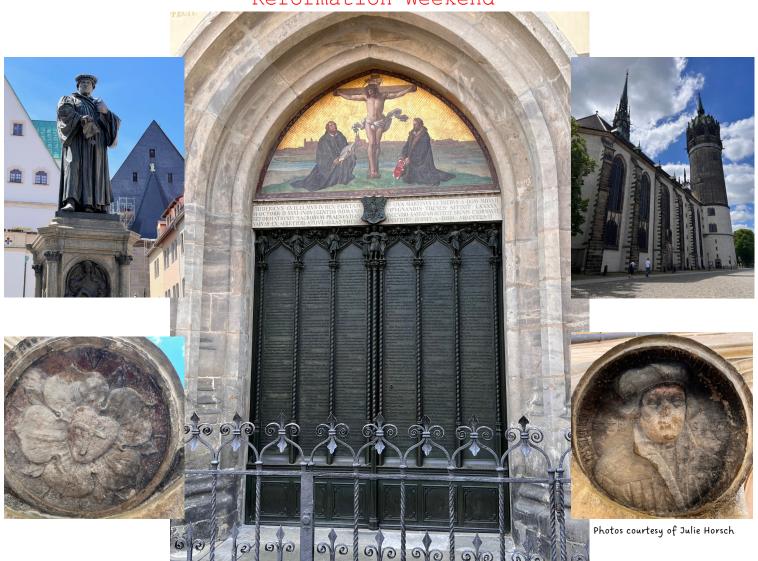
Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27 Reformation Weekend





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Worship Services: Saturdays at 5:00pm • Sundays at 9:45am

Parish Education: Sunday School - Grades Pre-K to 6th - 8:30am • Adult Forum - 8:30am Confirmation - Grades 7 & 8 - Wednesdays 6:30pm

Church Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 9am-2pm • Fri 9am-12pm



for the week of Oct. 27 - Nov. 3 Sunday 8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum

9:45am Worship

Finance Committee Meeting after Worship

Tuesday 10:00am Reading Buddies wednesday

6:30pm Confirmation @ Salem

9:00am Bible Study

5:00pm Worship All Saints Worship

8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship All Saints Worship 10:45am Sunday Surprise Social Hour

Items needed for hurricane disaster relief:

Thursday

Saturday

Sunday

Laundry detergent - liquid dish soap - work gloves with leather palms kitchen gloves - heavy duty trash bags - tarps

Hygiene materials: toothbrush/paste, combs, shampoo, bar soap, washcloths, deodorant, feminine products, razors, etc.

Items may be dropped off at United Church of Sandwich before October 30th.



Judy

SIGN UP FOR

Reading Buddles

IN THE WELCOME CENTER TUESDAY, OCT. 29TH @ 10:00AM

Offering 10/19 & 10/20	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$3,804.91	\$165,186.91
Capital Fund	\$556.54	\$12,128.98
Cusco Lutheran Churches	\$134.99	\$1,606.61
Growing Hope Globally	\$150.00	\$2,043.61
Good Samaritan Fund	\$100.00	\$2,889.25
LWR Baby Care Kits	\$5.00	\$910.03

Prayer Requests Marilyn Abbott **Doris Rogers & family** Karen Shelly Rhea Lumsden Mary Bark Lynn Skryzpiec Lance Davenport Linda Martin Lynn Skryzpiec's great-Lee Gehrke **James Moris** nephew, Oakley Gianna **Lonnie Murray** Jack Smith Sharon Goode Jeanette Pfeifer Jackie Wendland **Pastor Grafe** Sharon Rhea's son, Jeff Susan White Mary Ann Hulon **Larry Rogers** Jen

Saturday, Novembe<mark>r 2nd and Sunday, November</mark> 3rd is All Saints Weekend. If you would like a loved one included on the list of people read during the Prayers of Intercession, please let Julie or Pastor know on or before Thursday, October 31st.

Opportunity to help at Northern Illinois Foodbank November 19th from 9-11:30am Sign up in the Welcome Center by November 3rd

The 'Luther Rose' has become a symbol of the Lutheran Church, familiar to Lutherans throughout the world. It was designed in 1516 by Martin Luther, who said that it set forth the basic elements of Christian theology.

In 1530 he described the rose to a friend. He said that the black cross on a red heart

reminds us that the saves us. The cross causes us pain, but righteousness and hearts, we believe Savior. The heart is white rose, to show comfort, blessedbeyond that of the ground of the rose is



crucified humiliates us and life when, in our in the crucified that faith brings jov. and peace world. The backsky blue to show

that this joy in the Spirit and in faith is the beginning of the heavenly joy to come. It is surrounded by a golden ring, to signify that the bliss of heaven is endless and lasts forever, and is more precious than all other joys and treasures.

In a version of the rose carved in stone, Luther had the word 'Vivit' (He lives!) inscribed around the symbol.

Oates to Remember			
Month	Oate	Occasion	
OCTOBER	29	READING BUDDIES	
NOVEMBER	3	SUNDAY SURPRISE SOCIAL HOUR	
NOVEMBER	24	THANKSGIVING COMM. FEAST	
NOVEMBER	24	THANKSGIVING SERVICE	

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

 \mathbf{P} : Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

C: Amen.

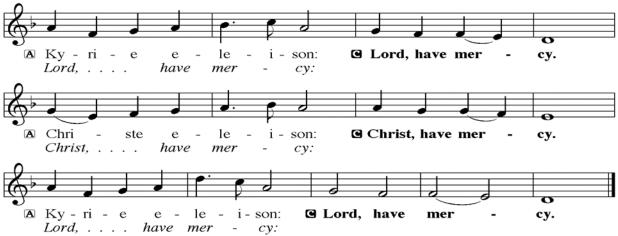
Gathering Hymn ELW 504 A Mighty Fortress

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

A: The **First Reading** for this Reformation weekend comes from the Book of Jeremiah Chapter 31 verses 31-34

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

G: Thanks be to God.

A: The **Psalm** today is Psalm 46 God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

³though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;

God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

 7 The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations;

I will be exalted among the nation I will be exalted in the earth."

¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

A: The **Second Reading** comes from Romans Chapter 3 verses 19-28

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

G: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th Chapter Gospel: John 8:31-36

C: Glory to you O Lord.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

G: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 779 Amazing Grace

Apostle's Creed

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

G: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of
the Father, and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

The congregation may shake one another's hand. If you do not wish to

shake hands, please hold your hands in a prayer position and bow to the

other person.

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

A: ... God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The congregation may shake one another's hand. If you do not wish to shake hands, please hold your hands in a prayer position and bow to the other person.

Offering

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

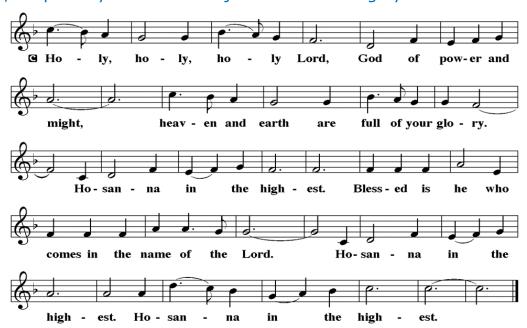
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come to the feast.

Please be seated. The usher will direct you when to come forward for Holy Communion.

Holy Communion is served

Communion Hymns ELW 793 Be Thou My Vision

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

A: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: God all mighty, God most merciful

→ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW 715 Christ, Be Our Light

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

G: Thanks be to God.



God's work. Our hands.