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CHRISTMAS IN JULY on Sunday
July 26 at 9:00 am.



Emmanuel's annual **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DAY** at Lutherlyn will take place on Wednesday August 19, 2026. Make plans to be part of it

Community Prayer Walks On the second Tuesday of every month members of our local churches gather for a community prayer event. Local churches host the event on a rotating basis. Watch for details in your Sunday bulletin. See Betsy Forrester with questions



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Emmanuel Lutheran Church has an active presence on Facebook sharing various news items and information about our church. Those who have Facebook pages gain followers as individuals “*Follow*” a given Facebook account. Since October of 2024, followers of Emmanuel’s Facebook page have more than doubled from **24** to **65**. Emmanuel will continue to share information about who we are as a Congregation. Check our Facebook page regularly to see events and pictures of our church’s activities.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

began in 16th-century Germany through the work of [Martin Luther](#), a monk and professor who protested church corruption, sparked the Protestant Reformation, and emphasized salvation by faith alone.

The 95 Theses (1517)

- **October 31, 1517:** Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany.
- **The Protest:** He spoke out against the sale of indulgences (paying money to reduce punishment for sins) and questioned papal authority.

Core Beliefs

- **Faith Alone:** Salvation is a free gift from God's grace, not earned by good works or money.
- **Scripture Alone:** The Bible is the highest authority, rather than church traditions or the Pope.
- **The Name:** Early reformers preferred the term "Evangelical," but opponents called them "Lutherans" after Luther.

Growth and Spread

- **Excommunication:** The Pope removed Luther from the Catholic Church in 1521 after he refused to recant his teachings.
- **Support:** German princes and the use of the printing press helped the movement spread

quickly across northern Europe and Scandinavia.

- **The Augsburg Confession (1530):** Philip Melanchthon wrote a summary of Lutheran beliefs presented to the Holy Roman Emperor, becoming a core text for the church.

(Reference New Georgia Encyclopedia)

Next month: we explore the Lutheran Church's spread to America