

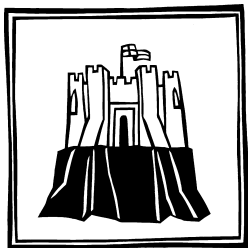


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REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 2026

Always Reforming



A core teaching for Martin Luther and other church reformers in the sixteenth century was that God grants us salvation not because of our good works but by God's grace through faith. Our good works flow out as our response to God's great gift.

The work begun by Luther and others has continued through the years. The church in North America may appear to be in decline today, but do not lose heart. The church is always in the process of reformation, and the Holy Spirit is always at work in the church.

The church's mission to bring good news to all also continues. Out of gratitude for God's gifts to us, we go out to proclaim the gospel, work for justice and peace, and love our neighbors in all parts of the world. For some, good news comes in the form of word and sacrament. For others, good news is food, clothing, housing, advocacy, disaster relief, caring conversations, and much more. Wherever we go, we meet people where they're at.

On this Reformation Day, take time to pray for the church, for its ongoing reformation, for the healing of divisions, for the renewal of faith and mission, and for the strength to persevere in these efforts. How might you or your congregation support or participate in this important work?

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Wendy S. Farone
Assisting Minister: Loran Bohman
Lector: Katrina Syska
Communion Helper: Daisy Shields
Organist: Drew Pogyor
Altar Care: Loran Bohman
Altar Flowers: are given to the glory of God by Jessica Wurm in honor of Reformation Sunday and her mother, Debbie Smith’s birthday.
The Sanctuary Light: is given to the glory of God by Barbara Jo Cush in memory of Barbara L. Beech.
The Columbarium Light: is given to the glory of God.

Entrance Hymn **ELW 645** **Christ Is Made A Sure Foundation**

Hymn of the day **ELW 517** **Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word**

Communion Hymns **ELW 511** **Thy Strong Word**
 ELW 652 **Built On A Rock**

Sending Hymn **ELW 504** **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

Communion- If you need assistance or are unable to come to the communion rail, stay in your pew, and the Pastor will come to you. If you are unable to receive either the consecrated bread or wine, receiving either one is a complete and valid reception.

Membership- There are many ways to be connected with our congregation. Everyone is welcome to participate in any congregation activities, and anyone baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is welcome to Holy Communion. We welcome your membership request.

October 18, 2026 Attendance:

Offerings:	
Monthly Need:	\$11,095.00
September Offerings:	\$8,426.00
Thrivent Dividends:	\$4,432.29
Total:	\$12,858.29

Faith Announcements:

Halloween Candy Drive 🍬

We are collecting Halloween candy to fill treat bags for children in our community to enjoy while trick-or-treating! If you would like to help, please bring individually wrapped candy. Don't have time to shop? Monetary donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase candy for the treat bags. **The last day to donate is October 25th.** Thank you for helping us share a little sweetness and make Halloween special for the children in our community! **Candy will be handed out on Saturday, October 31st from 6-8 pm.**

Coffee Hour: Today after worship, Pastor Wendy will share a presentation on Martin Luther in Germany, with snacks provided!

New Wooden Flower arrangement, cross-making class! On Sunday, November 1st at 11:30 am, we will have a wooden flower class to decorate items of our choice! Lunch will be provided. A sign-up sheet and pictures of the crafts are in the narthex for those interested.

Bruce Campbell will be here on Wednesday, November 17th, at 12:00 p.m. to give a presentation on different health insurance programs. Anyone interested is welcome to attend and learn more about the available options.

Test your Bible knowledge and have some fun with our new crossword puzzle! Stop by the bulletin board, give it a try, and see how many clues you can solve.

Seeking Ad Hoc Stewardship Committee Members

As our Refresh and Renew projects continue, unexpected discoveries have increased costs beyond the original bids. To stay on track and complete all three phases, we are forming a short-term Ad Hoc Stewardship Committee to grow the Property Improvement Fund. If you have a heart for stewardship and would like to help raise the funds needed through creative ideas, please join us! No prior experience required — just a willingness to serve for a limited time. *If you are interested in serving in this important work, please text or email Judy Haliko at 412-298-7258 or judyhaliko01@gmail.com.* Thank you for helping strengthen our church home!

A Sacred Place of Remembrance

Our church columbarium provides a quiet and sacred place to remember and honor those we love within the sanctuary and the community of faith that has meant so much to so many. A limited number of columbarium spaces are currently available for those who may wish to make thoughtful arrangements for themselves or a loved one. If you would like to learn more, we invite you to contact the church office or Pastor Wendy. We would be honored to speak with you and answer any questions with care and sensitivity.

Bible Study Updates!

We've got some great Bible Study topics coming up, so mark your calendars and join us! **October 20th**: Pastor Wendy will continue to lead us on a deep dive into the **Armor of God!** We'll explore what Scripture has to say about putting on the full armor of God and how these powerful images apply to our everyday lives. Bring your Bible, bring your questions, and bring a friend! There's always room at the table for one more. We hope you'll join us!

Ambassador Committee Meeting: Thursday, November 12th, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

Council Meeting: November 19th, 2026, at 12:30 pm.

Pastor's Podcast- New episode!

Understanding Church: Pastor Wendy Visits Luther in Germany
<https://www.belc.org/podcast/> or wherever you listen to podcasts.

Welcome, Visitors and Guests,

We are glad you are here! We welcome you to participate fully in worship and to engage in all church activities. If you are considering joining as a member or have any questions, please get in touch with Pastor Wendy Farone at (412) 443-9122 (c), the Church Office at (412) 673-2296, or email flcpastorwendy@gmail.com. We look forward to speaking with you soon. Everyone needs a church home and family. We hope to be yours!

-Pastor Wendy

Considering Membership at Faith Lutheran?

We're grateful you've been worshiping with us, and we'd love to walk with you as you explore becoming part of our Faith Lutheran family. Membership is a way of rooting yourself in a community of prayer, service, and shared discipleship. It's also a chance to learn more about our Lutheran tradition, our mission in White Oak, and the many ways you can use your given gifts to serve God and neighbor.

Community Announcements:

White Oak Senior Activities October 2026 Calendar-all activities are held at the White Oak Community Center at 1798 Lower Heckman Rd.

Mondays & Wednesdays- Yoga Class at 11 am

Tuesdays- Cardio Drumming at 1 pm & Gentle Exercise at 2:30 pm

Thursdays- Fit & Balance Class at 11:30 am

Thursday October 8th & 22nd- Coffee Hour at 9:30 am

Lea's Floral Shop Flower Arrangement Classes at 6 pm- \$50 per class unless otherwise stated. Attend all the classes and get the Boozy Hot Cocoa Class for free!

Wednesday October 28th-Halloween Jars

Wednesday Nov 11th- Fall Water Vase

Monday Nov 23rd- Cornucopia

Tuesday Dec 1st- Boxwood Tree

Monday Dec 7th- Christmas Vase

Wednesday December 9th- Snowman

Monday Dec 14th- Christmas Centerpiece

Wednesday Jan 6th-Boozy Hot Cocoa Class

Saturday, November 7th, Peace Lutheran in Greenock will be having a Fall Craft Show from 9 am to 2 pm. Vendor applications will be available in the narthex for anyone interested. Place the completed form and check in the bin on Jessica's desk.

Prayer List September - December 2026

<u>Jean</u> Bickerstaff	<u>Rose</u> Gombas	<u>Tracy</u> Scott
<u>Jean</u> Bodenlos	<u>Becky</u> McCandless	<u>Sandy</u> Seitz
<u>Beth</u> Bucker	<u>Berty</u> McMillen	<u>Maxine</u> Smith
<u>Cindy</u> Caiarelli	<u>Georgina</u> McMarlin	<u>Robin</u> Van Dyke
<u>Jan</u> Cassol	<u>Mira</u> Merritt	<u>Patty</u> Warnick
<u>Lorenzo</u> Chick	<u>Karen</u> Nichols	<u>Linda</u> Weese
<u>Luca</u> Chick	<u>Maryann</u> Palyo	<u>Theresa</u> Zell
<u>Bill</u> Grimm	<u>MJ</u> Palyo	<u>Dennis</u>
	<u>Helen</u> Pula	<u>Justin</u>
		<u>Jeremiah</u>

*Please email flcwhiteoak@gmail.com for any additions or removals from this list.

Upcoming Commemorations

Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters

Monday, October 26, 2026

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

Simon and Jude, Apostles

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

Reformation Day

Saturday, October 31, 2026

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.