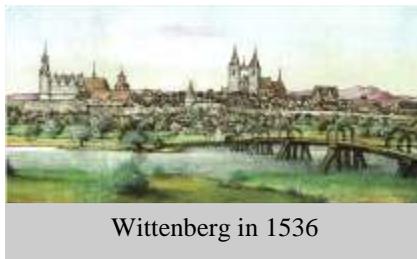


# Martin Luther: Monk to Reformer

We live in an era when fame is highly desired. Whether it's getting hits on social media, getting invited to desirable gatherings, or making it big in Hollywood or Nashville, people want to be known, to be memorable—often for the wrong reasons. It's noteworthy, then, that in 2017 the Lutheran church—and the world—marks a big anniversary involving one of our own (our founder, actually). Martin Luther didn't intend to become famous, and yet he changed the world, helping to usher in the modern era.

This little sheet doesn't have room to detail Luther's life and accomplishments, and you will probably be hearing a lot about them from many sources, so this will just provide a brief overview.

Martin Luther was born in 1483 in what is now central Germany but then was a separate principality called Saxony. His parents tried to give him a good education and hoped he would become a lawyer.



Wittenberg in 1536

Instead, when he was twenty-one he became a Catholic monk. He wanted to earn God's love but was tormented by the sense that he could never be good enough. He punished himself mercilessly until finally a wise mentor sent him to study and teach Bible at the then new University of Wittenberg.

Not long after he arrived there, he became incensed by the church saying, in effect, that if people bought a certain document—an indulgence—it would provide God's forgiveness for their (or a loved one's) sins. Being a university professor, he wrote a list of ninety-five sentences to debate about the topic. That list, the Ninety-Five Theses, stirred up a

hornet's nest in the church and began the Reformation. He made them public on October 31, 1517—coming up on five hundred years ago.



For challenging the church and refusing to back down, Luther was called before the Holy Roman emperor, Charles V, at a meeting in the imperial city of Worms. Asked to take back what he had written, he refused and was declared an outlaw. Anyone could have captured him and killed him or turned him in to authorities, in which case his death was likely.

Fortunately, his own prince protected him, hiding him out in a castle where he began translating the Bible into German. In the process, he helped create the standard German language.

Luther wrote many influential books, most of which are still valued today. He created the Small Catechism to guide ordinary people in learning about God. He wrote hymns such as "A mighty fortress is our God." He was a passionate, sometimes crudely mannered man, and in later life he wrote terrible, cruel things about the Jewish people, statements for which the Lutheran church has apologized.

Yet Luther was a remarkable man, helping to create the modern notion of what it means to be an individual, not just an atom in a sea of molecules, and, of course, reviving and reforming the church. He is a man worth celebrating!

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ECHOES Weekly-October 22, 2017

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

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## WELCOME VISITORS!

*"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, to the glory of God." Romans 15:7*

We welcome new visitors and old friends, long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to faith. To those who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, do not believe, you are welcome here. Regardless of age, color, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, marital status, abilities or challenges, join us, you are welcome here.

You are welcome to worship, to celebrate and sorrow, to rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new.

NOW AVAILABLE...OSLC Leadership Minutes.  
You can find them on the large bulletin board.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God from Emery Bremer in memory of Louise Bremer.

Remember in your Prayers:

Concerns: Lois Rink; Terry Wagner; Ajullu Niygwo; Betty Andrist; Marsha Dick; Karen Pflibsen

Those Mourning: Joanne Heathman family upon the death of her sister **Sue's husband.**

Military Concerns: Chris Sikich, Margaret & Catherine Maher; Paul Schroeder; Austin Nicklay; Clark Rose; Eric Brown; Scot Heathman, Ryan Nordstrom, Dan & Kelly Pickett, all our service men and women serving in the Military and of our veterans who have served.

Missionary Partner:

The Palliative Care Program at Iambi Hospital, Tanzania.

Seminary: Nicholas Rohde

### LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS

October Congregational Collection  
When LWR distributes Personal Care Kits, **it's often to people who have lost everything.** In the wake of an earthquake, or having fled from violence as their homes were overtaken, they clasp a towel from a faraway place, with a bar of soap, a **toothbrush...and washing up, they know** that they have not been forsaken by the world. The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew, starting with a bath. **You can share God's grace and love by providing that simple comfort.**



### What to Include...Guidelines

- Please give new items only, except where otherwise noted
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, **messages or your congregation's name.**
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"×40" & 52"×27"), dark color recommended
- Two 4oz bath-size bars of soap or three 3oz bath-size bars of soap in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging



### MUSIC PROGRAMS at OSLC

Grace Bells directed by Bev Gronvold to begin practice on September 7 at 6:30pm

Senior Choir directed by Ruth Benning to begin practice on September 6 at 7:20pm

Come and check us out. All new members are welcome.



### INVITATION FROM SAMARITAN BETHANY RESIDENTS

Come to Samaritan Bethany to Trick or Treat on Sunday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 - 3:30 on the main floor lobby. Be in costume and get treats from our residents. They would very much like to see kids in costume - they miss having children around!

## *Event Planning at OSLC*

1. Check the online calendar at [www.rochesterosl.org](http://www.rochesterosl.org). This calendar is the most updated and will tell you if other events have already been planned.  
OR
2. Check with Joanne in the church office.

**This is for all events happening at OSLC even if you've always done it that day in the past.** Please try to plan ahead a month or two or even more. This is a very busy **building and it's generally first come first serve.**

### WHAT/WHO DO WE SUPPORT?

Each year the Stewardship team selects 4 causes to support with funds designated for local benevolence. In the past this has supported causes including Mission 21, the Christ United Methodist Saturday Noon Meal, the Women's Shelter and the Boys and Girl's Club of Rochester. This year the Stewardship team is seeking input from the congregation on what community organizations to support with our local benevolence funds. Email Billy Irons at [wdirons@us.ibm.com](mailto:wdirons@us.ibm.com), or call 281-4125 (in the evenings) to share your idea. We'll sort through the all the input, find the common themes and select the 4 most worthwhile organizations to support.



### OK Group OK GROUP EVENT

November 9, 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall  
The OK Group invites one and all **to the "Reformation" through** our members Germany trip last

year. We will have slides and some memorabilia. Join us to hear more about Martin Luther in this 500th year since the Reformation.

Ice Cream, coffee and goodies will be provided.

Questions?

Wanda Hagquist 289-2961 or Joan Rose 289-2038



A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that helped with the Fair Trade Market. It was our best year yet. We were able to send \$31,103.28 to the artisans that created all of our beautiful products. Without your help this would have not been possible.

### MAKE A POSITIVE CHANGE

Apply to Lead a Thrivent Action Team to earn \$250.00 towards your project.

**If you're a member of Thrivent Financial, you can apply to lead a volunteer team in a one-time:**

- Fundraiser
- Service activity
- Educational event



Thrivent will help you get started

- Resources to help you plan the event
- Promotional items, including Thrivent T-shirts
- Community Impact Card with \$250 of seed money

Learn more at [thrivent.com/actionteam](http://thrivent.com/actionteam) and apply online.

## AREA REFORMATION EVENTS

Reformation Celebration

October 29 at 3pm

Christ Lutheran, Preston, MN

This one-time event will include a festive worship, a short lecture **on the theology of the Reformation, and a "Table Talk Feast"** with samples of food and beverages from Martin Luther's time.

Ecumenical commemoration of the Reformation

October 30 at 7:00pm

Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester, MN

On the occasion of the Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, following the gesture that Pope Francis and Lutheran leaders realized last year in Sweden, Bishop John M. Quinn and Bishop Steven H. Delzer will lead an Ecumenical Prayer Service. Join us in prayer for the gift of dialogue and unity. Refreshments to follow.

### HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT MEMBERSHIP AT OSLC?

If you are interested in becoming a member, please talk with Pastor Ben or Pastor Fred. New member forms are available in the Narthex or on the church office desk.



### JOIN US FOR MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We meet on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at 7:00am to study the upcoming Sunday Bible reading. All men are welcome to attend. Coffee, juice and rolls are offered.

### DID YOU KNOW ...

If you are busy on Sunday, OSLC offers a casual Wednesday Worship each week at 6:30pm.

Hearing devices are available in the sound system area at the back of the Sanctuary. These devices can be used with or without a hearing aid.

## Upcoming Youth Events



**WEEKEND MISSION TRIP FOR YOUTH GRADES 8-12.** November 4-5 we will serve in the Twin Cities! Cost is \$50. Let Cassie know if you have any questions or would like to participate!!



**ELCA YOUTH GATHERING** is June 24-July 2 (ish), 2018 in Houston!! Cost will be \$350! Join us along with 30,000 other youth from around the world as we celebrate and serve The Lord! This is a truly AMAZING opportunity!! \$150 is due now. Let Cassie know if you have any questions or concerns or financial issues. Cost is never a reason to not go!! I promise you will be SO glad you came!!!



On Wednesday evenings **OSLC MIDDLE SCHOOLERS** are invited to participate in middle school activities from 5 – 6:30 p.m. We will be rotating **FUN** activities, **FREINDSHIP** (curriculum led by Pastor Ben) and **FAITH** (discussions from members of our congregation). As middle schoolers (confirmation students) have done in the past, we will discuss highs and lows (5-5:15 p.m.), pack Channel One food bags (5:15-5:30 p.m.) have the **FFF** activity (5:30-5:45 p.m.), enjoy the meal together at about 5:45 p.m. and then attend worship with friends and family at 6:30 p.m.



### A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

Letters for the 2018 Stewardship Campaign can be picked up from the tables at the back of the Narthex on Sunday October 22 & 29. Those not picked up by October 29 will be mailed.



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# This Week at OSLC

Sunday, Oct. 22  
 8:30am Worship  
 9:30am Coffee Fellowship  
 10:00 GIFT Worship

Monday, Oct. 23  
 P.B off

Tuesday, October 24  
 3:00pm P.F @ Dunn Bros. N.  
 6:30pm Worship & Music Team

Wednesday, October 25  
 P.F off  
 12:00pm Weekly deadline  
 5:00pm MS Youth  
 5:45pm Meal  
 6:30pm Worship  
 7:20pm Sr. Choir

Thursday, October 26  
 P.B. out of town

8:30am Worship Assistants  
 Anthem:  
 Greeters/Offering:  
 Communion Assistants:  
 Usher/Offering:  
 Prayer Reader:  
 8:30am Sound Board:  
 10:00am Sound Board  
 Coffee Prep:  
 Coffee Treats:  
 Coffee Clean up:  
 Offering Counters:  
 Altar Guild:  
 Organists/Pianists:

6:00am Promise Keepers  
 8:30am Faithfully Fit  
 6:30pm Grace Bells

Friday, October 27  
 P.F off  
 P.B out of town  
 9:00am Weekly Prep  
 9:00am Banner Team

Saturday, October 28  
 P.B out of town  
**7:00am Men's Fellowship**  
*OBA: 6pm Sons of Norway*

Sunday, October 29  
 Reformation  
 8:30am Worship  
 9:30am Coffee Fellowship  
 10:00am GIFT Worship

Grace Bell, directed by Bev Gronvold  
 George Meyer, Bill Nicklay  
 Joan Rose, Pam Shulze  
 Roy & Dorothy Satre  
 Joan Rose  
 Bob Westland  
 Maureen Lemens  
 Kevin & Joleen Carlson  
 Bill Nicklay & MS Youth  
 Bill Nicklay  
 Glenn Leckband, Chris Suby  
 Diana Schroeder, Lorrie Swancutt  
 Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht,  
 Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Triune God, Your will is that humans live together in community. Bless family life everywhere and fill all homes with respect, joy, laughter, and prayer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## EXPLORING THE STORY AT HOME

- What goes around, comes around. Jacob will soon be on the receiving end of treachery and deceit. Is that part of the Law **interwoven into the fabric of life? How do you see God's Spirit at work in the everyday ups and downs of life?**
- Jacob is on the receiving end of parental favoritism, with results that create animosity. Jacob will later do the same thing and show favoritism to one of his children, again creating animosity in the **family. How can the good news of God's love work to break the cycles of dysfunction that often characterize families?**

And You Thought *Your* Brother was a Pain! (Genesis 25, 27)

## CATECHISM CONNECTION

**Martin Luther wrote the catechism not for pastors to teach kids but for, "the head of a house to present these things, in a simple way, to the household."**

**Esau and Jacob, Isaac and Rebekah's twin sons, have been fighting since before they were born. The culmination of this epic sibling rivalry is when Jacob tricks his father into giving *him* the blessing intended for his brother Esau.**

**Read through Luther's explanation to the "Seventh Commandment" in the *Small Catechism*.**

1. **Luther writes that we are to help our neighbors "improve and protect their property and income." Did Jacob do this for his brother Esau? Now that the blessing is Jacob's should Esau follow the commandment and help his brother?**
2. **As the story continues, Jacob seems to get away with his crime without facing any real consequences. Why? Does it mean stealing is sometimes okay? Does God's blessing have anything to do with this?**

*If you need a convenient copy of Luther's Small Catechism you can download a free catechism app (search for "Luther's Small Catechism") listed as being published by either 'Augsburg' or the 'ELCA'.*

8:30am Worship

Now the Feast and Celebration

OPENING HYMN

**"I Come with Joy"** ELW 482

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ANTHEM *"How Firm a Foundation"*  
 Grace Bells

BIBLE READING Genesis 27:1-45

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS  
 Pastor Fred Rengstorf

SERMON SONG

**"My Hope is Built..."** ELW 597

DISTRIBUTION

**"Just As I Am..."** ELW 592

**"O God, Our Help..."** ELW 632

CLOSING

**"Praise the Lord..."** ELW 544



10:00am  
 GIFT Worship