

**On our way rejoicing, proclaiming, teaching, and sharing God's love!**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 <b>9:00</b> Sunday School <b>9:15</b> Choir <b>10:15</b> Worship	3  <b>6:00</b> - WELCA Meeting	4	5	6	7	1  _____ 8
9 <b>*No Sunday School*</b> <b>9:15</b> Choir <b>10:15</b> Worship <b>12:30</b> Crop Walk <b>1:00</b> Rick Bursh Ordination	10	11  <b>6:00</b> Bible Study	12  <b>6:00</b> Council Meeting	13	14	15
16 <b>*No Choir*</b> <b>9:00</b> Sunday School <b>10:15</b> Worship <b>*Youth Meeting following church*</b> Pastor Kalen at Bishop's Convocation	17  Pastor Kalen at Bishop's Convocation	18  Pastor Kalen at Bishop's Convocation	19  Pastor Kalen at Bishop's Convocation	20	21	22
23 <b>9:00</b> Sunday School <b>9:15</b> Choir <b>10:15</b> Worship	24	25  <b>6:00</b> Bible Study	26	27	28	29
30  <b>Reformation Sunday</b> <b>*No Sunday School*</b> <b>9:15</b> Choir <b>10:15</b> Worship	31	<b>Second Sunday Offering</b> The Second Sunday offering for the month of October is for items for the Sharon food pantry. At this time the pantry is most in need of: canned meat such as chicken and tuna, pasta and spaghetti noodles, macaroni and cheese, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, cooking oil, easy fix meals, cereal, cleaning products such as soap, body wash, dish soap, laundry soap, and fabric softener. We are also collecting Thanksgiving foods such as boxed stuffing mixes, fixings for green bean casserole, canned cranberry sauce, canned gravy and gravy packets, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie mix. Thank you for supporting the Sharon Food Pantry!				

# Christ Lutheran News

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## A Word From the Pastor

When I was growing up, Reformation Day was a big deal. It was celebrated with louder organ music than usual, red paraments on the altar and over the shoulders of the pastor, and a fiery sermon about the insignificance of Halloween compared to the importance of Reformation Day, and usually a diatribe of reasons we Lutherans (particularly our brand of Lutherans) were right and everybody else was wrong. I have to admit, as a kid, I loved Reformation Day.

I was riveted by the story of Martin Luther. I envisioned him going out alone into the cold night, nailing those 95 theses on the old church door, and the Spirit of God blowing in the wind about to change the world. Worshiping under the red of hanging banners and standing in rainbowy light from the stained-glass windows made me feel like I was a kid in the Middle Ages. The best moment was singing, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," as Mr. Westphal, my seventh-grade teacher and our organist played with so much energy it seemed like the walls were expanding an inch or two. And truth be told, I relished believing I was a member of the church that got it right. How wonderful that we had the truth! A little fire burned in me. It was the fire of us *against them*. I sensed the heat. The embers of "*God is on our side*" smoldered. It felt so good to be right.

The Reformation is a mixed bag. We celebrate it because it was the movement that reintroduced us to the Good News that we are saved by grace, not by works, and the power of God's Word was returned to the hands of the people, and so many more Spirit-filled ripple effects that removed the barriers between God and God's people. But the divisions caused violence and hate between people that still live on today.

I grew up believing that Reformation Day is a celebration of triumph. Rightness is not what we celebrate when we celebrate the Reformation. The glory of the Reformation is not our rightness. The glory of the Reformation is the righteousness of Christ who saves us.

When we celebrate the Reformation, we need to be careful that it is not a celebration of our having it right, or a glossing over the divisions and violence. When we celebrate the Reformation, we celebrate the power of the Gospel and the work of the Holy Spirit who continues to reform the church so that all people can come to the table as God intends. We celebrate the unfathomable gift of grace. God loves us, and we are God's children. Jesus, through his death and resurrection, frees us from all that separates us from God's love.

It's easy to enjoy the feeling of being right. The feeling of being right is dangerous. Reformation is about God, who shows us where we're wrong for the sake of love!

God's Peace, *Pastor Kalen Barkholtz*

## Bible Study: Words of Comfort, Hope, and Encouragement

We would love to have you join us for Bible study! Our next Bible study will focus images, stories, and words in the Bible that speak to us when we are in need of comfort, hope, and encouragement. God's word is the living word and proclaims hope and resurrection to people who need Good News! We will meet Tuesdays at 6:00 beginning October 11th. The dates are 10/11, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15.

## Campfire with Christ

On Saturday, September 10th, Christ Lutheran Church held a back-to-school campfire night for our young people. Thirteen of our youth joined together at Christ Lutheran to play games, eat snacks and s'mores, and enjoy a colorful campfire. A huge thank you to Kim and Dave Mizelle for organizing such a fun event.



## Make a Joyful Noise!

Do you like to make a joyful noise? Are you looking for some fellowship while adding to the church service? Then come join the choir! Choir resumed on September 11th, but it's not too late to join us! Please see Cindy Wuttke if you have any questions.

## Ordination of Rick Bursh

By the Grace of God  
and the call of the Church




**Richard John Bursh**

will be ordained and installed into the  
Ministry of Word and Sacrament

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Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe  
of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin presiding.  
The color of the day is red.  
Reception to follow.

Sunday October 9, 1:00 PM  
Spring Prairie Lutheran Church  
N509 County Road C  
DeForest WI 53532



## Crash Courses

Christ Lutheran Church took some time during the month of September to facilitate some “Crash Courses” for anyone interested in helping during the Sunday Service. These included altar guild, assisting with communion, reading, and acolyting. If you missed these days, but are interested in learning more, please see Pastor Kalen.



Dan Way shows some of our youth members the ins and outs of being an acolyte.

## WELCA

WELCA will meet Monday October 3rd at 6 pm. Please feel free to join us!

## Youth Meeting

There will be a short meeting after church on October 16th to discuss our Youth Programming for anyone interested in joining us! We’d love to hear your ideas, or feel free to just listen. See Kim Mizelle for more information.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**



**Please remember these people in your prayers:** Cindy Bangert, Orrin Bangert, Orson Bangert, Betty Chism, the Dowden family (for the loss of former foster child as well as Dan’s sister, Denise), Jacob Friesema, Larry Hardt, Kim Jacobs, Erik Jelinek, Tom Kleiber, Jean Kovarik, Marjorie Krause, Cal Naas, Bill Piculas, Janet Schilke, Joy Smith, and Ike Strasser.

**Please remember our members in care facilities:**

Thank you for your continued prayers and cards for those who are in care facilities.

**Jean Kovarik**  
Golden Years  
270 Ridge Road, Room 44  
Walworth, WI 53184

# LET'S celebrate

## Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations This Month!

(If you or someone you know is not listed here, or if our information is incorrect, please let the Church Office know.)

### Birthday Celebrations

10/2 Mary Kline	10/16 Cindy Bangert	10/21 James Sheppard Jr.
10/7 Sue Kragenbrink	10/20 Randy Janes	10/23 Emily Zimmerman
10/8 Margie Christenson	10/20 Lukas Tislau	10/24 Jamie Jansen
10/13 Collin Frederick		10/25 Brantley Kalb

### Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

10/3 Denny & Carol Frederick	10/14 Steve & Erica Jacobs
10/8 Mark & Robin Ruosch	10/21 Butch & Mary Diderich
10/8 Dan & Sue Rambatt	10/27 Matthew & Kelly Timmons
	10/30 Andy & Rosemary Bell

### Baptismal Anniversary Celebrations

10/2 Randy Janes	10/13 Kendra Rambatt	10/26 Weston Lawler
10/9 Tyler Frederick	10/13 Brittany Rambatt	10/27 Stacie Sheppard
10/10 Travis Berryman	10/20 Betty Rambatt	