

News from Calvary



October 2017

Calvary's Mission

As God's Children, our mission is to

Know His Word,

Share His Word

and

Live His Word.

Calvary's Vision

To be a Christ-centered church, alive with worship and meaningful ministries, where the youngest to the oldest are serving and being served, growing and helping others to grow, and connecting with each other and our surrounding communities.



Serve.



Grow.



Connect.

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FROM THE PASTOR

ref-or-ma-tion – *noun*

The action or process of reforming an institution or practice.

In case you've missed it, at the end of October 2017 we'll be celebrating the 500th year of the Reformation. The Reformation, the time when many Protestant denominations including the Lutheran church came to be. The time when people were trying in essence to *reform* the church by bringing it back to its apostolic roots.

But I would take this a step further. I would say that for the Christian, reformation is a way of life. But ... probably not for the reasons that you might expect. For the Christian, forgiveness is a big deal. Forgiveness causes a *reforming* of people - returning them to their original, uncorrupted state.

Have you ever watched someone restoring a painting? That person will painstakingly take hours, days, months, and in some cases even years to restore that piece of art back to its original state, back to its original beauty. During this whole process, they are removing any damage that might have happened to that piece of art.

And I would even take this one step further. Jesus' whole ministry was about reformation. He died on the cross and on the third day He rose from the dead so that the damage of sin might be removed from us. But His reforming didn't end there. The majority of His miracles involved reformation and restoration. When He raised the dead, healed the sick, freed the oppressed and more, He was reforming and restoring creation itself.

If you've ever watched Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*, there's this one amazing scene that gets me choked up every time I watch it. Jesus is carrying His cross out to Golgotha and as He is going, He trips and falls and His mother happens to be there. He looks up at her and says this: "See mother, I make all things new."

Mission of the Month for October



*To act generously
without expectation
of being paid back*

Paying It Forward Foundation is a New Jersey based, 100% non-profit foundation dedicated to lending a hand to families and individuals who are struggling and in need of assistance due to disasters, disabilities, homelessness, or any other hardship or special need. They are also known for their work with veterans in need, and we collected toiletries for their vets last May. Formerly from West Orange, they are now located in Hawthorne. Paying It Forward Foundation is partnering with Team Rubicon, a Disaster Relief Service Organization made up of military veterans, to bring much needed manpower to Texas and Florida after the devastation from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Calvary is collecting work gloves with leather palms, protective eyewear, N95 respirator masks, Tyvek disposable coverall suits, heavy duty 33-45 gal garbage bags, bug/mosquito repellent, paper towels, cleaning products, laundry detergent, toiletries, diapers and wipes, buckets, brushes, shovels, crow bars, fans, towels, flashlights and batteries, tools, tarps, cots, and new bedding. There will be a collection box in the narthex for your donations. Thank you for your kindness toward so many families who are victims of these two category 4 hurricanes.

-Debbie Houlihan





Calvary Shepherds

On Sunday, October 15 there will be a planning meeting to resurrect the Shepherding Program at Calvary. All those interested in being shepherds are asked to stay after the worship service to discuss this important mission. Please see Karen Gordon El if you have any questions.

An update from Jaire's Mom!



Since leaving Denver, CO he has traveled to several states. Jaire is moving every week now. He traveled to Zionsville IN where he took a photo in front of the Kiwanis International Headquarters. In Chagrin Valley, OH he lived with a vegetarian family. He said even though he had eaten no meat for 1 week, he really enjoyed the other foods that the family prepared. He also visited Lake Erie, sang for an elementary school and for a children's cancer hospital, while in Ohio. He said he is singing solos for many performances. He has traveled to RI, NH, and is now in Harrisonburg VA (as of 9/27/17). He will be in Washington DC from Oct. 2nd - 8th. Our family will visit him while he is in DC. It was the closest city for us to visit him and this will be his last city in the U.S. before leaving for Mexico.

Jaire was supposed to travel to Cholula, MX. and Mexico City, MX. however, these places sustained significant damage from the earthquake. They will now be visiting Naucalpan MX., where they will stay for 2 weeks and are making plans to participate in the recovery efforts from the earthquake.

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Jaire's trip will be extended 2 weeks because he was invited to Rome, Italy where he will perform, tour, participate in community service projects, and sing for Pope Francis. Here are the highlights for Rome:

- * Four Up with People performances including one in St. Peter's Square for Pope Francis.
- * Special access guided tours of several famous sites including the Colosseum, St. Peter's Square, Sistine Chapel, and the Roman Forum led by Dr. Leonardo Guarnieri, Roman Archeologist and Up with People alumnus.
- * A day trip to Florence to tour the Uffizi Palace, see Michelangelo's David, and view the magnificent Il Duomo Cathedral and the famous Ponte Vecchio bridge.

Let's keep Jaire in our prayers and send him an email from time to time.

Email: jairelargin@gmail.com

Here's Jaire's itinerary, for your information:

Washington, DC, USA | October 2 to October 8

Then they are off to Mexico, Germany, Holland and Italy!



**REFORMATION
CELEBRATIONS
IN OUR AREA . . .**

Circuits 3 & 4 Regional Reformation Anniversary Celebration - October 29



The regional celebration sponsored by NJ District Circuit 3 (Highlands) and Circuit 4 (Central Jersey), as well as SELC and English District Friends, will take place at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Stanhope, NJ.

Date: Sunday, October 29 **Time:** 3pm

Location: The Lutheran Church of Our Savior
(143 Brooklyn Stanhope Rd, Stanhope, NJ 07874)

♪ Join the Reformation Choir: **Please contact Ruth Bolger** for more information about joining this special occasion choir.

Bethlehem, Ridgewood Hosts Reformation Festival Worship - October 29



This October 29, 2017 marks the 500th year since Martin Luther made his famous post. Bethlehem Lutheran Church has planned a full day of special activities to mark this anniversary.

A communion worship service will be offered at 10:45 a.m. A brunch is being offered at noon (sign up on their website so they can be sure to have enough food).

A festival worship is offered at 1:30 p.m. with the collaboration of the Ars Música Chorale, directed by world renowned organist James Kennerley. A reception will follow for all to meet and greet the Chorale and the Bethlehem Congregation.

Since then I have had various jobs (the yuppies like to say 'roles') in the industry. I currently run the corporate travel program for BASF Corp in North America. (I'm frequently asked to tell a 'good' travel story, and a bad one ... there are many good ones like the unexpected upgrade in 1978 from an overcrowded coach section to an empty first class on a Pan Am Flight from Rome to NYC .. and bad .. an early morning flight on Balkan Airways from Istanbul to Sofia where about 50 convicts were brought on the plane in shackles and handcuffs and flew with me. The guards gave me some prison food – stale bread and plain yogurt.)

I met Nancy Shadel in early 1979. As the story goes, we met at a bowling alley at Port Authority in the City. There is a little more to this. I also first came to Calvary Lutheran Church that year. Nancy and I were married at Calvary on Oct 23, 1982. (35 years ago ... can't believe it!) In 1984, we bought the house across the street from Nancy's parents, Bud and Dot Shadel, in West Caldwell. Our daughter, Molly, was born that year. Our son, Brian, was born in 1989.

Calvary Lutheran Church has always been a huge part of our lives, and has been so very important to us. Nancy, her sister Susan, and her parents had been long time members, and were very involved. Our family followed suit, as Molly and Brian attended Sunday school and eventually were confirmed at Calvary. Molly was married at Calvary just 3 years ago. We are still deeply involved with many projects related to property maintenance. I have been a member of the Praise Team for many years, and maybe, once Ruth sees this article, she'll decide to use "Stir Up a Hunger " .

I have seen many people come through the doors of Calvary over the years; I hope everyone has the same positive feeling I do EVERYTIME I walk inside. Yes, we are going through a time of adjustment now, but, God be willing, this will only lead to a better situation for all. I hope all who enter feel a sense of brotherhood, devotion and closeness to Jesus. And seekers find direction

"Then you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free."
John 8:32



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| Oct. 3 | Steve Sizer | Oct. 13 | Laura Bolger |
| Oct. 4 | Nicolas Slawski | Oct. 13 | Anne Daly |
| Oct. 5 | Sike Adesokan | Oct. 15 | Evelyn Weidenschilling |
| Oct. 6 | Kweku Sapara-Grant | Oct. 16 | Barbara Hildebrandt |
| Oct. 7 | Robert Varnay | Oct. 17 | Kathryn Thompson |
| Oct. 9 | Linnea Ponczek | Oct. 20 | David Lakra |



Happy Anniversary

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| Oct. 1 | Harold & Kung Yee Thompson |
| Oct. 4 | Edith & Michael Conte |
| Oct. 12 | Harold & Connie Vaughan |
| Oct. 23 | Bill & Nancy Keltner |
| Oct. 28 | George & Karen Sprengel |

Those Who Serve Us:

† Flower Visitors:

- Oct. 1 Joyce Sapara-Grant
Oct. 8 Anne Daly
Oct. 15 Liz Kuder
Oct. 22 Edith Conte
Oct. 29 Sike Adesokan

† Ushers:

- Oct. 1 **10:00 AM** Gbenga Adesokan, John Ricca,
 Harold Vaughan
Oct. 8 **10:00 AM** Ajit Lakra, John Wickham
Oct. 15 **10:00 AM** Chris Molinari, Stephen Molinari,
 Gordon Wickham
Oct. 22 **10:00 AM** David Eucker, Brian Keltner
Oct. 29 **10:00 AM** David S. Behlen, Karl Wetter



Many Hands Make LIGHT Work

Autumn at Calvary



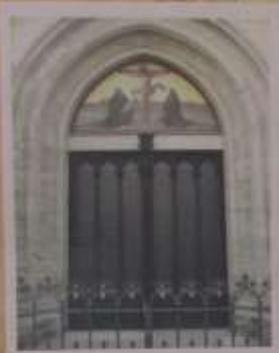


The amazing lilies



The Reformation Exhibit

The 500 Year Story of the Protestant Reformation



Luther's 95 Theses are inscribed in Latin on these bronze doors on the Castle Church in Wittenberg. The original doors were destroyed by fire.

On October 31, 1517, a priest and university professor posted an academic document at the Castle Church in Wittenberg, a city in the Holy Roman Empire. Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses Against Indulgences was not the first criticism leveled against the abuses in the Church. Luther's simple call for a debate looms large in retrospect because it formed an initial crucial link in the chain of events we now call the Protestant Reformation.

Originating in Central Europe, the Reformation spread throughout the continent and across the globe. Today, there are more than 800 million Protestants. The 500th anniversary of the Reformation gives us a reason to reflect on the historical, social, and spiritual legacy of Protestantism. As you begin your journey in time through this exhibit, consider the following questions:

What events and circumstances contributed to the adoption of Reformation teachings?

How did the Reformation influence wider social and cultural developments?

How do the ideas of the Reformation influence your faith tradition?



Tombstone of Martin Luther under the pulpit of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany.

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an practice.' His catechisms
erves as an interpretive key
of all believers echoes in today's
bles. Worship in many Protestant
tions, His hymns are still widely

Handwritten musical score on a piece of paper pasted onto the exhibit panel. The score consists of three staves of music with German lyrics written below them. The signature "Martin Luther" is visible at the bottom right of the paper.

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ion roots, contemporary Protestantism
ations of believers across the
inary people.

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- Hank Bitten, Project Director and
- Richard Anderson, Co-Curator
- Heidi Hanske, Co-Curator
- Miles Hopgood, Researcher
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