



SHINER
LUTHERAN

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

Growing together in grace and service

Thursday October 22, 2020

[In-person worship Sunday October 25 @ 10:15 am](#)

For in-person worship please be sure to properly wear your required mask, remember to socially distance, and use hand sanitizer. Communion will be served in the pews. Ushers pick up attendance and offering.

Sola Gratia

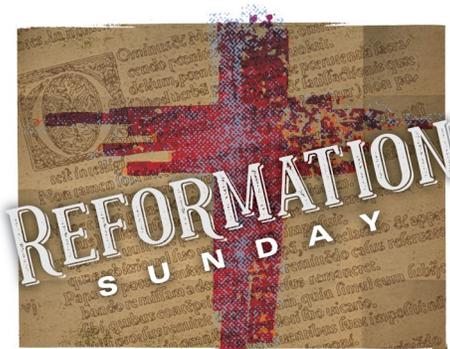
Grace Alone

Sola Fide

Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura

Scripture Alone



Sunday October 25

CELEBRATING THE REFORMATION OF THE CHURCH IN 1517 WHEN DR. MARTIN LUTHER SPOKE OF GRACE, FAITH AND SCRIPTURE

Wear RED to worship and join the Reformation remembrance



We will also be celebrating the Rite of Confirmation during the service on Sunday October 25.

William Stock and Emma Davis have completed confirmation instruction and will affirm their faith during worship. After worship, there will be a cake and punch reception for William and Emma.



Online worship on Shiner Lutheran Church Facebook page:
Sundays @ 10:15 am

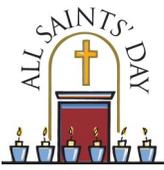
Noisy Offering will be collected this Sunday and be donated to Lutheran World Relief (LWR). This is this Lutheran organization that provides relief in disasters around the world. Next month we send our quilts and school kits to LWR for distribution where needed. Bring your coins Sunday for LWR!



First Communion instruction will be offered in November. Baptized children are invited to come with a parent to one of two Saturday sessions and meet with Pastor Chris to learn how all are welcome at the table. Families may choose either Saturday November 7th or Saturday November 14th from 10 am until noon. After attending one session, children will have a special place at the table when communion is celebrated on Sunday November 15th. Parents can decide if their child is ready to participate; our church no longer sets a certain age for this spiritual milestone. Please let Pastor Chris know your class date preference by Friday November 6.

UPDATES & INFORMATION

- **Midweek Morning Bible Study** gathers on Wednesdays at 10 am. We have begun studying Genesis and have made it to chapter three studying the first sin and the forgiving nature of God. Read along at home or drop in anytime to dwell in the word with conversation and community.
- **Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)** meets each Wednesday evening with a meal at 5:30 pm and classes for pre-K through adult starting at 6 pm. You are welcome anytime!
- **Hand Chimes** has begun practicing around 7:10 pm following GIFT on Wednesday nights. Practice is brief, but faithfulness in attending is necessary. Interested? See Ronnie Bruns.



- Sunday November 1st is **All Saints Sunday**. We will be remembering loved ones who passed away during the past year. Please let the office know if you have a name you would like included in the service that we may not have in our records. We will be reading those names and lighting candles during the service and will worship using the Country Gospel liturgy. Be sure to set your clocks back that day since we have a time change that starts on November 1st!

- The next date for **Communion in Cars** is set for Sunday November 8, the second Sunday of the month, following worship. Drive through for individually packaged communion and a blessing.
- The **Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday November 15 following worship. This meeting includes adoption of a budget for 2021 and elections.



Flowers this week are donated by Julia Mae Zimmerman in honor of her daughter Karen's birthday and by Sandra Blum, in honor of all the October birthdays in her family.

We **pray** for all those in need, particularly for those dealing with long term illness or recovery, including Harold Koening, Richard Dunmyre, Jean Wheelis, Elaina Bell, Bennie Lu Kaiser, Thelma Stockton, etc.



Christian sympathy is expressed to the family of: **Minnie Collins**, who passed away October 15, 2020, and was the sister of Anna Lee Harabis.



In case you missed it...October is known as Pastor Appreciation Month. Take a moment and say a prayer or send a message to let Pastor Chris and Vicar Daniel know they are appreciated as our leaders that are dedicating their lives to serving God as ministers.



YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

IN PERSON: Bring your offering to church and place it in the large offering envelope as you enter the Gathering Place, place it in the offering plate as you enter church, or bring it to the office.

BY MAIL: Send to the church at P.O.Box 26, Shiner.

TEXT: Text an amount to 1-844-697-3838 and put it on your credit or debit card.

APP: Download GIVE PLUS Church App from App Store or Google Play. Find our church (United Dr. Martin Luther Church) and set up your donation.

ONLINE: Go to our electronic giving service (VANCO) and set up a direct draft from your bank or credit card, which allows one time or recurrent giving to all our funds. This is recorded just like in-person contributions towards your giving statement and is managed by you. A direct link button to set this up is attached digitally.