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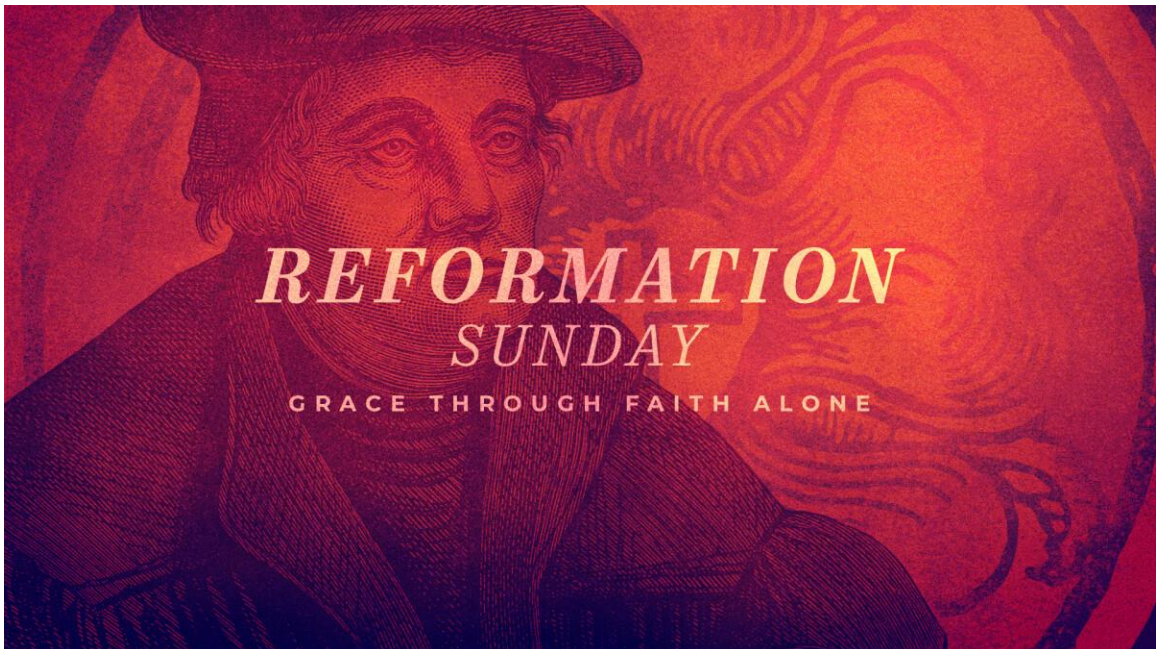
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A Member Congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021



LISTENING DEVICES and **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available in the overflow area of the church. Please speak with an elder or usher to assist you. (St. John's)

PRIOR TO SERVICE: Please be respectful of those who would like to meditate and pray before the worship service by keeping conversational voices low. Thank you for your consideration and love in Christ.

ATTENDANCE CARDS: Please fill them out and give to the usher at the end of service. (St. John's)

OUR WORSHIP BEGINS WITH PRAYERFUL MEDITATION

AS WE GATHER: Reformation Sunday is not just a special day to celebrate our history by remembering the story of Martin Luther; it is a perfect opportunity to rejoice in the freedom we have been given from sin and death through Jesus Christ alone. By gathering to receive His Word and to share in His Supper, we come to know yet again the eternal Gospel that is being proclaimed to all who dwell on earth. This good news not only sets us free from our captivity to sin and death, but it also enables us to live a life of freedom in Christ and boldly share with others how they, too, may be set free. The same Savior who speaks His Word to us says to all who will listen: "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP IN PRAYER: Almighty and gracious Lord, to know You is to know true freedom from sin and to live in the transforming power of Your Holy Spirit. Grant that we, who hold fast to the Word of Your Son, may never return to our captivity but walk daily in the new life we have received; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS & MINDS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

St. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, bids us to examine ourselves before taking Holy Communion. Therefore, to faithfully prepare to receive our Lord's TRUE body and blood, we

- ▶ **CONFESS** that we are sinful people- unwilling and unable to be righteous according to God's just Law.
- ▶ **BELIEVE** that Jesus shed His Blood for us on the cross for the forgiveness of our sin;
- ▶ **BELIEVE** that, in the Supper, Jesus gives us His true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine – that is, the bread and wine are NOT merely symbols of the body and blood of Jesus, but truly are united to the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, as He said, "*Take eat; this is My BODY... Take, drink; this is My Blood.*"
- ▶ **INTEND**, by the power of the Holy Spirit, repent of our sinful lives and strive to walk according to God's will.

In joyful obedience to the teaching of Holy Scripture, we ask that only those who share unity with us in our confession of doctrine and faith join us at the altar. Guests who are members in good standing in fellow congregations of the Missouri Synod are invited to join us in the Holy Supper. If you have questions or would like to have information about joining our fellowship, please visit with an elder or the pastor. Thank you.

TOGETHER IN WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND STEWARDSHIP				
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH				
October 24, 2021				
Adult Bible Study	11	Offering	\$	16.00
Worship Attendance	61	Offering	\$	1,981.00
		Missions	\$	170.00
		Preschool	\$	100.00
Total for Orphanages		Needed for goal	\$	\$560.00/mo
(as of 10-17-21 \$5,525.00)		Monthly Average	\$	552.50
Budget for 2021	\$162,013.25	(needed per week: \$3,115.64)		
Total Giving to Budget in 2021	\$ 99,864.50	(43 week avg: \$2,322.43)		

TOGETHER IN WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND STEWARDSHIP				
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH				
October 24, 2021				
Worship Attendance	49	Offering	\$	380.00
		Mission	\$	10.00
Budget for 2021	\$ 60,539.01	(needed per week: \$ 1,164.21)		
Total Giving to Budget in 2021	\$ 45,647.27	(43 week avg. \$ 1,061.56)		

This week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Brent Carmine	31 st
Amy Borrenpohl	1 st
Tayden Borrenpohl, Sandy Weyers	3 rd
Laura Heiden	6 th

Worship Assistants

Greeters Today:Schmid Family (St. John's)
..... Larry & Donna Rathe (Immanuel)

Greeters Next Sunday: Suzie Ziegler (St. John's)
.....Jeff & Sarah Dean (Immanuel)

Today's Acolytes:.....Andrew Kohlmeyer & Jackson Haughton (St. John's)
..... Wyatt Rathe & Joselyn Rathe (Immanuel)

Next Sunday: Logan Barras & Blayzen Kress (St. John's)
.....Kody Goracke & Sierra Goracke (Immanuel)

October Elder:Dave Borrenpohl (402) 429-5463 (St. John's)
..... Jon Rathe (402) 866-2142 (Immanuel)
November Elder:Kirk Bartels (402) 921-0774 (St. John's)
..... Jim Williams (402) 866-4586 (Immanuel)

October Trustee: Marcus Griess (402) 2009-2283 (St. John's)
..... (Immanuel)

November Trustee:..... Del Lierman (402) 269-8004 (St. John's)
..... (Immanuel)

October Altar Guild:..... Amy Borrenpohl (St. John's)
November Altar Guild: Amy Borrenpohl (St. John's)

October Flower Committee:..... Rosie Sugden & Linda Eis (Immanuel)
November Flower Committee: Deb Buehler & Heather Thies (Immanuel)

Transportation: Ron Rathe (402) 335-2208 (St. John's)

Organist Today: Loretta Kerchal (St. John's)
..... Donna Rathe (Immanuel)



Needing Urgent prayers: Lavern Bartels (*health issues*), Cliff Lacey (*Covid*), Wakes Boudle (*NICU*), Kathy Gottula (*hospitalized*), Karen Belding (*Covid – hospitalized*), Addy Kohlmeyer (*Cancer*), Beverly Kohlmeyer (*knee surgery*), Sophie Carnagey (*cancer – Dave’s mother*), Ritchie Schriever (*hip replacement surgery – Pastor’s brother-in-law*), Shawn Othmer (*pancreatic & stomach cancer*), Steven Frye (*Pancreatic Cancer- Billy Frye’s brother*) Marlys McPherson (*Cancer – Pastor’s aunt*), Lenny Parachini (*Lynn Haughton’s Father-Heart Surgery*), Declan Heineman (*great-great-grandnephew of Cindy Lierman*), Lois Ann Bartels (*health issues*), Bruce Haughton (*Lymphoma*), Kevin Miesbach (*brain tumor*), Brianna Podtburg (*cancer & leg amputation*), Karen McCoy (*Cancer*), Arlo Miesbach (*cancer*), Alan DeJonge (*pancreatic cancer*) and Josh Wilkins (*spinal cancer – Dave & Paula Carnagey’s former foster child*) in your prayers this week. May God grant each of them His protection and peace and bless them with good health.

+Those needing our sustaining prayers: LeRoy Buethe (*recovery-Covid*), Rose Kerner (*recovery*), Arlene Bohling (*mother of Lisa Bartels*), Kris Kelle (*cancer*), Deb Lance (*cancer – Katie Griess’s mother*), Mindy Johnston (*kidney issues -Shirly Hestermann’s great niece*), Sherri Sapp-Stutheit (*surgery recovery*) Eldon Bartels (*health issues*), Deb Brinkman (*surgery-recovery*), Robin Whitney (*Various Health Issues*), Haleigh McDonald (*arthritis & degenerative disk disease*), Mary Jo Foetisch (*Alzheimers*), Brian Thies (*Amputation below knee on both legs–Rick Thies’ cousin*), Kathleen Barone (*health issues*), Shari Boudle (*cancer – Lisa Bartels’ sister*), Harry Bartels (*brother of Dwayne and Lavern Bartels –severe osteoporosis & pneumonia*), Ron Rathe (*cancer*), Dwayne Bartels, Ray Bartels, Suzanne Hughes (*niece of Dwayne and Laverne Bartels - cancer*), Loren Bartels (*brother of Dwayne and Lavern Bartels – muscle disease*), Bonnie Smith (*continued good health reports*) and all others who look to God in their time of need.

+We pray for the family and friends of Briggs Boudle (infant great-nephew of Kirk & Lisa Bartels), as they mourn his passing last week. May God’s peace be with them all as they remember our Lord’s resurrection and look to the future, of a heavenly reunion to come.

+We pray for God’s loving and gracious care for those homebound and in the nursing home including: Sherri Sapp-Stutheit, Eldon Bartels, Gary Wilhelm, LeRoy & Evelyn Buethe, Vicki Mandery, (*Darla Gottula and Don Cooper*).

+We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces including: Bailey Bohling (Kirk & Lisa Bartels nephew).

+We lift up all missionaries, including: Pastor Dale & Suzanne Kaster, Andrew & Noel Schaff and all other church workers. And for those served by our adopted orphanages – Smiltene & Togliatti #5.

+ We give God thanks for the gift of Baptism, as we celebrate **Michael Borrenpohl and Brinley Borrenpohl** who celebrate their baptismal birthdays (this week). May God continue to bless them and all of us- with complete joy and confidence, through the promises He bestowed on us through His Sacrament of the Water and the Word!



Joint Announcements

Reminder: please let pastor know when you are in hospital so he can visit with you.

Christmas Cantata: On December 19, St. John Lutheran Church in Tecumseh will host its annual Christmas Cantata. Our music director Kevin McKinney will conduct the choir and Chris Eltiste has graciously offered to be our accompanist. We will be doing "King of Love". We are now in need of singers. If anyone is interested in offering their time and talent, we'd love to have you! Our rehearsals will be on Sunday evenings with the first one on November 7th at St. John Lutheran at 7:00pm. Please contact Amy at the church (402) 335-3816 or Kevin at 402-335-8271, kevin.mckinney421@gmail.com if you have questions.

Johnson County Community Blood Drive – Thursday, November 4th, from 10:30 – 4:30 at the Baptist Activity Center. Please contact Sarah Mueller (402) 806-6569 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter JohnsonCounty to schedule an appointment.

Newsletters: Paper copies of the newsletter are available on the back table.

Immanuel's Announcements

Sunday School: We are in need of Sunday School teachers for this year. Contact Rachel Goracke or Cassie Pfeiffer is interested as soon as possible. If no volunteers are found, we will be cutting classes back.

St. John's Announcements

Trunk or Treat: Today from 4:30- 6:30 pm. We will be serving hot dogs and hot chocolate and cider.

Fall Cleanup of plants: Biblical garden: All plants need to be dead headed and debris removed. Mulch needs to be added to the bare places. Pull and/or spray any weeds The same needs to be done around the crosses on the corner. A particular day has not been chosen so we can work as time and weather permits. Thank you so much for your time!

Donation Drive: We are collecting the following items to be donated for **FosterCare Closet of Nebraska:** Pull-ups in all sizes for boys and girls, new pillows, new towels, twin size fleece blankets, shampoo & conditioner, combs, brushes and hygiene products. Please put items on the table in the basement. If you have any questions, please talk to LuAnn Carmine or go to <http://fostercarecloset.org/>.

Offering: We will begin passing the offering plates on November 7th. If you would like to help usher please talk to Dave, Kirk or Kevin.

This Week With God

Sunday, October 31 (*Reformation Sunday*)

- † Divine Service w/ Communion (Immanuel) 8:30 am
- † Sunday School (St. Johns & Immanuel) 9:30 am
- † Adult Bible Study (St. John's) 9:30 am
- † Divine Service w/o (St. John's) 10:30 am
- ★ Trunk or Treat (St. John's)..... 4:30 – 6:30 pm

Monday, November 1

- ★ Pastor's Family Day.....

Tuesday, November 2

- ★ Preschool Chapel.....9:00 am
- ★ Quilting (St. John's)9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, November 3

- ★ **Midweek & Confirmation Class (St. John's)**4:30 pm
- ★ **Joint Bible Study (St. John's)**7:00 pm
- ★ **Joint Elder's Meeting (St. John's)** 8:00 pm

Thursday, November 4

- ★ No Activities

Friday, November 5

- ★ No Activities

Saturday, November 6

- ★ No Activities

Sunday, November 7 (*All Saint's Day (Observed)*)

- † Divine Service w/ Communion (Immanuel)..... 8:30 am
- † Sunday School (St. Johns & Immanuel) 9:30 am
- † Adult Bible Study (St. John's) 9:30 am
- † Divine Service w/ Communion (St. John's)..... 10:30 am

FAMILY WORSHIP REFLECTION

WHERE THE FAMILY SAVORS GOD'S WEEKLY FEAST

Bring Church
Home

REVIEW What was this week's sermon about? What grabbed your attention the most?
What is something new I learned from the sermon?

LAW How was the Law presented in the sermon? How does the Law that was
presented in the sermon, apply to me?

GOSPEL How was the Gospel presented in the sermon? How did the sermon deepen my
understanding of Christ & the Gospel?

RESPOND What does this mean as I live out my life as a disciple of Christ? How can I put
this into practice in my life during this coming week?

Share Stories
and
Testimonies

SEE How did you see God at work in your life this past week?

SEEK What has God been teaching you in His Word?

SHARE With whom did you share something about God this week?

Encourage

SERVE Is there something we can do for someone this week?

PRAY How can we pray for you this week?

Confirmand Sunday Worship Attendance

Name: _____

Date of Service: _____

Day of Church Year: _____

Pastor or Elder Signature: _____