



Faith's Tide

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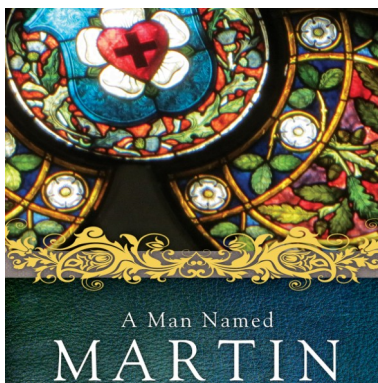
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A Man Named Martin Part 3: The Movement

**Sunday Morning Bible Study
August 27th - September 24th**

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In *A Man Named Martin - Part 3: The Movement*, viewers will see how the Reformation transformed European society and, eventually, left a profound impression around the globe. **Join us Sunday mornings from 9:45 - 10:45 AM, beginning August 27th.**

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Ages 3 – adult,
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Children's Church 11 :00 AM

Weekdays:

Bible Study
Wednesdays, 10:00 AM
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From the Pastors Desk

I don't know if you remember the first time you learned about September, but I do. It was in Kindergarten or First Grade when I was learning about how many days each month had. I was taught the little rhyme: "Thirty days hath September, April, June and November. All the rest have thirty one, except for February. It has 28!" Just this week my office manager, Sheri, taught me how to tell the days using the spaces and knuckles of my hand. You can teach an "old dog" new tricks!

When I was younger, September was always associated with the starting of school for the fall. Now it seems like that honor is falling to the end of August, as more and more schools are starting back before Labor Day. So what does all of this have to do with the church? That is a really good question.

I was thinking about that as I was trying to write something for this month's "Tide" newsletter. For me September has always been associated with school, with learning; with new beginning, new teachers, and new classrooms. Even now as an older adult, with the challenges of adult learning and life time learning, September carries with it that sense of starting anew, of "learning" something that heretofore had not been known is intriguing – like learning the days of each month using your knuckles.

This year especially, with the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, the thought of learning is perhaps at the center. One of the key components of Luther's reformation movement was the challenge to study "The Word." It just wasn't church doctrine that Luther challenged, but it was the awakening of learning that he ushered in. Using God's word as the center, Luther changed society and education. No longer was reading and learning for priests and lawyers, it was for every man, woman and child.

He began to help fathers teach their children about Jesus. Schools were started for both boys and girls. Education was at the center of the freedom that the Reformation opened up for the average person. As people began to learn, as they read God's word in their own language, the joy that this

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freedom ushered in was unmistakable Even though not perfect it laid the foundation of what you and I experience today.

In light of that I want to challenge and invite you to participate and be a part of two wonderful learning and worshipping experiences in September and October of this year. You will find greater detail in this month's Tide, but I want you to be a part of this special 500th Anniversary Celebration of the Reformation that we are going to have in our congregation.

The first may have already begun by the time you receive this edition of the Tide, but it is Part Three in the three part video/bible series "A Man Named Martin." Part three is subtitled: "The Movement." This will be taught on Sunday morning during the regular Sunday morning adult Bible class starting August 27th and running through September. This class will be an excellent prelude for October.

We are planning to celebrate the Reformation during the entire month of October. We will be using a special series of worship services and bible study's titled: JUSTIFIED! 500 Years of Faith. These five worship services celebrate the teachings of God's word that were brought to light again through the work of Martin Luther. The services are based on the Reformation teachings concerning the Word of God, Baptism, the two kingdoms, our callings or vocations and justification by faith. Following the service our Sunday morning Bible study will explore in depth the subject of each of these worship services.

The Reformation is more than a monk nailing 95 thesis to a church door in 1517. It is so much more than just a rebellion against a pope. It truly is perhaps the singular greatest event of the last 500 years. And at its beginning and its center was the very Word of God.

As you find yourself winding down from the more relaxed days of summer and as the months of September and October beacon to us to return to a more hectic way of life, I pray that this fall you plan to make especially meaningful. ***Let the joys of studying God's word strengthen our faith, and may together we celebrate in a very special way the blessings that are ours thanks to God's grace lived through the life of Martin Luther.***

Pastor Paul

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**"Serve the Lord"
with gladness!"**

*Birthdays
of the Month*

Robert Jones	4
Justin Grimm	5
Kitty Bennett	6
Mary DePaoli	7
Garrett McFaul	10
Jack Janssen	12
Robert Janssen	17
J. Claire Whitney	17
Spencer Behmlander	18
Sarah Joslin	18
Tom Loppnow	19
Doris Moore	25
Diana Schwene	29



First Communion &
Confirmation Classes
Begin in September

First Communion class will begin for students entering 5th grade or older on Wednesday evenings on a date to be announced in September.

Confirmation students entering 7th grade or older will also attend. Please contact the church office for more information.



We want to share one of the Thank You cards we received from two families attending VBS for the first time...

Happy Anniversary

Peter & Sheri Swanson 1



Calling All Youth

One of the themes that set the focus for the beginning of our Wednesday night youth group is the idea that the Bible is a story with an invitation embedded in it. The story contains everything from the creation of all things to cross of Jesus Christ. *It details God's relationship with Israel and their repeated failure to be the people they were called to be, the people through whom the rest of the world would experience the blessing and goodness of God.*

At just the right time, Jesus, the true Israelite, comes and lives the exact life that demonstrates the character of God. He invites 12 disciples into His lifestyle and teaches them how to be agents of God's Kingdom. He then sends the Holy Spirit into them to transform them and give them the power to carry out this lifestyle. *Those disciples then go about making disciples and Christianity begins to spread.*

Now, fast forward to today. We are living in that same movement of God: Jesus is inviting us into His family where we take up our true identities as sons and daughters of God and become ambassadors for His Kingdom. *These are exciting times for the church of Jesus Christ!* In Acts 2:43-47, we see what the beginning stages of the church looked like. People were experiencing a sense of awe. Signs and wonders were taking place. People shared their possessions and property. They broke bread in their homes together with joy. They praised God together and people looked on them favorably. God added people to their gatherings. Doesn't this sound amazing?

The vision behind the Wednesday night youth group involves grasping onto the narrative of the Bible, saying yes to the invitation, and seeing the result of forming a community like this. *This is also the vision behind the new Coffee & Community Night.*

We want to be diligent in stirring up love for one another, genuine love that makes the outside world recognize that we are Jesus' disciples (John 13:34-35) and that God wants them in His family too. If we haven't connected yet, I would love to meet with you over coffee and hear your story. *Please email me at spencer@faithhb.org or catch me on a Sunday morning at either service!*

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Spencer Behmlander
Director of Youth & Family Ministries



Child of Faith Preschool

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 6:30 AM - 6 PM
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Our Mission - Child of Faith is committed to providing quality care in a loving, Christ-centered environment where children can develop to their fullest social, physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual potentials.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs such as these." When he had placed his hands on them, he went from there. **Matthew 19:14 - 15**

We joyfully welcome all new and returning students!

There was a special time during His ministry that Jesus demonstrated His great love for children. One day when Jesus was teaching a group of adults, parents brought their children to see Him. Jewish tradition tells us that parents would bring children who were celebrating a birthday to a Jewish teacher or rabbi to receive a blessing.

As they came close to Jesus, His disciples stopped them, saying that Jesus was too busy. When Jesus saw and heard what was going on, He intervened and invited the children to come to Him.

But Jesus was not an ordinary rabbi. He was God's Son, the Savior, whom God had promised to send.

That same Jesus who touched the children in the Bible story touches our children too. We are touched by Jesus at our baptism and each time we hear and experience the message of God's love for us.

We encourage you to read Bible storybooks that tell of God's love to your child. If you don't already have one, purchase and hang an illustration of Jesus in your child's room. Make your home a grace place – a place where your child is touched by Jesus' love through you each day.

We ask for your prayers as we care, teach, and share the message of Jesus' love every day.

The preschool will be closed Friday, September 1st for school cleaning and teacher in-service. We will also be closed Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.

Back to School Night is Thursday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m. This night is for the parents to come meet the teachers and hear about what their child will be learning this year. We will meet in the chapel first for brief introductions.

In His Service,
 Callie Paesano





Friday, September 8th
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Join us at Faith Lutheran Church for our first **Parents' Night Out** of the new school year!

We will revisit all the fun we had at
Hero Central!

During Parents' Night Out the kids get to...

Enjoy a light dinner
Make a craft

Play games
Watch a movie

Have a great time!

Any child, age 3 (and potty trained) through 5th grade is welcome to participate and attend.

Any student in middle school and older, is welcome to come and help out. Friends and family are **ALWAYS** welcome as well.

Please RSVP...

To help us plan food, crafts, etc., please let us know how many children you will bring to Parents' Night Out. Please call the church office or send an email directly to the church by Wednesday, September 6th. No worries if your plans change, we will plan for extras. Thank you so much!

If you have questions or would like to serve, please contact: Joe at pattonjoseph@hotmail.com or office@faithhb.org.

We hope to see you there!



Note for Retirees and Seniors:

Perhaps you have read that socialization and going to church increases your life span! Some interest has been expressed in getting together and discussing the possibility of forming some sort of daytime senior fellowship group. See next months' Tide for details.

New Groups Using Meeting Rooms at Faith Lutheran Church

Beginning September 7th we welcome two new groups who will be using meeting rooms, Haas Hall and Room 5, on a weekly basis.

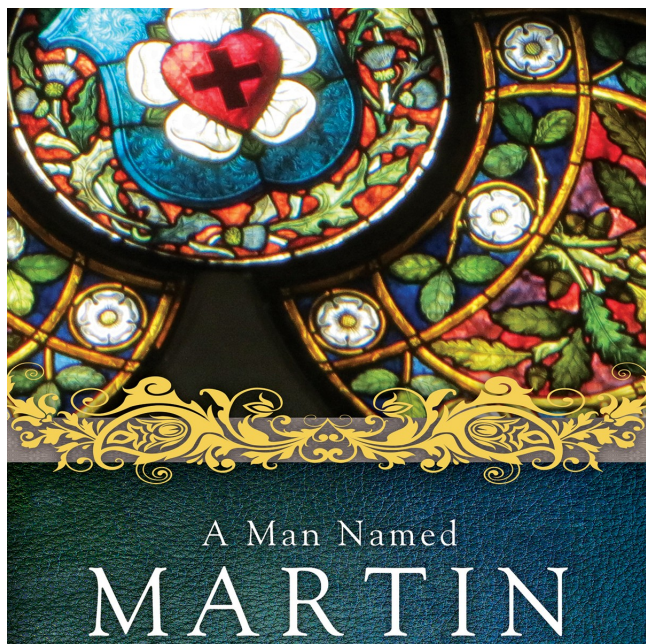
- Nurse's Support Group: Thursdays, 9:00 – 11:00 AM in Room 5
- HB Singers (children's singing group): Tuesdays, 3:30 – 5:30 PM in Haas Hall

Allowing other groups to use our rooms gives us more visibility to our community. Both groups will give us monthly donations to cover facility use expenses. So now we need to keep Room 5 clear of clutter, although occasional supplies may be left in there, as long as they are stacked neatly and there is still room for tables and chairs to be set up and clear of items.

Thank you for supporting our community outreach.



Bible Studies Inspired by the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation



A Man Named Martin Part 3: The Movement

Sunday Morning Bible Study
August 27th - September 24th

From Luther's 95 *Theses* in 1517 to the Peace of Westphalia in 1648, God was at work in the Reformation. Fierce debates over Scripture, church doctrine, and late medieval church practice led to theological positions articulating salvation as God's grace in action, with man being left to add nothing to his own salvation. In *A Man Named Martin - Part 3: The Movement*, viewers will see how the Reformation transformed European society and, eventually, left a profound impression around the globe. **Join us Sunday mornings from 9:45 - 10:45 am, beginning August 27th.**

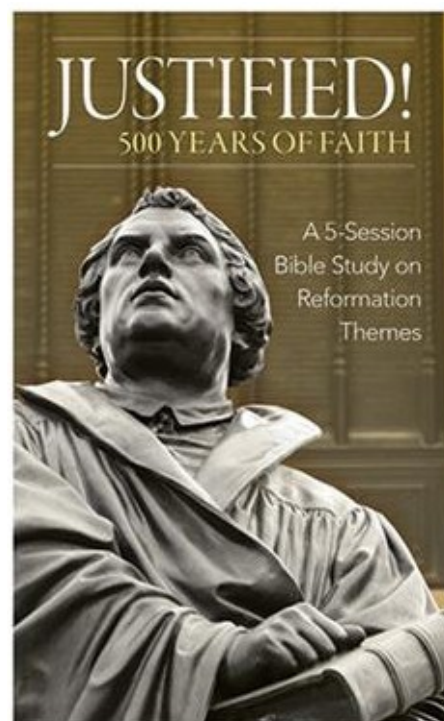
JUSTIFIED!

500 Years Of Faith

Sunday Morning Bible Study
October 1st - October 29th

On October 31, 1517, on a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, Martin Luther posted 95 theses against the sale of indulgences. That challenge to academic debate sparked the events of the Reformation and the restoration of the good news of God's grace and forgiveness in Christ Jesus.

In this Bible study, we will consider the gift of God's saving Word, our lives as his baptized sons and daughters and our callings, or vocations, as citizens of the kingdom of heaven and of an earthly kingdom. Finally, we will celebrate the good news that we are justified by God's grace through faith in Jesus our Lord. *This the Gospel message that still, 500 years later, must be proclaimed to the world.* **Join us Sunday mornings from 9:45 - 10:45 am, beginning October 1st.**



HERO CENTRAL VBS

Over 100 kids attended our Hero Central Vacation Bible School! Our heroes had a fantastic time discovering their strength in God! *We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our super hero volunteers for the loving, hard work they put into our VBS.* Without their support our VBS would not be possible. We also want to thank all the people who made donations. We really appreciate your generosity. (If we have inadvertently left out your name, we sincerely apologize. Your participation was very important!)

Volunteers

Cheryl Arroyo	Spencer Behmlander	Alexis Bennett	Charles Bennett
Dawn Bennett	Gabby Castillo	Jesus Guillén	Monica Clendenin
Kathy Dudash	Taryn Enloe	Sarah Fantel	Diana Galitzen
Mike Galitzen	Lynn Grimm	Marva Grimm	Marge Loppnow
Tom Loppnow	Anneliese Metz	Karen Neppi	Callie Paesano
Richard Paul	Judie Saaranen	Alice Schwene	Leslie Schwene
Pam Schwene	Darwin Strong	Suzanne Strong	Peter Swanson
Sheri Swanson	Kellie Whitney	Shirley Willems	Anna Williams
Mahin Yassini			

Prior to VBS Mary DePaoli and Shirley Willems cut out almost 200 capes for all our heroes to decorate and wear during Hero Central!

Hero Guides

Elle Bluhm	Christian Cirelli	Mady Fitch	Austin Gergens
Lauren Gergens	Emma Graf	Justin Grimm	Alex Guillén
Gilberto Guillén	Joshua Hanlon	Ashley Henritzzy	Annie Homer
Mary Jane Jones	Eli Kaltreider	Jordan Kelly	Tahniah Littlewolf
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Tiffany Tran	Alena Veronin	Sydney Veronin	Katie Walburger
Michael Whitney			

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Susan Liston	Tom & Marge Loppnow	Debra & Steve Merrick
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Do good! Seek peace and go after it!

Psalms 34:14b



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Over 100 kids attended our Hero Central Vacation Bible School and discovered their strength in God!

Spencer Behmlander led the kids in music during openings and closings. The kids had a fantastic time playing games in the park, enjoying snacks in the courtyard, discovering fun science, and creating hero attire in crafts. Sheri, aka Captain Shield, and Pastor Paul, aka Flame, bantered during the opening and closings. We had a lot of awesome youth leading our heroes to each activity. The children, their families and our volunteers raised \$540 to allow Point of Grace Academy in Kenya to purchase egg laying chickens for their new farm. A giant chicken thanked the children for their generosity!





**Do good! Seek peace
and go after it!** *Psalms 34:14b*



