



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED!

**THE 32nd ANNUAL FESTIVAL
CELEBRATION OF THE REFORMATION
and
A CELEBRATION OF THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE REFORMATION**

Reformation Sunday
October 29, 2017
7:00 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Alliance, Ohio
On Union Ave. (St. Rte. 183)
One mile south of State St. (US 62) at second stop light

With Guest Preacher
Pastor Karl Biermann
Assistant to the Bishop
Northeastern Ohio Synod of the ELCA

Holy Communion
Special music Staffed Nursery
Social Hour after Worship

This annual celebration of the Reformation is a ministry of the following seven Lutheran congregations
of the Eastern Cluster of the Canton-Massillon Conference.

Abiding Savior, Alliance
Emmanuel, North Georgetown
Kountze Memorial, Louisville
St. John's, New Franklin

St. Paul's, Alliance
St. Paul's, Minerva
Trinity, Sebring

For further information, call Pastor Jim Metzger, 330-823-8384.

COME AND HEAR
Pastor Karl Biermann



In this milestone year, the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, we are indeed happy and fortunate to have as our Reformation Service preacher, Pastor Karl Biermann, assistant to the bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Pastor Biermann was born and raised in the Texas hill country north of San Antonio, where German immigrants settled in the 1840s, established Lutheran congregations, and kept speaking a mix of German and English prominently into the 1960s. Perhaps this is why about the only hint of “Texas speak” that you will hear from him is the occasional “y’all” or “all y’all”!

Pastor Biermann received a BA in English from Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas, and a master’s degree in history from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

In 2004 Pastor Biermann graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, with a master of divinity degree. During his seminary days at Trinity and his pastoral internship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Upper Arlington (Columbus), Biermann and his wife, Lana, enjoyed the people, fun attractions, and Ohio’s changing seasons.

Upon graduating from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Pastor Biermann was ordained in 2004 and served at Grace Lutheran Church in Bandera, Texas until 2009. From 2009 to 2014 he served at St. Mark’s Lutheran, Cuero, Texas.

On October 18, 2014, Pastor Biermann received and accepted a call to serve as assistant to Bishop Abraham Allende of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the ELCA and began this present call on December 1, 2014. Biermann’s primary responsibility is to match pastors and other rostered leaders with synod congregations through the call process which can seem more like a matchmaking art than a science!

With their previous happy experiences during his student days at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Biermann and his wife, Lana, are indeed happy to again live in Ohio, where they now reside in Stow with their daughter, Kendall, age 13, and their son, Erich, age 10.

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO WORSHIP WITH US ON THIS 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION AND TO HEAR PASTOR KARL BIERMANN.