Muddy Creek Lutheran Church

OCTOBER 2025

Newsletter

Happy Reformation Month!

In October - the first full month of fall – two things immediately come to mind: the return of pumpkin spice everything and Reformation Day. While I am completely unexcited about the first of those two things, I am overjoyed for the latter. This is the day we celebrate Martin Luther's courage to nail those 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany more than 500 years ago.

As a student of the Bible, Luther became increasingly concerned with many practices of the Christian Church and in his quest for people to know the truth of the Gospel, he took action! As Christ's ambassadors, we too should be active in our faith, and our communities.

Questions of the Month:
In what ways am I "taking action" for Christ?
Am I bold in my witness to the Gospel?

As Lutherans, we believe that the Grace and Love of God free us from the bonds of sin and into service for our neighbor. In remembrance of Reformation Day, we should be intentional about reforming our thoughts and actions that don't reflect the Grace and Love of God. For October, while we remember Martin Luther for having the courage of his convictions, let's also remember to be thankful and active Ambassadors for Christ.

In Christ's+ Love,
Pastor Chavis

Church Council Corner

Updates from Muddy Creek Council

THANK YOU!!

To all those who brought school supplies for the back packs. This year we packed 71 backpacks – that required a total of 284 notebooks, 71 erasers, rulers, pencil sharpeners, 71 boxes of crayons and 355 each or pencils and pens. Thanks to Darlene and Roger for their help with counting and sorting, and to all who packed the items – which will be delivered to Bergstrasse Church on October 11th for shipment to Lutheran World Relief.

NEW ITEMS

- Sunday Church School classes have started and are being held from 9 – 10 am in the lower level. All children are welcome.
- Council members will participate in an onsite retreat on October 18th from 8 am – 12 Noon.

PROJECTS

- Council continues to work on several projects which include hiring an Administrative Assistant, replacing our current copier, and addressing other IT concerns.
- Our Treasurer, with input from Council and Committees, is working on the 2026 Budget.

The next **Council Meeting**
October 28th @7pm

We'd Love to Hear From You!
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Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.
Col 3:14-16

Upcoming Events

- **Lutheran Ingathering -** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on **October 11**, 8:30-11am at Bergstrasse to help unload vehicles dropping off items to be loaded up for Lutheran World Relief. Coffee and donuts will be served.

- **4-Day Mystery Trip:** Saturday-Tuesday, **October 11-14**, 2025 *Brenda Berger*
  We can't tell you where we are going. Come along and see! Tour will include 3 nights' lodging, 8 meals and includes deluxe motorcoach & a tip for the driver.

- **Blessings of Hope –** Muddy Creek will be at Blessings of Hope on Wednesday, **October 15th** from 6:30 to 9 pm. Please use the sign-up sheet to confirm your commitment to the team. Please submit your name by October 7th. *Nancy Beck*

- **Reformation Sunday—October 28**

Additional October and November Brenda & Friends Tours

For more information, contact Brenda Berger: (717) 336-6886 or bergerb@dejazzd.com

Oct. 22, 2025 (Wednesday) - Lunch cruise on the Hiawatha and the PA Grand Canyon.

Nov. 1, 2025 (Saturday) - Fall at the National Zoo in Washington DC. The pandas are back!

Nov. 29, 2025 (Saturday) - Our annual trip to Lewisburg to Purity Candy & The Street of Shops.

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The Walls of Jericho

A teacher was giving a lesson on the Old Testament and asked one of her students, "Tommy, who knocked down the walls of Jericho?"
Tommy answered, "Well, it wasn't me."

Worried about this lack of Bible knowledge, the teacher called Tommy's mother. His mother said, "Look, my son's a good kid. If he says he didn't knock the wall down, he didn't knock the wall down."

More worried, the teacher called Tommy's father. He listened to her story and said, "Well, look, I don't want any trouble. Just tell me how much this wall costs, and I'll take care of it."