

REFORMATION



Nearly 500 years ago, a small-town priest disrupted an entire religious, economic and political landscape. On 31 October 1517, Luther wrote to his bishop, Albert of Mainz, protesting the sale of indulgences. He enclosed in his letter a copy of his "Disputation of Martin Luther on the Power



and Efficacy of Indulgences", which came to be known as the *Ninety-five Theses*. The founder of our faith tradition, Martin Luther, believed in a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Join us on **Sunday, October 30 at 10:30 am** when we will celebrate the 499th anniversary of the **Reformation** and also the **Confirmation** of our young people who have spent two years in the study of Luther's Small Catechism.

BCO OCTOBER ITEMS OF THE MONTH:



Jelly



Rice



Mac & Cheese



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For there is no distinction,²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus... **Romans 3:22b-24**

Communion Opportunities for October

October 16: The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 30: **Reformation Sunday w/Holy Communion
And Confirmation**

(Communion on other Sundays after the service)

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE 9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service
Church Office Hours Monday-Thursday
8:30 am—3:00 pm



Grace and peace,



I am excited that this month we are starting a new year of Confirmation classes with youth at Holy Comforter. We continue to work with many of the other Lutheran churches in Gaston County as we teach and form youth in our Lutheran expression of the Christian faith. Many of our sister churches are in pastoral transition, so this is a wonderful way that we can be the Church together. In Confirmation we work to teach Luther's Small Catechism, what Luther believed to be what every good Christian should know, while also forming the kids in community with one another.

At the end of this month on Reformation Sunday, October 30th, we will celebrate Confirmation for those who have completed two years in our Confirmation program and who are ready to make that faith commitment. That is what Confirmation is, a faith commitment made by the youth. In infant baptisms, parents and sponsors, and well as the church, make promises to raise the child in the faith. In a sense, we promise to have faith for the child as we form them in their

own faith and pass on the faith given to us in the Spirit to them. Confirmation is a service of affirmation of baptism when these children take some ownership of their faith for themselves. That is why Confirmation has often been thought of as the time when children become adults in the church. For instance, confirmed members can vote in the business of the church. For this reason, confirmation is not a graduation, not a finishing of something, but rather a commitment to something, or rather a recommitment to our baptismal identity in Christ.

The classes that we teach for Confirmation are not classes we graduate from, but rather tools that children use in order to a faith discernment that this thing that we call church is something that they want for themselves. So I am excited as we start up these classes again this year, as we provide tools for the kids to use as they question and wrestle with their faith. And I am excited as we move toward celebrating Confirmation on Reformation Sunday, the 499th anniversary of the Reformation, when these kids will affirm their baptismal identities in Christ and claim ownership of their faith.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Micah



Prayer List Changes:

In order to ensure an up-to-date prayer list, a new list for the *Greater Family of God* will be started on October 1.

Please email or call the church office to add any name you wish to appear on the *Greater Family of God* prayer list.

Also give us an "end date" for that name, or the name will remain for just one month.

The deadline for all information and/or articles for the November newsletter are due to Dianne by **October 21**.
Please be prompt in submitting your information.



TRUNK OR TREAT
Is Saturday, October 22
from 3:00-5:00 pm.

Volunteers will be needed for setup, cleanup, games, face painting and cake walk donations.

Please keep your donations for the cakewalk to cupcakes, brownies, cookies and/or donut holes (pre bagged preferably). Please do not bring or send cake slices.

The Belmont Fall Festival will be going on at the same time.

You are encouraged to contact Tom Bocchino at tbocchino@hotmail.com or at 704-616-3049 if you want to volunteer to help with this year's *Trunk or Treat*.

Contact Misty Koehler if you would like to host a game at your trunk. If you have your own game or any ideas please let us know ahead of time.





Altar Flowers

There are still a few dates available for anyone who would like to provide the altar flowers for a worship service. Cost of one vase of flowers is \$22.50. You may make your check payable to Holy Comforter with a notation that it is for the altar flowers. Please place in the offering plate or bring to the church office.

Dates Available for one vase only:

- ♦ November 6
- ♦ November 27
- ♦ December 18

Call the church office at 704-825-2483 if you want to reserve one of these dates to donate the altar flowers.



Following the worship service on **October 16th** the **Consecration Sunday Brunch** will be held in the **Fellowship Hall** and catered by *Peace and Hominy* of Belmont.

The Stewardship Committee introduced a program last year called *New Consecration Sunday*. We had great results with the people who responded to the message. However, the message may not have been as clear for some folks, so let us explain a little clearer.

Consecration Sunday is NOT:

- ...the church requiring everyone pledge a specific dollar amount.
- ...the church creating a budget based on *Estimate of Giving* cards.
- ...the church assigning a percentage of your income toward tithing.

What Consecration Sunday *is* meant for is time to reflect on the grace God has shown you, the abundance of God's provision for you and your family, and how we can give thanks to God in offerings. This is a time of reflection on the year past while looking at how to live generously into the future.

It is often said, when you write something down, you hold yourself more accountable. **Sunday, October 16** is about applying that theory to the promise you make to return to God the bounty God has given, an offering of thanksgiving then used for the Kingdom of God.

Although *Estimate of Giving* cards are collected and read by the finance committee, it is done only to assess the success of this program - Is our message reaching members? Are we making an impact by helping guide your heart? Are we fostering good stewards? We encourage you to use Consecration Sunday as an opportunity to direct, or redirect, your heart, to engage the spiritual practice of giving offerings to God in thanksgiving.

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Sunday, October 2 20th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:10 am Church Choir prep
- 10:30 am The Service

Tuesday, October 4

- 7:00 pm Property committee meets
- Sunday, October 9** 21st Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:10 am Church Choir prep
- 10:30 am The Service

Council meets after

Tuesday, October 11

- 12 Noon Agape Lunch Bunch/Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Stewardship Committee

Sunday, October 16 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:10 am Church Choir prep
- 10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**

Thursday, October 20

- 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee meets

Saturday, October 22

- 3:00-5:00 pm **Trunk or Treat**

Sunday, October 23 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:10 am Church Choir prep
- 10:30 am The Service

Tuesday, October 25

- 7:00 pm Christian Ed meets in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 30 **Reformation Sunday**

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:10 am Church Choir prep
- 10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**

& **Confirmation**

REGULAR MEETING TIMES:

- Sundays:** 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble
- 5:00 pm Adult Handbells
- 6:00 pm Church Choir

Tuesdays: 7:00 pm Nar-Anon

Wednesdays: 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Warren Heller)

Report for Month	August 2016	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$21,751.00	\$174,008.00
Actual Expenses:	\$18,254.36	\$164,444.93
Offerings Received:	\$18,918.51	\$175,977.39
Gain for the Period:	\$ 664.15	\$ 11,532.46

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye, Chief Lector
October 2: Brian Achor
October 9: Brian Achor
October 16 & 30: Billy Joye
October 23: Brian Achor

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:

Need Volunteers

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 3)

Fran Holland, Co-Captain
Melinda Lingerfelt, Co-Captain
Tracey Nault Stephanie Hinson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Need 4 volunteers

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:

October 16 & 30: Volunteers

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH:

October 2: Rochelle & Danny Potter
October 9: Dee Tucker
October 16: Debbie Neagle
October 23: Becky Richards
October 30: Rochelle & Danny Potter

TELLERS: Rochelle & Danny Potter

USHERS: Volunteers Needed

FLOWERS:

Oct. 2: Donna Bean, Horace Bean (both vases)
Oct. 9: Shelia Kelly
Jane Howard
Oct. 16: Kathy Graves
Judy, Carly & Mollie Caldwell
Oct. 23: Rochelle, Danny & Perri Potter
Richard & Kay Holden
Oct. 30: Mark & Rebecca, Luke & Alec
Fran Holland

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Trudy Whitener
Jill Cassel

NURSERY: (9:30 am-11:45 am)

A nursery is provided for infants and a separate nursery for the toddlers. Let an usher know if you need assistance.



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We recognize and celebrate these birthdays in the month of October. We are thankful for the life and Spirit of those we celebrate. May the blessings of God flow in the life of each of you.



- October 1 Ellen Fleming
- October 4 Andre Mendez
- October 5 Mark Reese
- October 7 Larry Siglar
- October 7 Catherine Carr
- October 7 Jeremy Tucker
- October 8 Brenda Daly
- October 10 Tim Kelly
- October 11 Evan Howard
- October 11 Patricia Roberson
- October 12 Dee Tucker
- October 14 Jean Fergerson
- Linda Grimsley
- Stephanie Henrichs
- Jeff Howard
- October 18 David Koehler
- October 19 Kelsey Thompson
- October 21 Elizabeth Atkinson
- October 22 Carmen Buell
- October 23 Eva Kline
- Noah Rogers
- October 24 Renee Carpenter
- October 27 Kay Holden
- October 28 Andrew Bryant
- Sarah Reese
- October 30 Shawn DeNicholas
- Bill Joye
- Micah Kearney
- October 31 Cody Koehler
- Gary Rogers
- Kurt Scholler

NOTE: If we have unintentionally left any member's name off this list, or if there are any errors, please call the church office.