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A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Announcements

October 1, 2017

Welcome to worship at All Saints. We're glad you're here.

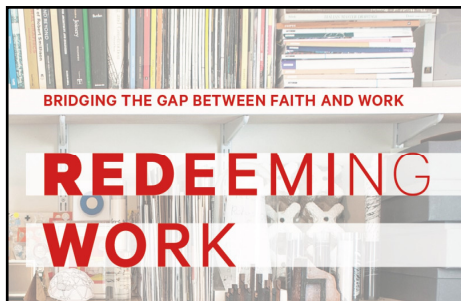
Visit the Welcome Center for information about All Saints and enjoy coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall between services. During services, find children's worship bags by either door as you enter the Sanctuary.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday:

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.



Join the Conversation

Come together with others for engaging and relevant conversation about the intersection between faith and work, and ways you spend your time during the week.

Join the discussion with Pastor Antonio on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. or Thursdays at 10 a.m., or contact the church office (aslc@allsaintsmtka.org) for more information about joining a new group with a different meeting time. Invite a friend!

Community Dinner

Wednesday, October 4

5:30–6:45 p.m. – Royal Subs

Dinners are held most Wednesdays when Crossroads confirmation meets at church. Cost is \$5 per person.

Fall Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 10, 3–7 p.m.

Sign up at the Welcome Center to select a time to donate. This life-giving gift is always in need. Questions? Contact David Knight (Djknight45@gmail.com or 612.816.4387).

Parents Night Out

Saturday, October 14, 5–9 p.m.

Children ages 2–11 have fun with a craft, games, snack, and movie while parents enjoy an evening out. Donations help youth attend a week at Camp Wapo or a mission trip.

Find registration forms at the Welcome Center; due to the church office by Thursday, October 12. Questions? Contact Kristine Clemens (952.934.3550 or kclemens@allsaintsmtka.org).



One way to be a great friend is to forgive someone that hurts you. At Kids Sunday School this week we talk about how to forgive a friend.

Bible Presentation

Today, 9 a.m. service

Children in 3rd grade will be presented with their very own Spark Bible during worship. Following the service, parents and 3rd graders are invited to the Lounge to experience, through activities and instruction, how to use, read, and explore all the wonderful things the Bible has to offer us in our daily lives.

Be a Buckthorn Buster

Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m. – noon

Help clear buckthorn to prepare for planting native plants on the south side of the church property. We'll teach you to identify buckthorn and cut and treat it to prevent regrowth. Bring gloves, kneeling pad, bug spray, and a hand pruner or lopper if you can. Volunteers welcome anytime during the morning.

Planting volunteers are welcome Saturday, October 14 (rain date October 21), from 9 a.m. – noon. Questions? Contact the church office.

Missing Extension Cord

An orange 50-foot outdoor extension cord was inadvertently placed in the wrong gray minivan after the Kickoff event on September 10. Please check your vehicle's tailgate area; return it to the church office or contact Sue Leaf (612.554.5981).

Connection Cards

If you're a guest this morning, we encourage you to fill out the blue Connection Card attached to your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. This helps us connect with you and serve you better.

New Member Orientation

Sunday, October 8, 12–2 p.m.

Learn more about All Saints history, ministry and people. Connect with others in the congregation. Contact the church office to register or with questions (aslc@allsaintsmtka.org or 952.934.3550).

Meet in the Loaves Room for orientation. Reception of new members is Sunday, October 15.



Reformation Celebration

Sunday, October 22 2 p.m.

The entire church family is invited to a 500th Reformation anniversary event sponsored by the OWLS. Enjoy a Dunkle Brau mit Eis (Dark Root Beer and Ice Cream) social followed by the movie *Luther and the Reformation* narrated by travel writer Rick Steves. The movie details the birth and growth of the Lutheran church.

Sign up at the Welcome Center.

OWLS See a Show

Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m.

Adults 55+ meet at Minnetonka High School for a production of *On the Town*. To reserve your seat, sign up at the Welcome Center. The cost is \$18 per ticket; 20 seats are available. Please pay Shirley Johnson by Saturday, October 28.

Other Events This Week

Sunday

4 p.m.LALM Board

Monday

7:30 a.m..... Saints Men's Breakfast

6 p.m.Executive Committee

Tuesday

7:15 a.m.....Morning Prayer

12:30 p.m.Outreach Quilters

3:30 p.m.Worship at The Glenn

6 p.m. BeFrienders

7:15 p.m.Carillon Choir

7:30 p.m.Men's AA

Wednesday

1 p.m.Prayer Shawl Knitting / Special Moments Quilters

6 p.m.Crossroads Guides

6:30 p.m.Redeeming Work Conversation

6:45 p.m.Crossroads Confirmation

7 p.m.Alleluia Choir

7:45 p.m. Saints Chorale

8:10 p.m. Sr. High F.I.R.E.

Thursday

10 a.m.Adult Bible Study

6 p.m.Financial Peace University

7 p.m.Alpha Band

Saturday

7 a.m.Prayer

8 a.m.Men's Group

4:15 p.m.Our Saviour's Meal Prep

Sunday

9 and 10:30 a.m.Worship

ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

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. 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.

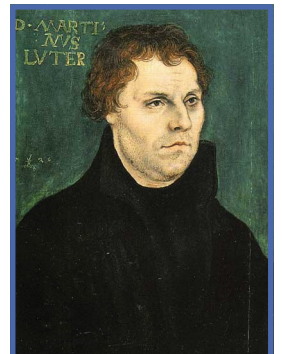
Not long after he arrived there, he became incensed by the church saying, in effect, that if people bought a certain document—an indulgence—it would provide God's forgiveness for their (or a loved one's) sins. Being a

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!



Martin Luther



Wittenberg in 1536