the right use of the holy sacraments. He preserved His church on the solid foundation of truth. Even the gates of hell cannot prevail against Christ's church.

We are the recipients of grace upon grace so that on account of the Reformation we have a goodly heritage. We have been given the gift



of the Ministry of the Word which continues to give us the gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ, who made atonement for the sins of the whole world. Christ's ministers distinguish law and gospel so that though we know our sins, and then we are comforted by the freely offered forgiveness of sins and our consciences are at peace.

This commemoration of the Reformation must also lead us to proclaim the light of the truth of salvation to the nations. It will lead us to fight to

preserve a true-teaching church for our children. And finally, we pray, "Gird us with Thy power, that we may fight a good fight and keep the faith, until we shall obtain the crown of righteousness laid up for us in heaven, for thy Son's sake. Amen." --MDH

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January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <div>Christmas One</div> <div>Circumcision of Jesus</div> <i>Learn-by-Heart Certificate for Lord's Prayer</i> 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7 <div>Epiphany of Our Lord (observed)</div> 6:00 PM Undecorating 7:00 PM Divine Service (with Burning of Tree)
8 <div>Baptism of our Lord</div> 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service	9	10 6:00 PM Board of Education	11 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	12 6:30 PM Sunday School Teachers' Meeting	13	14 8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution
15 <div>Epiphany 2</div> 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service Council Meeting #1 After Service	16 7:00 PM Elders' Meeting <i>Martin Luther King, Jr.</i>	17	18 <div>The Confession of Saint Peter</div> 10:30 AM Divine Service 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	19 7:00 PM Ladies Missionary Society	20	21 8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution
22 <div>Epiphany 3</div> 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service	23	24 <div>Saint Timothy, Pastor and Confessor</div> 10:30 AM Divine Service	25 <div>The Conversion of Saint Paul</div> 10:30 AM Divine Service 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	26 <div>Saint Titus, Pastor and Confessor</div> 10:30 AM Divine Service	27	28 8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution
29 <div>Epiphany 4</div> 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service <i>Learn-by-Heart Recitation of Holy Baptism</i>	30	31	Acolytes: Sun(1) Jonathan Henson, Fri(6) Crucifer/Gospel Book-Sarah Miller, acolytes- Tom Weber and Jonathan Henson, Sun(8) Crucifer/Gospel Book-Sadie Henson, acolytes-Sarah Miller and Luke Phillips, Sun(15) Sarah Miller, Sun(22) Sadie Henson, Sun(29) Tom Weber		Elder-- Tony Stretch(995-1379); Altar Guild--Kim Miller and Claire Stretch; Church Cleaning--Jan 1 Field, Bob, Jan 8/15 Dunaways, Jan 22/29 Byrne	

February 2017

MONDAY - FRIDAY
Children's Mats 10 AM - 10:30 AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	2 <div> Presentation of Our Lord 10:30 AM Divine Service 6:30 PM Sunday School Teachers' Meeting <i>Groundhog Day</i> </div>	3	4 8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution
5 <div> Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service <i>Learn-by-Heart Certificate for Holy Baptism</i> </div>	6	7	8 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	9	10	11 8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution
12 <div> Septuagesima <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i> 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service </div>	13	14 6:00 PM Board of Education <i>St. Valentine's Day</i>	15 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	16 7:00 PM Ladies Missionary Society	17	18 <div> Martin Luther, Doctor and Confessor </div>
19 <div> Sexagesima 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service </div>	20 <i>President's Day</i> 7:00 PM Elders' Meeting	21	22 <i>Washington's Birthday</i> 10:30 AM PCA 6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart 7:00 PM Catechesis Service	23	24 <div> Saint Matthias, Apostle 10:30 AM Divine Service </div>	25 ECLC Walkthrough 8:00 PM Private Confession & Absolution
26 <div> Quinquagesima 9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Divine Service <i>Learn-by-Heart Recitation of Confession/Office of the Keys</i> </div>	27	28	Acolytes: Sun(5) Crucifer/Gospel Book-Sadie Henson, Acolytes-Luke Phillips and Tom Weber, Sun(12) Jonathan Henson, Sun(19) Dylan Dunaway, Sun(26) Sarah Miller		Elder--Keith Zimmerman(983-8458); Altar Guild--LeeAnn Byrne and Violet Kemp; Church Cleaning- Feb 5/12 Brieschke, Feb 19/26 Blair	

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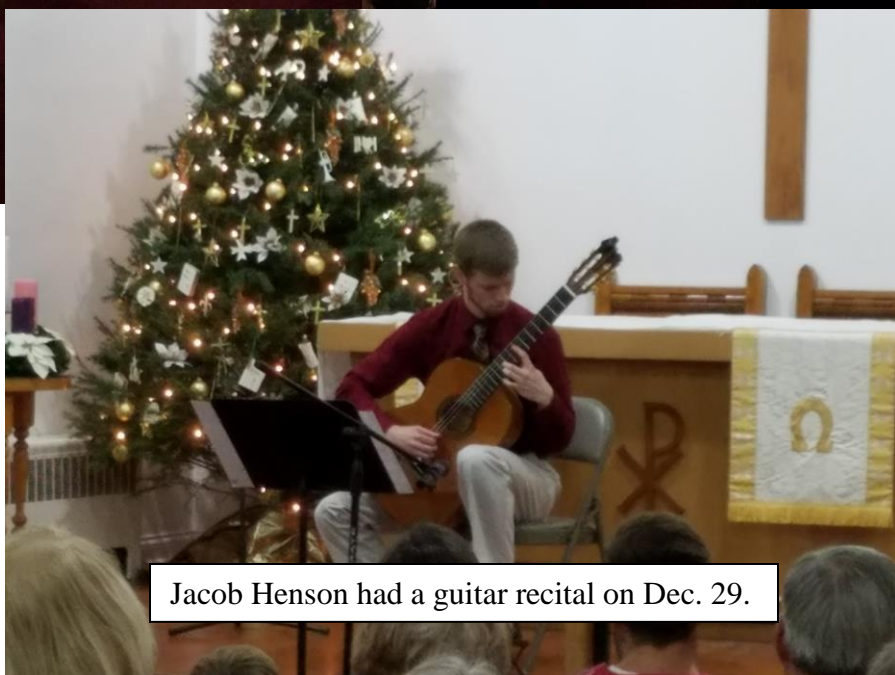
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Jacob Henson had a guitar recital on Dec. 29.

