

# Commemorating 500 Years of Reform

I am excited about the opportunity in this, the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, to lift up and commemorate our heritage not only in the Lutheran church but for the church as a whole as we seek to understand one another. As you can see through this brochure we have a number of events planned to encourage faith and to create an ecumenical dialogue about the faith in our community.



From exploring faith history to delving into theology, art, music along with many worship opportunities, I hope you will feel welcome to join in any of these offerings.

The reformation continues today as we seek by God's grace to bring together that which is divided in our lives, in our churches and in society. May you discover in the 500th anniversary of the Reformation a deepened passion for peace, justice and unity.

*Pastor Charles Mantey*

## National Lutheran Choir to perform "Una Sancta" this Fall

Join the National Lutheran Choir in a concert that commemorates 500 years of reformation. The concert draws from Martin Luther's explanation on the work of the Holy Spirit—the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies—as well as the ongoing transformation of Christ's church as it remembers the past, reconnects to the present and re-envisions the future. Choral music, ancient and modern, will bring to life the times and places of this historic journey.

### ABOUT THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR

Under the direction of nationally known conductor, composer and organist Dr. David Cherwien, the 64-member National Lutheran Choir's artistry is rooted in its mission to strengthen, renew and preserve the heritage of sacred choral music. And it does so through the highest standards of performance and literature.



**October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 4:00PM**  
**Saint Paul's Episcopal Church**  
**Salem, Oregon**

*Welcoming*  
ALL IN CHRIST

*Journeying*  
TOGETHER IN FAITH

*Reaching*  
OUT IN SERVICE

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Events to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation



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# Schedule of Events

All events are **open to the public**

## JANUARY–MARCH 2017

**Explore How Lutherans Interpret the Bible** with former Visiting Theologian Mark Allen Powell. Once series is completed at Adult Forums, DVDs will be available upon request to Pastor.

## MARCH 1–APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

Utilize the inspirational Lenten devotional **Free Indeed**. This Lent, services on Wednesday, as well as the devotional material are based on Luther’s Small Catechism. Take this opportunity to refresh or learn for the first time core principles of the faith.

## APRIL 28–30<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

**“Making the Angels Laugh”** is this year’s theme for the women’s retreat. Come prepared to get to know other Saint Mark women and the unflappable wife of Luther, Katharina von Bora.



## JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> | PENTECOST

Explore the mystery reflected in the **3rd Article of the Creed** at the 9:30AM service, then enjoy a Chili Cookoff (Fiery offerings) and take of tour of the building and many of the ministries that happen at Saint Mark.

## JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

Get in the Spirit of **Salem’s World Beat** by worshipping with music from around the globe. Come dressed in ethnic dress and feel free to sing out in Spanish, or other languages and sample delicacies at coffee hour.

## SUMMER 2017

Join a small group discussion of **Together By Grace**. Groups meet in homes or at church to consider various articles compiled in this interesting volume.

## AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

In honor of the Reformation Anniversary, this year’s **Wine, Wisdom and Song** will be a German Dinner, auction and Germanic music celebration. 5:00-8:00PM. Location TBA.

## SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

**Rally Sunday** — Join the “Priesthood of All Believers” in Saint Mark’s parking lot for a casual outdoor worship, animal blessing and picnic. This year we are asking people to come in their work clothes, or bring a symbol of their working life, as we celebrate Luther’s understanding of vocation of us all.



## SEPTEMBER 29–OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2017

**Faith Dialogues** — See right side article for details.

## OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2017

The **National Lutheran Choir** with David Cherwien, Conductor. This Minnesota-based choir comes to Saint Paul’s to offer sacred music in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the European Reformation. 4:00PM at Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church in Salem, Oregon.

## OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

Saints and Sinners gather for our version of a **Harvest/Halloween Intergenerational Party** at 4:00PM. Come dressed as your favorite saint ... or sinner!

## OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

Our organist, Tim Bibelheimer is sure to “pull out all the stops” on this **500th Anniversary Festival Worship**. Historic timeline and artwork will also be displayed.



Watch for more information on an *Interdominational Panel Discussion, Saint John Bible display, Hymn sing and more!*

# Faith Dialogues to host Dr. Samuel Torvend

Faith Dialogues will be presenting Dr. Samuel Torvend on **September 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, & October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017** for three days of discussion and teaching about Martin Luther and the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation.

### FRIDAY NIGHT LECTURE // 7:00PM:

*All Things Are Being Made New: The Contemporary Relevance of the Reformation*

In this presentation, participants will consider the different reforming streams of the sixteenth century that emerged from a fresh encounter with the Bible and the distinctive gifts each reform offers the Christian community today. Anglican, Anabaptist, Lutheran, Reformed, and Roman Catholic forms of renewal and reform will be discussed.

### SATURDAY WORKSHOP // 10:00AM:

*Eucharistic Practice in the Midst of Economic Injustice: An Enduring Legacy of the Luther’s Reformation*

This interactive presentation and conversation will invite participants to consider the revolutionary reform of sacrament and social assistance promoted by early Lutheran congregations. At the same time, we will consider the “economy” of the Eucharist and the questions this sacramental practice raises in a land marked by poverty and continued food insecurity. *Q&A and discussion to follow.*

## ABOUT DR. SAMUEL TORVEND

Dr. Samuel Torvend is Professor of the History of Christianity and University Chair in Lutheran Studies at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. For the past five years he has been a member of the Radicalizing Reformation Project, centered in the University of Heidelberg, that draws Luther scholars from around the world to consider the unanswered questions of the Reformation.



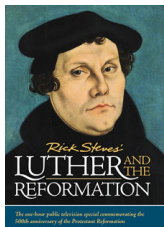
He is the author of *Luther and the Hungry Poor: Gathered Fragments* (Fortress, 2008), *Flowing Water, Uncommon Birth: Christian Baptism in a Post-Christian Culture* (Augsburg, 2011), and *Daily Bread, Holy Meal: Opening the Gifts of Holy Communion* (Augsburg 2004). He is a contributor to *The Forgotten Luther: Reclaiming the Social-Economic Dimension of the Reformation* (Lutheran University Press, 2016).

## LUTHER’S ROSE ORNAMENT

As part of our Reformation celebration, Saint Mark has commissioned a local company, Pure Grace, to create a Luther Rose ornament. Ornaments will sell for \$10 and will be available this summer. Proceeds will raise funds for youth to attend next year’s National Youth Gathering.



## RICK STEVES’ LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION DVD AVAILABLE



In this one-hour special, Rick Steves tells the story of a humble monk who lived a dramatic life. Rick visits key sites relating to the Reformation and explores the complicated political world of 16th-century Europe. You can borrow a DVD copy from the Saint Mark Library, or watch it in its entirety online.