

500th Anniversary Celebration of the Protestant Reformation

German Augustinian monk and biblical professor Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. This event is widely considered as the public focal point for the beginning of the Protestant Reformation in Western Europe. San Gabriel Presbyterian Church is celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation with a ten-week Sunday School class beginning August 27 and running through Reformation Sunday, October 29. Classes begin at 9:00 a.m. at the church located at 5404 Williams Drive, Georgetown, across from Sun City Texas.

Several speakers with expertise in various aspects of the Reformation will be presenting during this ten-week series. Speakers will include the Rev. Paul J. Blom, Bishop Emeritus of the Gulf Coast Synod, ELCA, who will begin the series with a two-week presentation on Martin Luther on Sunday August 27 and Sunday September 3. On Sunday September 10 and Sunday September 17, The Rev. Dr. David Jensen, Ph.D., a Reformed theologian and Academic Dean at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will give a two-week presentation on John Calvin focusing on the legacy of Calvin today.

On Sunday September 24, a presentation will be given on the impact of the Reformation in Scotland which gave rise to American Presbyterianism with the mass migration of the Scots in the 17th and 18th Centuries to America. On Sunday October 1 a presentation will look at the impact of the Reformed/Presbyterian presence in America. On Sunday October 8 and Sunday October 15, The Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Currie, Ph.D., a Reformed theologian and former Dean of Union Presbyterian Seminary at Charlotte, NC, will give presentations on Reformed theology and ethics.

On Sunday October 22 a presentation will be given on the impact of the Reformed movement worldwide by The Rev. Dr. David Johnson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Church History and Christian Spirituality at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The ten-week series will culminate on Reformation Sunday, October 29, with The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Lord, Ph.D., The Dorothy B. Vickery Professor of

Homiletics and Liturgical Studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, giving a presentation on Reformed worship.

For more information you may visit San Gabriel Presbyterian Church's website at www.sgpcgeorgetown.org, or call the church office at 512.868.0902.