A Gathering of Grace
A synod-wide worship marking 500 years of Lutheran Reformation.

In our Lutheran heritage, we invite you to a shared worship service combining musical and liturgical gifts from our neighboring ELCA churches. This will be a joyous remembrance featuring clergy in procession, a sermon by Bishop Richard Jaech, a joint choir and communion. PLU has generously allowed us to use Lagerquist Hall to commemorate this milestone in a larger setting.

For Puget Sound Area ELCA congregations, the Southwestern Washington Synod and Pacific Lutheran University. Praising God in Word and Sacrament, we give thanks for the heritage we share, the communion of saints and the gifts of the Reformation.

Pacific Lutheran University Campus Lagerquist Concert Hall, Sunday, November 5, 2017 - 3:00p.m.

PLU Lecture
On Tuesday, November 7 at PLU’s Lagerquist Concert Hall, the PLU Religion Department welcomes you to the 12th Annual David and Marilyn Knutson lecture. To honor the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, this year’s lecture will be given by Dr. Ulrich Duchrow, Professor of Theology at the University of Heidelberg and leader of the international Radicalizing Reformation Project. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Community Meal/Freezer
Thank you for all of your kind donations of food to the community supper. Sheila McLaughlin and Wendy and LaCi Doman spent a few hours cleaning out the freezer. They had to throw food away because it wasn’t labeled or packaged properly. They found items such as half-eaten cakes, part of a pot roast, half loaves of French bread, butter containers of leftovers and so many other things that just can’t be used.

If you are going to bring food to donate it must be labeled with your name, the date (including the year) and what it is. It must be packaged properly (freezer bags or freezer wrap). Please don’t stack things on the floor or place big items on small boxes. We are a commercial kitchen and we have to abide by food preparation and handling rules.

From this point on, anything in the chill or the freezer that is not properly labeled will be thrown away immediately. It takes volunteers hours to come and clean out the refrigerator and freezer, not to mention the cost of disposing of all of these items.

If you want to donate to community supper consider a cash donation in the special needs baskets on either side of the sanctuary or Galli Hall. Thank you!

Dr. Samuel Torvend
Mark your calendars now for our next guest speaker: Dr. Samuel Torvend from PLU. He will be with us Wednesday, November 8th for Messiah Midweek from 6:00-8:00pm and Sunday, November 12th for the adult education class at 9:30am.

Dr. Torvend is Professor of the History of Christianity and the former chair of Lutheran Studies at PLU. He is the author of Luther and the Hungry Poor: Gathered Fragments and Daily Bread, Holy Meal: Opening the Gifts of Holy Communion.

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church. No matter who you are, you are welcome here! Our expectation is that through Messiah’s worship, fellowship, and acts of service, you will experience a caring place to belong and exciting growth in your faith. Following Jesus is what we do, and we invite you along as a companion with us on the journey.

Holy Communion
All are welcome to the Lord’s table, and this always includes children! We believe that the Risen Christ comes to us in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation for all.

We practice communion by intinction—the dipping of bread into either the larger chalice of wine or, for those who prefer, the smaller chalice of grape juice. Gluten free wafers are also available. Folded hands signifies that you choose to receive a blessing rather than bread and wine.

Prayer ministers are available to offer individual prayers. If you desire, please also feel free to kneel at the altar rails for a time of personal prayer.

In the name of the Risen Christ, welcome to the Lord’s Table!

A Reformation Celebration
TODAY: Dr. Hans Wiersma, of Augsburg College in Minneapolis, will be preaching at two of our worship services and leading our Adult Forum. His sermon will address the scripture readings and connect them with Luther, the Reformation, and the 500th Anniversary Celebration of the Reformation.

The evening event, "Luther’s Table Talk Trivia Bowl" will begin at 5:00pm with dinner of brats, beer, wine and soda. The church will provide the brats and beverages, but we are asking people to bring their favorite side dish. The schedule for the evening is as follows:

- 5:00pm: Dinner
- 5:45pm: Round One: Reformation Trivia
- 6:15pm: Break/Beverage Refill
- 6:30pm: Round Two: Luther Table Talk Trivia
- 7:00pm: Discussion and Question/Answer

The evening event is suited for AOB students and above.

Please join us for this exciting and fun evening of fellowship and celebration of the Reformation!
Communication Is Key
In order to communicate better with one another, we ask everyone to complete a worship card found in the pew racks in the sanctuary and in the red pads in Galli Hall. Cards can be placed in the offering plates during all services. In Galli Hall, please complete the card and share the red pad with those near you.

We are especially looking for updated email addresses and phone numbers. Messiah has begun emailing a newsletter to everyone on Monday and Wednesday. Check it out to stay informed. If you are not receiving these email updates, please contact Tia Monsen at tia.monsen@mlcauburn.org. Also, follow us on Facebook, Instagram at mlcauburn or our website, www.mlcauburn.org.

Family Trip to the Pumpkin Patch!
Join us at the Thomasson Family Farm in Enumclaw on October 1st from 12:30-2:30 pm. The cost of admission is $10 for adults and $15 for kids.

Pumpkins are extra.

Adult Game Night
Join us for an adult game night on Friday, October 27th from 6:00pm-9:00pm in the Upper Gathering Space. Participants are encouraged to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. For more information please contact Scott Gillette (253-380-9344) or Ross Chamberlain (rchamberlain@fuse.net).

Adult Forum
"Here We Stand" On October 15th and 22nd at 9:30am in the music room, Pastor Eric and Nicole Wollridge survey the current relationship between the Lutheran and Catholic Churches in light of the Reformation, looking at both the large scale interactions of our global churches and the small scale interactions of Lutherans and Catholics right here in our community. There will be plenty of time for Q & A!

Worship Assistants
We need volunteers to put away the bread and wine after the 9:30 service. If you are interested, please contact Tia at tia.monsen@mlcauburn.org. If you would like to be a reader, communion assistant or usher at the 8:15 service please contact Linda Monsen at 360-500-9794. Thank you!

Messiah Staff Holds in Prayer
Requests for prayers: Katherine Acker, Bob & Ardyss Aubert, Richard Ball, Mary Calhoon, Lily Cromwell, Paula Dragseth, Traci Donohue, Dorothy Foss, Kari Fullbright, Matt Gartner, Marge Gredvig, Temple Johnson, Gwynne Lindbo, Bob and Beverly Massey, Shirley McGibbon, Evelyn Miller, Kalena Meuli, Don Minnick, Lori Rogers, Craig Supranent, Blanche Swalling, Erik Welch, Barb Weller, Mac Wolfe.


In the Military: Lucas Fitzmorris, Justin Greathouse, Ray Hardaway, Kenny Hendrickson, Matthew Hottle, Daryl Johnson, Madeline Jones, Kristin & Toph Lake, Josh Samuelson, J.R. Sawyer, Steven Shamion and Sam Harris.

Every Tuesday, our staff prays for the persons listed above. If you would like to be included in our staff prayers, please contact the church office at 253.833.5280. Individuals will be in our prayers for four consecutive weeks. To be included after the four weeks, please call us again, let us know how you are doing, and we will continue to hold you

Messiah This Week
Today 10/8
8:15am Worship Sanctuary
9:30am Worship Sanctuary
9:30am Education Hour Classrooms
10:45am Worship Galli Hall
12:30pm New Covenant Sanctuary
2:00pm Community Meal Gathering Space
5:00pm Reformation Celebration Galli/G Space

Monday 10/9
7:00pm Messiah Ringers Music Room

Tuesday 10/10
9:00am Staff Retreat Offsite
9:30am Pastor's Study Gathering Space
7:00pm 7th Day Adventist Sanctuary

Wednesday 10/11
6:00am Kwanis Gathering Space
9:00am Food Bank Gathering Space
9:00am Quilting Group Quilting Room
10:30am New Covenant Classroom F
6:00pm FaithWalk Gathering Space
6:00pm Worship and Music Galli Hall/Office

Thursday 10/12
1:00pm Bible Study Quilting Room
6:00pm Worship Teams Galli Hall
6:30pm Chronic Pain Classroom E
7:30pm Messiah Chorale Music Room

Friday 10/13
8:00pm New Covenant Music/Nursery

Saturday 10/14
8:00am 7th Day Adventist Sanctuary
1:00pm Piano Recital Sanctuary
4:00pm Gathering House Galli Hall
4:00pm 7th Day Adventist Chapel/Music

Next Sunday 10/15
8:15am Worship Sanctuary
9:00am Alleluia Express Music Room
9:30am Worship Sanctuary
9:30am Education Hour Classrooms
10:45am Worship Galli Hall
12:30pm New Covenant Sanctuary
12:30pm Family Event Pumpkin Patch
1:00pm Community Meal Gathering Space

Quilts and Kits
The quilters thank everyone who participated in and/or donated to our quilts and our school kits. We now need help with shipping costs. If you would like to give to this cause, make checks out to Messiah Lutheran Church (for LWR shipping). For information, please call Adriana Chandler at 253-833-4550.

Actioneers
The Actioneers event for October is a trip to Poulsbo. We’ll meet at Messiah at 9am on Tuesday, October 17 for a fall trip to Poulsbo for sightseeing and shopping. Cost for this wonderful day is only $5 for gas and tolls, plus money for your lunch. We will be returning to Messiah by 3:30pm. Please contact Bill or Carol Messecar or Don or Judy Jensen if you plan to attend.

Office Staffing
Messiah welcomes Mary Berglund and Pam Down to our church office staff. Mary will serve until early January as Interim Church Administrator. Pam will serve at Messiah as Church Bookkeeper. We ask that you welcome them into these roles and keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they get up to speed with their new responsibilities.

Mary and Pam join Lynne Inman and Tia Monsen in the church office. They all have differing and yet complimentary operational responsibilities. In the office, Lynne functions as administrative assistant, with responsibilities around tracking offerings and donations, keeping membership records, providing assistance to those with needs in the community, and keeping track of general office ordering and organization. Tia is communication central! She receives, edits, and publishes a wide variety of information for the good of Messiah. She does so through Messiah Weekly (printed and electronic), Messiah Midweek (electronic), Facebook, Instagram, and our new church sign.