

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

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Parish Newsletter
October 29, 2017 ~ 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Ministries

Bible Study and Brunch will be held 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

Keith and Hang's plans were changed and they will be here for worship next week. Also, we continue love and prayers for Pastor Carter, Margarita, Anna and Beverly.

Current Events

On this date in 1517, Martin Luther posted 95 Theses (propositions) on the door of Wittenberg Castle Church as an invitation to debate the sale of indulgences for forgiveness. That event sparked a reform movement that eventually led to a Lutheran church and separate denominations. While there is much sorrow in the disunity which the Reformation caused, Luther did establish the idea that the Church is always in need of reform in the light of the gospel. Luther's primary principle that Christians are justified by God's grace through faith in Christ has also found universal acceptance among denominations. Today we pray for church unity, for the purity of God's word and for a church that is always open to reform and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The Archdiocese of Miami and the ELCA Florida-Bahamas Synod are sponsoring a 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Service today. It is at St. Mary's Cathedral 7525 NW 2 Ave, Miami. Prayer service 4:00-5:00 PM.

The Synod of the ELCA has announced that a new Bishop was elected at their conference in Orlando. Our new Bishop is the Reverend Pedro Suarez. We offer prayers and support for his ministry and his leadership.

Donna will present her Temple Talk this morning. Charles is scheduled for November and Beverly for December. All those who have not presented their talk yet, please see Bettie or Pastor and schedule.

Upcoming Fall Events

Next week, November 5, we observe All Saints' Day, as we honor those we have lost this year. Bettie has the paper you will need to fill out with the name of your loved one and who will light the candle on the altar in their memory. The names and sponsors will appear in next week's bulletin.

Also next week we celebrate the November birthdays of Carlos, Lily, Winona and Luana.

A reminder of the time change next week, set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night, November 4th.

Our Fall Rummage Sale prep day is Friday November 10 and the sale is Saturday November 11. Please plan to be here both days, as we will certainly need everyone's help sorting, setting up, selling and cleaning up afterwards. And if you know someone who would be interested in helping in any way they can, please invite them to join us.