

VOICE Newsletter

From the Pastor's Desk

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Happy Reformation Day! On October 31 it will have been 507 years since Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther is quoted as saying in regards to the Reformation: "There I began to understand that the righteousness of God is that by which the righteous lives by a gift of God, namely by faith."

We need Jesus—and only Jesus—that is really the point Luther was making with the 95 Theses. In commemoration of the Reformation, I'm including here a number of "Sayings in Which Luther Found Comfort." They come from Luther's Works, Vol. 43: Devotional Writing II, pages 171-177. Let us all find comfort in the Gospel as Pastor Luther did.

There are times when, for the sake of God's

word, we must endure the hardship, anguish, and persecution which the holy cross brings upon us. In such times we can rightfully bestir and strengthen ourselves with God's help in such a way that we can be bold, alert, and

cheerful, committing our cause to God's gracious and fatherly will. Thus St. Paul says, II Timothy 3:12, "All who desire to live a godly life in Jesus Christ will be persecuted." And in Acts 14:22, "Through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God," and

Philippians 2:12, "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling."

Our cause rests in the hand of Him who distinctly tells us, "No one can snatch them out

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Council President's Corner

Did you know that September is National Preparedness Month? Yes, it's October now, but it's not too late to be prepared.

In an effort to be prepared, consider updating your emergency information on your smart phone. The information is available for emergency services if needed. You will choose what information you want to have available. You may choose to include medical conditions, medications, and emergency contacts. Take a look at this option in your phone to see if it might be something you would like to have available if you did have an emergency.

We have had wonderful volunteers staffing our Church Nursery all summer. Thank you to each of our volunteers! We are continuing to advertise for a Nursery Attendant, but we have not received any applications and no children have been in our Nursery this summer.

The Executive Committee has decided that starting in October the Nursery will be open for families to use as needed, but it will no longer be staffed by volunteers. Families using the Nursery can listen to the service via the speaker.

—Gretchen Aikman

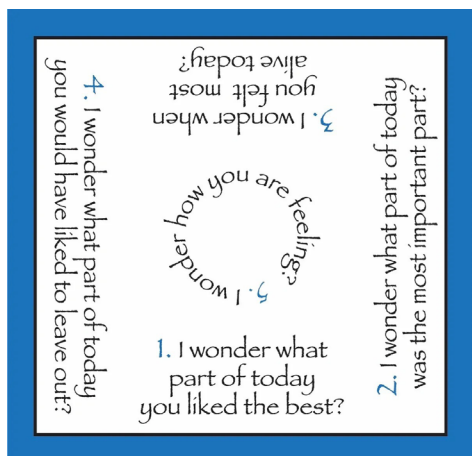
Education

GODLY PLAY

WONDERING!

What a fantastic kick-off to the year for our Godly Play® circle of kids! We were joined by 20 children in the classroom and heard the story of the Church Calendar Year where we learn why the church tells time not just in weeks, but in colors as well.

It was so fun to wonder alongside the children about what their favorite time of year/color was. You'd be amazed how many children found Lent to be the best time of year for them!



Above is a wondering image that shows how you as the grownups can use the wondering questions every day with your kids. When we wonder, there is no right or wrong answer. Children are free to think, be, and speak their thoughts openly. I invite each of you to wonder with your children.

Growing Our Circle

All-in-all it was a wonderful time to be back together. We look forward to growing our circle deeper in faith as we hear more about God's stories each week and wonder about them together.

—Joy

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 8, at 10 am

We welcome you to join us in Room 3 to discuss/plan our education opportunities.

EDUCATION MINISTRY

WATCH (Wednesday At The Church)

During October

Confirmation students

(7th-8th grades) will

meet weekly with

Pastor Benson at 6

pm in Room 14 in the

Sunday School hallway. Questions? Call

the church office, 425-334-0421.



6TH-12TH GRADE CLASS

Sundays at 8:45 am in the Youth Room



We are using the *Gathering Remix* curriculum with lessons, discussion, and snacks. Registration forms will be available. Virginia and Kristin are looking forward to seeing you October 6, 13, and 20.



GOD ROCKS!



Make decorative stones as reminders of God's many great attributes.



What you need:

- Flat, smooth stones
- Printed, decorative napkins
- Paintbrush
- Clear-drying craft glue
- Scissors
- Permanent marker

What you do:

1. Unfold the napkin, carefully separating the printed side from the solid side.
2. Brush a thin layer of glue atop a stone. Lay the napkin (printed side up) on the glue and press down. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
3. Turn the stone over and paint more glue on the back. Wrap the napkin edges around the stone, trimming as needed. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
4. On the stone, write an attribute of God (loving, wise, powerful, merciful, etc.).
5. Repeat with more stones. Use them as gifts, paperweights, table decorations, etc.



Youth of Ebenezer Preschool

6th-12th Grade Youth Contacts:
Virginia & Andi
Check your Ebenezer Phone Directory

YOUTH-A-PALOOZA



YOUTH-A-PALOOZA

Sunday, September 29, was YOE's annual planning event for the 2024-2025 year. We enjoyed pizza and brought ideas for fun, community service, and future events. Watch the *VOICE* and the weekly announcements as we get the fun rolling!

SERVICE PROJECT FOR LAKE STEVENS COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

YOE will be bringing ideas for a monthly food drive, along with Godly Play's red bags "Food on the Fourth." Our goal is to have Ebenezer working as a team and church family to gather food for LSCFB.

NORWEGIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST COMMUNITY SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 7:30-10:30 AM

All 6th-12th grade youth will have an opportunity to help at the breakfast—a great community event. Contact Scott Sutton by October 13 to help.



YOUTH COMMITTEE (EYC) MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:45 AM IN THE YOUTH ROOM

Families and youth are welcome.

2025 GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS



Yes, we will have these beautiful calendars for sale again starting in November!

HELLO, MINNEAPOLIS!

YOE heads to the City by Nature for the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering!



PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The fall season has arrived; our preschoolers are learning about shapes and creating fall artwork to decorate the classrooms.

The Bible lesson will continue on God's creation, creating the animals and the people, and how we can take care of what He has created for us.

Each class will go on a field trip to Craven Farm in Snohomish where they will



go on a self-guided tour, play in the Kids' Maze, enjoy animal viewing, and ride on a wagon. We will take a wagon ride to the harvest fields where each child will pick out a pumpkin to take home. Check your class newsletter for your class's special date and time.

At the end of the month, preschoolers will have a pajama party. The kids are invited to wear their pajamas and bring their favorite bedtime buddy. This is sure to be a fun day.

PUMPKIN, PUMPKIN

(Tune to Farmer & the Dell)

The pumpkin on the vine
The pumpkin on the vine
I picked the one that weighed a ton
And that's the one that's mine.
I made two funny eyes
A mouth that's oversized
He's now a jack-o'-lantern
You ought to see him shine.

DON'T FORGET

Preschool families, remember to join the private Preschool Facebook page, Ebenezer Family Connection. We will be posting weekly updates, class photos, and special reminders.

Worship & Music

FAST MINISTRY

FAST Team Papworth/Bauer members will serve during October. Team Briske will serve in November; watch for your postcard coming in the mail in October.

WOW (WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS)

Midweek Worship is from 7:00-7:30 pm. The worship style changes each week and is very different from our Sunday worship. These services include:

- Contemplative Healing & Prayer
- *Holden Evening Prayer*
- *Unfailing Light Communion*
- Festival of Hymns

Join us to hear God's Word and receive His blessings. Holy Communion will be served at some of these services.

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of my hand." John 10:28. "Furthermore, the gates of hell shall not prevail against my church," Matthew 16:18. And Isaiah 46:4, "Even to your old age and to gray hairs I will bear you. I will do it, and I will bear; I will carry and will save."

Even though we worry and fret (about) much, such needless anxiety will avail us nothing. We only plague and trouble ourselves and make matters all the worse. God wants us to look to him as our God and Father in Christ, to call upon him in every time of need and to be confident that he will provide for us, as St. Peter says, quoting Psalm 55:22, "Cast all your anxieties on him for he cares about you" I Peter 5:7, and as Christ himself says, Matthew 6:31, "You should not be anxious."

May you be comforted as Luther was, from these Words of Scripture, as you live out the Gospel!

Pastor Benson

Events Page

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 ~ 10 AM-3 PM



If you can bake goodies, make crafts, help set up

on November 22 or work the day of the sale, please sign up on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Or, you can call Betty Bauer to have your name added to the list of volunteers.

Raffle drawing items: a painting by Fran Clapper, a Goodie Basket, a quilt, and hourly door prizes by Carolyn Lund. Browse for special gifts and delicious, homemade treats.

Every Wednesday through November 13 from 10:30 am-2:30 pm in the Fireside Room will be a time for crafting. Bring your ideas and join in the fun.

Theme baskets will also be sold. This is how you can join in the action. Choose a theme and have fun creating a basket.



Some ideas are:

- Sports (Seahawks, Huskies, Cougars, Mariners)
- Books
- Pets
- Children's Activities
- Movie Night
- S'mores
- Coffee
- Angels
- Candles
- Scandinavian Items
- Snowman
- Charcuterie
- Spa

Please put your completed form in the basket which is on the Missions Table by the nametags. Turn in your green form by November 22. Thanks for your support for this annual event. Questions? Contacts are Betty Bauer, Linda Hurt, and Lia Stuart.

NORWEGIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST BENEFIT FOR LAKE STEVENS FOOD BANK SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 ~ 7:30-10:30 AM

Come to this fantastic breakfast serving all-you-can-eat pancakes on the third Saturday of the month.



You're encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to enjoy the breakfast and to help the Food Bank. The NPB team is partnering with Thrivent to raise funds.

The September benefit for Hungry Hearts Foundation generated \$650. Thank you for your support and generosity.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

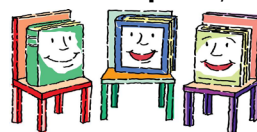
- **Wits Workout ~ Monday, October 7, at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** This

is a time to laugh, have fun with friends, and maybe even sharpen your thinking skills. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Please call Jane Briske.



- **Ebenezer's Book Club Discussion ~ Monday, October 7, at 4 pm.** If you

have read or are interested in reading *In the Unlikely*



Event by Judy Blume, join us for a short discussion of September's book.

During October we'll read *My Old Man and the Mountain* by Lief Whittaker.

If you have questions or to learn how to obtain copies of these books, please contact Jane Briske.

- **Pinochle ~ Sunday, October 13, beginning promptly at 1:30 pm.**

For those who love to play pinochle, we will



meet at Ebenezer. Questions? Call JoAnn Cross.

- **Hike to Merritt Lake ~ Saturday, October 12, carpool from church at 8 am (weather permitting).** This is a steep 2,100 feet of gain but a short 5.5 miles round trip. Bring lunch and plenty of water in your backpack. Contact Grey Robinson or Ken Cross for details.

- **Sip 'n Paint Class ~ Saturday, October 19, from 12-3 pm in the Fireside Room.**

Fellowship is hosting another class with



Fran Clapper. The subject is "Amazing Autumn." Creativity is encouraged. Can you paint from memories? What are some of your favorite memories of autumn? Please look for the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

- **Trunk or Treat ~ Thursday, October 31, from 4-6 pm in our parking lot.**

On Thursday, October 31, we plan to hold a Trunk or Treat event again in our parking lot. It will be early to accommodate the little ones. Look for a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Decorate your car and possibly yourself for the celebration. Contact Jane Briske or Ken Cross for details.



- **Women's Gathering ... Potluck Brunch ~ Saturday, November 2, starting at 10 am.** Sign up in the

Fellowship Hall.

This is a time for ladies of Ebenezer and their invited



female guests to gather together for food, fun, and laughter. Just bring a brunch food item to share and sit back and enjoy. Questions? Please contact Jane Briske.

Ministries of Ebenezer

STEWARDSHIP



Our annual stewardship campaign will kick off on October 20. This year's theme is "The Grace of

Giving." Giving is a matter of grace from beginning to end.

We'll have the stewardship packets for distribution on Sunday, October 20. If you are not able to pick up the packet in person, one will be mailed to you. There will be extra copies on the counter in the Narthex.

When you review the materials, we ask that you prayerfully consider your response. Ebenezer is blessed to have so many faithful givers!

—Yours in Christ, Stewardship Committee

FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Giving Online Just Got Easier!



Scan this QR code to be taken directly to our Online Donation page. Using the camera on your smart phone, hover over the QR code as if you are going to take a picture of it; then, without actually taking a picture, tap on the image of the code. This will take you to the Vanco online donation page for Ebenezer. Thank you for your generosity!

Give Here

—JoAnn Cross

finance@ebenezerlakestevens.org

FACEBOOK



When you find Ebenezer Lutheran on Facebook, please comment or share it on your own page. This will cause our Facebook feed to be more widely shown in Lake Stevens and more visible to visitors.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY



Pastor Benson's Thursday morning Bible Study begins at 10 am every Thursday in October. Join us each week in the Fireside Room as we dig deeper into the scripture lessons that will be read on the following Sunday.

MAR-CILLA CIRCLE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1 ~ 10:30 AM

You are invited to meet with other women for Bible study on the first Tuesday of each month. On October 1 our study will be "Faithful Repentance: Turning to Others." We gather at 10:30 am in the Fireside Room. Bring a lunch—dessert and coffee will be provided. For more information about Mar-Cilla Circle, contact Julia Moen or Marcella Bergerson.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY EBENEZER'S FIRESIDE ROOM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 ~ 10 AM

ALL women are invited to join us for this Bible Study from *Gather*, the wonderful women's magazine of the ELCA. Questions? Please call Lynn Riggs.



COMMUNITY SUPPER

Community Supper is currently serving FREE take-out only meals every Thursday from 4-6 pm. Since serving take-out meals, we have served an average of 300 each week.

A meal will not be served on October 31.

"Like" us at Lake Stevens Community Supper on Facebook to see what is happening. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for this program. For more information, contact supper@ebenezerlakestevens.org.

Spread Joy This Holiday Season!

As the holiday season approaches, we are reminded of the joy and warmth that Christmas brings to our hearts and homes. However, for many struggling families in our community, this time of year can be a challenging period.

This November, we have an opportunity to make a difference! The Social Ministry Committee is collecting new toys to deliver to the Lake Stevens Community Resource Center (LSCRC) where they will be delivered to families in our area. Last year, LSCRC was able to serve families of 337 children with gifts and wrapping supplies.

How You Can Help

1. **Donate New Toys:** We are collecting new, unwrapped toys suitable for children of all ages, from infants to teenagers. Think about what would bring joy to a child—such as board games, blue tooth speakers, doll houses, scooters, RC cars, Barbies, make-up for teens, lava lamps, gift cards for Amazon, fast food, Walmart, Target, Squishmallows, and art kits.
2. **Provide Wrapping Supplies:** Along with toys, we also need wrapping paper, gift bags, ribbons, and tape.
3. **Drop-Off Details**
 - When: Throughout the month of November.
 - Where: Collection bins will be placed in the Church Narthex.

FALL ALL-CHURCH WORK PARTY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 ~ 9 AM-2 PM

It's time to prepare our church for Winter. The building is used by all; let's all do our part to keep it presentable. There will be indoor tasks as well as outside. Look for the list of things to be done on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall—a great way to live out our beliefs and keep our church looking great. Lunch will be provided.

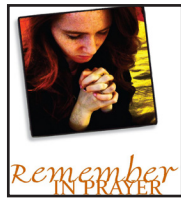


Our October Birthdays

Name	Birth Date (month/day)	Name	Birth Date (month/day)	Name	Birth Date (month/day)
Cowles, Roseanne	10/1	Tate, Caleb	10/9	Shephard, Michael	10/24
Olson, Karen	10/1	Hendrickson, Sheldon	10/11	Bauer, Betty	10/25
Arnold, Leonard	10/5	Wilson, Sedona	10/12	Johnson Jr, Chuck	10/28
Holm, Donna	10/5	Peterson, Phyllis	10/16	Stewart, Karen	10/28
Jackson, Pat	10/6	Volkman, Lynda	10/16	Kuehl, Wayne	10/29
Hoffmann, Don	10/8	Mandel, Steve	10/17	Sheppard, Cindy	10/31
Ohlert, Angela	10/8	Parzyk, Roy	10/22		
Olson, Jim	10/9	Nicholson, Nora	10/22		

The Prayer Corner

Prayer Chain:



If you have an urgent need, please call Prayer Chain leader Ken Cross. He will contact Prayer Chain members to pray for your request. Please pray for the following:

Members of the Congregation:

Barb Bucher	Karen Olson
Charlie Bucher	Joe Probst (hospice)
Jennifer Flax	Margaret Ren
Sheldon Hendrickson	Walker Shultz
Pat Jackson	Kathy Spade
Colleen Kozak	Leah Tate
CC Kuehl	Alice Werner
Terry Lambert	Dee Anne Williams
Debbie May	

Homebound or Special Care Residents:

Ethel Coryell	Marlene McSherry
Bob DeFrang	Nancy Poremba

Extended Family/Friends with Cancer:

Ed Adrian (Carolyn Lund's nephew)
 Kristine Andersen (Iris Ingram Forbus' friend)
 Dan Bagwell (Melissa Probst's brother-in-law)
 Verlin Bass (Kay Caulfield's friend)
 Heather Bland (Kathy Parzyk's niece)
 Marin Drage (Betty Bauer's friend)
 LeRoy Ettlin (Fran Clapper's friend)
 Aaron Gay (Helen Hendrickson's nephew)
 Chris Grigsby (Kathy Larsen's great-nephew)
 Ron Gunter (Kay Caulfield's friend)

Ron Herzog Sr (Jackie Herzog-Robertson's friend)
 Steve Himel (Cathee Himel's husband)
 Curt Johnson (Neil Brandt's nephew)
 Timmy Johnson (Kay Caulfield's relative)
 Wyeth Larson (Robin Lindsay's cousin)
 Peggy Layne (Terry Lambert's sister)
 Bruce Mullikin (Fran Clapper's friend)
 Dawn Nielsen (Kathy Larsen's granddaughter)
 Dina Peterson (Phyllis Peterson's daughter-in-law)
 Mary Platz (Glenda Platz's cousin)
 Jodi Sanders (Pam Shultz's friend)
 Adrienne Shaffer (Kay Caulfield's great-niece)
 Sean Walker (Kay Caulfield's nephew)
 Lori Wight (Margaret Dildine's daughter)

Extended Family/Friends with Needs:

Jean (Kay Caulfield's friend)
 John William (Sally Yates' grandson)
 Zack & Riley (Mary Alstad's grandchildren)
 Hans Bersas (Ellen Bersas' husband)
 Kenny Blake (Pat Jackson's godson)
 Terrie Bright (Patty Myntti's sister)
 Joe Christ (Kay Caulfield's friend)
 Rose DiVittorio (J & P Olson's granddaughter)
 Heather Garbes (Mary Lamb's friend)
 Kayla Gay (Helen Hendrickson's niece)
 David Hopps (Fran Clapper's brother-in-law)
 Lynnea Jacobsen (Kay Caulfield's friend)
 Ryder Jacobson (MaryJo DuBeau's nephew)
 Ron Koepsell (Betty Bauer's brother)
 Steve Kriesel (Paul Brandstetter's friend)
 Eric Lindvall (Kay Caulfield's friend)

Jim McGee (Pat Jackson's cousin)
 Eric Mittag (Patty Myntti's nephew)
 Ashley Negus (Kay Caulfield's cousin)
 Sue Pryor (Helen Hendrickson's niece)
 Eric Ramsey (Margene Squires' nephew)
 Mark Rice (Alice Werner's nephew)
 Elinor Shultz (Alice Werner's sister-in-law)
 Diana Thomsen (J & A Wesling's daughter)
 Meggi Ward (Susan Shephard's friend)
 Bridget Campbell (M Ren's granddaughter)
 Cale Werner (Alice Werner's grandson)
 Fiona Werner (Alice Werner's granddaughter)
 Tom Wood (Ken Holmes' father)

Preschool Director, Staff, & Families

All Our Military and Their Families:

Hunter Gardoski, Sid Hendrickson Jr, Ethan Stuart, Alec Zimmerman, Tyler Perry

Those Who Grieve:

Brandstetter Family - Paul Brandstetter's friend, Wally Gustav, passed away
 Caulfield Family - Kay Caulfield's young friend, Emily, passed away
 Caulfield & Crockett Families - Kay Caulfield's friend, Willy Crockett, passed away
 Caulfield & Jacobsen Families - Kay Caulfield's friend, Paul Jacobsen, passed away
 Lindsay & Hoskins Families - Robin Lindsay's friend, Debra Hoskins, passed away
 Ren Family - Margaret Ren's sister MaryEllen Staum passed away

Readings for Worship

October 6 (Communion)

1st Lesson: Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm: Psalm 8

2nd Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

October 13

1st Lesson: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm: Psalm 90:12-17

2nd Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-16

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

October 20 (Communion)

1st Lesson: Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalm: Psalm 91:9-16

2nd Lesson: Hebrews 5:1-10

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

October 27 (Communion)

1st Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: Psalm 46

2nd Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36



Fall Worship Schedule

October 2	WOW Service - 7:00 pm
October 6	9:30 am
October 9	WOW Service - 7:00 pm
October 13	9:30 am
October 16	WOW Service - 7:00 pm
October 20	9:30 am
October 23	WOW Service - 7:00 pm
October 27	9:30 am
October 30	WOW Service - 7:00 pm

Sundays:

• 8:45 am ~ 6th-12th Graders meet in the Youth Room



• 9:30 am ~ Godly Play® starts in Sanctuary



Church Office Hours

Monday	Office Closed
Tuesday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-5:00
Wednesday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00
Thursday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00
Friday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00

Living Lutheran

Living Lutheran Lutheran congregations around the country are serving in various ways. Members of congregations in Minnesota and California have assembled and raised money to deliver solar light kits to Ukraine. Using solar panels, lights and other devices can be charged so people who are off the electric grid can have light, internet, and phone service. They have also sent water purification kits to Ukraine.

When tornadoes and floods affected congregations in Wisconsin and Iowa, members and friends gathered to help, including providing lodging and day care for residents of the areas. One congregation decided not to rebuild after severe tornado damage, but instead to build a pavilion for outdoor worship. For regular Sunday worship, they will join with a neighboring congregation. Read more online stories: www.livinglutheran.org.

Special Thanks

**"God's work. Our hands."
Grubby Sunday Teamwork**



Thank you to the nineteen congregation members that teamed up with three City of Lake Stevens Parks staff to tackle the clean-up of a large, neglected flowerbed along the north side of North Cove Park. Volunteers enthusiastically celebrated God's grace by being part of this service to our community in observance of "God's work. Our hands." Sunday.
—Susan Shephard, Social Ministry Committee

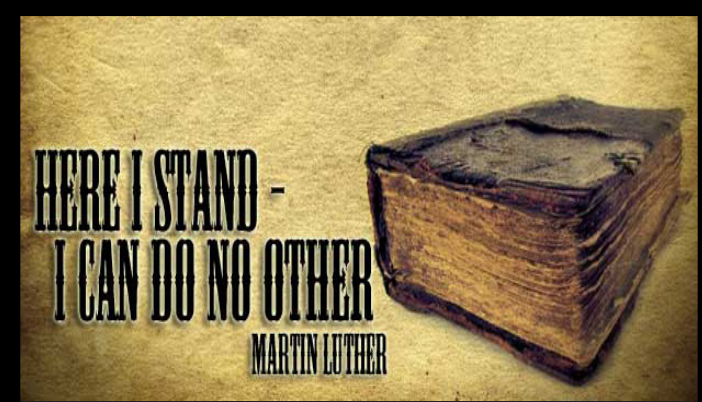
WATCH OUT ~ Key Takeaways

To help yourself stay safe, remember these guidelines:

- Enroll in additional security features like 2-factor authentication and secure your mobile phone and email accounts.
- Be wary of calls or emails threatening legal action or account closures. Don't trust calls from individuals claiming to represent technical support, the IRS, or your financial institutions.
- Take care with information shared on social media, don't send money to people you don't know, and investigate companies before doing business based on a social media ad or post.
- File your tax return as early as possible.
- Try to keep personal information private on social media and use privacy settings to limit who can see your posts.
- If something seems fishy, hit the brakes.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**HERE I STAND -
I CAN DO NO OTHER**
MARTIN LUTHER

REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
Worship Service ~ 9:30 am
6th-12th Graders Class ~ 8:45 am
Godly Play® Class ~ 9:30 am

Remember to post your calendar!

JESUS LOVES ...



In the News

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Wait until your emotions have settled and research what's going on. Fraudsters use tight deadlines to try to force you into a rash decision.

- Never give away your passcode or password to anyone else.
- Never call back a number in a message asking for sensitive information. Don't follow a link in an unsolicited email or text message either. Go to the website of the company or organization, or call their main phone number, and get in touch with them through direct channels.
- When in doubt, do an internet search for the company or organization involved, followed by the word "scam."
- Remember that requests for payment in cryptocurrency, gift cards, or bank wires are red flags for scams.
- If you think you've been a victim of ID theft, report it to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and potentially affected account institutions. Put a

freeze on your credit files if you don't plan to borrow money soon—or place a fraud alert on your credit reports. The freeze prevents any new credit from being approved, but you can freeze and unfreeze your credit file for free; e.g., temporarily while applying for new credit. The fraud alert notifies lenders and creditors that they should take extra steps to verify your identity before extending credit.

- Contact one of the three credit bureaus to request a fraud alert or credit freeze: Equifax at 800-525-6285, Experian at 888-397-3742, or TransUnion at 800-680-7289. —Melissa Probst

50+ Anniversary

On October 3 Mike and Marcella Bergerson will celebrate their 60th anniversary. We pray God's blessings for them and their family. Congratulations, Mike and Marcella!



A New Little Grandson

Walker Shultz was born September 1 weighing 5 pounds 4 ounces and 19½ inches long. He surprised everyone by coming a little over 5 weeks early and spent some time in NICU. He is gaining weight and getting stronger day by day. Walker is the son of Grant and Carly Shultz and grandson of Lon and Pam Shultz. Congratulations!



Friends & "Flat Jesus"



Nona Anderson and Becky Brandt had their picture taken with "Flat Jesus" in Nona's art studio. Some of her paintings are on the wall behind them. Becky says, "What a blessing we have become friends."