

From your pastor...

It's almost here! The 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation is October 31, 2017. Think how life has changed in 500 years! Of course, Luther didn't have a computer or the Internet or a cell phone. But he had the printing press and sermons and letters. And just like us, he had the Bible, the book of God's Word.

Over all these years the message of the Word remains the same: God saves sinners by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. Ever new and renewing, that good news is the reason for our constant celebration. Every day we celebrate God's grace toward us who have sinned. The Lord *"does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities."* (Psalm 103:10) Every day we praise Him for creating saving faith in our hearts, calling us *"out of darkness into his wonderful light."* (1 Peter 2:9) Everyday we honor Jesus, the only way to the Father. (John 14:6).

And when it's the 500th year since these truths were restored to the church, we especially pause and reflect. We especially pause and rejoice.

Our Michigan District of the WELS has planned a Reformation service of celebration at the Heritage Theater in the Dow Event Center in Saginaw at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 5. This communion service will include a mass choir, instrumentalists, and even a new, digital organ to demonstrate its technology. So there's something new, but still and always the timeless, changeless message of God's grace.

Please join your fellow Wisconsin Synod Lutherans in this joyous celebration of God's changeless grace!



*You're Invited
to the
Celebration!*

**November 5th
4:00pm
Dow Event Center
Saginaw, MI**

**This is a free event, however a
thankoffering will be received.**

**More information can be
found on their facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/MIReformation500/>



**Fall Fest will be October 21 beginning at 10am at our
school. Everyone is invited to come!**

Church Council News:

Our financial report – as of August 31, 2017

	Month	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	\$47,415.17	\$379,321.33
Offerings	\$32,207.76	\$306,498.42
Tuition/FEF/ Reg	\$11,989.24	\$ 19,841.81
Other	\$ 210.00	\$ 901.19
Total Receipts	\$44,407.00	\$327,241.42
Off budget receipts	\$ 946.43	\$ 13,468.95
Transfer Debt Retirement		\$ 11,000.00
Total Receipts	\$45,353.43	\$351,710.37
Actual Expenses	\$48,581.31	\$350,730.42
Off Budget Expenses	\$ 946.43	\$ 21,992.34
Total Expenses	\$49,527.74	\$372,722.76
Difference	-\$4,174.31	-\$21,012.39

Borrowed from internal Line of Credit: \$19,000

Membership Changes approved:

Cancelation of Brian Hamady, Darik Hebel, Joseph Hebel, Joe Grulke, Michael Grulke, Jane Grulke, Aubrey Hankins, Cody Hauk, Hilary Hight.

Release of Joyce Enlow to Grace Bible Church, Owosso

The Church Council has approved moving our banking to SageLink.



My name is Chris Driesbach

I'm a member of Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Madison, Alabama. Since 2006 I've been on many musical tours, playing concerts at over 750 WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) churches in 41 states from Anchorage, Alaska to Orlando, Florida. My songs are all original Christian music and I love to tell the story of my journey to faith.

Mr. Driesbach will be at Salem on October 5 & 8. A free-will offering will be received at all three services for Chris and his ministry.



We are looking for a few people to work in the radio room for both the early and late services on Sundays. You would be trained and asked to work 3 months per year.

We are also looking for ushers for the early service. You would be asked to help 4 months per year.

Please let the church office know if you are able to help with either of these needs.