

Beautiful Savior's Newsletter

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From the Pastor's Desk ...

A get a response a lot. When I have to give my birthdate, and I respond with October 31st – the common response is, “Oh you were a Halloween baby.”

I used to get more frustrated by that. But now I see it as an opportunity to witness. So, I say, “I think of it more that I was a Reformation baby.”

Not uncommonly the response is something like, “What’s that?” That allows me to share the importance of God’s Word and salvation by God’s grace in Jesus coming to be our Savior.

Let’s all keep our focus on the importance of the Reformation on October 31st.

Choir Starts – October 4

Our choir schedule is a limited schedule this year. Before each time we sing, we will have just 4 rehearsals. Our first rehearsal is October 4th at 6:30pm. The first time we sing is for the Reformation Rally on October 29th. And the area singers have been invited to sing with us for that celebration. ***Please consider singing with us.***

Mission Sunday – October 1

Sunday, October 1st will be a very special day. It is our 2023 Mission Emphasis Sunday.

This year the emphasis is on World Missions.

We are blessed to have Missionary Joel Sutton who is serving in South America. Due to technical issues, he will be preaching via a prerecorded sermon.

He will be LIVE to speak with us during Bible Study time. Everyone is encouraged to stay to listen to this presentation. It would be wonderful for him to see a large group interested in our WELS mission work where he is serving. We will receive a special offering for our mission work in South America on September 24 and October 1.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 – Don Ihde
3 – Bob Moreton
5 – Sadie Hahn
9 – Linda Hungsberg
31 – Pastor Fischer

Beautiful Savior: Our Name ... Our Message

Reformation Celebration – October 29

While the actual day to observe the Reformation is October 31st, we will be observing and celebrating the Reformation on Sunday, October 29th.

The hallmarks of the Reformation are these principles proclaiming the truths of God’s Word that had been lost:

1. **Grace Alone** – that our salvation is totally a free gift from God.
2. **Faith Alone** – that the only way to receive the merits of Jesus’ work of saving us is by the gift of faith which the Holy Spirit must work.
3. **Scripture Alone** – that the only source of spiritual truth is God’s inspired inerrant Word.
4. **Glory to God Alone** – that the joy of our lives is to be praising God above all.

Our morning service will be centered on God’s gracious gift of his Word; and the importance of our faithfulness to God’s Word.

Then we are privileged to host an Area Reformation Rally at 4:30 that afternoon. Pastor Daniel Schmidt from Trinity Lutheran Church in Mountain Home will be preaching. Singers from the various congregations have been invited to join our choir to sing for the service. We will have a meal following.

Please sign up on the sheet on the card table in the fellowship area, so we can make sure to run adequate bulletins and have adequate food. The other congregations are also being asked to send in the count of people coming.

Quarterly Meetings – October 22

The voters’ and ladies aid quarterly meetings will take place on October 22nd right after worship. Our quarterly fellowship potluck meal will follow the meetings. The theme for the meal is “Grandpa’s Favorite”. There is a signup sheet on the cardtable in the fellowship area.