

REFORMATION SUNDAY October 30, 2016

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany. Centuries have passed since then but Reformation Sunday remains a time for the church to contemplate the wonder of God's free gift of grace.



The world of Luther in the 16th Century was a trouble one. We can draw parallels to our own. People were not able to read certain books, writings, and even some hymns were forbidden to be sung.

Added to this Turks from the East were on the march threatening to overrun all of Europe bringing with them their Moslem religion. That meant Christianity was in danger.

Luther wrote a hymn of three short stanzas which are also three short prayers.

In the first he prays for protection against the enemies of God's word.

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son  
And bring to nought all he has done.

In the second stanza he prays for protection against the enemies of Christ's kingdom.

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
For you are lord of lords alone;  
Defend your holy Church, that we  
May sing your praise triumphantly.

And in the third he prays to the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.

# LUTHER and BOWLING

The leader of the Reformation and the sport of bowling???  
How are they related?

Two sources give us similar but slightly different histories. They both agree that bowling as we know it was born in the third century.

- 1) It was the custom of European canons to have parishioners, in turn, place pins at one end of the cloister. This represented the "Heide," or heathen. The parishioner then was given a ball and asked to throw it at the "Heide." If a hit was scored, it indicated the thrower was leading a clean and pure life and was capable of subduing the heathen. If he missed, it meant that a more faithful attendance at services would help his aim. At the end of the "test," a dinner was given and successful "keglers" were toasted. Those who failed were encouraged to try later.

This source also tells us that during those days most German males carried a small club called a kegel, which they used for recreation and self-defense. The game was also a part of a religious ordeal, a "Trial by Kegels." The "kegel," or "Heide" was set up on a cloister floor and a round stone thrown at it.

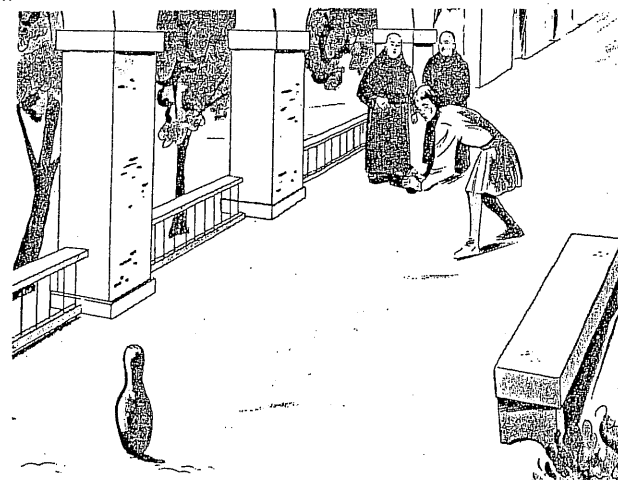
or

- 2) Around A.D. 300, monks in German monasteries wanted people to attend church, so they invented a special ceremony using everyday items. Men at that time carried large bottle-shaped clubs for protection. In Germany, this club was called a "kegel." When a man entered the church, he stood his kegel at the far end of a long hall. His kegel, the monks told him, represented the devil. A man had to roll a round rock along the hallway and knock the "devil" down. If he succeeded, the man was free of sin. But if he missed, the man would have to try harder.

And both sources agree that

That the ceremony moved beyond church and monastery walls. Larger balls were substituted and extra kegels were added to make the game harder. People played using three to 17 kegels. By the Middle Ages bowling was firmly established as a popular game. Matches were often part of a wedding celebrations (baptisms, too).

So popular did the game become that King Edward III, fearful that bowling might displace archery in the hearts of Englishmen - thus weakening the



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WOMEN'S SERVICE GUILD

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The women of Good Shepherd have been invited...

By All Saints Lutheran Church  
Women of the ELCA

To their FALL DINNER & FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Those of us who have attended in the past have enjoyed a delicious dinner, fellowship, and an inspirational speaker or a fun game or activity. (I'm sure you'll enjoy this year's plan!) If you would like to share rides, please see Geri Hubert.

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There are several open dates for flowers in October. They are:

- the 9th - one vase
- the 23rd two vases
- the 30th two vases

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Two fun raisers are planned. Both are invitation to have dinner out!

Denny's at Camp and Southwestern  
The date has not yet been finalized  
but probably in November.

Pizza Hut on Camp Road in Hamburg on December 13.  
You might like to combine this with your  
Christmas shopping.

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**WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING**

**Sunday, October 9th**

Following the service  
in the Red Room

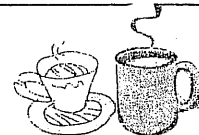
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**COFFEE HOUR**

October 2nd

November 6th

December -There is no coffee hour.  
A lunch is served 'during'  
the Hanging of the Greens.

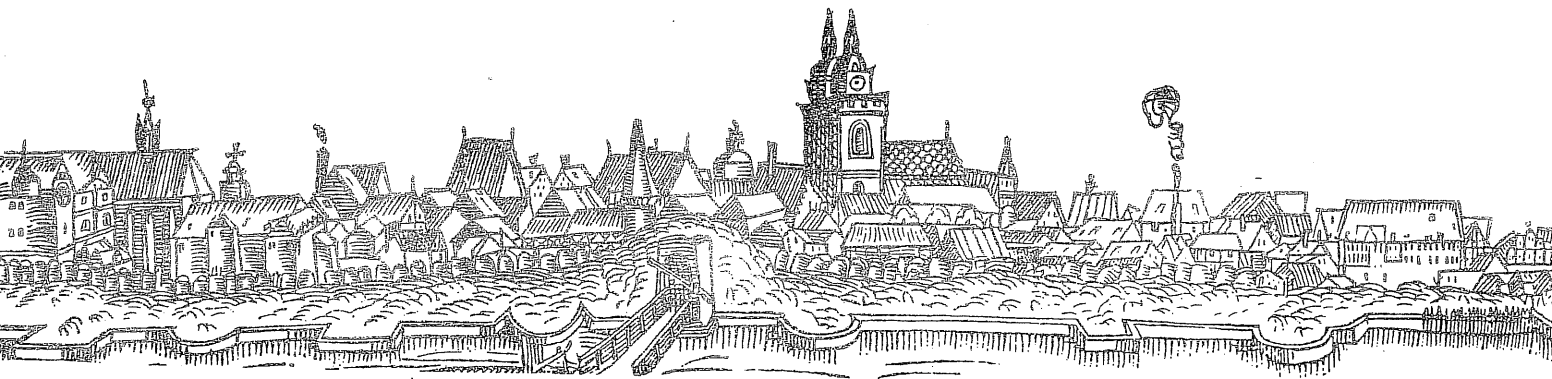


British military spirit - issued a proclamation in 1366 against this "dishonorable, useless, and unprofitable" game. Parliament outlawed it.

The Renaissance witnessed a change in attitude. Aiding the game's popularity then was Martin Luther who believed it was moral and beneficial game.

Although he had little time for recreation, Luther had a bowling lane built for his children and occasionally threw a ball. (In place of round stones for balls, lignum vitae, a hardwood, was used. However, with use these balls chipped and lost their shape.)

Luther and a group of other bowling enthusiasts agreed to place nine kegels in a diamond shape, and Kegelspiel, or nine pins, was born.



## Lutherstadt Wittenberg

Although Luther and bowling is an interesting piece of the life of the Reformer, it is his nailing of the 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg asking for discussion of religious practices of the day and so beginning a reforming of the church.

The three "solas" of the Reformation -

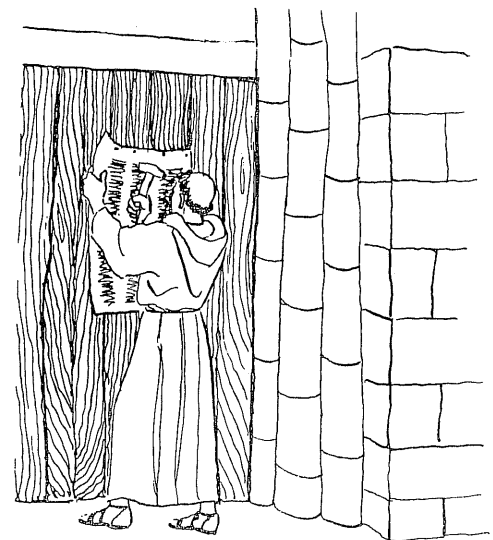
**By Scripture alone,**

**By faith alone,**

**By grace alone.**

"For by grace you have been saved through faith."

Ephesians 2:8



## FLORAL TRIBUTES

Oct 2 gift of Corky and Geri Hubert in honor of daughter Jane and grandson Benjamin Frappa's birthdays

Oct 2 gift of the Schroeder family in honor of Todd's birthday

Oct 16 gift of Henry and Diane Enser in memory of Ken Enser



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

For the month of September Grace, Sophie and Julian Collins had perfect attendance.

## FINANCIAL NEWS FOR AUGUST

Monies received \$2851.35 Disbursed \$1548.54 Roof Fund \$524

FINANCIAL REPORT 

## PRAYER CORNER


Please remember in your prayers...Dennis Pilecki, Isabel Hahn, Pastor Richard Siemann, Pastor Raymond Fitch and his family, Jackie Cobb, John Demler, Tom Hedden, Lisa, Corky Hubert, Debbie Rogers, Herb and Jean Klein, Marc Schultz, Lorraine Kurkowiak, Bishop Macholz, Paul Pitz, Jeane Muck, David Elsaesser, Kevin Elsaesser, Dawn Ackerman, Anna and her family, Donald Murray, Judy O'Brien and Debbie Quinn

## Skywatcher

**U**nsettled by issues at work and at home, Matt decided to take a walk. The evening spring air beckoned. As the infinite sky deepened from blue to black, a thickening fog spilled slowly over the marsh. Stars began to glimmer, heralding the full moon rising in the east. The moment, for Matt, was deeply spiritual. *He's there, he thought. God is there, and He's got this.*

Some people look at the night sky and see nothing but nature. Others see a god as distant and cold as Jupiter. But the same God who "sits enthroned above the circle of the earth" also "brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name" (ISA. 40:22, 26). He knows His creation intimately.

It is this personal God who asked His people, "Why do you say, Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God'?" Aching for them, God reminded them of the wisdom in seeking Him. "Do you not know? Have you not heard? . . . He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak" (VV. 27-29).

We are easily tempted to forget God. Our problems won't disappear with an evening stroll, but we can find rest and certainty that God is always working toward His good purposes. "I'm here," He says. "I've got you." 

TODAY'S READING  
Isalah 40:21-31

**He . . . brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name.** Isalah 40:26

TIM GUSTAFSON

## OCTOBER 2016

10/2 9:30 AM – Worship Service  
**Coffee Hour**  
10:45 AM – Sunday school  
10/3 8 AM – 11 AM – Office Hours  
10/7 3 PM - Choir

10/9 9:30 AM – Worship Service  
**WSG Meeting**  
10:45 AM – Sunday school  
10/10 8 AM – 11 AM – Office Hours  
10/14 3 PM - Choir

10/16 9:30 AM –Worship Service  
10:45 AM – Sunday school  
10/17 8 AM – 11 AM – Office Hours  
6:30 PM – Council  
10/21 3 PM - Choir

10/23 9:30 AM - Worship Service  
10:45 AM – Sunday school  
10/24 8 AM – 11 AM – Office Hours  
10/28 3 PM - Choir

10/30 9:30 AM - Worship Service  
10:45 AM – Sunday school  
10/31 8 AM – 11 AM – Office Hours

### Birthdays

Jane Frappa – October 2  
Todd Schroeder – October 2  
Marion Igel – October 20

### Anniversaries

James and Beverly Schulz – October 7  
Paul and Barbara Kracht – October 24

## SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

10/2 Greeter – Diane Enser  
Ushers – Todd and Amanda Schroeder  
Reader – Jocelyn Rola  
Communion – Tim Metzler  
Cleaner – Diane Enser  
Altar – Donna Lenau and Diane Enser

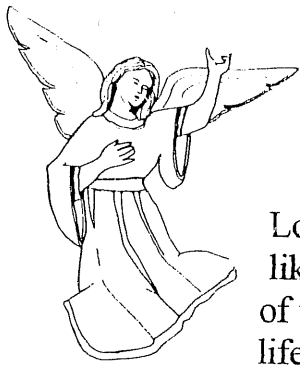
10/9 Greeter – Gene and Jocelyn Rola  
Ushers – Paul Kracht and Brian Slighter  
Reader – Debra Bender  
Communion – Tim Metzler  
Cleaner – Joy Rease and Tim Metzler  
Altar – Donna Lenau and Diane Enser

10/16 Greeter – Skip and Joy Rease  
Ushers – Gene and Jocelyn Rola  
Reader – Paul Kracht  
Communion – Joyce Carr  
Cleaner – Diane Enser  
Altar – Donna Lenau and Diane Enser

10/23 Greeter – Joyce Carr  
Ushers – Skip and Joy Rease  
Reader – Tim Metzler  
Communion – Joyce Carr  
Cleaner – Diane Enser  
Altar – Donna Lenau and Diane Enser

10/30 Greeter – Diane Enser  
Ushers – Sunny Hojnacki and  
Joyce Carr  
Reader – Diane Enser  
Communion – Tim Metzler  
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# My Quilt



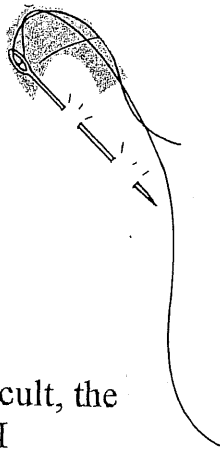
As I faced my Maker at the last judgment, I knelt before the Lord along with all the other souls. Before each of us laid our lives like the squares of a quilt in many piles. An Angel sat before each of us sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry that is our life. But as my angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares was. They were filled

with giant holes. Each square was labeled with a part of my life that had been difficult, the challenges and temptations I was faced with in everyday life. I saw hardships that I endured, which were the largest holes of all. I glanced around me. Nobody else had such squares. Other than a tiny hole here and there, the other tapestries were filled with rich color and the bright hues of worldly fortune. I gazed upon my own life and was disheartened. My angel was sewing the ragged pieces of cloth together, threadbare and empty, like binding air. Finally the time came when each life was to be displayed, held up to the light, the scrutiny of truth. The others rose, each in turn, holding up their tapestries. So filled their lives had been.

My angel looked upon me, and nodded for me to rise. My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. I hadn't had all the earthly fortunes. I had love in my life, and laughter. But there had also been trials of illness, and death, and false accusations that took from me my world, as I knew it. I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptation to quit, only to somehow muster the strength to pick up and begin again. I spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking for help and guidance in my life. I had often been held up to ridicule, which I endured painfully, each time offering it up to the Father in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the judgmental gaze of those who unfairly judged me. And now, I had to face the truth. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it for what it was. I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light.

An awe-filled gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others who stared at me with wide eyes. Then, I looked upon the tapestry before me. Light flooded the many holes, creating an image, the face of Christ. Then our Lord stood before me, with warmth and love in His eyes. He said, "Every time you gave over your life to me, it became my life, my hardships, and my struggles. Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let me shine through, until there was more of me than there was of you."

May all of our quilts be thread bare and worn,  
allowing Christ to shine through.



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WSG Fund Raiser

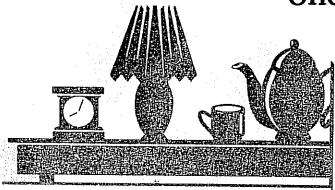
It is simple....just take your cans andbottles to the redemption center at **4255 C;ark Street, Hamburg.**

In order to receive credit (5 cents per can or bottle) you need to tell them to **credit Good Shepherd's Guild.**

Future fund raiser

Save saleable items for a **SPRING SALE** When you put items away for the summer (inside and outside), don't discard but put aside for the WG's 'rummage, garage, etc. sale.' No room???? Check with Joyce, Geri, o Donna.

If you have an unused space in your garage, etc. and can store items for us, please speak to one of the ladies listed above.



**One person's trash is another person's treasure.**

**Save those 'treasures!'**

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