

OUR REDEEMER MONTHLY NEWS

October 2023

It's the LUTHERAN Reformation!

Entirely too often you hear references to the Protestant Reformation, and many groups that came later jump in and try to say they were part of the Reformation. They were not. It was Father Martin Luther who brought to light the need to clean the Church of abuses. We follow that tradition, and are always in a state of reformation when abuses sneak in. And abuses do.

In point of fact, only Lutherans are actually Protestants. We were given that name as an insult because at the Diet of Speyer in 1529 it was said of us that we “protest too much” about how the Roman Church tried so very hard to stop the spread of the Gospel that was brought to light. The Pope and his legates never met so many times with any other group of people as with Luther and the Princes who supported the teachings of this man. Most of the others were just condemned outright as being heretical beyond redemption, and no one bothered to even try to persuade them to return to the teachings of Rome in those days.

If fuss about this it is because we need to be reminded of one very important thought: There is only ONE Church, and no one is ever to split off and try to start a new one. We did not split off. We were cut off by Pope Leo X, but that was entirely beyond his authority to do. We are still part of the One Holy Apostolic and Christian Church, and IF Rome were ever actually to come to a pure understanding of the Gospel, and to discern the distinction between Law and Gospel, we would be compelled to come back together. At this point it does not seem likely, but that is still where we are.

Other churches pop up, and disappear again, but do not follow that which is handed down from the Apostles since the beginning. In this we do have the Apostolic Succession, as it was in the beginning of days of the new-born Church. Other Church Confessional Groups have added much to what the Apostles taught, or have subtracted a very great deal from it. Neither is acceptable. It is a curse to put words into the mouth of God, and a curse to deny the Words of God. Surprisingly, not all that is handed down from the Apostles is explicitly written in the Bible. There is the Practice of how they understood it, and how they did things, that are copied from generation to generation, and from which we must not deviate. Among these are the baptism of babies, and the use of only grape wine and wheat bread in the Lord's Supper, for instance.

So, October is a special time for the true historic Lutheran Church. At the end of the month, on All Hallows Eve, we commemorate the time when Luther posted his list of themes for debate on the Church door – the Ninety-Five Theses. This list was never intended to cause as much of a furor that it did, for Martin Luther honestly wanted to discuss and debate a number of issues that were going on in the Church, and was willing to have his mind changed if someone could present to him a full Biblical explanation for why the Church was doing what it was doing, and not doing what it was supposed to be doing. Other professors and students read this list, said, “Oh, boy!” and got very excited. The list was copied, and passed around all over, and copies came into the hands of Bishops and Prelates, who could see that Luther had opened a big ol' can of worms. (This has nothing to do with the Diet of Worms, that came later.)

And, here we are. After many Diets (fancy word for a meeting called to make major decisions), during which little of real change was made by Rome, we were kicked out. In return, Luther told Pope Leo X that far from being able to excommunicate half of Germany, he (Luther) was excommunicating the Pope for unrepentant heresy, blasphemy, and sacrilege, for placing himself between Man and Christ.

So, we celebrate! The historic branch the Lutheran Church still holds fast to the Apostolic teachings brought back to light by one German Priest and those who believed him. Semper Reforanda!

Network Name and Password

ORLC Network Name: ORLC-Sanc-WiFi

Password: OrLcWiFiWax214

ORLC Outdoor Network Name: NETGEARACA35F-SETUP

Password: sharedsecret

Click-meeting link: Ourredeemerph.clickmeeting.com

Website

Our website: **ourredeemerprospectheights.org** contains links for in person worship registration, Livestream online worship, Bible Studies, Bulletins and Monthly News, and Online Giving. Check it often.

Email address for Pastor Leichman

If you would like to send an email to Pastor Leichman, please use the following address: Pastor@ourredeemerprospectheights.org.

Prayer Request Information

If you have a prayer request, please notify Jim Burmeister via text at (847) 343-3798, Phone (847)934-5963 home or (847)343-3798 cell; or via email at elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org.

Wheeling Township Food Pantry Wish List

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: Beans (white northern, cannellini or kidney), Jelly, Pancake Syrup, Pancake Mix, Juice Boxes, Juice Bags, 24 oz Juice Bottles. Items need to be dropped off at the Wheeling Township office located at 1616 N Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. Questions can be directed to Julie Villarreal at 847-259-7730.

Adult in person Bible Study

Please join us in the Parlor for in person Adult Bible Study on Wednesdays at 11:00 am.

Hunger Jar

Please remember the **Hunger Jar**. The jar is located on a stand at the top of the steps.

ORLC Flu Shot/Moderna Covid Booster/Vaccine Clinic

Our Redeemer will be hosting our Flu Shot/Vaccine clinic on Sunday, October 15th beginning at 8:15am. Regular & High-dose flu shots and the newest Covid (Moderna) boosters will be available. In addition, vaccines for Pneumonia, RSV, & Shingles can also be administered. Please register for EACH vaccine you wish to receive using this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4CABAE2DAB9-ourredeemer3> or call Laurie in the church office. Any questions, please contact Stacey Hall at 847-602-2607.

Coffee and...

Please join us for our special October Birthday celebration at 'Coffee and...' following Worship on Sunday October 15th.

ORLC Reformation Bonfire

Plan Ahead - Reformation Bonfire

Come join us for our annual Reformation Bonfire on Sunday, October 29, at 3:30 p.m. We will have many 'pallets' to burn while we enjoy a chance to socialize and dine together around a 'raging fire' in our church's fire pit.

Our Redeemer will supply the hamburgers and hotdogs. A sign-up sheet will be on the Welcome Center starting Sunday, October 8. If you are interested in attending, please sign-up or just let Jim or Traudy Burmeister know.

Sonshine News

Plan Ahead – Christmas Wreath Fundraiser Starting Soon

Yes, it does seem early, but it's time again to start thinking about decorating your house for the Christmas Holiday. **Starting Sunday, October 1**, brochures and order forms offering different Christmas Wreaths, etc., will be available at the Welcome Center or if interested in receiving a flyer, please let me know and I'll be sure to send one out to you.

We are using the same family run Christmas Wreath business from Wisconsin that we have in the past. In order for them to start their planning, all **orders will need to be submitted to me by October 19th**.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards Sonshine Preschool. We thank you for your continual support.

Any questions, please contact Traudy Burmeister.





October 3 – Mikayla Drake
 Celis Santiago
 8 – Vickie Woods
 12 – Charlene Schweigel
 Chuck Braun
 29 – Jerry Seidl

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

October 3 – Mario & Ernie Santiago
 12 – Bill and Georgette Witt
 17 – John and Stacey Hall



October	1	9:00 am	18 th Sunday after Pentecost With Communion Coffee and...
	4	11:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	8	9:00 am	19 th Sunday after Pentecost No Communion Coffee and...
	11	11:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	15	9:00 am	20 th Sunday after Pentecost With Communion Coffee and... October Birthdays Vaccine Clinic – (Please Register) Beginning at 8:15 am
	18	11:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	22	9:00 am	21 st Sunday after Pentecost No Communion Coffee and...
	25	11:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	29	9:00 am	Reformation Day (Observed) With Communion Coffee and...
		3:00 pm	Reformation Bonfire

