

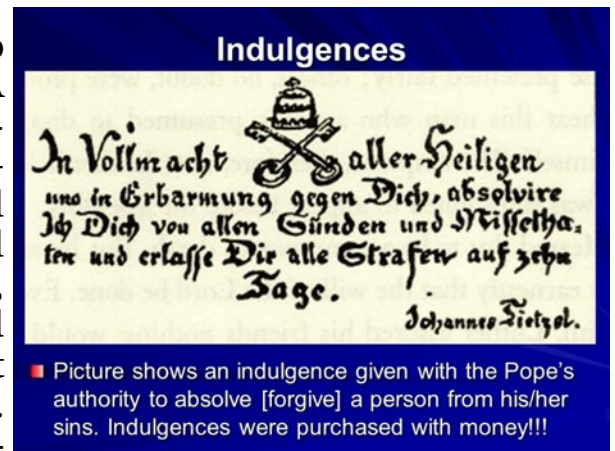
Faith's Blessings

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October 2024

Every year on the last Sunday in October, many churches set aside the day as “Reformation Sunday.” Having not grown up with this tradition, and perhaps the same holds true for you, you may wonder as I did before I joined the Lutheran Church (the most awesome day in my life I might add!!!) where this tradition comes from and why some congregations, like Faith, continue to practice it. If you did grow up with this tradition, I pray this article serves as a reminder of where it all began....

In 1517, Pope Leo X offered indulgences for those who gave alms to rebuild St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. A friar by the name of Johann Tetzell preached aggressively – some commentaries note it as “marketing” – promoting this cause providing that the church would give those persons a certificate which acknowledged the gift and promised that they, or their loved ones, would be freed from a portion of the misery expected in the afterlife – reminds me of the Monopoly “get out of jail free card” but in this case it wasn't truly free. The certificates were known as “Indulgences” and November 1st was an important day for the selling and buying of these indulgences. It was also the day before Martin Luther, a German monk during that time, posted a list of 95 Theses, that is 95 reasons, he condemned the selling of indulgences viewing them as the purchase and sale of salvation. Luther's posting was for the intention of debate.



Picture shows an indulgence given with the Pope's authority to absolve [forgive] a person from his/her sins. Indulgences were purchased with money!!!



He was firm in his understanding and belief that we are not forgiven because of anything we do, including the buying of Indulgences or doing enough good work; we are forgiven because of who God is and we are loved and forgiven because God is full of grace and mercy. Sound familiar? Yes, one of the “favorite” scriptures noted in our Bible Study groups taken from Paul's letter to the Ephesians:

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Well, all this got Martin Luther into a lot of hot water and he was kicked out of the church. There were others who agreed with Luther and they became known as Lutherans, as well as Protestants (see the word “protest” in there? – because they “protested” to what was happening.)

Reformation Sunday gives us a chance to tell our story. In addition, Reformation Sunday also challenges us to do better. Most notably, Reformation Sunday is a reminder that the grace and mercy given to us in Jesus Christ is the foundation of our faith. You will hear more about this on Reformation Sunday here at Faith. Please join in worship and wear red!

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God!”

Pastor Kathy +

October 6th – KIDS KINGDOM is back in session!

We will meet the first Sunday of each month during “Doughnut Sundays” while parents and grandparents enjoy coffee & doughnuts.

Children are invited to join Pastor Kathy for a lesson which will include learning how much God loves us using storytelling, art, science, singing and praying. The class will follow worship service, around 10:30 and run about 20-30 minutes – a time to grow and nurture faith.



“The Great Invitation” – The Book of Revelation: Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. **During the month of October**, join Pastor Kathy as we move back into the Bible and delve into scripture. **In November and December**, we will view Season 3 of “The Chosen”. Following the holidays, we will return to Revelations for continued study.

November 10th – This Sunday we will honor our veterans – past and present – and their families. There will be a congregational spaghetti dinner following worship – watch for details.



During the month of September we lifted the following in prayer: Sandy Long, Ryan Maust, Sue & Champ Slayton, Harold Pyle, Dean Nist, Hazel Moore, Mona Barndt and Brian Everett

Bishop Paula, Faith's Homebound Members and Family and Friends of Brenda Troy

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care visits are a means of bringing the presence of Jesus Christ into the lives of our community of Faith at times of acute illness, pending surgery, long-term care and rehabilitation of care, as well as hospice care. We rely on family members, friends, and neighbors to let the church staff know when someone is in a hospital or other facility; please call the church office 814-443-3179 and provide the name of the individual, name of hospital or care facility, and room number if known; and it is also helpful to give time/date of surgery. After office hours you may call Pastor Kathy directly at 814-483-3097.

Thank you,
Pastor Kathy

Second Offering

We collected \$100.00 for "Shop with a Cop" during our Second Sunday offering in September. Our Second Offering for the month of October has been designated for the "Toys for Tots". Your donations help children who are less fortunate have a brighter holiday season. Thank you for helping this outreach!



Fall is a time of change and getting involved at the many activities at church during this season will make the longer days brighter!

Watch for a list of upcoming events during October.



It won't be long until the church holds its annual congregational meeting so think about serving on church council as we enter into a new year!!

We thank those who are willing to serve
for the month of October

Oct. 6

Altar Guild	Genette Swank	Reader	Genette Swank
Assisting Minister	Brock Bowers	Acolyte	Kaden George
Greeters	Joeleen Everett & Oakleigh		
Council Person	Joe Swank		

Oct. 13

Altar Guild	Genette Swank	Reader	Laura Miller
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust	Acolyte	Ari Ohler
Greeters	Laura Miller & Brenda Maust		

Oct. 20

Altar Guild	Genette Swank	Reader	Brenda Maust
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh	Acolyte	Kolten George
Greeters	Carl Schrock & Jim Long		

Oct. 27

Altar Guild	Genette Swank	Reader	Katelynn Judy
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh	Acolyte	Olivia George
Greeters	Dawn Will & Katelynn Judy		

**Please remember, that if you have a "job" and can't be here, you must
find a replacement and notify the office!**

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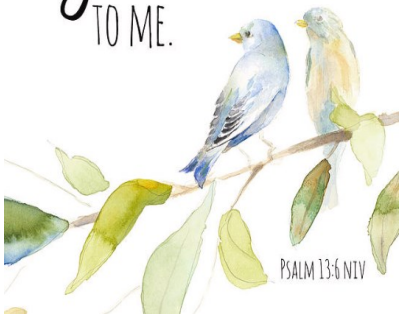
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Caring workers 10 am	2	3 Bible Study 10:30 am	4	5 Creative Crafters 10 am
6 World Communion Sunday / Worship 9 am Donut Sunday Kid's Kingdom	7	8 Caring Workers 10 am	9	10 Bible Study 10:30 am Council Mtg 7 pm	11	12
13 Worship 9 am 2nd Offering	14 WELCA 7 pm	15 Caring Workers 10 am	16	17 Bible Study 10:30 am	18	19
20 Worship 9 am Baptism	21	22 Caring Workers 10 am	23	24 Bible Study 10:30 am	25	26
27 Worship 9 am Reformation Sunday — Wear RED!!! YIA—Ooey-Gooney! 4-6 pm	28	29	30	31 Bible Study 10:30 am		
				October Second Offering will be collected for TOYS for TOTS		

St. Francis of Assisi Pet Blessing October 2024



Throughout the month of October, Pastor Kathy, would like to visit your pets, blessing them for their faithful companionship. Please let her know you would like your pets blessed – all creatures great and small! There is a sign-up sheet so that appointments can be made or just give a call to set a date and time that suits. You may call the church office or Pastor Kathy directly at 814-483-3097.

Sing
TO THE
Lord,
FOR HE HAS BEEN
Good
TO ME.



Lift every voice and sing!

Faith's Choir needs your voice!

Practice is
immediately following worship service.

It runs for 15 minutes.

15 minutes is all that's needed.

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens...

(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Take time to sing! Please...Come...join in!



Michelle Custer	Oct 2	Christopher Miller	Oct 16
Blair Walker	Oct 3	William Nist	Oct 18
Joeleen Everett	Oct 4	Brian Shaffer	Oct 25
Michele Shaffer	Oct 5	Keith Clark	Oct 26
Gary Shaffer	Oct 7	Beth Lane	Oct 27
Matthew Walker	Oct 8	Joshua Trent	Oct 27
Mollie Walker	Oct 10	Tricia Trevarrow	Oct 27
Zachary Foster	Oct 13	John Heiple	Oct 28
Brenda Friedline	Oct 13	Mirabella Tweardy	Oct 29
Lori Dill	Oct 16	Douglas Miller	Oct 30



Daniel & Dawn Walker	Oct 4	46 yrs
Gene & Elaine Hillegas	Oct 18	55 yrs
Allen & Kathleen Stump	Oct 18	44 yrs

Property Committee “To Do List”

Listed below are items the Property Committee would like help with. If you are able and willing to work on any of these items, please let a member of the committee know

If you have any questions, see Gene Hillegas or Carl Schrock.

Front entrance to fellowship hall needs new siding and trim and doors need painted

Several walls/places in the church need painted

Blinds in classrooms need repaired/replaced

Picnic tables at pavilion need sanded/painted

Light pole at rear of church (pavilion side) needs conduit

Weeding **is completed**

Lines in parking need painted being worked on— **work in progress**

Arch at gazebo needs repaired—**it has been placed in garage**



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Sunday Worship 9 am

Sunday Church School 10:30 am

Kid's Kingdom—1st Sunday of Each Month 10:30am

Youth in Action! Last Sunday of the Month