



# THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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*From the Desk of Pastor Mankin*

Easter Greetings,

This month I have several topics I would like to discuss with you about some of the things you may have seen in the Divine Service lately, plus one upcoming event.

First is the Gospel processional. On Easter, the Gospel reading took place about one-third of the way down the main aisle. This may not come as a surprise to some of you since I have heard that this was a custom a few years back. The practice of the Gospel procession is a traditional practice in the Lutheran and most liturgical churches. The symbolism of the Gospel processional is that Jesus, the Word made flesh, is now dwelling amongst His people. This tradition is usually reserved for Feast Days, like Easter, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday.

The second Divine Service announcement is about the new Ascension Day service. On Ascension Day, we remember the miraculous way our Lord departed from us 40 days after Easter. According to tradition Ascension Day was first celebrated in 68 A.D. To kick off the start of our Ascension Day services we will be having a potluck at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> followed by the service of the Word at 7:30 pm. I hope you can join us as we start this new tradition.

And the third and final practice you may have noticed is during communion. Hopefully, you have all witnessed me given a baptismal blessing to our dear children who come to the rail, but I also will bless the unborn children as well. I usually say, "May God bless and keep you until your baptism and all the days of your life." I started this practice with my own daughter, when I realized one day that she is as much a child of God as any of them at the rail, we just cannot see her yet! As Lutherans we firmly believe that life begins at conception, and those little ones no matter

how small, have a fully formed soul that can hear the call of the Holy Spirit.

In the weeks to come you will see me blessing my wife again as we are expecting another baby this Fall. Additionally, if you are pregnant and ready for the world to know, please let me know so I can start blessing that little one as soon as you are comfortable.

I hope you have a blessed Eastertide as we remember and celebrate the joy and peace we have through our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In HIM,  
– Pastor Mankin

## **"THE FORGOTTEN HOLIDAY"**

**BY DR. ALBERT B. COLLVER**

When you think of the most important days of the year, what comes to mind? For most Christians, the most important days of the year are Christmas and Easter. Yet, in times past, Christians would not have answered only with Christmas and Easter, but also with Christ's ascension into heaven. In fact, the Ascension is an ecumenical feast that is celebrated throughout the Christian Church. While some church bodies may have special days, saints' days, or commemorations on their calendar that are not found in others, the Ascension is celebrated throughout the Church on earth along with the Passion, Easter, and Pentecost. Christ's resurrection from the dead, descent into hell, and ascension into heaven are His exaltation, His glorious triumph over sin, death, and the devil.

The importance of Christ's ascension into heaven is the reason it is celebrated in the Church. The emphasis on the Ascension in the Church Year was so great, particularly in the 16th century, that it became a

secular holiday and remains so in many European nations, e.g., Germany, the Netherlands, France, Switzerland, and the Nordic countries.

Ascension Day for Christians sometimes has been seen as a bittersweet moment. On the one hand, Jesus received all authority in heaven and on earth, which shows that He has saved us from sin and death. On the other hand, the Ascension marks the time when the “Bridegroom is taken away” (Mark 2:20 ESV). For this reason, in the fourth and fifth centuries, the Ascension was marked with a fast that would be broken on Pentecost.

The tension between rejoicing over Christ’s victory over sin, death, and the devil and a sense of loss because the “Bridegroom is taken away” resulted in one of the greatest controversies in church history—the controversy over Christ’s presence in the Lord’s Supper. Consequently, the dispute over how to understand the ascension of Christ contributed to why Ascension Day became an important church (and secular) holiday.

Continue reading the unabridged article at <https://blogs.lcms.org/2010/the-forgotten-holiday-5-2010>.

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## FROM THE TREASURER

### ENDOWMENT FUND PROPOSALS

The Messiah Endowment Committee is accepting requests for distribution of funds from the Endowment Fund. The committee expects to fund up to \$3,000.00, although we could go higher if the requests warrant it. According to the congregation’s by-laws, all requests must come through a recognized committee or board of the congregation. Individuals cannot make direct requests. Please submit requests to the Treasurer, Harry Edmon. The deadline for requests is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## FROM THE OFFICE

### THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:

**May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Please ensure your announcements/articles arrive at the church office by the date above if you would like them in the next Messenger. The Messenger deadline is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month unless there is a holiday. Please place all messages and articles in the

office mailbox located in the choir room or email them to [office@messiahseattle.org](mailto:office@messiahseattle.org).

**2017 MEMBER DIRECTORIES:** You may have noticed that we did a soft release of a temporary 2017 Member Directory and placed them out on the coffee bar for our members to take as needed. You may have also noticed that are errors scattered throughout it. These errors are a direct reflection of the current status of our demographic records that we have on file for you in our system. Now that Easter Sunday has passed, the Office will be redoubling efforts to correct the nice photo directory and send it off to print. Want to ensure that your information is printed correctly? Please feel free to grab a copy of what we’re currently working with and give it a look. And if it looks off, please let the Office know so that we can make it right.

As always, even though there wasn’t a disclaimer printed in the directories themselves, please be mindful that these directories are designed for the private use for our members only. Please do not introduce any private information into a public environment.

**PALM SUNDAY PHOTOS:** Palm Sunday photos are back from our photographer and have been added where appropriate throughout Messiah’s website. Did you end up a Messiah model? Come take a look for yourself at [MessiahSeattle.org](http://MessiahSeattle.org)! All remaining photos not used on the website have been uploaded to Messiah’s Facebook page in case you’d like to download and keep a couple for yourself.

**MISSING KITCHEN CART:** One of the two kitchen carts has somehow sprouted legs and walked away from the Fellowship Hall, stranding itself in an unknown location. If you happen to find it or know where it has wandered off to, could you let the office know?

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## MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

### LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

(LWML) NEWS – *Margie Longan*

#### Ladies’ Guild

On Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 12:00 pm, the Ladies’ Guild will be “Out to Lunch” at the Wedgwood Broiler Restaurant, located at 8230 35<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. Be sure to bring your “mite” money for missions. All congregational women are

cordially invited. Please RSVP to Marjorie Longan at 206-525-8131. We hope to see you there!

### **Project Day**

Looking for another mission opportunity? The next Project Day will be Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Don't forget your sack lunch!

### **Another Mission Opportunity**

The Olympic Zone Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), of which Messiah's Ladies' Guild are members, are collecting "Health Kits for DSHS." All congregational members are invited to also donate health kits. Publicity, including a list of items needed are available in the upstairs lounge area and near the downstairs entrance. Kits need to be complete with the following **travel size items**: a soap, a wash cloth, a hand towel, a razor, tooth paste, a tooth brush, a shampoo, and a comb (no rattails please.) Please place all items in a gallon size zip lock bag. Completed kits should be placed on the table in the upstairs lounge. Need more info? Call Marjorie Longan at 206-525-8131. Thank you for your participation!

### ***MEN'S NIGHT OUT – Brian Danforth***

The next Men's Night Out will be held at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at Chinook's at Salmon Bay, located at 1900 W. Nickerson Street. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206-363-5654.

### ***LADIES' NIGHT OUT – Bev Edmon***

The next Ladies' Night Out will be scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm, location to be determined. Please check the bulletin for further details as we get closer to the date. RSVP to Bev Edmon, [bevedmon@gmail.com](mailto:bevedmon@gmail.com) or (425) 773-3711. As always, if you forget to RSVP, come anyway! We can always add another chair. All ladies are warmly encouraged to attend.

**GREETING CARDS AVAILABLE:** From November 2016 to May 2017, the Greeting Card program will be donating 50% of all its proceeds to the Assistance Fund to better address the growing need in our local community. **Afterwards, all proceeds from following sales will revert to their original distribution.** Looking for just the right card? Mothers' Day cards are here! Just \$1.00, a fraction of the price from the retail stores. Come pick up yours today!

**WANT TO SUPPORT MEKANE JESUS?** Downstairs just before the Fellowship Hall, bags of fresh ground coffee are available for free-will donation. The suggested price is \$16. All proceeds go to supporting Mekane Jesus.

**THE SCHOOL YEAR IS HEADING TO A CLOSE:** If you have a child graduating soon, please contact Rachel in the office, at [office@messiahseattle.org](mailto:office@messiahseattle.org), so that they can be added to the Graduation Roll.

**HEAR YE, HEAR YE! CALLING ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS!** Planning for this year's VBS is beginning and we need your help! VBS will take place July 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> with an evening format again. A simple dinner will be served from 6:00 – 6:30 pm, and then the VBS program will take place from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. This year's theme will be, "A Mighty Fortress – In Jesus, the Victory is Won!" There will be many needs – craft leader, lesson leader, music leader, meal preparation and serving, game leader, group leaders, assist with decorating. Whatever your interest or skills, we'll have a place for you!! VBS can be a wonderful evangelism event for our church, but we need your help to make it happen! Please contact Lisa Lindstrom to sign-up as a volunteer: 206-491- 9849 or [lisa.lindstrom78@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.lindstrom78@gmail.com).

**TALK RADIO FOR THE EASTER SEASON...**You can listen to Lutheran experts teach on topics like: The Resurrection in Isaiah, The Empty Tomb, The 50 Days of Easter, Jesus & Thomas, The Easter Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

## **HUMAN CARE**

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### ***DONATION UPDATE– Jackie Wold***

For the month of **March**, we collected the following items for Immanuel Lutheran Community Services and Compass Cascade Women's Center: 8 packages of women's hygiene items. Thank you for your generous donations. In the month of **April**, we collected razors, shaving creams and aftershaves, and tallies for these totals are still in process. **In May, we will be collecting baby items.** Please place your items in the Cry Room lounge basket across from the coffee bar. Updated

collection announcements will be in the Sunday collection area.

**A GENTLE REMINDER: We are no longer collecting egg cartons or miniature items such as soaps, shampoos, lotions or any similar hotel-sized items.** We appreciate everyone's willing spirit to help those less fortunate, but the need for these items has expired. We no longer have a shelter who is willingly accepting these things. We appreciate your understanding. **Please note that we are still collecting regular-sized items for our monthly donations, just not miniatures.**

**PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF– Dorothy Bellin**

We are sending 98 kits to LWR to be distributed in areas of need throughout the world. Each kit contains a bath towel, toothbrush, metal nail clippers, soap, and a comb. Aide workers will also distribute toothpaste to those receiving the kits. Thank you for your donations of supplies and time in assembling the kits, and to Thrivent for its support of our project

In May 2016, we sent 80 Personal Care Kits to LWR. Our kits were sent by LWR to Haiti on October 26, 2016. In early October, Hurricane Matthew displaced thousands of people in Haiti, who were still suffering the effects of the 2010 earthquake. These kits will provide needed hygiene supplies for families and children.

**NEED FOR FOSTER PARENTS:** The State of Washington has a critical need for foster parents. If you are interested, go to: [www.fosteringtogether.org](http://www.fosteringtogether.org).

**FELLOWSHIP**

**MESSIAH GAME NIGHT:** Do you game? Messiah is calling all board-gamers to join us Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share and your favorite board game. All ages welcome. Questions? Contact Ann Melvin.

**LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER.** "Having had over 20 years of marriage behind us, we thought we could learn little and improve little. On our Marriage Encounter Weekend we learned MUCH and are still learning! We're never too old to grow deeper in love!" For more information, visit our website at [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) or contact Carl & Dallas

Anne Presley, [carl.presley@comcast.net](mailto:carl.presley@comcast.net). Upcoming date in Southwest Washington - Oregon: May 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>.

**SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC:** Join us for *Faith & Family Night* with the Seattle Sounders FC on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. If we have 15 or more people, the tickets will be \$19 a person and will include admission to the game plus the option to stay after the game to hear the team chaplain speak. The sign-up sheet will be in the narthex. Contact Jean Mindemann if you have any questions.

**MESSIAH GOES CAMPING:** We have reserved Valley Camp by North Bend for a weekend of camping August 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. There are spaces for tents, RVs, and the lodge for those who like to enjoy the outdoors but don't camp. There is a brochure available in the narthex giving a description and prices. Contact Jean Mindemann if you have any questions. To reserve your place, please submit a check payable to Messiah with Valley Camp in the memo. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Education Wing hallway.

**CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES**

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

WHAT: "Exodus"  
WHEN: Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am  
WHERE: Fellowship Hall  
TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS (AIC)**

WHAT: Lutheranism 101 beginning September  
WHEN: TBD  
WHERE: Room 202/204  
TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

WHAT: "Romans"  
WHEN: Thursday Mornings at 10:30 am  
WHERE: Room 202/204  
TEACHER: Jim Grant

**MAY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Sharon Christiansen	5/3
Curtis Lassman	5/8
Joshua Teuscher	5/8

Laura Estergreen	5/10
Elle Strege	5/11
Laura Allen	5/11
Joanne Estergreen	5/11
Rebecca Melvin	5/11
James Southcott	5/11
Beth Stockinger	5/11
Abby Warmbier	5/12
Vicki Bartlett	5/13
Bryan Clark	5/13
Joan Miller	5/13
Ian Paeth	5/13
Lena Witt	5/13
Aaron Grahn	5/14
Jim Kohring	5/14
Bob Lucas	5/14
Leon Holman	5/15
Andrea Neubert	5/15
Owen Petro	5/19
Dorothy Anderson	5/21
Bob Sundquist	5/21
Misty Frank	5/26
Reagan Adams	5/31

#### BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Nate Schaub	5/1
Cheryl Taylor	5/1
John Stockinger	5/2
Sharon Christiansen	5/3
Lourain Schmidt	5/4
Tere Ulland	5/8
Cora May Gray	5/10
Chloe Cox	5/12
Lilly Strege	5/12
Carol Davidson	5/13
Martha Mathiason	5/15
Catherine Jensen	5/16
Dave Miller	5/18
Andrea Neubert	5/27
Joshua Teuscher	5/28

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Lee & Jill Cohrs	5/9
David & Heather Sousa	5/24
Harry & Bev Edmon	5/27
Brian & Robin Danforth	5/30

#### OFFICIAL ACTS

As of April 30<sup>th</sup>, Noah Hughes, Olivia Peterson, Lena Witt were officially confirmed in our congregation.

May you three always look to God and His guidance every day as you seek to follow Him in His good and perfect way.

#### DAILY READINGS FOR MAY

You may have noticed the inclusion of weekly recommended readings at the back of our Sunday bulletins. Just in case you have to miss an upcoming Sunday in May, all have been gathered here for your convenience.

**May 1:** Ex. 33:1–23; Luke 7:1–17

**2:** Ex. 34:1–28; Luke 7:18–35

**3:** Ex. 34:29–35:21; Luke 7:36–50

**4:** Ex. 38:21–39:8, 22–23, 27–31; Luke 8:1–21

**5:** Ex. 39:32–40:16; Luke 8:22–39

**6:** Ex. 40:17–38; Luke 8:40–56

**May 7:** Lev. 8:1–13, 30–36; Luke 9:1–17

**8:** Lev. 9:1–24; Luke 9:18–36

**9:** Lev. 10:1–20; Luke 9:37–62

**10:** Lev. 16:1–24; Luke 10:1–22

**11:** Lev. 17:1–16; Luke 10:23–42

**12:** Lev. 18:1–7, 20–19:8; Luke 11:1–13

**13:** Lev. 19:9–18, 26–37; Luke 11:14–36

**May 14:** Lev. 20:1–16, 22–27; Luke 11:37–54

**15:** Lev. 21:1–24; Luke 12:1–12

**16:** Lev. 23:1–22; Luke 12:13–34

**17:** Lev. 23:23–44; Luke 12:35–53

**18:** Lev. 24:1–23; Luke 12:54–13:17

**19:** Lev. 26:1–20; Luke 13:18–35

**20:** Lev. 26:21–33, 39–44; Luke 14:1–24

**May 21:** Num. 3:1–16, 39–48; Luke 14:25–15:10

**22:** Num. 8:5–26; Luke 15:11–32

**23:** Num. 9:1–23; Luke 16:1–18

**24:** Num. 10:11–36; Luke 16:19–31

**25:** Num. 11:1–23, 31–35; Luke 17:1–19

**26:** Num. 11:24–29; 12:1–16; Luke 17:20–37

**27:** Num. 13:1–3, 17–33; Luke 18:1–17.

**May 28:** Num. 14:1–25; Luke 18:18–34

**29:** Num. 14:26–45; Luke 18:35–19:10

**30:** Num. 16:1–22; Luke 19:11–28

**31:** Num. 16:23–40; Luke 19:29–48

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# May 2017

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b> 6:00 pm Men's Night Out	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm Youth Board Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm Ensemble	<b>4</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Organ Lesson 7:30 pm Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Messiah Game Night
<b>7</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am FELLOWSHIP HOUR 10:45 am Divine Service	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm Council Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>10</b> 12:00 pm Ladies' Guild meeting 7:00 pm Ensemble	<b>11</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Organ Lesson 7:30 pm Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14 MOTHER'S DAY</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service	<b>15</b> MESSENGER DEADLINE	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm Exec. Board Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm Ensemble	<b>18</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Organ Lesson 7:30 pm Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:00 am Easter Breakfast 10:45 am Divine Service	<b>22</b> 6:00 pm Ladies' Night Out	<b>23</b> 7:00 pm Elders Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>24</b> 7:30 pm Choir	<b>25 ASCENSION DAY</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Organ Lesson 6:30 pm Potluck 7:30 pm Ascension Day Service	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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## MAY SCHEDULE

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*If you would like to fill an **OPEN** spot, please call the church office at 206.524.0024. Please note Lenten services are listed separately at the bottom of the page.*

### ACOLYTES

8:00 am

7 Tanner Clark  
14 Cameron Petro  
21 Lena Witt  
28 Olivia Lueck

10:45 am

Alexander Peterson  
Cameron Miller  
Noah Hughes  
Tanner Clark

### USHERS

8:00 am

7 Harry Edmon  
14 Lee Cohrs  
21 Jim Hewitson  
28 Jim Mendes

10:45 am

Steve Miller  
Dave Paeth  
Curt Colbert  
Dan Lassman

### GREETERS

8:00 am Upstairs

7 Prem Robert & Terry King  
14 Sharon Christiansen  
21 Jim & Sue Hewitson  
28 Frieda Johnson

8:00 am Downstairs

Robin Melvin  
**OPEN**  
Larry & Nancy Bourn  
**OPEN**

10:45 am Upstairs

Prem Robert & Maya Martin  
Sharon Christiansen  
Jim & Sue Hewitson  
Dorothy Bellin & Ellen Eyre

10:45 am Downstairs

Dan Lassman  
Dorothy Bellin  
Ann Melvin  
Sharon Christiansen

### READERS

8:00 am

7 Robin Melvin  
14 Robin Melvin  
21 Harry Edmon  
28 Albert Lirhus

10:45 am

Dave Miller  
Neil Strege  
Sue Hewitson  
Dan Lassman

### TRANSPORTATION

7 Sharon Christiansen  
14 Joanne Warner  
21 Doug Hansen  
28 Jane Krueger

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

7 Jill Petro  
14 Jill Petro  
21 Pastor Mankin  
28 Jill Petro

### ELDERS

8:00 am

7 Robin Melvin / Lee Cohrs  
14 Robin Melvin / Jim Smith  
21 Jim Smith / Andrew Petro  
28 Andrew Petro / Robin Melvin

10:45 am

Jim Grant / Michael Boomhower  
Rich Blomquist / Jim Grant  
Josh Pemberton / Doug Hansen  
Rich Blomquist / David Miller

### ALTAR GUILD

7 Stephanie Colbert, Jean Mindemann  
14 Stephanie Colbert, Sharon Christiansen  
21 Joyce Lucas, Dianna Altena  
28 Sharon Christiansen, June Scott

### FLOWER FUND

7 Lee & Jill Cohrs  
14 Flower Fund  
21 Sousa  
28 **OPEN**



## *Festival Worship Service*

Worship will be a highlight of the celebration. Rev. Dr. William Weinrich, Professor of Historical Theology and Coordinator of Military Chaplaincy at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., will preach at the Northwest Reformation 500 festival worship service.



An energetic and engaging speaker, Dr. Weinrich brings both an accomplished academic career and a dynamic ability to reach people in everyday language. His message will energize you to share the Reformation legacy of Christ alone, by grace alone, through faith alone as you reach out in your community. Rev. Paul Linnemann, President of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, will serve as presiding minister at the service, leading us in prayer and praise. Kyle Haugen, M.S.M., from Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Bellevue, Wash., is already serving as artistic director to help plan the festival worship service and will direct vocal and instrumental ensembles.



# REFORMATION 2017 *It's Still* All About Jesus

## THE VISION

2,500+ Lutherans and fellow Christians joining for a large-scale afternoon celebration event to include inspiring worship, impactful service, and engaging fellowship.

**WHAT:** Northwest Reformation 500

**WHEN:** Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017 2:30 p.m. (doors open with exhibits for all ages and fellowship) 4:30 p.m. (festival worship)

**WHERE:** Overlake Christian Church, Redmond, WA

*More information about the Northwest Reformation 500 festival worship service, including how to volunteer your time and talents, is coming in Spring 2017.*