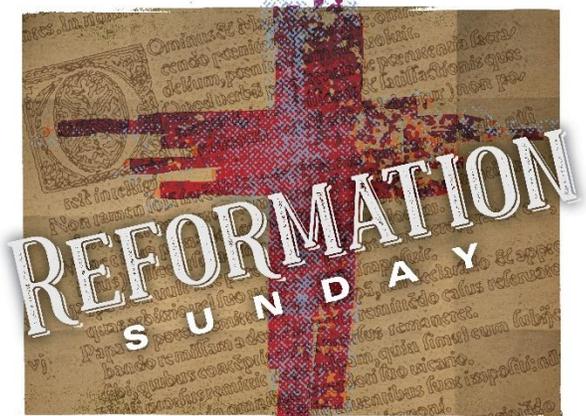


Zion's Weekly Announcements

Sunday, October 31, 2021



GOOD MORNING! On this Reformation Sunday, we welcome you all as we worship our gracious God. Greet one another with the good news of God's peace and salvation. We are glad that you have joined this morning at Zion!

MORNING PRAYER: God of grace, thank you that our salvation is a free gift through the life and merits of Christ Jesus, our Lord, and we don't have to earn. Remind us of that today as we worship You. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

All visitors to Zion, you are encouraged to wear your mask as COVID cases remain steady in our community. If you are feeling sick, please stay home to rest and recover.

All worshipers, please sign **the Fellowship Registry** book at the end of your pew. Thank you!

Need **prayers** for healing or any other concerns? Request the Pastor or elders to pray for you in public worship or privately as the needs arise (James 5:14-16.)

Call the church office to contact Pastor Matt (507) 373-8609.



WEEKLY MEMORY PASSAGE

"And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." —**Acts 4:12**

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S LESSONS

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

"Wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, has justified us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His kingdom and *"remain in the house forever"* (John 8:35). He is *"a friend of tax collectors and sinners"* (Matt. 11:18–19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel *"to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people"* (Rev. 14:6), *"the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law"* (Rom. 3:21), *"that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus"* (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, *"whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith"* (Rom. 3:25), *"you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free"* (John 8:31–32).

STEWARDSHIP PONDERINGS

Romans 3:20 – "For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin."

The Law of God is good – it's just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is a free gift of God because that is the only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God's holiness and thus our own sin. And now in Christ we can look at the Law and see it in a new light – as a guide for how to live

a godly life in thanksgiving to God for His gracious forgiveness in Christ.

+ CHRISTIAN SYMBOL+



"Verbum Domini

Manet in Aeternum"

Latin for "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever," this motto of the Lutheran arm of the Protestant Reformation

comes from 1 Peter 1:25. Frederick the Wise, ruler of Saxony and one of Martin Luther's earliest and most powerful defenders, had the VDMA symbol sewn into the right sleeve of the official garments of his court. The symbol also appeared on banners, flags, swords, and uniforms, representing the unity of the Lutheran laity in defending their beliefs.

BIBLE QUIZ

Which of the following statements impressed Martin Luther, a leader of the Reformation?

- A. "I am not ashamed of my good works."
- B. "I am not ashamed of the laws of Moses."
- C. "I am not ashamed of the gospel."
- D. "I am not ashamed of my God."

(The correct answer is in Romans 1:16.)

PILLARS OF THE FAITH

Because Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517, many Christians remember that day and the major changes, or Reformation, that resulted.

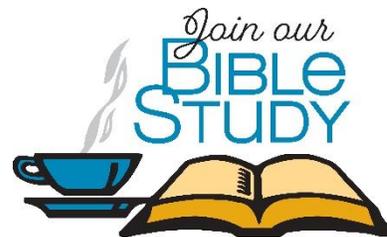


Luther's theses contained three main pillars, which have stood for over 500 years:

1. Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone) - The Bible is the sole authority in matters of faith, life and conduct. *"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness"* (2 Timothy 3:16, NRSV).

2. Sola Fide (Faith Alone) - Christians are justified, or declared righteous, only through believing in Jesus Christ as Savior. Although morality and good works are important, they alone cannot lead to salvation. *"A person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ"* (Galatians 2:16, NRSV).

3. Sola Gratia (Grace Alone) - Grace is God's unmerited, or undeserved, favor. Salvation is a free gift from our gracious God. *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast"* (Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV).



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We invite you to study God's Holy Word with Pastor

Matt and other fellow believers. The adult Bible class begins at 10:15 AM in the Conference Room across from the church offices. We continue our study of "**Faith and Works**" from James 2:14-26.

DAILY QUOTES

"Whatever fear still assails us is either a temptation of Satan or a remnant of the old man, for in Christ there can be nothing but supreme assurance and joy."

"Beautiful music ... is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."—Martin Luther

“Ever, Only, All for Thee”

Women’s Morning Bible Study

Monday, November 1 at 9:30 AM
Conference Room
Led by Donna Bailey

Ladies of Zion, join us as we study the fifth stanza of the hymn, “Take My Life and Let It Be” LSB 783.

*Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.*

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Our final class will be Monday, November 8. Don’t miss out on fellowship, fun and the study of God’s Holy Word. See Monday morning!!



**A Man Named
Martin Luther
Part 1: The Man**

**Men’s Early Morning
Bible Study**

Monday, November 1
6:30 AM - Conference Room

Session 3: Purgatory, Indulgences, Ninety-Five Theses, and the Three Solos of the Reformation



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Wednesday, November 3, 2021
6:00-7:15 PM

Study Topic: Goods

Memory Work:

- 7th and 8th Commandments/Meanings
- Matthew 18:15
- O.T. Books of the Bible: Genesis-Daniel

Did you see the big box of candy donated for Trunk or Treat this past Saturday! I am overwhelmed with the response! We are very blessed to have such a generous congregation. Thank you! Thank you! – Toni Timm



The Youth Group will be selling Butter Braids from October 31 to November 14. We’ll be



raising money to attend the 2022 National Youth Gathering in Huston, Texas. We have Butter Braids for you sample following today’s worship service. Thank you for your support!



Noah Eggebraaten, Zion’s Stewardship Committee Chairman, has an electronic **Time and Talent Survey** for you to fill out. The link (emailed to all members

that have an email) for this survey is: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FUgHHiNiQ99JnCiVF5EBxqofO9i6WhAsQNqQdFj5S_U/edit

For those who cannot complete the online survey, a paper copy will be in your church mailboxes on October 31.

Thank you to those who have filled out the online survey.

SNOW REMOVAL HELP NEEDED!

Looking for individual(s) to **remove snow** from the sidewalks and steps this winter. If interested, please contact either Bruce Bakken (507) 402-6255 or David Overland (507) 460-2619. Thank you!





Daylight
Saving Time
Ends on
Sunday,

November 7. Remember to
tun back your clocks one
hour before you go to bed
on Saturday evening!



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Sunday, November 21
Worship – 9:00 AM
(Online – after 2 PM)



Wednesday, November 24
In-Person Service - 4:30 PM
(Online - after 7 PM)
A Service of Praise, Prayer
and Thanksgiving

**NEW CHURCH YEAR,
NEW SEASON ...**

Advent Begins

**Sunday,
November 28!**



REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY November 7, 2021



Tomorrow, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints, but will observe this fest day next Sunday, November 7. This is an occasion to remember with thanksgiving to God all people redeemed by Jesus throughout the ages, and especially our own loved ones who have died in the Lord. On that day of rejoicing not that we or our departed loved ones have been such great saints, but that our Savior has graciously numbered us along with all His saints as His own beloved people. For all this we sing to the Lord a new song of thanksgiving and praise!

In the strength of God's love, and in eager anticipation of the day of the resurrection of all flesh, we remember before the LORD our own dear loved ones who have departed this life during the past year. If you have a loved one, that you would like to add to this list, please speak with Pastor Matt. Thank you.



Bryan Willmert

(August 16, 1935 – December 22, 2020)

Jim Bottelson

(May 25, 1941 – February 13, 2021)

Mel Janowitz

(November 21, 1932 – February 16, 2021)

Justin Kohn

(July 12, 1980 – March 7, 2021)

Dawn Dace

(May 14-1958 – April 1, 2021)

Buddy Bonfy

(November 29, 1931 – June 8, 2021)

Dan Bettin

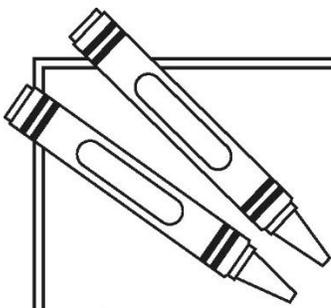
(April 17, 1970 – July 11, 2021)

Peggy Jensen

(September 5, 1954 – August 6, 2021)

Daphne Wittmer

(February 3, 1932 – August 23, 2021)



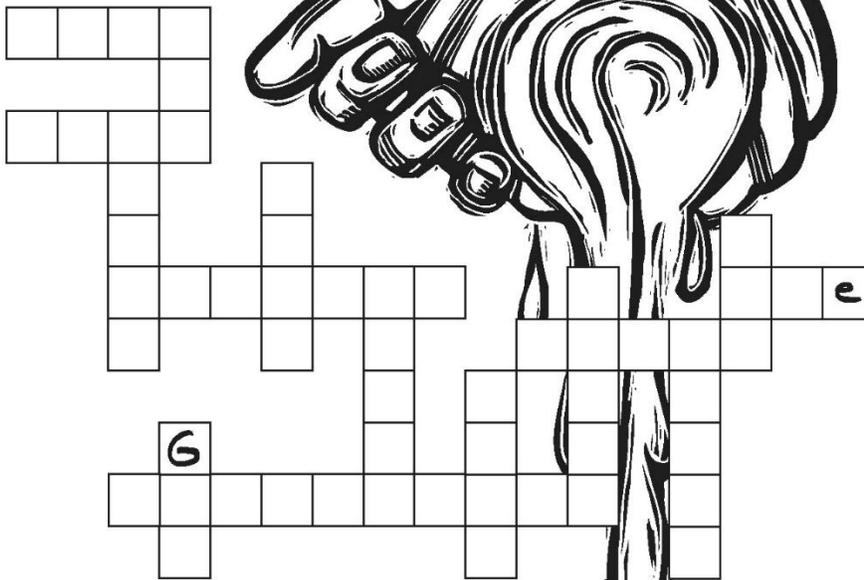
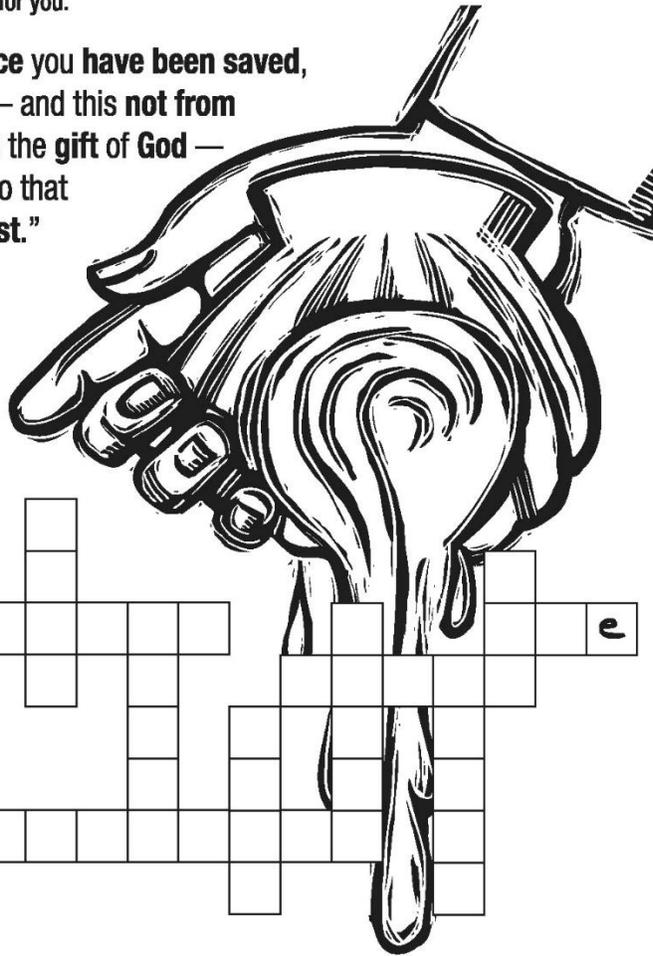
Just for **KIDS**

THE GIFT

God has given us a gift that we can't work for or buy. Discover what this gift is by reading Ephesians 2:8-9, NIV.

Fit the words in bold into the word puzzle below. We've provided two letters for you.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast."



WHAT'S A CHRISTIAN TO DO WITH HALLOWEEN?

These days, children associate Halloween with trick-or-treating and candy. But centuries ago, Christians named the night before All Hallows' Day (All Saints' Day) "All Hallows' Eve." As the faithful prepared to remember people who were entrusted to eternal life in Christ, they adopted various traditions to poke fun at death.

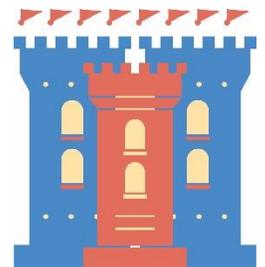
Around the world, Christians observe Halloween differently: In Poland, kids pray aloud while walking through forests to comfort souls of the dead. In Spain, tolling church bells remind people to

remember the saints. In Finland, so many people light candles in cemeteries that the observance is called "seas of light." Although some Christians steer clear of Halloween, others use it as an evangelism opportunity and provide entertainment alternatives such as harvest parties.

No matter your views, you can remind children that though it's fun to pretend, we can always be ourselves with God. Whatever our features and flaws, we need not and cannot hide from God behind masks. God made us in his holy image and loves us and restored us in Christ to be his holy — *hallowed!* — children.

FORTRESS

The tower, or fortress, is a symbol that, in the words of Psalm 46:1, "God is our refuge and strength." Martin Luther used this psalm as the basis for his hymn "A Mighty



Fortress Is Our God." Another scripture reads "But the LORD has become my fortress, and my God the rock in whom I take refuge" (Psalm 94:22, NIV).

+ This Week's Calendar +

Sunday, October 31, 2021 – REFORMATION SUNDAY

- 9:00 AM – Online Service and In-Person Service with Holy Communion
- 10:15 AM – Christian Education Hour for All Ages
- 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM – Drive-In Communion
- 6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)

Monday, November 1, 2021 – All Saints' Day

- 6:30 AM – Men's Bible Class @ Zion (Conference Room)
- 9:30 AM – Ladies Fall Bible Study @ Zion (Conference Room)
- 5:30-7:30 PM – Albert Lea Cantori @ Zion (Sanctuary)



Tuesday, November 2, 2021 – Election Day

- 10:00 AM – Hannah Circle Meeting @ Zion (Conference Room)
- 1:00 PM – Martha Circle Meeting @ Zion (Conference Room)
- 6:00 PM – Girl Scouts @ Zion (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM – Ruth Circle Meeting @ Zion (Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM – Elder's Meeting @ Zion (Library)

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

- 9:00 AM – Quilters @ Zion (Quilting Rooms)
- 6:00 PM – Confirmation (Conference Room)

Thursday, November 4, 2021

- 6:45 PM – GA Meeting @ Zion (Conference Room)

Friday, November 5, 2021

- Pastor's Day Off (Office Closed)

Saturday, November 6, 2021

- 9:00 AM – Communion Set-up (Flower and Altar)

Sunday, November 7, 2021 – All Saints' Sunday Observance

- 9:00 AM – Online Service and In-Person Service with Holy Communion
- 10:15 AM – Christian Education Hour for All Ages
- 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM – Drive-In Communion
- 6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)



PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The appointed Scripture readings for **All Saints' Sunday Observance** – Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1-3; and Matthew 5:1-12.

Week of October 24, 2021

In-Person Attendance:	88
YouTube Views:	32
In-Person Communion:	80
Drive-In Communion:	3
Men's Bible Class:	9

Sunday Bible Class:	16
Women's Bible Study	10
Confirmation	10

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
and afternoon by appointment
Friday: Office Closed • Saturday: by appointment

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