



## Reformation Day

You **ARE** saved  
by works.  
But **NOT** yours.



October 31, 2024  
Observed October 27



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Election Day

## SAUERKRAUT SUPPER

TICKETS

\$15.00 EACH

**November 5, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

Roast Pork

Sauerkraut

Mashed Potatoes

Stuffing

Apple or Pumpkin Pie

60 Dine-In Tickets Available in the  
Church Office and Daycare Office

Raw Kraut will be for sale



*If you would like Pastor to  
visit, please contact him at  
412-841-9359  
or call the church office.*

# PASTORAL LETTER FOR OCTOBER

Dear Friends,

This month our thoughts turn toward Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation. The last day of October is Reformation Day. October 31, 1517, was the day that Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, which is considered the beginning of the Reformation. We will celebrate Reformation Sunday on October 27.

Martin Luther was certainly the foremost leader of the Reformation. But he was not the only leader. There were other professors and pastors who also played important roles in shaping the Protestant movement. Another prominent leader of the Reformation was Phillip Melancthon.

Melancthon came from an educated family. His uncle was well known as a Humanist philosopher and educator. Young Phillip was an academic prodigy and brilliant in his own right. He was appointed to the faculty at Wittenberg University and became Luther's colleague and friend. Luther and Melancthon are often said to have been best friends, but that is not quite true. There were others who were more friendly with Luther, but Phillip and Martin worked closely together and were friendly. And they were virtually of one mind theologically, although very different in personality.



Luther was loud and brash, and often wrote angrily. Melancthon was quiet and more prudent in his speaking and writing. He was nicknamed “the pussyfoot” because he “tread so lightly.” Phillip wrote the first book of systematic theology of the Reformation Era, which was the standard textbook in the field for a long time. When the Lutherans were finally given a hearing by the Holy Roman Empire to present their case, it was Melancthon, not Luther, who was chosen to create the Lutheran statement of faith and represent the Lutherans at the trial. Melancthon's Augsburg Confession, which was fully endorsed by Luther, is our preeminent foundational document in the Lutheran Church.

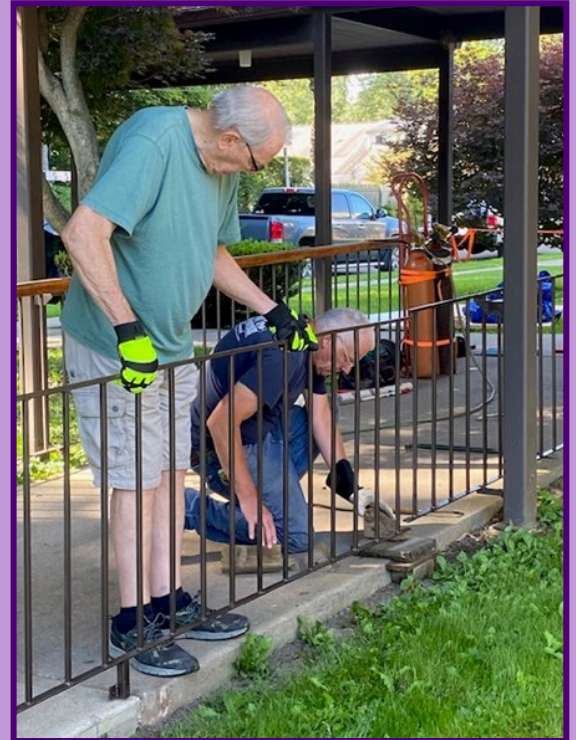
For those reasons, I often suggest, in jest, that we change our name from the Lutheran Church to the Melancthonian Church. (Actually, the best name for us would be The Evangelical Catholic Church of the Augsburg Confession, but that's a discussion for another time). It is fitting that inside the Castle Church where it all began, Luther and Melancthon are intombed side by side, two Reformation warriors resting until Christ's Glorious Appearing.

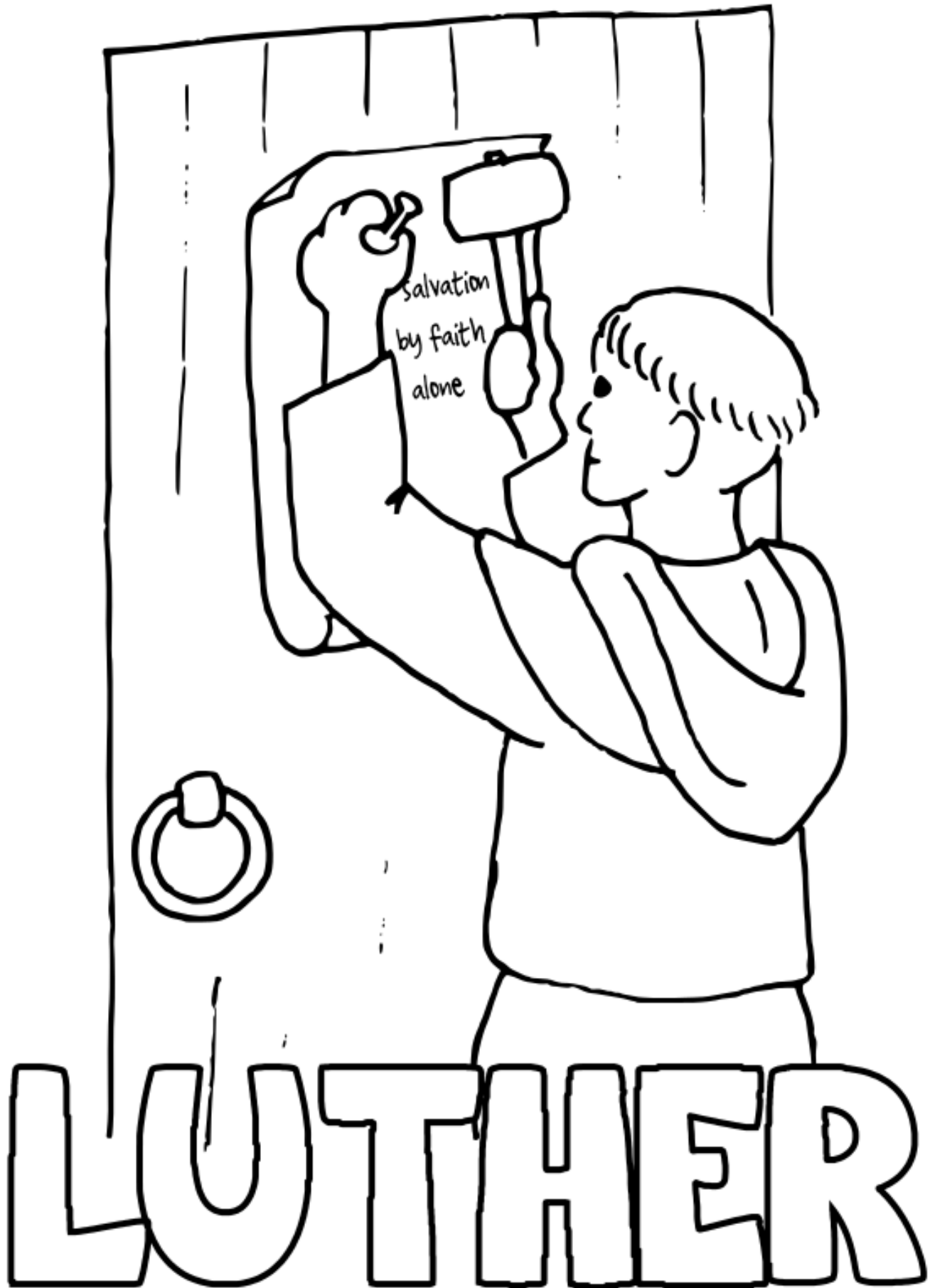
Have a blessed October.

Pastor Ash

# A Big Thank You!

Paul Vossler, with some help from Deb and Dave Pinney, repaired and re-mounted the rail along the back entrance to the church. This was not a small job. They also replaced the handrail atop the metal balusters. Thank you Paul, Dave, and Deb!





# Our Church Roof

I asked Dave Pinney if he would take me up on the churches roof, so I could take some pictures, to show you, the congregation, all that goes into maintaining our beloved Trinity. He was very obliging. The pictures that follow are of the recent, new roof, General Roofing put on. I am no roofer, but after the short tutorial Dave gave me on how they did what they did, where they had to do certain things a certain way, I am more knowledgeable than I was about Roofing. Let this be said. I don't like heights. It was very hard for me to get near some of the edges. Even walking on it in a straight line was nerve wracking. I have nothing but respect for what General Roofing's employees did up there. They earned their money. Please know that it was done right, in a limited amount of time, with respect to the church members, the Daycare and its employees.

Marsha Sick



David explains about some recent repairs done to the stucco part in the picture. Jane's in the background, staying where its safe.



A total of seven air conditioning units

New bases were made for these air conditioners. These two are the smallest of the seven. These keep us cool in the Sanctuary.



Two of the seven air conditioning units to keep us comfortable I the warmer months

David standing over the kitchen, and to his right is the Fellowship Hall.



The red chimney is for the ovens, and the round metal thing is for the grill hood that was recently replaced.

Each corner has around 14 sealants.



Dave explaining the character differences to the front part of the church.



Dave was an excellent tour guide.

Shea's are doing the drains. A few still need to be done, like this one.



# October

A large, stylized illustration of a pumpkin with green leaves and a stem, positioned in the center of the word 'October'. A small spider is visible on the letter 'O'.

## Birthdays

- 1 Albert Vossler
- 8 Gwyn Shear
- 10 Deb Layton
- 10 Abigail Ives
- 19 Rachel Fahs
- 19 Linda Gridley
- 19 Bonnie Collins
- 20 Pastor Bill Willson
- 22 Brenda Kruger
- 23 Deb Gerdes
- 23 Arlene Leave
- 23 Jane Pinney
- 25 Kelston Vossler
- 28 Nancy Link

NOVEMBER



The Ridge Walk organizers have contacted us asking for donations of homemade cookies for this year's event. They are asking that we drop off cookies at the front desk of Jones Memorial by October 18th. They will accept as many cookies as we are willing and able to make. What a compliment that they have asked our "lovely bakers" to help out! If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Ivcs.

The Vossler Family celebrating Alice Stevens' 80th Birthday at L'italia on Sept. 19.





# Council Highlights

Council met on Monday, September 16th, with many topics on our agenda. Having only been President *pro tempore*, for just a few months, let me tell you, there is a lot more going on behind the scenes than you realize. And I am not doing the best at my temporary position either. I am however learning, and those on the Council, are very willing to help me succeed.

As our usual topics get discussed, there are always questions asked that need answers. Some are quickly answered, and others may take more time. It is never a meeting where you walk in, sit down, talk over matters and walk out in an hour. Our meetings are usually three hours long. I encourage everyone of the congregation to attend these meetings. They are open to anyone who wants to come. You will see how much has to be done to keep our beautiful Trinity open, to worship in.

There are so many people to thank, for all they do behind the scenes. One in particular is Paul Vossler. He has been a member since birth, and a very quiet servant within the church. Among his many selfless acts, is the beautiful railing you and I hang on to, as we walk up the sidewalk to the back door. He has spent many hours working on it, for the safety of our members and the daycare. In man's lingo, he fitted, welded, polished, screwed in nails, all while no one was looking. And, no one asked him to do it either. He has a servant's heart. Thank you, Paul.

This is not to say that many of you haven't given your time or helped in very needed ways. Everyone's time is very much appreciated. This said, Bruce H. has agreed to lead the Sauerkraut Dinner again this year. His wisdom and knowledge is are very much appreciated. We will be looking at doing less dinners, no take outs, and less cabbage. Your help in any area with this is again, is very much appreciated. Please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex.

With the small out break of Covid among our members, and bringing back the Sharing of the Peace, our Elders feel we need to take extra precautions to help minimize any Sharing of the Germs. It was their idea to provide Hand Sanitizer in each pew. You can use it at your discretion, but we do ask that you think of those around you and use it before communion and before the Sharing of the Peace. And you may see it on the table we provide food and drinks after the service.

Along with our USA Presidential election this year, it is also an Election year for Trinity. Please, please, please, give your sincerest prayers about taking on one of the upcoming, openings. They are PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY. Some of these positions may be re-filled by the current person in that role. If they prefer not, we will need people to take on leadership roles.

I have thrown a lot out in this TELCO, but two more things need to be addressed. Mowing and snow removal. Both are very costly if we go with the small businesses that are in our town. Almost too much for our budget. This is where we can come in. Do you know people who do this kind of work, but don't charge an outrageous price. By this I mean, that they don't have a lot of employees to pay, which brings the cost up. Maybe a neighbor or family member wanting to earn extra cash. One thing that does have to be required on our end, is they must have insurance.

Please know how hard your Council works (gives of their personal time) to keep the necessary jobs done, for all of us to be able to come worship the Lord. Amen.

A child of God

Marsha Sick



# The Reformation

## Word Search

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



BIBLE  
CATHOLIC  
CHRISTIANITY  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
CORRUPTION  
DIET OF WORMS  
HENRY VIII  
HERETIC  
INDULGENCES

JESUITS  
JOHN CALVIN  
LATIN MASS  
LUTHERAN  
MARTIN LUTHER  
MONK  
NINETY-FIVE  
PAMPHLET  
PRINTING PRESS

PROTESTANT  
REBELLIONS  
REFORMATION  
RENAISSANCE  
SCHISM  
THESES  
THIRTY YEARS WAR  
WITTENBERG

# Cabbage Cutting!

Hello all,

Today was the day. The day we prepare for our annual Sauerkraut Dinner. A day full of peeling, cutting, shredding, salting, mixing, tamping, and storing, our soon to be, aromatic kraut.



This is no small task, and requires many, many hands to get this job done. A job that has had a long reputation with the Trinity Lutheran Church. An almost expected tradition.

This year was a go! At first, we started out slow, but soon gained momentum as the days went on. Leadership is must. Why? I can only say, it adds strength to what we do.



So we gathered in the basement Sunday morning, for what is a routine prep. This year, though, was a lot easier. We decided, since we had less cabbage, we would not setup the age old hand Kraut cutters. Which means, we would not need to bleach four garbage cans (only used for this purpose), tape the floor, and save us hours of work. All because Men's Club



bought an electric cutter a year ago, that made kraut cutting easier. The work is still a lot, but this does take a few hours off,





There is always a crew that shows up in the basement at 10 am. Yes, we miss church, and yes that may not sit well with some of you, but we do it, and it makes less work for the after church workers.



Did you clean crocks for that cabbage, soon to be kraut? Thank you. Did you set up the cabbage cutting room? Did you peel the outer shell of that cabbage, soon to be kraut? Thank you. Did you cut that tough cabbage, soon to be kraut, to make ready for those shredders? Thank you. Did you stand in front of our two cabbage shredders, soon to be kraut? Thank you. Did you salt that cabbage, soon to be kraut? Thank you. Did you tamp that cabbage, soon to be kraut? Thank you. Did you provide food for the people cutting the cabbage, soon to be kraut? Thank you. Did you help clean up afterwards? Thank you.



It was another year of preparing cabbage, soon to be called kraut, for our guests. It is a tradition. But it is more than that. It is a body coming together, for what? Because we have no lives? Nothing better to do? Need the exercise?

I can sum it up in in just a few small words.

As we are walking out, after all is done, cleaned up, and lights

turned off, Gary Link said to me, I dreaded this day, but it didn't turn out too bad. Why? Because people showed up. They, if even a small part, helped. What a difference our church makes when people show up.



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# God's Blessing

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