Martin Luther

Timeline

Doctor in Bible at University of Wittenberg, Wittenberg, Germany

Studied at the University of Wittenberg. Attended 1508 to 1512

Lives in the Black Monastery, Wittenberg, Germany

Married to Katharina von Bora

Born on November 10, 1483

FRIENDS

Martin Luther

1534

German Bible: done! Thanks for all your support, friends!

Martin Luther

1529

The common people, especially in the villages, have no knowledge whatever of Christian doctrine, and, alas! many pastors are altogether incapable and incompetent to teach. I think I’m going to write a #catechism.

Martin Luther

Philipp Melanchthon

August 1, 1521

Be a sinner, and let your sins be strong, but let your trust in Christ be stronger, and rejoice in Christ who is the victor over sin, death, and the world.

Martin Luther

April 18, 1521

I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. May God help me.—at Diet of Worms

Archbishop Albrecht of Mainz

Martin Luther

November 1, 1517

Received your Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences yesterday. I hope nobody else has seen this? #heresy
This month’s Key focuses on the theme of reformation, that process of improving something or someone, to make it new and at the same time clarify the essential heart of the thing that was there all along. Here at Faith, reformation happens on the individual level, through study of the scripture, worship, and fellowship; and at the institutional level, through congregational reflection on where the church has been and where it’s going into the future. Through the Holy Spirit, God re-forms us every day, calling us to live out our faith in service to our neighbors, not only as individuals, but as the body of Christ at Faith Lutheran Church. It’s why our young people make their public affirmation of faith on Reformation Sunday; in the same way that Luther’s reformation began by articulating his faith, so do youth embark on the next stage of their lives in Christ with a statement of belief.

By all accounts, his own included, Martin Luther was a tortured soul. He reflected almost continually on his own sin, and felt that he could never measure up to God’s expectations. Through study of the Psalms and the New Testament, he came to understand that salvation is a gift of God’s grace, attainable through faith in Jesus as the Messiah.

Faith, for Luther, was a gift from God; the discovery of justification by faith was “as though I had been born again.” Freed from fear of divine condemnation, he was able to follow the example of Christ’s saving actions and willingly serve God and his neighbors.

Luther’s main worry? That his gullible neighbors were doomed to the fiery pits of Hell because they didn’t know about Jesus Christ and had been tricked into believing that their salvation could be purchased through indulgences. Luther’s revelation moved him to write the Disputation of Martin Luther on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences, also known as the 95 Theses, statements which were viewed as heretical by the church.

Friends translated the theses into German and printed and widely copied them, making the controversy one of the first in history to be aided by the printing press. Within two months, they had spread throughout Europe. Students thronged to Wittenburg to hear Luther speak. In effect, what had started out as a desire to improve the church and share the good news of justification by faith became a movement for change spurred on by the social media of Luther’s time.

On the cover, we playfully imagined what Luther’s Facebook page would have looked like. One can imagine a wide network of digitally connected friends and colleagues, all using the digital space to talk about and debate Luther’s theology. In our inter-connected world, our personal experiences of God’s grace and love have the power to touch other people, and our every action can have a positive impact. How might you respond to the grace you have been given and share God’s grace with others? Whom have you been freed in Christ to serve?

We pray that you find in Faith a place for daily reformation, and that your service to others begins here.

~Faith Lutheran Church
Celebrate Confirmation!

Contact: Pastor Yvette, pastoryvette(at)flcva.org

Martin Luther is known for his confident trust in God, but he his strength and conviction didn’t come easily. He struggled, studied, and prayed for years until he had the breakthrough moment that helped him understand and receive the generous gift of God’s mercy. But once he got it, he wanted everyone else to know about it, too, so he started talking and writing and nailing things to church doors...

Like Luther, Confirmation students Daniel Jewell and Andrew Link have gone through a time of study, prayer—and maybe some struggle!--in their three years of Confirmation classes, camp weeks and weekend retreats, Scripture study, and service projects. On Reformation Sunday, October 26, both will share a reflection on their faith at all three services and then will be confirmed by the rite of Affirmation of Baptism at the 11 a.m. service. Please come help us celebrate and recognize their growth and faith!

Miracle Sunday: November 15, 2015

Do you believe in miracles? We do. A miracle is a special gift from God that comes to us when our needs are great and we turn to God and ask for a way through.

Our members and leaders believe that a critical part of the future of Faith, in order to continue our many programs, serve those in need, and respond with love and care to those among us who are suffering, is to continue with two-full time pastors after Pastor Brian retires in January. Right now our giving is not at the level necessary to sustain that vision.

We have decided to pray for a miracle, a miracle this Thanksgiving. We are praying for a miracle of extra giving of $75,000, beyond what we each give in our weekly offerings.

During the weeks leading up to November 15, our Miracle Sunday, we will be sharing stories about the ministry and mission of Faith Lutheran, and we will be praying that God provide the resources necessary to carry on that ministry. Will you please join us in praying for the future of Faith, and for the miracle of giving needed to make that future possible.

We believe that if every one of us shares what we are able, this miracle can occur. Please be in prayer about what you might share, and then plan to bring your special miracle offering to Faith on November 15. If you prefer to make a gift before that, simply designate that it is for Miracle Sunday.

We believe in miracles. We hope you will choose to be a part of making that miracle a reality.

The 2015 Faith Lutheran Church Council
What is OAR? **Offender Aid and Restoration** is a community-based non-profit serving Arlington and the Cities of Alexandria and Falls Church. OAR was started by five churches back in 1974. For 41 years, staff and volunteers have helped tens of thousands of men and women coming home from incarceration. OAR also manages the Community Service function for the Arlington and Falls Church courts by placing clients in volunteer positions with faith communities, nonprofits and government agencies. And, staff train and supervise volunteers to teach in the Arlington jail and mentor folks coming out of both the Arlington and Alexandria jails. OAR was able to serve 2,813 clients in FY15.

**OAR is here for you.** You are encouraged to call upon OAR for any help you need in reference to folks you know and serve who either have been in prison or have loved ones in prison. They have qualified staff to talk with you about strategies for helping individuals and families. Call anytime! (Call Elizabeth Jones, Acting Executive Director 703-228-7441.)

**Donate a Toy.** There is a saying that when someone goes to prison, the family goes too. Each year OAR provides Christmas toys for children whose parents are incarcerated in the Arlington jail or who have just recently been released. We will again collect toys in October (see below). Last year just over 300 children received three toys each. We have our annual Project Christmas Angel wrapping party the middle of December each year where about 175 community members wrap all the toys. Look for the date on the OAR website and register to come: [www.oaronline.org](http://www.oaronline.org)

**Christmas in October: The Details**

*Contact: Mary Hibbits, mohibbits(at)aol.com*

October 4 begins Faith’s “Christmas in October” annual toy collection for Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR). Based on actual suggestions from their mothers and fathers, children will receive special Christmas gifts that send a message of love and connection from absent parents.

The process is easy: Choose one or more of the tags from the OAR tree in the Parish Hall, have fun shopping before the Christmas rush, and return your unwrapped donation to the large OAR box. Gift cards for older children are especially needed. Collection will continue throughout the month of October.

Last year Faith donated approximately 45 gifts, everything from dolls and trucks to art kits, gift cards, and sports equipment. Imagine the delight when children receive a package with a card signed by their absent parent, thanks to this OAR program and your generosity.

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**OAR: Mary’s Story of Reformation**

Mary came to OAR almost two years ago, having spent 8 years in prison where she earned many certificates in horticulture. We all assumed that landscaping companies would hire her, given her training and expertise. But none would, once they found out she had a criminal record.

She spoke one evening at an OAR function at Cherrydale Baptist Church and soon after, one of the men in the audience said he would hire her to do his lawn. With that start, Mary began a small business. OAR helped her get her business license, website and business cards. She initially operated her businesses on a scooter and finally the judge gave her a provisional license so she could get a van.

A year later she was able to hire other OAR clients and today runs a very busy small business, thanks to lots of good referrals.
Welcoming the Stranger
Contact: Stephanie Barnes, stbarnes27(at)me.com

Last month several people volunteered during Faith’s congregational service project aimed at helping refugees and immigrants in our community.

On “God’s work, Our hands Sunday” several kids and adults assembled fifteen “welcome kits” for refugee families. Two of these bags, filled with shampoo, toothpaste, soap and other essential items have already been given to refugee families in northern Virginia on their first day in the United States. Imagine being picked up at the airport in a new country and taken to a strange apartment with only the clothes you brought with you! We hope these bags of toiletries will welcome them to their new home.

The rest of the bags will be distributed to families arriving from Rwanda, Somalia and Afghanistan. The first wave of Syrian refugees are expected to start arriving in October.

Other volunteers also lent a hand at the Just Neighbors immigration clinic, helping immigrants from Egypt, Ethiopia, El Salvador, Bolivia, China, Mexico and Bangladesh. Volunteers helped clients fill out applications and apply for immigration benefits for which there are eligible.

Faith was delighted to work with Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area and Just Neighbors Ministry. Thank you to everyone volunteered and brought in items for the welcome kits!

Caring for Others
Contact: Pastor Brian and Pastor Yvette, pastor(at)flcva.org

Stephen Ministry is our congregation’s one-to-one caregiving ministry. God works through Stephen Ministers to plant a seed of hope and healing in a person whose life seems barren and forlorn because of crisis or tragedy.

Stephen Ministers listen, explore feelings, pray, share Christ’s love, maintain confidentiality and attend to the caregiving process and leave the results to God.

Stephen Ministers care for people who are grieving, in a crisis, in need of long-term care, dying, hospitalized, divorcing, experiencing losses as they age, going through a crisis of childbirth, or who are the family and friends of people in crisis.

To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Brian or Pastor Yvette, or attend worship on October 4, Stephen Ministry Sunday. You’ll have an opportunity to hear from one of our Stephen Ministers during worship and visit with them at their table in the Fellowship Hall between services.
Feeding the Hungry

Contact: Kay Flatin, 703-379-0445

Meals on Wheels serves meals to people who are home-bound. On the fourth Monday of each month, Faith’s five teams of two serve these neighbors on give different routes. One person is the driver, the other is the deliverer. **We are currently looking for two or more volunteers** to replace regular volunteers who are ill or no longer able to participate. Please contact Kay if you would like to sign up!

Upcoming Events in Brief

- **Becoming a Member of Faith**
  **September 27, October 4 & October 11, 9:30—10:45 a.m.**—New Members Sessions, summarizing the Lutheran understanding of Christianity and the life and mission of Faith Lutheran Church. **New Members will be received on October 18**, with a reception following worship.

- **Mom & Baby Bible Study**
  **Will begin in November!** Stay tuned for details.

- **Middle Adult Gathering (ages 36—70)**
  **Saturday, October 17, 6:00 p.m.**—Wine and cheese social at home of Anne Johnson (4706 S. 29th St, Arlington 22206). Please bring wine or another beverage or a snack to share. If you plan to attend, please email Pastor Brian.

- **XYZ Events**
  **Tuesday, October 6, 11:00 a.m.**—We are going to Catoctin Orchard in Maryland and having lunch at the Shamrock. The van will leave at 11:00 a.m.

- **Tuesday, October 20, Noon**—Everyone is welcome to join us for an Oktoberfest at the church. Pastor Brian will be grilling bratwurst. Please bring a side dish to share.

- **Men’s Breakfast**
  **Saturday, October 31, 8:00 a.m.**—Milton Schock will share pictures of many of his favorite places visited over many years.

- **Young Adult Gathering**
  **Saturday, October 31, 5:00 p.m.**—Wine and cheese gathering at the home of Michelle Williams (5903 Parkridge Lane, Alexandria, VA 22310). Please bring a beverage or snack to share. Halloween costumes are not necessary, but welcome! If you plan to attend, please email Pastor Brian.

- **Forgotten Luther Symposium**
  **November 6—7, Lutheran Church of the Reformation (Capitol Hill)**
  Martin Luther's take on the structural causes of poverty, and a fresh look at how Luther's work applies to today's challenges including climate change, are topics to be addressed by prominent scholars at the Forgotten Luther Symposium. **Registration is now open**. More at FB/ForgottenLuther and on the symposium website.
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Sunday Lectionary

**October 4**  
19th Sunday after Pentecost  
Genesis 2:18—24  
Psalm 8  
Hebrews 1:1—4; 2:5—12  
Mark 10:2—16

**October 11**  
20th Sunday after Pentecost  
Amos 5:6—7, 10—15  
Psalm 90:12—17  
Hebrews 4:12—16  
Mark 10:2—16

**October 18**  
21st Sunday after Pentecost  
Isaiah 53:4—12  
Psalm 91:9—16  
Hebrews 5:1—10  
Mark 10:35—45

**October 25**  
Reformation Sunday  
Jeremiah 31:31—34  
Psalm 46  
Romans 3:19—28  
John 8:31—36

Thank you!  
... to Sally Arason, Jeff Busse, the Collinses (Sam, Cyrus, and Nia), the McAvoys (John, Tiffany, Jack, Rand, and Arden), Ginny Paulus, Mary Hibbits, and Marilyn Haugen, for help with the food and clothing ministry to the homeless in September.
### October Birthdays

| 1 | Michelle Lounberg  
   | Karen Phillips     |
| 2 | John Brandt       
   | Kieren Upadhyaya   
   | Michelle Williams  |
| 3 | Leora Lihach      
   | Evan Meyer         
   | Jonathan Seipp     
   | Julia Wilfang      
   | Drew Wright        |
| 5 | Lindsay Parsons   
   | Kirbie Petersen    |
| 7 | Eli Briede        
   | David Brink        |
| 8 | Debbie Pfaff      
   | Cassy Doran        |
| 10| Patrick Crowley   |
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| 12| Mary Niebuhr      |
| 13| Joseph Shaw       
   | Iris Nelson        
   | Kasey Songster     |
| 16| Steve Page        |
| 17| Frank Andrews     
   | Cindy Lersten      |
| 18| Gina Brumback     
   | Julie Seipp        |
| 19| Duane Reger       |
| 20| Scarlette Miller  |
| 21| Jeen-Marie Belson |
| 21| Carolyn Landry    |
| 11| Nate Howder       |
| 12| Norma Musselman   
   | Luke Sotos         |
| 13| Debbie Cockey     
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#### Birthday Milestone: Norma Musselman Turning 90!

If you’d like to send birthday greetings to Norma, you may mail them to:

5521 31st Rd N  
Arlington, VA 22207

### October Wedding Anniversaries

| 1 | Laura & Stephen Ours |
| 4 | Jen & Noah Moore     |
| 6 | Reg Leichty & Alise Troester  
   | Mark & Meghan Sylvester |
| 10| Rob & Jennifer Briede |
| 11| Wade & Kat Cleland   
   | David Colman & Anne Marie Forney |
| 12| Pamela & Daniel Veenbaas  
   | Rob & Suzanne Wheeler |
| 15| Brian & Jamison Perkins |
| 16| Howard & Leslie Herman |
| 24| Jonathan & Michelle Link |
| 29| Andy Ruge & Lisa MacVittie |
| 30| Jon & Kelly Discount |

### October Baptism Anniversaries

| 1 | Corey Holmes  
   | Mark Sylvester |
| 2 | Erik Bokil    |
| 5 | Christian Bumgardner |
| 10| Joshua Litterst |
| 12| Madison Culin  
   | Holden Schock Francis  
   | Gianna Storelli       |
| 13| Sara-Katherine Nelson  
   | Leena Pankaj       |
| 16| Nathan Herman  
   | Dominique Lounberg |
| 19| David Brink    |
| 20| Patrick Jordan |
| 21| Erik Iversen   |
| 22| Calvin Knisely |
| 24| Delia Dresser  |
| 25| Laura Ours     |

### Celebrating the baptismal anniversary

Celebrating the baptismal anniversary can be especially meaningful for young children who were baptized as infants, and offers an opportunity for parents and other adult role models to share their faith stories with the youngsters in their lives. Re-lighting the baptismal candle, reading the Bible or singing hymns are just some ideas for celebrating. If you would like a copy of the ELCA Anniversary of Baptism service, please email office(at)flcva.org.
Members of the U.S. Navy Band will present a free concert of chamber music for wind instruments on Sunday, October 11, at 3 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church. The program will feature music of Palestrina, Saint-Saëns, Prokofiev, Piazzolla, and much more!

We hope to see you at this fun, family-friendly event!
### Regular Sunday Schedule

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### OCTOBER 2015

**ABBREVIATIONS:**
- BP - Bride’s Parlor
- CR - Choir Room
- FH - Fellowship Hall
- K - Kitchen
- L - Lounge
- VR - Nursery
- S - Sanctuary
- SM - Stephen Ministry
- U - Undercroft
- XYZ - eXtra Years of Zest (seniors)
- YAG - Young Adult Gathering
- MAG — Middle Adult Group
- FLP — Faith Lutheran Preschool

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Rev. Yvette Schock, Associate Pastor
Pastoryvette(at)flcva.org
Darrell Fitzpartin, Director of Music & Worship
Darrell(at)flcva.org
Carrie Field, Preschool Director
Preschool(at)flcva.org
Jen Moore, Communications Coordinator & Office Administrator
Office(at)flcva.org
Juan Ulloa, Church Caretaker

PASTORAL CARE
Comfort Shawl Ministry
Provide through the pastor shawls for those in need of comfort.
Carrie Beyer
Cbeyer(at)comcast.net

Communion Ministry
Serve Holy Communion to members who are homebound or hospitalized.
Rev. Yvette
Pastoryvette(at)flcva.org

Faith Family Freezer
Provide (through the pastor) meals to those in times of family distress
COORDINATOR NEEDED

Patient Companion Program
This program—through the Virginia Hospital Center—provides someone who sits at the bedside of a patient during their final hours.
Barbara Foeller
bfoeller(at)comcast.net

Prayer Chain
Lisa Thurston H: 703-216-4126
LThur0704(at)juno.com

Stephen Ministry
Provide Christian care to people in crisis.
Terry Mallett, Teresa.mallett(at)verizon.net

CD Ministry
Duplicate CDs of worship services Coordinator Needed

ADMINISTRATION
Counting Teams
Meet after the 11:00 service to count and record the offerings.
The Finance Team
Finance(at)flcva.org

Newsletter Team
Labels and sorts the newsletter monthly.
Adriana Stone H: 703-536-5914

Notification Team
Mary Beth Allen H: 703-528-5817

WORSHIP AND MUSIC
Acolyte/Crucifer
Youth who participate in Sunday worship.
Paul Wengert, poor.yorick(at)verizon.net

Altar Guild
Preserves the altar and chancel for worship.
Carol Tschudy H: 703-521-6792
Tschudy(at)ao.com

Assisting Minister/Leader
Assists with worship and reads Scripture lessons.
Anne Johnson
Augustiniana(at)verizon.net

Communion Assistants
Assist with Communion distribution during worship services.
Sally Arason: H: 540-783-2040
Arasonrosoee(at)ao.com

Friendship Folders
Maintains folders that are used on Sundays for sign-in, prayer cards, etc.
Paulette Sandene H: 703-273-8380
Sandenepe(at)ao.com

Pew Bibles
Ensures each pew has Bibles.
Sue Burggraf: H: 703-522-1549
Sburggraf(at)comcast.net

Sound Ministry
Runs the sound system during worship and records services.
(9:30) Annette Hocher: ahwahoo98(at)gmail.com;
(8am) David Babich, davidbabich1(at)Hotmail.com

USHERS
Doug Lauer
Dflauer(at)yahoo.com

YOUTH
Youth Ministry/Confirmation
Pastor Yvette
Pastoryvette(at)flcva.org

FYI (Faith Youth Incorporated)
Andy Ruge, Macrute(at)verizon.net

EDUCATION
Sunday School
Kirsten Walter Baker,
bakerkirsten(at)gmail.com

Little Lambs
2 year old Sunday School every other week in the Virginia Room during Sunday School
Cindy Lersten
Lersten(at)yahoo.com

Tuesday Evening Class
Pastor Brian
Pastorbrian(at)flcva.org

Thursday Morning Bible Study
Pastor Yvette
Pastor Yvette(at)flcva.org

Vacation Bible School
Meet in August to give a wonderful spirit-filled experience to children from age 4 through 5th grade (and older children may volunteer to assist).
2015 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

OUTREACH
Greeters
Welcome worshippers as they enter the sanctuary.
COORDINATOR NEEDED

Website
Update and maintain Faith's website.
Jen Moore
Jenmoore(at)flcva.org

SOCIAL CONCERNS
Bagged Meal Program
Prepares and distributes meals the second Saturday of each month for Arlington's homeless.
Paul Wengert, Poor.yorick(at)verizon.net

Clothing Program (ASPAF)
Collects gently used clothing and new toiletries.
Marlin Haugen, mb_haugen26(at)comcast.net

Creation Care
Goal: to reduce Faith's carbon footprint.
Greg Blatt, gb113(at)yahoo.com

Friends of the Seminary (LTSG)
Liaison between Faith and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.
COORDINATOR NEEDED

Men of Faith
Meet regularly for fellowship and study.
WELCA
Paulette Sandene H: 703-273-8380
Sandenepe(at)ao.com

ACTIVITIES
Pastor Yvette
Pastoryvette(at)flcva.org

xXtra Years of Zest
50+ who meet frequently for lunch and fellowship.
Carolyn Baker H: 703-671-0312

FELLOWSHIP & COMMUNITY LIFE
Coffee Fellowship
Prepares coffee for and cleans up after fellowship on Sundays.
Sue Burggraf, sburggraf(at)comcast.net

Fabric Crafters
Makes items for the National Lutheran Home, Culpepper Gardens, and LWR.
Jeanette Dere H: 703-370-3793
Djdere(at)earthlink.net

Families of Faith
Pastor Brian
Pastorbrian(at)flcva.org

Green Team/Creation Care
Being good stewards of God's creation.
Greg Blatt, gb113(at)yahoo.com

Moms & Babies
For moms with babies under 1 year.
Mary Klapmust
mmklapmust(at)gmail.com

Weekend Men of Faith
Meet on a monthly for breakfast, fellowship, and discussion.
Pastor Brian, pastorbrian(at)flcva.org

Middle Adult Ministry
Social gatherings for ages 40—65.
Pastor Brian
Pastorbrian(at)flcva.org

Women of Faith
Meet regularly for fellowship and study.
WELCA
Paulette Sandene H: 703-273-8380
Sandenepe(at)ao.com

Young Adult Ministry
Social and discussion group for ages 18—39.
Pastor Brian
Pastorbrian(at)flcva.org

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