

NEWSLETTER



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August / September 2017 A.D. – THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

When we went to visit my mother in the early part of July, we drove to the Oregon coast for a visit. The day before we arrived at Depot Bay a truck carrying several containers of live eels had an accident. One of their 7,500 pound containers of live eels slid off the flatbed and hit a few cars. What a slimy mess on the cars and the roadway!! People were still cleaning it up the dead eels the next day when we drove by the accident scene.

Usually something like that would be the big news in a small town for 3 or 4 days. But not in Depot Bay! The mayor was worried, but the businesses were all excited, about what was going to take place on August 21, 2017, in the 7 a.m. hour that day in Depot Bay. At that time of the day, there will be a total eclipse of the sun by the moon that will last around 2 minutes over Depot Bay. Everyone expects the small community to be overflowing with people. This total eclipse will then move all the way across our country until it exits over North and South Carolina.

My sister who lives in Woodburn, Oregon and one of my cousins who lives out in the middle of nowhere in eastern Oregon will also experience the total eclipse of the sun for a brief time. My sister told that she has had phone calls and emails from people who want to stay at her home and be able to see the total eclipse without having to fight the traffic that morning. We here in the Snohomish county area will only have a 90% eclipse that morning.

T-shirts, hoodies, posters, and other memorabilia about the August 21, 2017, total eclipse of the sun over Oregon could be found even in Portland! However, in my looking over that stuff, I didn't see any message that indicated that this special event between the sun and the moon was a sign of the close of the age and the returning soon of Jesus Christ.

I wonder what sort of sermons will be preached the day before (Sunday) in those areas that will experience that total eclipse. Here at St. Timothy, I will be continuing preaching on the Lord's Prayer -- and in particular that Sunday the 5th petition: **forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us** (Matthew 6:12).

Matthew 24 records that during Holy Week Jesus and His disciples sat down on the Mount of Olives and overlooked Jerusalem and the temple area. They asked Jesus "... **what will be the sign of Your coming and the close of the age?**" (Matthew 24:3 ESV) In His answer, Jesus mentioned various tribulations that will happen to those who believe and to the world in general.

Then Jesus told them: "**Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other**" (Matthew 24:29-31 ESV).

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Jesus has promised to return. Jesus promises to take **His elect** -- all those who believe in Him as their Lord and Savior -- to heaven to live there eternally with Him. However, only God the Father knows the date and the time of day when that will happen. The last day -- judgment day - - can happen at any moment!

Jesus wants us to be ready for His return. Jesus wants us to be faithful until we are called from this life through death if that occurs before He returns. Therefore, this total eclipse of the sun that is coming to the United States of America in August 2017 is yet another sign for all of us disciples of Jesus Christ to be ready as we wait for His return on the last day.

May the Holy Spirit help us use all the opportunities that come our way -- including talking about a total eclipse of the sun -- to encourage each other to be faithful to Jesus Christ as long as we live, to share our faith in Jesus with those who do not believe at this time, and to help others marvel at God's wonderful creation as we do!

May the love of the Lord Jesus always be in your hearts!

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Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Our homebound members:

Barbara; Wilma; Millie;
Gertrud; Emma; Alex

Folks with Health Concerns:

Wilma; Lois; Mary Liese; John; Jenae;
Hodey; John; Ava; Logan; Jeff; Todd

Those with Birthdays:

August 13 -- Charlie Stewart
21 -- Willie Whitfield
September 14 -- Alex Webster
17 -- Heather Gorsuch
24 -- Lisa Anderberg
29 -- Jason Gorsuch
29 -- Luke Washabaugh

Those with a Wedding Anniversary:

August -- none recorded
September 11 -- Charlie & Mary Stewart
19 -- Jason & Jennifer Gorsuch

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Listen to:

THE LUTHERAN HOUR
Sundays



6:00 a.m. – 1320 AM KXRO
6:30 a.m. – 880 AM KIXI
7:00 a.m. – 1380 AM KRKO
7:00 a.m. – 107.3 FM KAWZ
7:00 a.m. – 105.3 FM KCMS
9:30 a.m. – 1180 AM KLAY



**OUR CHURCH NEWSLETTER
IS ONLINE**

The St. Timothy monthly newsletter and calendar is available online! To catch up on current news, events, and see what we have scheduled in this month's calendar, please visit:

www.sainttimothy Lutheran.net

Let us know if you prefer to read your St. Timothy news online, and we will print one less copy – email us at:
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NORTHWEST REFORMATION 500

FESTIVAL CHOIR

REHEARSALS

Sat. Oct. 21

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tacoma
10-11:30 a.m.

OR

Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Bellevue
2-3:30 p.m.

Sat. Oct. 28 (mandatory)

Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Bellevue
2-4 p.m.

Sun. Oct. 29 (mandatory)

Overlake Christian Church, Redmond
arrive 2 p.m.
Festival Worship at 4:30 p.m.

Ages 14 and up.

Music sent by postal mail in mid-September.

Visit nwreformation.com/sing
for more details and important info.

Questions? Email Kyle Haugen, Artistic Director, at
kyle@4kyle.com.

SING *for* REFORMATION 500

Northwest Reformation 500, one of the largest Reformation anniversary celebrations in the nation, invites you to sing with the massed **Festival Choir**.

Joined by the Boeing Employee Choir and led by Artistic Director Kyle Haugen, the massed Festival Choir will participate in an **unforgettable worship service** celebrating the Gospel legacy of the Reformation.

Learn more and register:

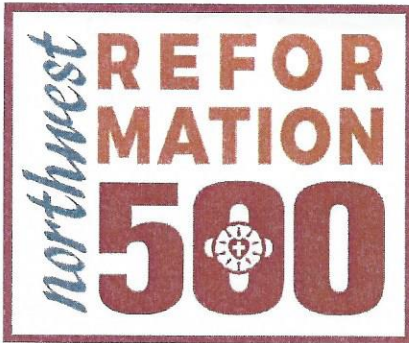
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Kyle Haugen, Artistic Director, is passionate about the Lutheran musical heritage. As a choral director he has worked extensively with both youth and adults. A published composer, his work has been featured on PBS television.



The auditorium at Overlake Christian Church seats up to 5,000 people.



NW Ref. 500 & Social Media

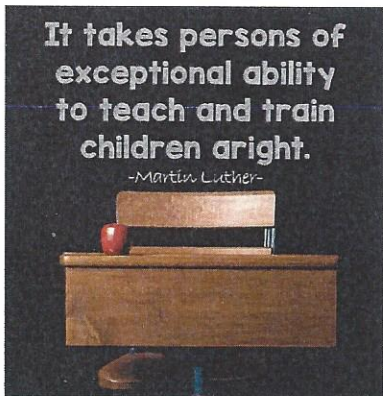
We've all heard that the printing press was key to the Reformation's success. Martin Luther and other like-minded reformers used the technology of that day spread the Gospel to the masses ... We are using the technology of our day to help inspire participation in NW Reformation 500. Find our NW Reformation 500 page on Facebook™. Like and follow for more information.

Celebrating our Schools

Christian education is one of the hallmarks of our church and a product of the Reformation. We have invited the Lutheran schools of the Puget Sound region to be part of NW Reformation 500.

We are deeply grateful for the efforts of Dr. Michelle Zimmerman of Amazing

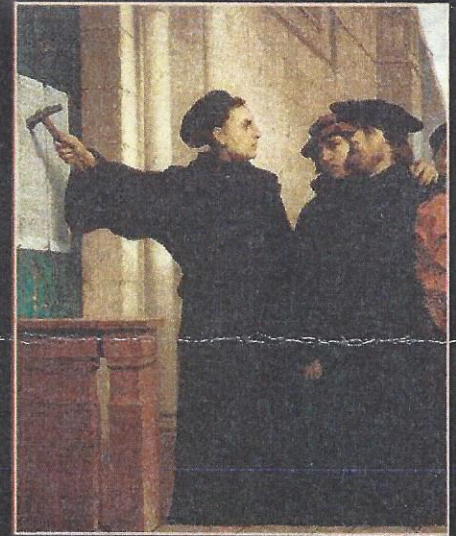
Grace and Renton Prep and Mrs. Christine Malone of Concordia Lutheran School for their efforts in finding creative ways for schools to work the message of the Reformation into their curriculum. Most of all, we encourage their participation in this once-in-a-lifetime event.



It takes persons of exceptional ability to teach and train children aright.

-Martin Luther-

HAPPY REFORMATION DAY!



Oct. 31, 1517 - Luther Updates His Blog

NW Reformation 500 – Oct. 29, 2017, Overlake Christian Church in Redmond, WA

Picture it...

...thousands of
Lutherans and fellow
Christians from across
the Puget Sound area
gathered together for
the 500th anniversary
of the Reformation...

*...imagine
the bold
witness that
would be...*

after 500 years...

To celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses and the Reformation gospel witness, Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest will present **Northwest Reformation 500** on **October 29, 2017**.

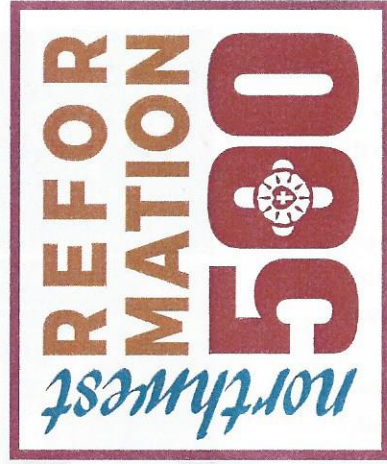
With an ambitious program of inspiring worship, fellowship, and exhibits for all ages, this historic event promises to be one of the most significant "Reformation 500" celebrations in the United States.

Learn more, get involved, and support the event at nwreformation500.com.

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Jesus.*

Lutheran Ministry Services
Northwest

presents



**Sunday
October 29, 2017**

2:30 p.m.

Fellowship & exhibits for all ages

4:30 p.m.

Festival worship

Overlake Christian Church
9900 Willows Rd NE
Redmond, WA 98052



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OKTOBERFEST IS COMING SOON!

Saturday, September 30th, 2017, 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Preparations are underway for our annual Oktoberfest Celebration. It will be held on Saturday, so friends from other congregations can make plans to come. We hope for nice weather so the event could possibly be held outdoors. We are inviting sister congregations from our circuit and of course our friends and neighbors. The German word "fest" means celebration and this is what we want it to be: A Joyful autumn celebration!

Oktoberfest's are being celebrated in many places at this time of the year. We at St. Timothy want to come together to fellowship, to enjoy the blessings of our Lord, how abundantly He has given to us and in our privilege to bless others. The tradition of Oktoberfest is over 200 years old. Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria, an independent country then, was married to Princess Therese on October 17, 1810. The citizens of Munich were invited to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city gates to celebrate the happy royal event. This is how the Oktoberfest tradition started.

We are glad to have the Bavarian Village Band come to be with us again. No one knows how to play the Bavarian and German Folks songs better than they do. We will enjoy their oom-pah-pah melodies, are invited to sing along and the brave-hearted will get their chance to do some dancing. And, of course, we want to see children and young families come and enjoy the event. One popular German hiking song, called der lustige Wanderer, or the happy hiker (to hike = wandern) has a joyful catchy melody and these are the words to it (you may memorize them or even practice in German):

I love to wander by the stream,
that dances in the sun,
so joyously it calls to me,
come join my happy song.
Valeri, valera, valeri,
Valera ha ha ha ha ha, valeri, valera,
my knapsack on my back.

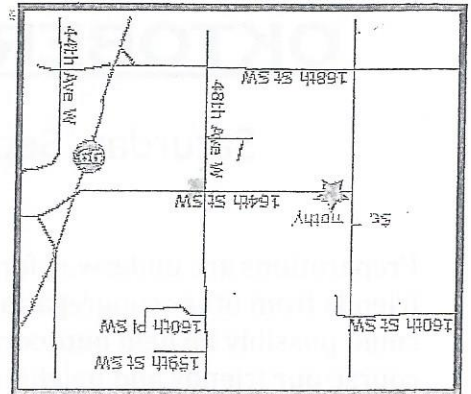
Das Wandern schafft stets frische Lust,
erhält das Herz gesund;
frei atmet draußen meine Brust,
froh singet dann mein Mund.
Valeri, valera, valeri,
Valera ha ha ha ha ha, valeri, Valera,
froh singet dann mein Mund.



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9:00 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:15 a.m. Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

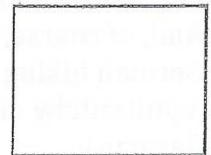
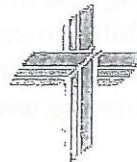
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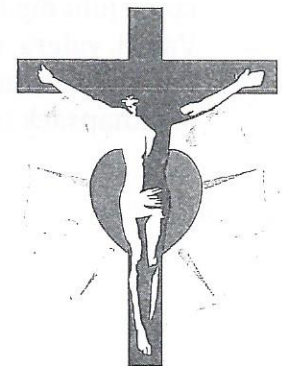
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