

# Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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## **Sunday, October 27 Reformation Sunday Reminders & Announcements**



**WORSHIP – 10:30 am**  
**Adult Bible Hour 9:00 am – 10:00 am**  
**Children's Education during Worship Service**

### **UPCOMING & ONGOING EVENTS**

**Forsyth County Public Safety 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat Safety Event**  
**Fri, Oct 25 from 6:00-9:00 pm (this event was postponed from last week due to weather).** This is a great opportunity to reach out to the hundreds of participants who attend this event annually. We will have a “trunk” with handouts of candy and information on Lord of Life and the Lord of Life Preschool. We need volunteers who would like to help distributing the candy. Please let Tiffanie Wright ([lolpreschool@bellsouth.net](mailto:lolpreschool@bellsouth.net)) know if you can help.



**Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night, November 2**

**This Sunday, October 27 is Reformation Sunday** – wear red in celebration of the Reformation.



**November 3 is All Saints Sunday** when we will lift up the lives of those who have gone before us and celebrate the memory of each friend or family member who has departed this life to share in the eternal feast that God has prepared for all his children. In your bulletins this Sunday will be an insert where you can list those that you would like remembered.

#### **Fall Bible Studies –**

- ✚ Adult Bible Hour – Sundays at 9:00 am
- ✚ Ladies' on Wednesdays at 6:45 pm
- ✚ Men's on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
- ✚ 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm



**Choir Practice Schedule - Mondays at 7:30 pm**

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## WAYS TO HELP THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

**WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT** - Don't forget, we continue to collect food items for those in need. Donations are taken to The Place in Cumming and North Fulton Community Charities. Bring something special this week as part of your offering. **High Need items for NFCC are:** snacks (all types); spaghetti sauce, dried beans (1lb bags), cereal, mixed vegetables (pea/carrot combo), jelly/peanut butter and baby formula. Thank you for sharing from the heart!!!



### **Sharing the Feast** *Thanksgiving Basket Project*

**We will be supporting 11 Families through Rainbow House for Thanksgiving Dinner.** Please bring donations of canned food beginning Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> through November 24<sup>th</sup> to the Church. Some suggested items are green beans, stuffing mixes, cranberry sauce, etc. We will also need (\$25) Kroger gift cards so the families can purchase perishable items. Thank you for supporting those who otherwise might not enjoy a Thanksgiving Dinner this year. After the 11:00 Service on Nov 24<sup>th</sup> the Youth will shop for remaining items and put together the baskets.

**WARNING** – please beware of any individual or organization asking for help (financial or otherwise) representing Bishop Strickland or any other pastor by email, phone, text, etc. There is a scam currently going on nationwide.

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, Oct 27– Reformation Sunday**

9:00 am Adult Bible Hour

10:15 am meditation time

#### **10:30 am Worship**

*Children's Education during Worship Service*

**Mon, Oct 28** 6:00 pm Men's Support Group

7:30 pm Choir Practice

**Wed, Oct 30** 6:45 pm Ladies' Bible Study

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

**Fri, Nov 1** 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Bible Study

**Sat, Nov 2** **Don't forget to turn your clocks back**

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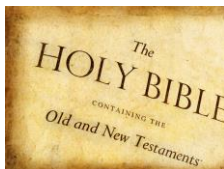
**Mon, Nov 4** 6:00 pm Men's Support Group

7:30 pm Choir Practice

**Tues, Nov 5** **Election Day - Vote**

**Wed, Nov 6** 6:45 pm Ladies' Bible Study

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study



### **The Lessons for Sunday, October 27 – Reformation Sunday**

First Lesson - Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Lesson - Romans 3:19-28

Gospel Lesson - John 8:31-36

### **The Lessons for Sunday, November 3 – All Saints Sunday**

First Lesson - Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Second Lesson - Ephesians 1:11-23

Gospel Lesson - Luke 6:20-31

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## Good News All Over Again

The desire to privatize the free love of God for all creation seems stamped on the human soul. While Lutherans learn early on in their faith formation about the abuses of the church through the sale of indulgences in the sixteenth century, the scriptures for Reformation Day remind us that the desire of religious people to claim ownership of what God freely gives is nothing new.

We hear the self-righteous bickering of the Israelites behind the prophet Jeremiah's declaration of a new covenant between God and humanity, one that erases any claim to special access, because we shall all know God. For the early church the question was whether there was any longer a need to observe the religious laws and customs of Israel, and the inclusion of Gentiles in the Christian community. Paul reminds us that we are justified by faith in who God is, a God of grace, not by virtue of who we are. Yet we forget this fact over and over again, like the Jews who insisted to Jesus that they had "never been slaves to anyone," forgetting their bondage in Egypt (John 8:33). We, too, lose sight of our bondage to systems of oppression and the unjust hierarchies they create. We, too, fall prey to thinking we are better or less than others because of arbitrary categories assigned to us at birth.

Reformation Day reminds us that our impulse to contain God's grace in structures of our own making cannot hold back God's determination to claim the whole world in a love as encompassing and intimate as words written on our hearts. That was good news for the Israelites in exile, for the early church in Rome, for those living during the Reformation, and for us today. Reformation Day reminds us that the words God spoke at creation when God made the world and called it good, become good news for us each time we hear them.

**Join us for worship on Sunday and witness God's unending grace.**

