## OCTOBER 29, 2017



## Trinity Lutheran Church

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#### PRAYER LIST

### TLC DISCIPLES

Carol Bernlohr, Bonnie Knapp, Kris Glad (military), Ray Petersen (military), Jerry Wion, Jim Reynolds

#### TLC FRIENDS

John Light (heart), Jan Dykhius (cancer), Bill Sherman (terminal cancer), Elton Richards (cancer), Jenny Dye, Stan Lembeck, Gary Ayres, Shawn, Richard and Delores Broking, Grace McDill and family, Olivia Lynne (born premature) and family, Amanda Sigma (terminal cancer) and family, the McJanssen family

All names will be removed from the Prayer List next week. If you would like to add a name to the new list, please email Marla (<u>tlcmarla@comcast.net</u>) or put the name on a Communication Card and put the card in the offering plate.



#### **TRINITY EVENTS**

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am Zumba 5:00 pm Worship with Communion

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:15 am Worship with Communion 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship with Communion 11:45 am Coffee Hour

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

10:00 am Foxdale Bible Study 5:45 pm Zumba 7:00 pm Fall Adult Study

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:00 am Pollen Partners

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

5:45 pm Zumba 7:00 pm Bell Choir

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

10:00 am Zumba 5:00 pm Worship with Communion 5:30 pm SCS Family Game Night

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:15 am Worship with Communion 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship with Communion 11:45 am Coffee Hour



Saturday, November 4

#### Readings - October 29

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36

# 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation

"For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law"—Romans 3:28

The heart of Martin Luther's work was the understanding that we are not saved by our own power or ability. Our salvation is a gift from God. In God's tender compassion Christ Jesus comes to save us from the powers of sin, death, and the devil. We will never be good enough to earn or deserve the gifts of forgiveness, eternal life, and life with God that we receive in Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, Christ came because God loves us and would not abandon us to destruction. Salvation isn't about us. It's all about Jesus.

Like many of his time, the young Luther didn't understand this idea of the free gift of life in Jesus Christ. He believed that there was a very high bar to jump over in order to earn the salvation of Christ. It was common in Luther's day for preachers to try to scare people into behaving by telling them how bad they were and how short they fell from what God wanted for them. This type of preaching led people to think that salvation was something that they had to accomplish.

While he studied Holy Scripture, Luther rediscovered what the Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans (3:28) and his heart was opened. Paul reminded Luther—and us—that it is God who makes us right through faith which is a gift to us through the Holy Spirit.

Since our salvation is secured in and through Jesus, then what are we supposed to do? Luther tells us that we are still to do good works, and we are still to love our neighbor. However, we do not do good works and good deeds SO THAT God will love us. We do good works, good deeds, acts of mercy, and works of justice BECAUSE God first loved us in Jesus Christ. We love and care for our neighbor because the Holy Spirit is leading and guiding us to do so. So, Luther would argue, don't sit around worrying about your salvation; get out there and start helping your neighbor.

What Luther learned, and teaches us, is that Jesus Christ is the great gift that changes, forms, and reforms us. Jesus is the one who chose in his mercy to save us from sin, death, and the devil. Now Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is continuing to work in this world and inviting you and me into that work of loving and caring for all people.

The Reformation calls us to re-center our lives in Christ. We are called and led by God to be a blessing to others. All of this is possible because of what Jesus Christ has done and will continue to do. For that we can say – thanks be to God.

May you continue to be re-formed to share Christ's love in the world, and may God be with you on this Reformation Sunday.

In Christ's grace,

+Bishop Michael



#### PRAYER LITURGY SERVICE

to celebrate 500 years of Reformation
Please join us on the eve of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
of The Protestant Reformation.

Monday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Pine Hall Lutheran, 1760 West College Ave., State College, PA. 16801

We share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul of mind.

We have one God, and are filled with one Spirit.

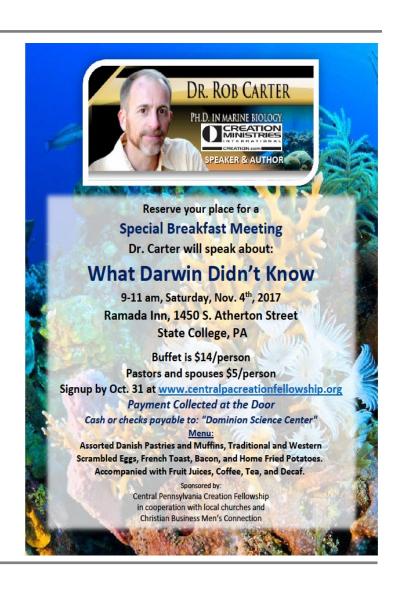
We are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup.

We confess one Name, are obedient to one Lord, and work for one cause and share one hope.

Together we serve God in this world.

Let us come together to remember our beginnings

with the Protestant Reformation.



October 8, 2017

Dear Friends,

We are sending our "Annual Appeal at Christmas" letter to organizations and individuals that we hope will be interested in providing support for the residents of Centre Crest. We sincerely appreciate the support that we have had in previous years.

This holiday season the Centre Crest Auxiliary will again be hosting the Christmas Gift Store from which residents may select gifts to give to friends and family members at Christmas, with no charge to the resident. This has become a truly meaningful program for the residents. This Gift Store will be open for residents to shop on December 6, 7, 8, 2017. It means so much being able to give gifts to loved ones at Christmas time. We are hoping that you will again support this effort. We are finding that if we have monetary donations it is easier for us to provide the types of gift items that the residents are looking for. It also enables us to purchase what supplies we need and to eliminate items being left over, since storage is a definite problem.

In addition to the Christmas Gift store, Santa, the Auxiliary members and the Recreation Department will be distributing gifts to each resident during an afternoon in December. Throughout the year, the Auxiliary also uses received contributions towards purchasing special occasion gifts for each of the residents as well as supporting many programs which enhance their lives.

If you would like to share in the work of our Auxiliary, please send your contribution to Connie Corl, (Auxiliary Treasurer), P.O. Box 165, Mingoville, PA 16856, before November 13, 2017. This will provide ample time to allow us to plan for our projects. Checks should be made payable to Centre Crest Auxiliary.

There is another way that you can also support the Christmas Gift Store. If your organization would like to help staff the store, assist residents with their shopping, and assist with gift wrapping, we would love to have your help. Please contact the T.R. Department at Centre Crest at 355-6777 to arrange a time that is convenient for you.

Our best wishes to each of you for a Happy Holiday Season.

With many thanks,

Carol Little President

Centre Crest Auxiliary

Centre Crest Auxiliary Board of Directors

Phyllis Corman

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David Hersh

Bill Rockey