

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
***A Reconciling Works Congregation of the ELCA welcoming the LGBTQ community***  
**- A multicultural, all-inclusive ecumenical ministry**

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**The Rev. Dr. David O. Guss, Fr., Ph.D.**

**Parish Newsletter**  
**October 22, 2017 ~ 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Ministries**

Bible Study and Brunch will be held, as usual, on Wednesday from 11AM until Noon. We have been having wonderful devotions, prayers, conversations, scripture readings and snacks. Please try to join us for this hour of fellowship each week. This is especially nice if you are not able to be here on Sundays.

**Prayer Requests & Membership Updates**

We pray healing prayers and good wishes for Pastor Carter, Margarita, Anna and for Beverly.

**Thank You**

A big thank you to everyone who brought food, beverages, cards and good wishes for our Pastor Appreciation mini-breakfast last week. We don't get many opportunities to celebrate Pastor Guss and it was nice that many were able to be here. Thank you again Pastor for being who you are and for allowing us this time to celebrate you.

Bettie wishes to extend her gratitude to everyone for their contributions to replace the money that she'd had stolen last week. It was very thoughtful and greatly appreciated.

**Upcoming Fall Events**

Next Sunday, October 29, we celebrate Reformation Sunday and we ask that the congregation wear red in honor of the special Sunday in the church.

On that same day, there is a special event for the Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Join the Florida-Bahamas Synod for a Lutheran-Catholic Common Prayer Service. Co-hosted by the Archdiocese of Miami, it will be held at the Cathedral of St. Mary, 7525 NW 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33150 on Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 4:00pm-5:00pm.

The following Sunday, November 5, we celebrate All Saints' Sunday as we remember those we have lost this year. Bettie will have the sheet you need to fill out with the person's name, and who will light the candle on the altar in their memory.

Also, Sunday November 5 is FALL BACK Sunday where we turn our clocks BACK one hour before going to bed on Saturday night. Make sure you mark your calendar for this time change so you will be on time for worship.

Friday November 10 is Rummage Sale Prep Day, and Saturday November 11 is the sale itself. Hopefully we are all preparing our things for the sale and we will have a busy, profitable day that day with nice weather and friendly people.

November 19 will be our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner after Worship. More details as we get closer to the date.