



## THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2017 AT ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH



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**WORSHIP - TWO OPPORTUNITIES EVERY SUNDAY:**  
Sunday morning at 8:30 am - Contemporary Service with Communion  
Sunday morning at 11 am - Festival Service with Communion  
First Sunday of each month at 9:45 am - Children's Worship Service

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### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

On **Sunday, October 8**, at **9:45 am**, we will have a "Blessing of the Animals" on the church lawn next to the parking lot. We do this to commemorate the ministry of St. Francis of Assisi, whose love for creation was part of all he did.

### **COMMUNITY FUN DAY**

Our Community Fun Day is **Saturday, October 7 from 10 am to 2 pm** (flea marketers will start at 7 am). Please sign up in the Narthex to help. For flea market tables, please contact Cheryl Ferry, our Parish Administrator, at 610-626-5295.

### **"FALL" BINGO NIGHT**

We are having a bingo night on **Saturday, November 4**. Food will be available for sale. If you would like to provide a raffle basket, please sign up in the Narthex.

### **ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY**

We celebrate All Saint's Sunday on **Sunday, November 5** at both services. We will read the names of our deceased loved ones and light candles. The names of those we have on our list will be in the Narthex on **Sunday, October 22 and October 29**. Please add or delete names of your loved ones as you wish.

### **FROM PASTOR TIM**

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In my October article for last year, I mentioned that 2016 marked 499 years since Martin Luther sparked the Protestant Reformation, the movement from which our church is descended. Well, this year (obviously) is 500 years! In that time, Lutherans have endeavored to be a voice that proclaims the graciousness of God, and the life changing, world-transforming power of God revealed in Jesus Christ crucified and risen.

As we go through the events of this month, keep in mind that this is our focus. When we hold our blessing of the animals, when we have bingo night, as we gather each Sunday for worship, the first and foremost thing we must remember is that God justifies, forgives, heals, and changes us because that's who God is. We did not earn it, we do not deserve it. But God does it. So, may the grace of God and God's kingdom be among us and with us now and forever. Amen.

Happy 500th anniversary!

*Pastor Tim*