

## On The Reformation by Pastor Maxwell Whitehead

October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the doors of the Wittenberg Castle. This was the start of what would come to be known as the Reformation. The Reformation was significant to all in the early church - Roman Catholics and the future Protestants (pretty much everyone other than Roman Catholics) alike.

So each year on the last Sunday of October, we celebrate that momentous occasion! We read from Jeremiah 31, Psalm 46, Romans 3, and John 8. We sing Luther's famous hymn "A Mighty Fortress" and we wear red symbolizing this freedom that we have in Christ. It is a glorious day to celebrate indeed!

HOWEVER! It must be made clear that in our celebration of freedom from the papacy we do not forget what it is that we are actually celebrating. If we forget the real reason we celebrate, why Luther nailed the 95 theses, we end up praising doctrine and church practices which puts us in the same place that we as Christians were 505 years ago.

Therefore, let us remember what it is we actually are celebrating - what was actually understood

by the actions of the Reformation: our freedom as Christians. We are made freed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is not our joyful singing of "A Mighty Fortress" that saves us. In fact it isn't our church practices that saves us. Nothing that we do justifies us (Romans 3:20). Instead, our church practices, our singing, our wearing red, it all is BECAUSE of the faith that God has given us in Christ Jesus. It is all BECAUSE of the grace we have been given by God, redeemed by His Son (Rm 3:24).

This is the freedom we celebrate. Freed from our fears of not doing enough to please God. Freed from the belief that we are responsible for our salvation. Freed from the sin that holds us captive, the sins that we cannot free ourselves from by our own power.

May you believe this all to be true. May you lay your trust in the hands of Christ and know Him to be your only source of righteousness. Know that it is by the faith that God has given you that you are set free in His name.

This is most certainly true.



# NOVEMBER

## Wednesday, Nov 2

7:30 AM Bible Study  
3:45 PM Jr VCIS  
5:30 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM VCIS  
7:00 PM Council Meeting

## Sunday, Nov 6

**9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)**  
10:15 AM Sunday School

## Wednesday, Nov 9

7:30 AM Bible Study  
3:45 PM Jr VCIS  
5:30 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM VCIS

## Sunday, Nov 13

**9:00 AM Worship Service (Traditional)**  
10:15 AM Sunday School

## Wednesday, Nov 16

7:30 AM Bible Study  
3:45 PM Jr VCIS  
5:30 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM VCIS

## Saturday, Nov 19

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM Kids Korral

## Sunday, Nov 20

**9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)**  
10:15 AM Sunday School

## Wednesday, Nov 23

7:30 AM Bible Study  
3:45 PM Jr VCIS  
5:30 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM VCIS

## Friday, November 25

**Newsletter Deadline**

## Sunday, Nov 27

**9:00 AM Worship Service (Contemporary)**  
10:15 AM Sunday School

## Wednesday, Nov 30

7:30 AM Bible Study  
3:45 PM Jr VCIS  
5:30 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM VCIS

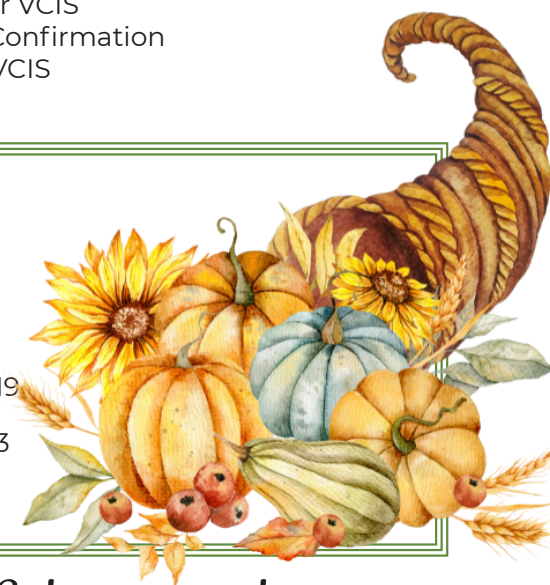
## November Scripture Readings

Nov 6: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18, Psalm 149, Ephesians 1:11-23, Luke 6:20-31

Nov 13: Isaiah 65:17-25, Psalm 98, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

Nov 20: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 46, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

Nov 27: Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44



## 2022/2023 Committee's of the Month

Each month's committee members are responsible for reading the Scriptures on Sundays. Confirmed youth of committee members are included in the month in which the parent serves. A full list of duties is on the bulletin board and in the committee of the month binder.

### NOVEMBER

Jay and Melanie Parsons  
Josh and Kristie Huth  
Ellie Whitehead  
Don and Jeanie Gerdes

### DECEMBER

Mike and Laura Stevens  
Mike and Lisa McIlvenna  
Josh and Jenae Duus  
Evan Stevens

### JANUARY

Mike and Lisa McIlvenna  
Josh and Jenae Duus  
Evan Stevens  
Mike and Laura Stevens



# Worship Helper Schedule

## Sunday, Nov 6

Reader ..... Melanie Parsons  
 Acolyte/Communion Helper ..... Olivia  
 Live Stream ..... Maxx  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Melanie Parsons

## Sunday, Nov 13

Reader ..... Confirmation Student  
 Acolyte ..... Piper  
 Live Stream ..... Maxx  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Melanie Parsons

## Sunday, Nov 20

Reader ..... Ellie Whitehead  
 Acolyte/Communion Helper ..... Curtis  
 Live Stream ..... Maxx  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Melanie Parsons

## Sunday, Nov 13

Reader ..... Melanie Parsons  
 Acolyte ..... Quinn  
 Live Stream ..... Maxx  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Melanie Parsons



## ATTENTION!! Committee of the Month Leaders

Please submit your reader schedule  
 line-up to [admin@oslcvb.org](mailto:admin@oslcvb.org) before  
 the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month so we can get it  
 into the November 27 bulletin.



Looking ahead to



## Friday, Dec 2 & 3

7:00 PM Handel's Messiah @ First Lutheran Church,  
 Sioux Falls, SD

## Sunday, Dec 4

**9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)**  
 10:15 AM Sunday School

## Wednesday, Dec 7

7:30 AM Bible Study  
 3:45 PM Jr VCIS  
 5:30 PM Confirmation  
 7:00 PM VCIS  
 7:00 PM Council Meeting

## Saturday, Dec 10

7:30PM Christmas with the Symphony @  
 Washington Pavilion, Sioux Falls, SD

## Sunday, Dec 11

**9:00 AM Worship Service (traditional)**  
 10:15 AM Sunday School  
 2:30 PM Christmas with the Symphony @  
 Washington Pavilion, Sioux Falls, SD

## Wednesday, Dec 14

7:30 AM Bible Study  
 3:45 PM Jr VCIS  
 5:30 PM Confirmation  
 7:00 PM VCIS

# Kids KORRAL



**Date: November 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Where: Parish Hall**  
**Time: 7:00PM - 11:00PM**

Give yourselves a date night and let us watch your kids! Free Will donation is encouraged to help us get to North Carolina next June.



*Attention! Sunday School singers are singing on November 13, 2022.*



## Word Find: Tribes of Israel

H	B	S	I	M	E	O	N	C	X	W	D	W	J	F
E	G	Q	M	P	J	Q	O	L	G	G	M	U	R	A
N	P	R	N	U	L	U	B	E	Z	X	D	U	E	P
T	I	H	P	E	S	O	J	I	H	A	R	Q	H	W
A	U	M	R	U	T	V	P	U	H	R	M	F	S	O
R	M	X	A	A	B	Y	I	L	A	T	H	P	A	N
R	B	A	J	J	I	S	S	A	C	H	A	R	T	X
P	Y	G	N	U	N	M	L	C	Y	V	G	C	A	R
N	R	Y	W	N	A	E	V	E	J	N	T	T	I	F
M	W	D	A	N	A	Y	B	O	I	N	Q	N	Q	W
E	E	R	Y	X	Y	S	B	Z	E	G	X	D	P	K
Q	P	P	P	Q	C	T	S	B	A	H	T	G	R	U
S	D	T	L	E	V	I	U	E	I	I	N	A	Z	H
A	A	U	P	X	Z	E	U	V	H	K	L	D	X	C
F	W	H	S	V	R	P	T	M	Y	D	S	R	B	Q

## Word List

REUBEN  
 SIMEON  
 LEVI  
 JUDAH  
 DAN  
 NAPHTALI  
 GAD  
 ASHER  
 ISSACHAR  
 ZEBULUN  
 JOSEPH  
 • EPHRAIM  
 • MANNASSEH  
 BENJAMIN

(Genesis 29:32-30:24 & 35:18). Levites are the priestly tribe, not one of the 12 tribes. Joseph's sons each fathered one of the 12 tribes.

Source: Bible  
 Book of Lists at  
[SusanCAnthony.com](http://SusanCAnthony.com)