



Sunday, October 25th Worship online
10 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/greenchurch1897> [click link!]

Worship on-line this weekend 10 AM.

This weekend, Lutherans celebrate Reformation Sunday. A time to give thanks to God for a German monk who studied the Bible, spoke boldly in matters of faith, and trusted in God's guidance. Worship and find out what an outlaw monk did to change the world. Our service premieres at 10 AM on the St. John Facebook page [link above]. No Facebook account? You don't need one to take part in the worship services---just click the link! [St. John Facebook Page](#)

Worship at 10 AM online

Worship at 1:15 PM Confirmation Day for our 10th Graders! *Being held at Christ Our Light Catholic Church in Zimmerman [thank you to our partners in the Gospel @ COL, who knew we were planning outdoor/parking lot worship & saw the weather forecast and offered their sanctuary, which is larger than ours, so the confirmands can be confirmed together in 1 service and invite 12 people instead of 2 services and only inviting 4 people each.]* This service will also be available online on our Facebook page.



Sunday School families have received Blessing Bags.
Remember your Blessing for this Sunday: Blessing of
your pumpkins!
"Let your light so shine before others..."
Matthew 5:16

What better way to celebrate the Reformation, than a Lutheran-Catholic collaboration?

We are so excited to celebrate with the 10th Grade Confirmation students who have finished all their requirements for their service of Confirmation! The families opted to have the service outside---but the weather forecast made those plans a bit difficult. So---in a move that couldn't be more appropriate for a Reformation weekend---our partners in the Gospel---**Christ Our Light Catholic Church**, invited us to use their Sanctuary for our service. Their sanctuary is bigger and can hold 200 people, even with Covid-19 restrictions! This means our students can invite more people, enjoy an indoor celebration, and in a fitting way, celebrate how far we've come since the Reformation in our relationship with our Catholic brothers and sisters.

**Please pray for and rejoice with the following students who are being confirmed tomorrow—
We thought you'd enjoy seeing their Confirmation Bible Verses. So proud of these young adults!**

Amelia Acker – Mark 10:27; Jesus looked at them and said, "with people, this is impossible. But not with God. All things are possible with God."

Rayna Cabak – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus.

Jenna Findell – Psalms 6:9; The Lord has heard my cry for his mercy. The Lord accepts my prayer.

Max Gostonczik – Joshua 1:9; Here is what I am commanding you to do. Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.”

Ashley Gruwell – Philippians 4:7; Then God’s peace will watch over your hearts and your minds. He will do this because you belong to Christ Jesus. God’s peace can never be completely understood.

Caitlin Herrmann – Philippians 4:13; I can do all this by the power of Christ. He gives me strength.

Tanner Kutzler – Romans 12:2; Don’t live the way this world lives. Let your way of thinking be completely changed. Then you will be able to test what God wants for you. And you will agree that what he wants is right. His plan is good and pleasing and perfect.

Blake Nordlund – Isaiah 52:12; But this time you won’t have to leave in a hurry. You won’t have to rush away. The Lord will go ahead of you and lead you. The God of Israel will follow behind you and guard you.

Carter Peterson – John 3:16; God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.

Ethan Roensch – Psalms 3:6; I won’t be afraid even though ten thousands attack me on every side.

Bill Ruschmeier, Jr – Galatians 5:22-23; But the fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself. There is no law against things of that kind.

Joey Strom – Romans 15:7; Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to give praise to God.

Sophia Williams – Colossians 3:23; Work at everything you do with all your heart. Work as if you were working for the Lord, not for human masters.

Calvin Yonak – Mark 10:27; Jesus looked at them and said, “with people, this is impossible. But not with God. All things are possible with God.”



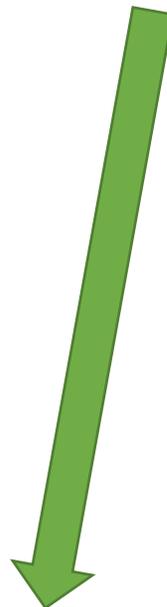
A Little On-line Fun for Halloween

Join in the fun. We are having a virtual pumpkin carving contest on our Facebook Page this week! Carve or paint your pumpkins and post a picture on our FB page. The winner will be picked at random for a gift-card to Jim's Market. Let's light up our FB page with [the] Great Pumpkins!

Thank You to the St. John members who were able to help with the Farmer to Families food distribution this week!

We hoped that we would be announcing a return to worship in the Sanctuary for All Saints Sunday. Unfortunately, the rise in the number of Covid-19 cases in our area has necessitated a change in those plans. We are, however, encouraged that we can announce that, beginning next Sunday, we will be **live streaming** our worship services. We are confident that this will feel more interactive than simply seeing a recording of worship. You will be able to interact in real-time by placing prayer requests in the chat, or asking questions in chat, and certainly by greeting one another in chat!

We continue to provide more opportunities for you to connect in more ways as we move through this upsurge in Covid-19 cases. Watch for upcoming events---like Virtual Coffee & Conversation!



Virtual Coffee Time

Beginning
Next
Week!



Join your St. John friends right after worship, on our Facebook Page.
We will be able to see each other & enjoy conversation with Pastor.
Grab your coffee/hot chocolate mug!

All Saints Sunday – Next Weekend

Traditionally, we have had a beautiful memorial garden for the celebration of all the Saints.
We want to give you the opportunity to participate in this special tradition again this year.
We will begin live streaming our worship services next week!
Please join in our All Saints Memorial & Celebration Garden.

- 1/ pick up a flowering plant at your favorite store
- 2/ put your name & the name of the person you are remembering or celebrating on the plant—
please PRINT clearly
- 3/ drop off your plant at the church---you may leave them outside [just ring the doorbell that is located to the right of the front door] and we'll come pick it up and place it in the Sanctuary Memorial and Celebration Garden for you. Don't worry, if it is after office hours---we will bring them in each night, so they won't freeze.
- 4/ next Sunday, come by church from 11:30 to 1 PM and pick up your plant in a drive by greet your Pastor & Staff social hour [and a half]!
- 5/ if you don't pick up your plant, we will make sure it goes to a member of St. John, to brighten their week.

Thank you for your help in making our first live-streaming worship service for All Saints Day
all the more beautiful with your memorials & celebrations!

7th-9th Grade Confirmation Students

~~The plan is to begin meeting in person in November!~~

**We've had to change our plans,
because of the increase in Covid-19 cases in our area.**

We can't wait to see you and are sad we have to change these plans. We continue to be dedicated to keeping all as safe as possible during this pandemic. Instead of meeting in person, we will meet via ZOOM. Here is the link and schedule:

We will "Zoom" Together* from 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM, Worship follows at 7 PM

7th Grade----1st Wednesday of the month, beginning Nov. 4

8th Grade----2nd Wednesday of the month, beginning Nov. 11

9th Grade----3rd Wednesday of the month, beginning Nov. 18

[Confirmation Zoom Link](#) [this link will always be on the St. John website, under the Confirmation tab]

Meeting ID # 519-114-0024

*We allow virtual backgrounds, but to create a sense of community and relationship, ask that the students have their camera on.

For the Love of Neighbor---The St. John Way—Together we get through this!

Thank you for being committed to keeping our Pre-schoolers, our wonderful staff, and anyone who enters our building as safe as possible against the Covid-19 virus.

If you are a keyholder, please do not enter the building unless your event is on the church calendar or you have called the office at 763-856-4561 [or emailed at churchoffice@green-church.org] letting us know when you plan to be in the building.

We know how easy it is to get lax on these policies, but we need to work together on keeping everyone safe. We need to know who has been in the building and where people are in the building to keep our cleaning schedule and safe zones sanitized and to have accurate contact tracing, as Covid-19 guidelines, policies, and our insurance dictate.

For contact tracing purposes, all who enter the St. John building need to sign-in and answer a few short health survey questions.

This is about making faith active in care for one another.

We thank you for your partnership in helping us keep all who enter our building safe and healthy!

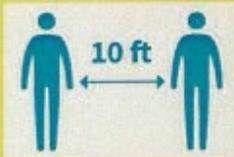
PLEASE REMEMBER TO...



Wear a mask the entire time while in the building. The mask needs to cover your nose and mouth at all times.



Please wash/ use hand sanitizer on your hands upon entering the building, using the restroom, sneezing, coughing...etc



Please social distance. 10 feet is best distance when possible, 6 feet is the minimum distance necessary.



Please use sanitizing wipes to wipe down anything you touched or used. When you leave.



If at any time while at the church, you find yourself not feeling well, please notify a staff member. After letting staff or a volunteer know, then go to the conference room and farthest from the door. A staff or volunteer will come evaluate the situation. Maintaining your privacy will be top priority.

*Thank you for putting the health and safety of your neighbor and yourself first! Leading by example and love,
The Green Church Way!*