

# CrossCurrents



## Sunday

# October 29, 2017

**One very special  
combined worship service at 10 am  
Oktoberfest Lunch following  
in the Fellowship Hall**

Make plans to join us, and millions of Lutherans and other Christians around the world, as we mark the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, launched by Martin Luther and guided by the Holy Spirit. Worship at Cross of Christ will feature stirring music with organ, choir, handbells and guest musicians, as well as plenty of congregational signing, including of course Luther's great hymn "A Mighty

Fortress." A newly commissioned banner marking this momentous occasion will grace our Sanctuary. Worshippers are encouraged to wear red, a symbol of God's Spirit and the color of the Festival of the Reformation. The message is based on Luther's great theme - we are saved by grace through faith alone - from Scripture and especially from the letter of the Apostle Paul to Christians in Rome.

As we are sent out from this rousing service, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Oktoberfest, with brats, sauerkraut, brezen (Bavarian pretzels), German-style desserts and more! There will be Reformation inspired music and games for all ages, as well as a raffle with fun Reformation and Lutheran themed prizes.

Mark your calendars and make your plans for this extra-special Reformation and Reunion Sunday. Keep informed online at [crossofchristbellevue.org](http://crossofchristbellevue.org) and look for details

# Reformation Anniversary FAQ's

## Who was Martin Luther?



Martin Luther was a Catholic monk and priest living in Wittenberg, Germany, in the early 1500s. When he began questioning the church teaching that was used to justify selling indulgences, a fierce controversy began over the church's teachings on forgiveness, grace and faith; the content of preaching; and the church's ministry. Luther was eventually excommunicated from the church and outlawed by civil authorities, but his witness of God's forgiving mercy in Christ found many supporters.

## What happened on Oct. 31, 1517?

On this date Luther sent a letter to the Catholic archbishop of Mainz that urged renewed preaching of "the gospel and the love of Christ" instead of continued promotion of indulgences (payment for reducing the amount of punishment one has to undergo for sin), which had "silenced" gospel preaching. He did not choose the day at random. Church representatives were actively marketing indulgences in a neighboring area, and the next day, All Saints Day, was a church festival associated with the church's teaching on merits, which was used to

promote the selling of indulgences. He also enclosed a copy of his

"Ninety-Five Theses," which were also posted on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg that same day, in Latin, as an invitation to theological and scholarly debate.

## Why was this action important?

Martin Luther believed that God's mercy could not be bought or earned, but only received by faith, thereby setting an individual free from a life of others' judgment. It was this message of freedom he wanted people to understand not only to remove the paralyzing fear and judgement they lived under from the Roman Catholic church, but also to live with joy, hope and confidence. Furthermore, in this freedom one's faith is a mighty, active presence, that inspires a living, daring confidence thereby liberating oneself to contribute to the common good.

## Why is this still relevant today?

All of us continue to live in a culture where judgment, guilt and shame are everyday experiences and where bullying words, abusive actions and shaming public discourse permeate our lives. The indulgences controversy may be a relic of the past, but the healing and reconciling message of God's mercy and forgiveness in Christ that Luther and others served is still needed – and still surprisingly contested.

## Cross of Christ is hosting a Reformation 500 Bookstore!

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50 percent plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

Stop by the Narthex on October 15 and 22 between services, during Oktoberfest on October 29, and before the Reformation concerts on October 4, 11, and 18, to get fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family.

Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like Luther the Reformer as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.



# Reformation Concert Series

Five Concert Series  
7pm in the Sanctuary  
Beginning September 27

From the beginning of the Reformation, Martin Luther had a significant impact on church and society through his contributions to sacred music. His intention to spread the gospel among the people through song achieved its manifold purpose. This remains true not only for his own time but for the following centuries up to the present day, all over the world. Other poets, contemporaries and descendants alike, were inspired by Luther's songs and composed their own hymns.

Luther's lifelong love of music was accompanied by an in-depth musical education. He knew secular and sacred songs from an early age, played the lute well, and sang in the convent when he was a monk, as a husband and father with his family, and as a professor with his students. Music was an indispensable part of his life.

The incorporation and promotion of music in the schoolroom resulted in a close relationship between church and school, as well as between classrooms and religious services. Pupils took part through chanting at services, and the evangelical hymns in the chantry were spread through the choir's chanting books. Numerous musical prints originated in Georg Rhau's printing shop in Wittenberg that carried the Protestant repertoire into the world.

From central Germany, starting in Saxony and Thuringia, the Protestant musical culture covered all of evangelical Germany and later shaped Protestant musical culture. In addition to choir-related music, it cultivated the musical rendering of biblical texts.

Heinrich Schütz and Johann Sebastian Bach are the finest representatives of this specific Protestant musical culture. In addition, the culture of the organ, first cultivated in northern Germany, became widespread. One of several masters of the organ was Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637–1707), who established evening concerts in Lübeck, which in turn served as precursors to the bourgeois musical culture.

Luther's approach to music is formed through the conviction that music is a particularly beautiful and unique offering of the divine creation. Music moves human hearts and allows them to anticipate the heavens. To bring people joy and to praise the Lord is music's true task and, indeed, its service.

Join us this season as we journey toward and celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with a series of evening concerts. For five Wednesdays we will present a concert/recital meant to enliven the spirit and offer praise to God. These events will begin on September 27th and take place at 7pm. All are welcome.

# CALENDAR

*Looking Ahead*

*September 10*

*We return to two service at 9am and 11am.*

*September 17*

*Installation of Ark Teachers/ Staff - both services.*

*September 24*

*Installation of Pastor Judy at both services. Baptism of Ann Baseler's great-grand-daughter at first service.*

*October 1*

*Installation of Council - both services*

*October 15*

*Pastor Dave in Iowa. Pastor Judy will be preaching.*

*October 29*

*Reformation 500 Sunday!  
One service at 10 am, followed by Oktoberfest lunch.*

*November 5*

*All Saints Sunday.*

*November 26*

*Christ the King Sunday.*

## Important Note – Summer Worship

### Schedule Ends September 3

Our final combined worship service for this summer will be Sunday, September 3 – the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend. Join us at 10 am for a service that blends elements of both our Traditional and Casual worship styles. The following week, Sunday, September 10, we return to our two-service worship schedule, with Traditional worship at 9 am, our Mosaic Casual worship at 11 am, and Discipleship Hour with Adult Faith Formation and Sunday School (ages three through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) between services.



## New Librarians Start this Fall

With the move of our long-time librarian Barbara McDonald to Mount Vernon last year, our library has been a bit underserved – but not entirely out of mind. A call went out to volunteers, and several folks offered their services. Thank you to all! In addition, a review of the purpose of a church library in this digitally connected, information at -your-fingertips age has been underway. This fall, Jean Westby will be taking on the task of reviewing and revitalizing our library for adult users, while Kristie Walker will be doing the same for children's books and resources. Thanks in advance, Jean and Kristie. Be watching for more information, and for ways you can help us understand the needs and desires our readers and members have for their church library!

## Attend the CFH Annual Luncheon



We will hold our Annual Luncheon fundraiser on **October 5, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm** at Bellevue Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue. Our keynote speaker will be Jon Fine, Chief Executive Officer of United Way of King County, who will speak on the current state of homelessness in our community.

For more information visit [cfhomeless.com](http://cfhomeless.com) or contact Sterling and Nadine Bentsen or Ann Huseby. Suggested donation \$150.

# Welcome Pastor Judy Brennan

After a thorough search and interview process, Pastor Judy Brennan has been offered and has accepted the newly created position of Coordinator of Caring Ministries. (See Pastor Judy's introductory article to learn more about our newest partner in ministry.)

The Search and Interview Team as well as the Personnel Committee and Council were impressed by Pastor Judy's thoughtful, calm, and relaxed presence, her background as a parish pastor, her clearly expressed passion for relational ministry, her well-rounded background, and her creativity and energy.

We are grateful that the Lord has brought us together at the right time in the life of Cross of Christ as well as in Pastor Judy's life! Pastor Judy will be working with our already strong lay Caring Ministry leaders and volunteers to provide deeper and wider care for our members in need, including members who are homebound long-term or temporarily, in hospital or rehab centers, under hospice care, facing crisis, and in other times of need. She will be working with Lay Visitors, Prayer Chain members, Caring Card Team members, Meals and Transportation Care Teams, and others to share the love of Christ in important ways.

Working on a one-quarter time basis (average of 10 hours weekly) Pastor Judy will partner with Pastor Dave to provide pastoral care, emergency responses, and pastoral guidance. She will spend most of her time outside of the church office visiting folks, but will establish regular office hours yet to be

determined. She will also be with us in worship approximately one Sunday a month, including preaching and presiding a few times each year when possible to cover Pastor Dave's vacation time.

Pastor Judy officially joins our staff on Tuesday, September 5. She will be officially installed in both worship services on Sunday, September 24. She's excited to get to know us, and we are looking forward to working with her!

Hello! I'm really looking forward to coming on board at Cross of Christ and getting to know you better. Here's a little about me: I'm originally from St. Paul, Minnesota, but graduated high school in Winthrop, Minnesota. I went to St. Olaf for a year, but graduated from Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa in 1997 and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California in 2004. I've also taught English in Japan through the JET program and served a year in the Lutheran Volunteer Corps. After my ordination in 2004, I moved to the Louisville, Kentucky area and served three congregations. I met my husband Dan in Louisville and we have three kids, Becky (9), Heidi (7), and Ben (5). We moved to Bellevue in 2013 and I've been on leave from call in order to spend time as primary care giver for our kids, though I've enjoyed doing pulpit supply around the area. Some other random things about me: I love reading, hiking, and camping; I lead two Girl Scout troops; and while I love eating every kind of berry, I do not like eating any kind of melon. Thanks again for welcoming me to your congregation

Pastor Judy

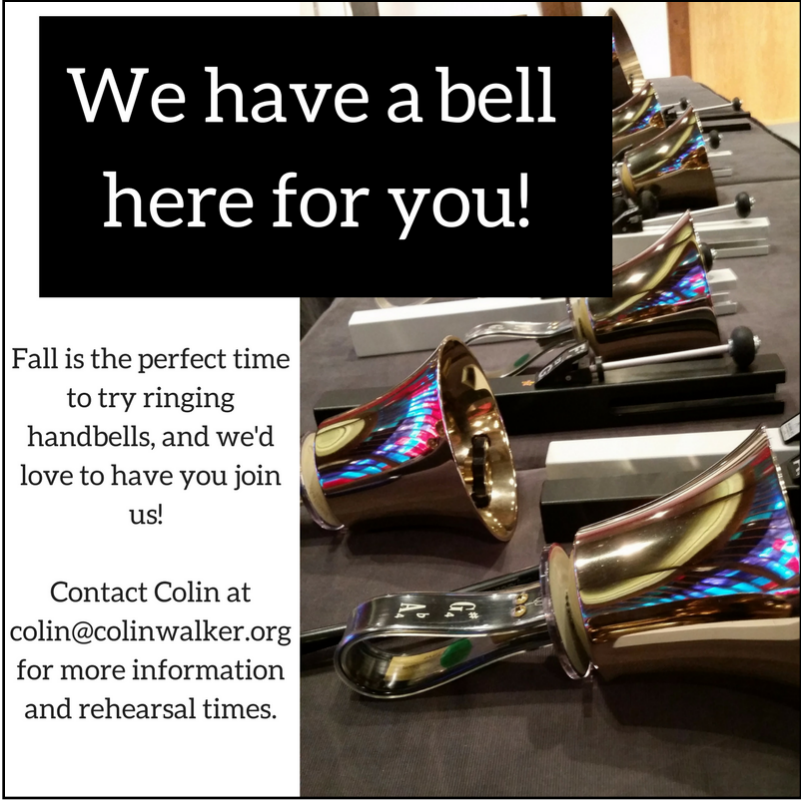
## Council Retreat

In "The Freedom of a Christian" (1520) Martin Luther famously wrote "A Christian is lord of all, completely free of everything; a Christian is a servant, completely attentive to the needs of all." Servant Leadership for Mission will be the theme of this year's annual Council Retreat, Saturday, September 23, from 1-6 pm.

Pastor Dave will be hosting Church Council members and Core Team Leaders at his home in the Cascade-Fairwood neighborhood of south Renton. During the day, Council members will explore principles and application of Servant Leadership, review the newly created Strategic Planning guidelines from the Strategic Planning Team, spend time in prayer and discernment for mission priorities for the year ahead, welcome new members, and deepen their relationship through some activities Pastor Dave promises will be "awesome fun!" Please keep your congregational leaders in prayer always, and especially as they gather for the Council Retreat.

### Looking Ahead to the Smorgasbord

Ladies attention: I know this is early but by the time the next Crosscurrents comes out it will be almost too late! OK, here is the deal; we need a volunteer to be in charge of the Smorgasbord this year. I know there is someone who is saying, "I think I can do that". There are many willing to help, we just need a coordinator. Duties include having signup sheets at the Information Desk for people to say what they will bring or donate monies for meats, volunteers for clean up or setup and or decorations. I will be available to help you. Jean Mills



We have a bell  
here for you!

Fall is the perfect time to try ringing handbells, and we'd love to have you join us!

Contact Colin at [colin@colinwalker.org](mailto:colin@colinwalker.org) for more information and rehearsal times.

Thank You

The Garden of Remembrance was a beautiful setting for Doug's memorial service. Our thanks to Pastor Dave for his words of comfort. Thanks also to the ladies and all who made this a day to remember.

Ellie and Laurie Dennison

# FINANCIALS

Financial Report  
Month and YTD Ended May 2017

	Month			Year - to - Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav)
<b>Revenue</b>						
May 2017 General Fund Receipts	\$ 27,543	\$ 36,713	\$ (9,170)	\$ 27,543	\$ 36,713	\$ (9,170)
May 2017 Other Income	\$ 5,550	\$ 3,599	\$ 1,951	\$ 5,550	\$ 3,599	\$ 1,951
<b>May 2017 Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 33,093</b>	<b>\$ 40,312</b>	<b>\$ (7,219)</b>	<b>\$ 33,093</b>	<b>\$ 40,312</b>	<b>\$ (7,219)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
May 2017	41,529	42,137	608	41,529	42,137	608
<b>Net/Year to Date Net</b>	<b>\$ (8,436)</b>			<b>\$ (8,436)</b>		

Financial Report  
Month and YTD Ended June 2017

	Month			Year - to - Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav)
<b>Revenue</b>						
June 2017 General Fund Receipts	\$ 30,518	\$ 36,713	\$ (6,195)	\$ 58,061	\$ 73,426	\$ (15,365)
June 2017 Other Income	\$ 5,975	\$ 4,033	\$ 1,942	\$ 11,525	\$ 7,632	\$ 3,893
<b>June 2017 Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 36,493</b>	<b>\$ 40,746</b>	<b>\$ (4,253)</b>	<b>\$ 69,586</b>	<b>\$ 81,058</b>	<b>\$ (11,472)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
June 2017	36,177	41,388	5,211	77,706	83,525	5,819
<b>Net/Year to Date Net</b>	<b>\$ 316</b>			<b>\$ (8,120)</b>		

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Remember to “fall -back”  
on  
Sunday, November 5

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September 4 for Labor Day



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