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Sunday Morning Worship
8:30am & 11:00am

German Worship
October 8th – 2:00pm

Robert Ferro, Senior Pastor

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Jesse Lange, Director of Music

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PASTOR'S PAGE

So We Might Have Hope

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4

On October 31, 1517, a 34 year old priest and professor of theology named Martin Luther nailed Ninety-Five Theses for debate on the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg, Germany. Luther was inviting other professors and priests to debate important issues facing the Church. Many had been calling for reform of the Church and Luther's actions and ideas unleashed forces that had been building for centuries. His Ninety-Five statements started a firestorm in Germany that spread all across Europe. The Protestant Reformation had begun.

Often the Reformation is described as restoring the Bible to the Church, but that is not an entirely accurate statement. The Church had never abandoned the Bible, but it did read the Bible in a certain way. The lasting impact of the Reformation was that it proposed a new way to read the Bible. The Church of Luther's day read the scriptures as a divine rule book prescribing all we had to do to earn our salvation. This approach did not bring hope to believers, but rather robbed "pious consciences of the consolation offered them in Christ (*Apology of the Augsburg Confession*, IV, 3). The Protestant Reformers read the Bible in a way that did not focus upon what we had to do for God, but instead celebrated what God had done for us in Christ Jesus. This new way of reading the Bible restored hope to a Church that had been burdened with centuries of man-made rules and regulations. As the Formula of Concord states, "Any interpretation of Scripture that weakens or removes our hope and encouragement is certainly contrary to the will and intent of the Holy Spirit (*Solid Declaration*, XI, 92).

Today, 500 years later, many people still read the Bible as a divine rule book, and not as a joyful love-letter from God to His broken and hurting world. In order to help us understand what the Reformation was all about and why it is still important, we will look at six lenses through which the Protestant Reformers read the Bible that brought hope and encouragement to a troubled world.

September 24**October 1****October 8****October 15****October 22****October 29****By God's Grace****By Christ****By Faith****For Our Salvation****For God's Glory****Law and Gospel**

It has been 500 years since Martin Luther challenged the Church of his day to read the Bible in a new way and return to the teachings of the New Testament. This challenge still rings out for us. We are also summoned to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world of our day. May we answer this call so that all may know Christ's love.

In His Love,

Pastor Ferro

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

We will continue our study of the Book of Psalms. This book of prayers and songs is the center of the Bible both physically and spiritually. Join us on Wednesday mornings from 10:00am to 11:30am in the Church Library for a lively time of learning and fellowship as we grow in our faith. You will also find out how much fun it can be to study the Bible.

Confirmation Classes - The Bible

Thursdays at 7:30pm

The Confirmation classes will continue meet on Thursday evenings from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Confirmation is a time for our young people to learn and grow while having fun. This year the class will be studying the Bible. Don't forget to get started on your sermon notes.

Nursery Attendant

Our nursery is staffed! Molly Wering will be in the church nursery at both the 8:30am and 11am services on Sundays to watch any young children who may be feeling restless and not wanting to sit through the service. Games and good times will be had by all.

Adult Forum

The Reformation

2017 is the 500th Anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation. Join us for the Adult Forum in the Assembly Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings as we study this momentous period of time that set the stage for the Modern world. The discussion is always lively and the fellowship is uplifting. The following classes are scheduled:

October 1	Young Luther – 1483-1521
October 8	Mature Luther – 1522-1546
October 15	Spread of the Reformation beyond Germany
October 22	Counter-Reformation – 1550-1650
October 29	Reason, Revival, and Revolution – 1650-1800
November 5	The Reformation's Enduring Legacy

Youth Group– Youth Night

Sunday, October 22nd 6-9pm

We will have a Youth Night on Sunday, October 22nd. Bring a friend and your favorite game! We will have dinner and fun!

Youth and Young Families Survey

Be on the lookout for a survey focusing on the needs of Bethany's youth, young adults, and young families. The survey will be sent to each household and will also be distributed by email. Responses from all Bethany members and friends are welcome!

College Addresses

If you or someone you know is going away to college and will have a new address for the school year, please contact the church office and give our church secretary, Melissa Todd, the new address. We want to continue to send the Bethany News and keep in touch with all of our college students.

WORSHIP

German Worship

The monthly German language worship service is scheduled for Sunday, October 8th at 2pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Finance

Committee Budgets

Budget time is just around the corner! Committees – please submit your budget requests to Finance by October 10. The Finance Committee will be working on the 2018 budget that evening to present to council.

Lutheran World Relief – Hurricane Recovery

Because of your generous donations Bethany sent \$2,565 to Lutheran Disaster Response to assist with their efforts in helping the victims of hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Thank You!

Outreach

Food Pantry

When you are doing your grocery shopping, pick up an extra can for a local food pantry. Some of the needs are vegetables, spaghetti sauce and pasta.

Rummage Sale – November 3-4

Time to start getting your donations together. We will start accepting donations in October. Also we need donations of **paper** bags.

Boosters Basket Raffle

It's time to start planning your baskets for the annual Booster Basket Raffle. The raffle will begin in November.

Prayer Time

Saturday, October 21st 9am-12pm

The fall is the perfect season to set aside some time for prayer and reflection. The church sanctuary will be open on October 21st from 9am until 12pm for individual prayer time. Thank you to Joanne Sadlon for organizing.

Church Photo Directory

We will be taking pictures for the photo directory on Sundays October 1st and 8th, between the church services. You may also take the picture yourself, and email it to judyflamik@gmail.com

Coffee Hour

Like to have a cup of coffee between services on Sunday? Why not volunteer to host coffee hour! Sign up on the bulletin board for the two Sundays that you would be willing to host. Contact Melissa, in the office, with questions.

Volunteers Needed

Each Sunday we need a total of 32 worship assistants: 8 ushers, 8 counters, 6 communion assistants, 2 readers, 4 acolytes, 2 elevator operators, and finally at least 2 members of the altar guild! If you would like to volunteer for any of these positions, please let Pastor Ferro or Melissa know. Volunteers are needed for both 8:30 and 11:00am services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reformation Sunday – Roast Beef Dinner

Sunday, October 29th following 11am worship

Join us for a Roast Beef Dinner celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation following the 11am service on October 29th. Menu includes Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 3-8, two and younger are free.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend

Married Couples...Have you signed up for your November 3-5 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend at the historic Hotel Millersburg in the heart of Amish Country? NOW is the time to register for this opportunity to rekindle the romance and realize the full potential of your marriage, with all the joy and beauty God intended. Go to GodLovesMarriage.org to check out the details and register. Weekends run from Friday evening at 8 pm to Sunday afternoon around 4 pm

Danny Boys -- Dine Out for Bethany Boosters

Tuesday, October 24th

Enjoy lunch or dinner at either Danny Boys locations and 20% of your food bill will be donated to Bethany Boosters. Works on take out orders too! Take a night off of cooking for a good cause!

Watch the Sunday Bulletins for Flyers.

Bethany Women

Wednesday, October 18th 7:00pm

We will meet at the church for a business meeting. We will elect officers and talk about our future plans.

In Our Prayers

Many of our members and their family and friends have been in our prayers. May God's loving and healing hand continue to bless and keep all who call upon Him, especially Amanda Inman, Carrie Canturbury, Johnathon Canterbury, Mark Sloan, Allan Jaeckal, Ingeborg Stamper, Marilyn Ries, Meredith Wise, John Gaul, Olga Kobella, Jana Martino

Our Sympathy and Prayers are with the family and friends:

† Dr. Harry Mergler– September 15, 2017

† Virginia Brant-Krichbaum

Just a Reminder

If you or a loved one is in the hospital, please call the church and let us know. Privacy laws prohibit hospitals from calling and giving patient information.

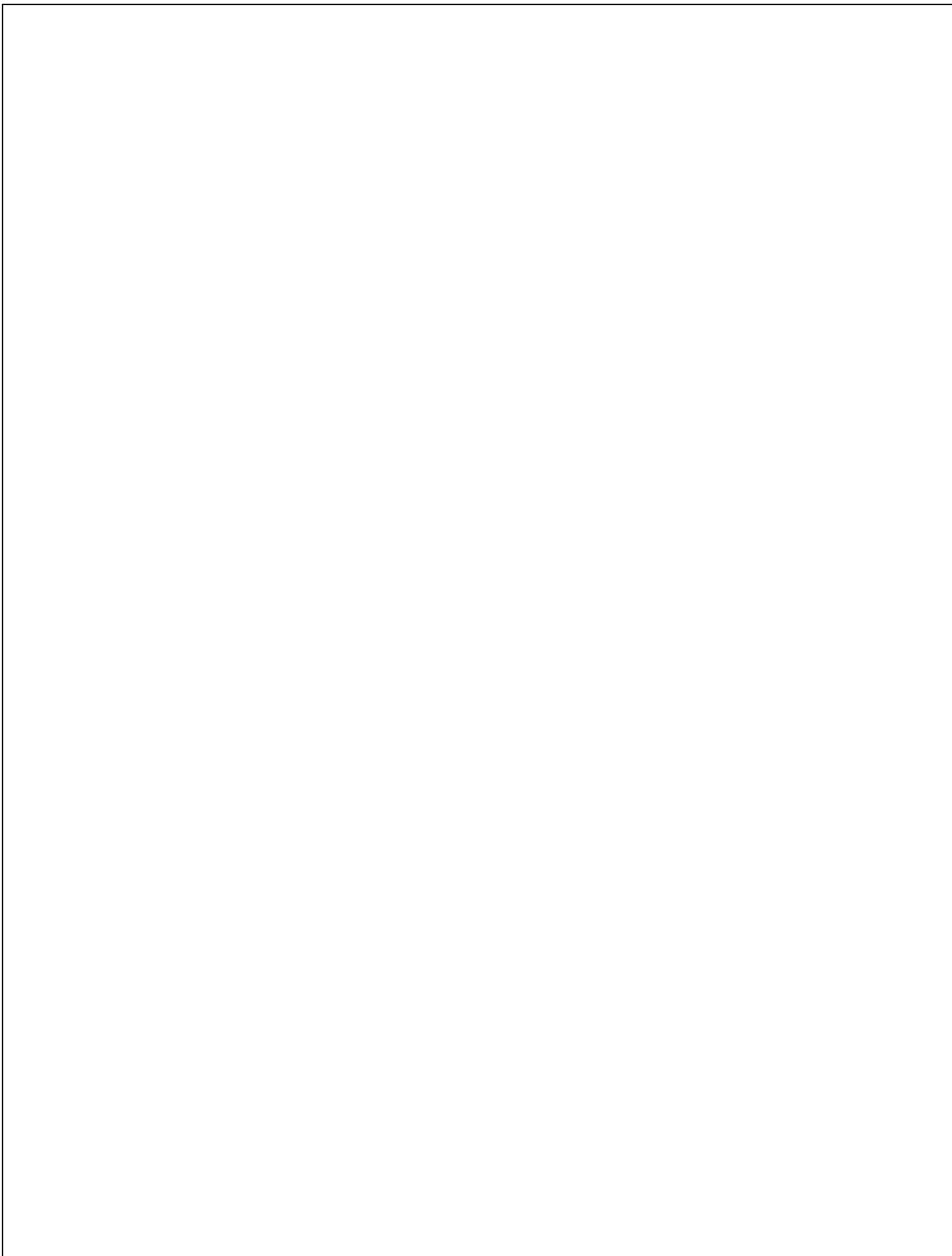
Thank you

To our Bethany family,

Sincere thanks to Pastor Ferro for the frequent hospital and rehab visits with Bill. Heartfelt thanks for the beautiful church service for Bill and the home visit after. Thanks for all the many prayers and cards from Bethany members. We greatly appreciate the luncheon served by Barb Stockhaus and Kay Hamed.

God Bless,

Bonnie Ulvila and family



October Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30am Worship 9:45am Education 11:00am Worship	2 7:00pm Bethel AA Assembly Hall	3	4 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm JMAA	5 6:30pm Bells 7:00pm Quilters Small Group 7:30 Chancel Choir Confirmation	6	7 9:30am Endowment 9:30pm NA Meeting
8 8:30am Worship 9:45am Education 11:00am Worship 2:00pm German Worship	9 7:00pm Bethel AA Assembly Hall	10 7:00pm Committee Meetings	11 10:00am Bible Study	12 6:30pm Bells 7:00pm Quilters Small Group 7:30 Chancel Choir Confirmation	13	14 9:30am Women's Shelter Lunch 11am Dr. Mergler Memorial 9:30pm NA Meeting
15 8:30am Worship 9:45am Education 11:00am Worship	16 7:00pm Bethel AA Assembly Hall	17 7:00pm Council Meeting	18 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Bethany Women's Group	19 6:30pm Bells 7:00pm Quilters Small Group 7:30pm Chancel Choir Confirmation	20	21 9am-12pm Prayer time 9:30pm NA Meeting
22 8:30am Worship 9:45am Education 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Night	23 7:00pm Bethel AA Assembly Hall	24 Danny Boys Fundraiser	25 10:00am Bible Study	26 6:30pm Bells 7:00pm Quilters Small Group 7:30pm Chancel Choir Confirmation	27	28 Prepare Roast Beef Dinner 9:30pm NA Meeting
29 8:30am Worship 9:45am Education 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Roast Beef Dinner	30 7:00pm Bethel AA Assembly Hall	31				

Worship Assistants Schedule – September

Date	Liturg.Assist.	Com.Assist.	Reader	Altar Guild	Acolytes	Ushers	Counters	Elevator
October 1 8:30am		S Sadlon S DeCrane B Stockhaus	S Sadlon	L Foland F Foland		J Sadlon S Sadlon M Griner S Lessa	J Sadlon G Hansen	N Stockhaus
October 1 11:00am		R Darvas K Darvas J Morano	R Darvas	L Foland F Foland	R Darvas S Fuchs	J & J Morano B Kahelin J Canterbury	H Hasselbrack D Ferro D Little	K Guelker
October 8 8:30am		C Bossart B Levkulich C Hoffman	C Bossart	L Foland F Foland		J Sadlon S Sadlon M Griner S Lessa	N & B Stockhaus N Wise S Surber	N Haug
October 8 11:00am	S Blake	S Blake D Nelson S Kopetz		L Foland F Foland	J Chamot J Penrod	J & J Morano B Kahelin J Canterbury	S Bennett P Lusardo	P Goebel
October 15 8:30am		S Dittmar S Todd B Stockhaus	S Dittmar	L Foland F Foland		J Sadlon S Sadlon M Griner S Lessa	S DeCrane J Sadlon	J Sadlon
October 15 11:00am		B Kahelin M Kahelin J Zangmeister	B Kahelin	L Foland F Foland	A Pool AKammerman	J & J Morano B Kahelin J Canterbury	G Carte M Carte	R Nelson
October 22 8:30am		C Hoffman C Bossart S Todd	C Hoffman	L Foland F Foland		J Sadlon S Sadlon M Griner S Lessa	M Sloan J Sloan N Haug B Levkulich	We need Elevator help!
October 22 11:00am	L Little	L Little M Carte J Szustak		L Foland F Foland	N Persinger	J & J Morano B Kahelin J Canterbury	J Morano T & J Stanton	F Scheuerman
October 29 8:30am	D Ferro	D Ferro S DeCrane B Levkulich		L Foland F Foland	A Pool	J Sadlon S Sadlon M Griner S Lessa	J Sadlon G Hansen	
October 29 11:00am	C Pool	C Pool L L Persinger J Morano		L Foland F Foland	J Chamot J Penrod	J & J Morano B Kahelin J Canterbury	H Hasselbrack D Ferro D Little	K Guelker