

October Events Commemorating the Reformation

The Reformations

Presentation by Dr. Ken Sawyer, McCormick Theological Seminary Scholar

Saturday, October 28, 7:00 p.m., MPC Sanctuary

With Reformation Hymn Sing at 6:30 p.m.

Memorial Presbyterian is pleased to welcome Dr. Ken Sawyer, Professor of Church History at McCormick Theological Seminary as we commemorate the 500th Anniversary of Luther's 95 Theses. Dr. Sawyer will bring the many streams of reformation into conversation with Luther's reformation project presenting: *The Reformations: Past and Present*. The community is invited to join in a Reformation Hymn Sing at 6:30 p.m. with presentation to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Adult Education Courses, 8:45 a.m.

- September 24: The Protestant Reformations: Reformation Background and Luther, led by Greg Braatz.
- October 8: The Protestant Reformations: Reformation and Calvin, led by Greg Braatz.
- October 15: The Protestant Reformations: Reformation Today, led by Greg Braatz.
- October 22: Sunday Times. We'll use some of what we've learned about the Reformation and discuss current events through the lens of the Reformed faith.
- October 29: *The Church Reformed always being reformed by the Word of God*. Dr. Ken Sawyer will share about the Presbyterian Reformation, building upon his community presentation on Saturday evening,

Sunday Morning Worship Services, 10:00 a.m.

- October 1: World Communion Sunday, with Pastor Mike preaching on *Sola Gratia: Connected by Grace*
- October 8: CROP Walk Commissioning, with Greg Braatz preaching on *Sola Fide: Inspired by Faith*
- October 15: Congregational Meeting, with Pastor Mike preaching on *Solus Christus: Serving Christ*
- October 22: Baptism of Jonathan McElrath with Pastor Mike preaching on *Sola Scriptura: Inspired by Scripture*
- October 29: Reformation Sunday, with Dr. Ken Sawyer and Pastor Mike preaching a sermon in dialogue—*Soli Deo Gloria: The Continuing Reformation*

Bach's Reformation Cantata

Caritas Collegium

Sunday, October 29, 3:00 p.m., MPC Sanctuary

Caritas Collegium, a chamber choir in residence at Memorial Presbyterian Church, will present Bach's Reformation Cantata (BWV 80), a work based on what is probably Martin Luther's most famous hymn – *Ein Feste Burg – A Mighty Fortress is Our God*. The dizzyingly powerful opening chorus is followed by recitatives and arias which reflect the full breadth of Bach's art of word painting and emotion. This is considered to be one of Bach's most magnificent cantatas, one of the greatest works in the history of music. This event is open to the public; a freewill offering will be taken.