

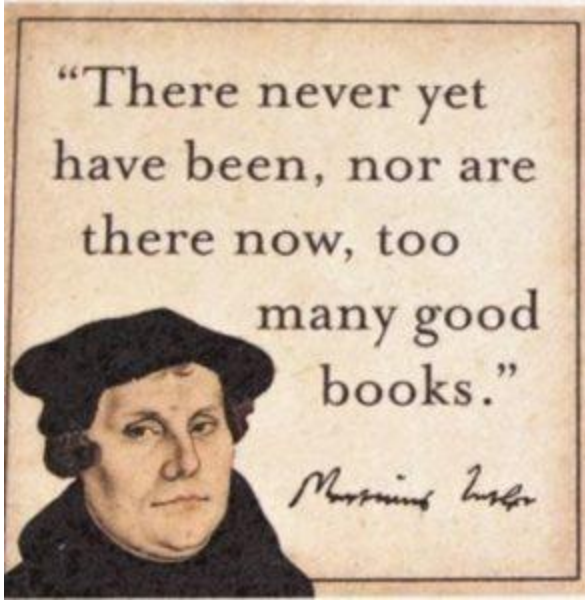
500 Years of Grace: Celebrating Martin Luther

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Join us Saturday, September 23rd for a daylong celebration of the 500th anniversary of a bold act by a German monk named Martin Luther. In 1517, his stand against the church authorities of the day ultimately led to the Protestant Reformation. As a member church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we here at Advent claim Martin Luther as our founder. He is recognized by all Protestants today as one who took an important and enduring stand against paying our way into God's graces.

The free festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. with a Medieval-Renaissance Children's Faire. Design your own "fair maiden" hat, knight's shield, or jewelry. Engage in a little swordplay. "Nail" your own statement of beliefs to our Wittenburg Door. Sample homemade root beer made by the Advent Kids. Enjoy grilled hot dogs and silly desserts like a "Diet of Wurms" treat at the food stall. Take a photo with Martin and Katie and some of their contemporaries (including Mr. and Mrs. Magellan and a certain astronomer with pretty wild hair).



Each child attending is invited to “shop” for a free book at the Ye Olde Booke Stall in honor of Martin Luther’s love of books and his contribution to literacy. And everyone is encouraged to stop by the rescue dog meet-and-great area we’re hosting in honor of Martin’s love of dogs. Watch the tails wag as you say hello to local dogs in foster care and learn more about animal rescue, fostering, and adoption.

Prizes will be awarded for best costume of the period — monks, pirates, knights, royalty, joustiers, jesters, nuns... We’ve actually heard that a pope may be there! Even your favorite canine can get compete for a prize. Winners in each category — adult, child, and dog — will be announced at 1:30 p.m.

Our Traditional Biergarten opens at 2:00 p.m., with German pretzels and Wachusett Brewing Company’s Oktoberfest ale available for purchase. Heartier fare will be sold from 4:00-6:30 p.m. (including grilled bratwurst and sides, traditional German desserts homemade by Advent bakers). We will continue offering free hot dogs to kids only until supplies run out.

