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Historians usually date the start of the Protestant Reformation to the 1517 publication of Martin Luther's "95 Theses". Its ending can be placed anywhere from the 1555 Peace of Augsburg, which allowed for the coexistence of Catholicism and Lutheranism in Germany, to the 1648 Treaty of Westphalia, which ended the Thirty Years' War. The key ideas of the Reformation—a call to purify the church and a belief that the Bible, not tradition, should be the sole source of spiritual authority—were not themselves novel. However, Luther and the other reformers became the first to skillfully use the power of the printing press to give their ideas a wide audience.



Martin Luther (1483-1546) was an Augustinian monk and university lecturer in Wittenberg when he composed his "95 Theses", which protested the pope's sale of reprieves from penance, or indulgences. Although he had hoped to spur renewal from within the church, in 1521 he was summoned before the Diet of Worms and excommunicated. Sheltered by Friedrich, elector of Saxony, Luther translated the Bible into German and continued his output of vernacular pamphlets.

No reformer was more adept than Martin Luther at using the power of the press to spread his ideas. Between 1518 and 1525, Luther published more works than the next 17 most prolific reformers combined.

2017

Festival of the Reformation with Holy Communion

One Service Only - Sunday, October 29

10:00a.m.

ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
SERVING ... SUPPORTING ... AND SENDING FAMILIES IN CHRIST.

OFFICIAL ACTS
~ AUGUST ~

No statistical activity

WOSA BIBLE CLASSES will take place on the following Tuesdays: October 3, 17 and 31. We meet in the social room from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Pastor Matt is our Bible guide as we delve into the book of Esther this month. Quilting for Lutheran World Relief immediately follows. PLEASE NOTE: There will be quilting only on Tuesday, October 10. Our general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24.

Everyone is welcome -- both for Bible classes and/or quilting. And you do not need to be an expert seamstress to help with the quilts. Threading needles is a most welcome talent!

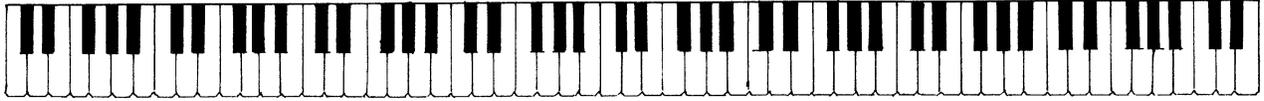
WOSA usually has a Bake and Book Sale on Reformation Sunday, but because of the special Reformation Celebration on October 29 with one service only at 10:00 a.m., our fund-raiser will be held on Sunday, November 5, between services in the Parish Hall (gym). Details will be forthcoming.

WOSA MISSION STATEMENT

To encourage the women of St. Andrews Lutheran Church of Park Ridge to take an active, lively interest in the Kingdom of God and grow in Christian fellowship and service.

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Andrews
Retired
Gentlemen

A group of retired and/or semi-retired men from St. Andrews meet once a month for lively conversation and lunch at various restaurants in the area. It's a great way to have fellowship! Why not join in on the second Thursday of the month? Social hour is at 11:30 a.m. and lunch around noon. For more information, call Chuck Reiner (847.825.4650).



Church Secretary – Amazing Calling

Being a Church Secretary is a vocation, a mission – a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Christ with so many people. We are happy to have Nichole Wandel with us in this role now – what a great addition to our staff! We also give thanks to God for the work, friendship, and love of Adrienne Schlake here at St. Andrews over the last 27 years.

During my 18 years in the church office I overheard countless encounters Adrienne had with visitors (from leaders of the congregation to the homeless), as well as with others on the phone. *Every* encounter was one of warmth, friendship, and patience when needed, a true reflection of God’s love to whoever crossed her path. Adrienne was even able to deal with musicians, which I find to be truly remarkable.

I worked closely with Adrienne in creating the weekend bulletins and thank her for the times her keen eye saved us from bulletin confusion (“You have a choir listed, but where are they singing in the service?”, etc., etc.). Things like this happened, of course, as the doorbell or phone were vying for her immediate attention. Is there a reason that most church secretaries are women, those amazing creatures who can carry on two conversations at once, over-listen another (and proofread a bulletin) while tending to the peculiar behavior of an ancient folding machine?

To those who will miss Adrienne’s presence in the office, be very jealous. . . I get to keep her in choir.

Thanks, Adrienne for everything you’ve done and do! May God continue to richly bless you as you have blessed us!

David Christiansen,

Minister of Music

REFORMATION CELEBRATION AND EDUCATION INFORMATION

Happy REFORMATION Month! We are quickly approaching the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's famous nailing of the 95 Theses into the door of the Wittenberg Chapel. While we can think of so many changes the Reformation brought about, we should never lose sight of the main point. The Reformation was, and still is, all about Jesus. God used Luther to refocus people on the GOOD NEWS of Scripture, to find our salvation in CHRIST ALONE.

We have so many reasons to celebrate, and celebrate we will!

Sunday, October 22, the 11am service will be a kid-led journey through the life and major teachings of Martin Luther. The students in our school and Sunday school will participate.

Wednesday, October 25 - 7:30pm–9:47pm, we are joining with Immanuel Lutheran in Glenview to show A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy at [AMC Showplace Niles 12](https://www.amcshowplace.com/shows/2017/10/25-26-2017) — [301 West Golf Road, Niles, IL, United States, 60714](https://www.amcshowplace.com/shows/2017/10/25-26-2017)

Saturday, October 28 - Concordia University Chicago is having an AMAZING day of reformation themed events (including jousts and falconry experts!) on Saturday, October 28. The link to register is found on the school web site. <https://cuchicago.edu/>

REFORMATION SUNDAY, October 29 – We will be having only one service that weekend at 10am, as we join together to celebrate this important anniversary. (No Saturday Service)

NEW 11AM SUNDAY SERVICE FORMAT

Starting in September, we have made some changes to the 11am service. I appreciate all the feedback we have gotten so far. The changes have been made to foster a sense of community, and to simplify the service without losing a sense of the transcendent. We have made use of some Taize style music and have included some liturgy from the ancient church. The service is easy to understand, and yet helps people focus on Christ away from the distractions of our every-day lives.

COMFORT DOG MINISTRY

A few weeks ago we voted to move forward with Comfort Dog Ministry here at St. Andrews. I am happy to report that we have turned in our application and ministry plan, and already have some members moving forward with creating a Comfort Dog Ministry Team. If you would be interested in participating in this, please let me know!

Blessings in Christ,

Matt Hoffmann, Pastor

ST. ANDREWS SCHOOL NEWS

St. Andrews Lutheran School
Educating Students to Seek, Serve and Soar

The Mission Statement of St. Andrews Lutheran School
St. Andrews Lutheran School exists as the visible framework to nourish the whole child
in spiritual and academic growth by partnering with families
to prepare the child for Christian living as a productive citizen of God's world.

School News

We have exciting news to share our enrollment is at 206. We are so thrilled and excited that we can share the love of Jesus with so many students and families.

We were honored to celebrate 30 years of the teaching ministry of Mrs. Susan Kloess. Mrs. Kloess is loved and cherished by the faculty and all of the students whose lives she has touched.

We welcome Mr. Thomas Fairbairn to our music department. Mr. Fairbairn will teach grades 3-8 music and our preschool and prekindergarten students, too. We are elated to have him as part of our St. Andrews Family

We are preparing for midterm grades for our middle school students. I can't believe we are 1/2 half through the first quarter.

Our 6th-grade class is getting ready to go to LOMC and 7th and 8th-grade students are so very excited about their trip to Washington, DC this May.

The cross country team is already competing in meets. Our volleyball teams are traveling to compete in tournaments.

All of our students are preparing for the children's Reformation Service on Sunday, October 22nd at the 11:00 am service.

Accreditation- What is this you might ask? National Lutheran School (NLSA) is a process of self-evaluation followed by a visit of objective observers to confirm the school's quality based on national standards and assures ongoing improvements. Our accreditation will take place on September 25, 26 and 27th.

As always, we ask that you keep St. Andrews Lutheran School in your prayers and we look forward to sharing news about our students and school with this upcoming year.

Working together for Christ,

Ms. Laura Boggs

Serving, Supporting and Sending Families in Christ.

S O S - Service Over Self

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45



Trunk-or-Treat

Mark your calendars to join us for Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 28, 4:30-5:00 pm in the Elm Street parking lot. Families from both the church and school are invited to trick-or-treat their way around the lot. If you'd like to participate by decorating your trunk and being one of the stops in the lot, please plan to arrive no later than 4:00 pm. The Board of Family Ministry will provide all the candy for you to pass out! If you choose to bring your own candy, please choose candy that would be safe for any kids that have food allergies.

To sign up to reserve your spot in the parking lot, please email Katie at dcekatie23@gmail.com.

Following Trunk-or-Treat, please consider heading to Uptown Park Ridge and having dinner at Jason's Deli. A portion of the sales from that night will go back to the St. Andrews PTL when you mention St. Andrews at the register.

Middle School Youth

Middle School Youth should mark their calendars for Sunday, October 15. That afternoon, the youth group will plan to participate in the CROP Walk together. Following the CROP Walk, we'll head across Elm Street to Katie's (weather permitting) for a bonfire and pumpkin carving. Youth should plan to bring a carving pumpkin with them! Parents, watch your email for sign-up information.

Middle School Youth have been issued a Trunk-or-Treat costume challenge. Grab a couple of your friends, find someone with a car that will let you decorate it, and put your creativity to work. Prizes will be awarded to the best middle school groups!

High School Youth

High School Youth, mark your calendars for Sunday, October 15! We have two separate events that day. In the morning, at 9:45, we'll meet outside the sanctuary for our October "Brunch & Bible Study," and will return to church by 10:45. Later that afternoon, we'll meet up again to walk in the CROP Walk with the middle school youth.

On Saturday, October 28, the high school youth will team up to try to put together the best decorated trunk at the St. Andrews Trunk-or-Treat. Prizes will be awarded to the winning groups. Following Trunk-or-Treat, the high schoolers will walk up to Jason's Deli for dinner before returning to St. Andrews to carve pumpkins. Plan to bring some money for dinner and a carving pumpkin!

Katie Otto
Director of Christian Education

NILES / PARK RIDGE CROP HUNGER WALK

CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty

This year's Niles/Park Ridge CROP Walk will be on Sunday, October 15 and originate from St. Andrews. 75% of all money collected will go to Church World Service for projects around the world and 25% will support our Maine Township Food Pantry. Please mark your calendar and be ready to participate by either walking or sponsoring someone else who will be walking.

1:15pm to 2:00pm
Registration

2:00pm
Prayer and Sendoff

Bethlehem Walk 2016
Saturday, December 3
Sunday, December 4

Please plan to join the St. Andrews family for this special event celebrating Christ's birth. You, your family and friends can all explore the true meaning of Christmas - visit the streets of Bethlehem and the surrounding hills - hear the angels sing - interact with Roman soldiers, Caesar Augustus, the shepherds, the tax collector, King Herod, the Wise Men and see live animals. Most importantly you can visit the manger and hear the story of Jesus Christ's birth. If you would like to participate in any way - repeat last year's role, try out a new role, join a team, share ideas, or make a donation, please contact Susan Bragg at 847-962-9116 or susan.bragg@bairdwarner.com. - or Nichole in the church office at 847-823-6656, X100.

CELEBRATING 500 YEARS OF REFORMATION

Quotes from Martin Luther

ON SCRIPTURE:

"THE BIBLE IS ALIVE, IT SPEAKS TO ME; IT HAS FEET, IT RUNS AFTER ME; IT HAS HANDS, IT LAYS HOLD OF ME."

ON THE CHURCH:

"ANYONE WHO IS TO FIND CHRIST MUST FIRST FIND THE CHURCH. HOW COULD ANYONE KNOW WHERE CHRIST IS AND WHAT FAITH IS IN HIM UNLESS HE KNEW WHERE HIS BELIEVERS ARE?"

ON FAITH:

"FAITH IS A LIVING, DARING CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S GRACE, SO SURE AND CERTAIN THAT A MAN COULD STAKE HIS LIFE ON IT A THOUSAND TIMES."

ON PRAYER:

"TO BE A CHRISTIAN WITHOUT PRAYER IS NO MORE POSSIBLE THAN TO BE ALIVE WITHOUT BREATHING."

ON LOVE:

"THEREFORE WE CONCLUDE THAT ALL LAW, DIVINE AND HUMAN, TREATING OF OUTWARD CONDUCT, SHOULD NOT BIND ANY FURTHER THAN LOVE GOES. LOVE IS TO BE THE INTERPRETER OF LAW."