



## ALL ALONE



Sola gratia (grace alone), sola fide (faith alone), sola scriptura (scripture alone). As Lutherans we likely have heard these before, if not the Latin then at least the English translations. But just what do they mean?

These three statements, along with the often forgotten solus Christus (Christ alone), are really what the reformation was all about. These statements represent the core of our faith, one that holds that we are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone as He is revealed in Scripture alone.

Okay, but why is this so important for us? The answer may not be as simple as that statement, then again, it may be far simpler. Martin Luther sought to bring the church back to this basic principle that we are saved by grace through faith, not by works. The idea of indulgences and pilgrimages was to earn salvation by doing something to make up for our sins. Our good works needed to outweigh our sins. To help with this people could purchase these indulgences, they could visit certain sacred places or perform certain acts of devotion, they could view relics or give to the church, all in order to in some way make up for those sins they had committed or even those their loved ones had committed. But this all took away from the work of Christ. Still, such practices were encouraged by popes and councils as good and true, even if they contradicted the words of Scripture. This system then made for a salvation that was accomplished by the works of man and not God.

The reformation was all about returning to a salvation that was from God alone. And so these statements embodied that understanding. Our salvation is a gift of grace and of grace alone. Nothing we do could ever begin to atone for our sins. To even suggest that our works could was to undermine the work of Christ. Thus grace alone. We gain access to this gift of grace through faith, and this faith is given to us by the working of the Holy Spirit. Again, nothing we do earns this. Thus faith alone. We learn about this gift of grace and faith is worked in us as we hear the clear words of Scripture, and it is only Scripture that informs us about how we are to live as people who have received these wondrous gifts. And all of this is solus Christus, through Christ alone. It is the work of Christ alone that offers forgiveness, life, and salvation. Only through His blood shed on the cross are we saved. This great gospel message is made known to us through the pages of Holy Scripture, we lay hold of its benefits through faith, and we are given this gift by grace.

Sola gratia, sola fide, sola scriptura, solus Christus. Grace alone, faith alone, scripture alone, through Christ alone. And as all of this is given to us we find ourselves learning a fifth solae, soli deo gloria, glory to God alone. For our salvation, for the gift of forgiveness, for all that these bring us, we give glory to God alone because He alone is the one who has worked our salvation, it is His grace that gives to us all that we have and turns from us the wrath our sins deserve.

Remember this as we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. Yes, Martin Luther was important as it was through Him that God worked to bring the Church back to a scriptural understanding of His works, but even Luther would have not wanted this to be all about Luther, in fact he most likely would have been fine had his name been forgotten as long as the glory for our salvation was given to God alone.

To God alone be the glory.  
Pastor Paul Yearyearn



### REFORMATION CELEBRATION & OKTOBERFEST CRAFT FAIR

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Menifee invites you to join them in celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation at our First Annual Oktoberfest Craft Fair on Saturday, October 7, 11 am to 6 pm! Sip on a cool German Hefeweizen as you enjoy traditional German merry-making music. Munch on a juicy bratwurst as you stroll among the various craft booths. Smile as your children run up excited to show you the free crafts they just made! Don't forget to stop by the raffle table, and also take some silly pictures at our photo wall! For more information, visit our website, [menifeelutheran.org](http://menifeelutheran.org) or call 951-672-6675. We still have a few spaces left for crafters! If you are interested in purchasing a booth, email Karlyn Collie at [kc.gslc@gmail.com](mailto:kc.gslc@gmail.com) or call 951-672-6675 ext. 203 for additional information.

**OKTOBERFEST** at First Lutheran Church, 600 W. Sumner, Lake Elsinore Saturday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 2 pm. There will be crafts, games, brats and dogs. Win a gold fish, cake walk, bid to throw a pie at the pastor, and much more. All you can eat BBQ lunch, shop their craft fair. One entry fee to support their mission project - \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. For more information call 951-674-2757.



## QUILTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

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Hello Everyone from the Quilters!

When you get this newsletter we will have had our last regular meeting for the year. We have a couple things that still need completion before they are sent off for delivery on Oct. 20. Bring your cameras with you to church on Sunday Oct. 8 for the blessing of the quilts.

We want to thank each and every one of you who have donated items to our group this past year and ask God to bless you for your support. It is with your help, that we count on, that keeps us going and bringing comfort, warmth, and love to God's people so they know others are working to help them and their families.

All the quilts we made last year went to India. All the baby quilts were delivered to San Bernardino to the Pregnancy and Family Resource Center. You helped save many lives of babies that stayed with their families. This year other quilts and items will be delivered later next month. Thank you for your much needed support there.

If you want more information about our groups please contact Linda Olson 276-0373. We meet on the fourth Saturday of each month except in October when we meet on the second Saturday to set up quilts for the blessing and package them for delivery on Oct. 20. We take November and December to work at home on items for the boutique. We always love to have visitors come by to see us at work or join in and help. Thanks again and may God richly bless all of us.

## HOLIDAY CRAFT BOUTIQUE



Our 2017 Holiday Boutique is just around the corner, Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 2 pm. We had a successful craft night in September and hope you join the fun on Monday, October 9th, and Friday, October 20th and Friday, November 4th.



Once again we are truly blessed to already have a "full house" of vendors inside including several new faces. The funds raised this year will be used to install stained glass overlay on the windows above the church entry door (same as is behind the cross and above the side windows in the sanctuary). I hear our Shepherd Bakers have some new recipes – yum!. We will be having a gently used table again this year and Christmas items most definitely! Looking forward to seeing all of you on the Nov. 18th!

Yours in Christ,  
The Boutique Team Paula Winn, Marge Clark and Laurie White



It's time to start packing up! Packing up your shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child that is. Operation Christmas Child is a fantastic way to get involved in the evangelism and discipleship of children around the world! Every gift is an opportunity to share the Gospel.

We have printed shoe boxes available or you may use a regular shoe box and cover it or use a plastic shoebox-size container available at the discount stores (Dollar Tree; Big Lots - 99¢).

Information on how to pack your shoe boxes is available in the church lobby.

Please don't forget your donation of \$9 or more for each shoe box payable to Samaritan's Purse with Operation Christmas Child in the memo line and return to church by Sunday, November 12th. Any questions contact the church office.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Decorate Tournament of Roses Parade floats! Participants include youths 13 years or older, seniors well into their nineties plus all types of groups. The Lutheran Hour Ministries float, the only Christian float in the parade, is entitled: Bringing Christ to the Nations. Sign up at [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org)

Outreach Booth Volunteers will distribute materials describing the huge difference Jesus can make in the life of every person in the world. There are many opportunities to witness one's faith before, during and after the parade. For information regarding how to become a Petal Pusher® Outreach Booth Volunteer, contact Ed Stelling at [kuwaa513@att.net](mailto:kuwaa513@att.net).

## FALL BLESSINGS FROM SVLS

Happy Fall! We are so grateful that our weather seems to be cooling down a bit. Our summer was certainly a hot one this year. I would like to start out by saying thank you for all the generous gifts donated through our Apple Tree program this year. Your outpouring of love and support has been overwhelming and we are all soooooo appreciative.

All our classes are doing well. Our enrollment this year is much better and we are truly blessed with a great staff. October brings a lot of excitement and the beginning of our holiday season.

### Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 8 Children sing @ 10:45 service  
Church/School Potluck Picnic following church
- Oct. 19 Great California Shakeout 10:19 am
- Oct. 26-27 Elks Vision Screening
- Oct. 30 Pumpkin Patch for the children
- Oct 31 Costume Harvest Parties in the classrooms  
Trunk or Treat in the top parking lot  
(set up 9:30 am for children to begin @ 10:00am)
- Oct. Our first fundraiser for the year – Midland catalog sales which include  
Novelties, wrapping paper, candies, etc.

We would love to fill up the top parking lot with cars for our "Trunk or Treat." If you are able to join us, please do. If you can't bring your vehicle, we always accept donations of treats to hand out.

Please continue to keep our church and school in prayer.

Serving His children,  
Linda Williamson



### REFORMATION 500 - AN EVENING OF WORD AND SONG

will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 7:00 pm at  
Concordia's Segerstrom Concert Hall in Irvine.

Concordia's choirs, handbells and orchestras join with musicians from area churches and schools in a 500-member music ensemble to lead festive hymns, choruses, and sacred music around the themes of Scripture Alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone and Christ Alone.

Theologians from Christ College will share what it means to be Always Reforming as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Tickets available at [cui.edu/Reformation500](http://cui.edu/Reformation500).



### PRAYER SHAWLS – STITCHED IN PRAYER; GIVEN IN LOVE.

Our group members have been busy this summer – we have knitted and crocheted over 20 shawls! We have also begun making a smaller version of the shawl called a "pocket prayer square." Designed to be tucked into a pocket or purse, the "Pocket Prayer Square" is a tiny reminder of God's great love for us.

Please consider joining us at 10:00 on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month. We can show you how to use a very simple pattern to create a gift that provides comfort and hope. Please see Lisa Butterfield or Kathy Muckala if you have any questions.

#### Time Alone With God

Give me time alone with you dear Lord  
So I can ever be  
Your child and live in true relationship  
In peace and harmony

Give me time alone with you my Savior  
So I can have your strength  
To withstand my enemies  
And love will flow at length

Give me time alone with you divine  
Trinity  
So I can choose to serve you well  
As your reflection  
Shines in me

Give me time alone with you  
And keep humble, true  
That my heart may be your throne  
And you will breath in me

Happiness cannot compare  
To what you have given me  
But if one hour a day I'll choose  
Time alone with Thee

By Marlene Alexander



### SCRIP UPDATE



Scrip will be ordered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays only, until further notice. The turn around will be the same. Scrip is a wonderful way to plan a budget, help the church and plan for holidays and special days in your family's future. Thank you to all who have been ordering and for your support.

~~Karen Rice, Scrip Coordinator

### 2017 FLOWER CHART

If you'd like to donate flowers for the altar, sign up on the board hanging in the church lobby. Indicate what the flowers are for - anniversary, birthday, in honor of or in memory. Take a slip with ordering instructions. Flowers are ordered by you from Moreno Valley Flower Box (653-3171) and they deliver them to church. Each large bouquet is \$26. Small altar bouquets are \$19 each. Questions? Call the office.



### Joseph Project - Community (Citywide) food Bank

Shepherd is working with other churches in Moreno Valley with this community food bank that provides food for the needy every Thursday from a distribution center at the Koinonia Evangelistic Center, 21866 Brill Rd., Moreno Valley (951-867-3050). Volunteers are needed to help out with distribution, sorting, clean up, etc. at the center. Contributions to the Joseph Project will be gratefully accepted through Shepherd. Please pray for this ministry and volunteer your time and talents! Contact Larry Alexander for more information.



### THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:

Thrivent members are eligible to designate Choice Dollars to a church or charity of their choice. Undesignated dollars "expire" after March 31. Go to [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com) and click the MyThrivent button on the upper right side of the site and direct your Choice Dollars. Both the church and school are registered to receive Choice Dollars and Shepherd is grateful to those who have contributed through this program.

### CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

This past November, many members of church congregations in Riverside participated in Immanuel's "Roadrunner Golf Classic." We had a great day at Victoria Club. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 23** for a fun day to support our school's remodel project. The event will be held at the Victoria Club, 2521 Arroyo Drive, Riverside. The Classic is only 3 months away. Register today by calling (951) 682-4211 or email [carl.boburka@isroadrunner.org](mailto:carl.boburka@isroadrunner.org). **DON'T BE LEFT OUT!**



Carl Boburka, Principal  
Immanuel Lutheran School



### INVITE OTHERS TO OUR CHURCH AND SCHOOL!

SVLC business cards are available (in packets of 10) in a basket in the church lobby. Take a pack and pass them out to strangers, friends and neighbors who need a church home or a preschool for their children.

**NEEDED FOR NURSING HOMES:  
Magazines and greeting card fronts.  
Bring to the church or office.**

### THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT BOUTIQUE

Is scheduled for  
Saturday, November 18th  
from 8 am to 2 pm.

Start making your craft items now. Plan what delicious baked goods you will make and donate closer to the event. Any questions, call the office.

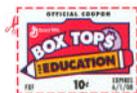
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Thank You!**



**Thursdays at 9:30 AM  
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# October 2017

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
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| <b>1</b><br>9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class (O-H-PS)<br>12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H)<br>5:00 PM Confirmation (O)<br>6:30 PM Youth Group (Y)  | <b>2</b><br>10:00 AM First Place TLC (Reese Home)<br>7:00 PM MV Chorale Rehearsal (S)   | <b>3</b><br>12:00 PM Outreach Committee (Alexander Home)<br>5:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)<br>6:00 PM School Board Meeting (O) | <b>4</b><br>9:30 AM Bible Study Fellowship (H)<br>7:00 PM New Member Class (O)        | <b>5</b><br>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)<br>10:30 AM Northridge Grandparents Outreach Event (Northridge)<br>7:00 PM Women of Faith TLC (Riccardi Home) | <b>6</b><br>10:00 AM School Chapel (S)<br>10:30 AM Northridge Grandparents Outreach Event (Northridge)<br>8:00 PM A.A. Meeting (H) | <b>7</b><br>8:30 AM Cursillo Grouping @ Panera Bread<br>10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (O)<br>11:00 AM Oktoberfest (Good Shepherd LC, Menifee) |
| <b>8</b> Quilt Blessing<br>9:30 AM Blood Pressure Screening (H)<br>9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class (O-H-PS)<br>10:45 AM Preschool Children Singing (S)<br>12:00 PM Church/School Picnic (H-PS)<br>12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H) | <b>9</b><br>9:00 AM Women's Koffee Klatch @ Brandon's<br>5:00 PM Craft Workshop (H)<br>6:00 PM School Staff Meeting (O)<br>7:00 PM MV Chorale Rehearsal (S) | <b>10</b><br>5:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)<br>7:00 PM Elders Meeting (O)  | <b>11</b><br>9:30 AM Bible Study Fellowship (H)<br>7:00 PM New Member Class (O)       | <b>12</b><br>7:00 AM BrailleMail(H)<br>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)<br>10:00 AM School Chapel (S)<br>7:00 PM Growing in Grace Bible Study (H)          | <b>13</b><br>8:00 PM A.A. Meeting (H)  | <b>14</b><br>9:00 AM Knights of the Holy Spirit Bible Study (H)<br>9:00 AM Quilting for LWR (H)<br>1:30 PM Youth Hosted Luther Movie (H)       |
| <b>15</b><br>9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class (O-H-PS)<br>12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H)<br>5:00 PM Confirmation (O)  | <b>16</b><br>10:00 AM First Place TLC (Reese Home)<br>7:00 PM MV Chorale Rehearsal (S)  | <b>17</b><br>9:30 AM Circuit Pastors (H)<br>5:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)<br>7:00 PM M & M Board (O)                          | <b>18</b><br>9:30 AM Bible Study Fellowship (H)                                       | <b>19</b><br>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)<br>7:00 PM Women of Faith TLC (Riccardi Home)  | <b>20</b><br>10:00 AM School Chapel (S)<br>5:00 PM Craft Workshop (H)<br>8:00 PM A.A. Meeting (H)                                  | <b>21</b><br>10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (O)  |
| <b>22</b><br>9:30 AM Blood Pressure Screening (H)<br>9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class (O-H-PS)<br>12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H)<br>5:00 PM Confirmation (O)  | <b>23</b><br>7:00 PM MV Chorale Rehearsal (S)   | <b>24</b><br>5:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)  | <b>25</b><br>9:30 AM Bible Study Fellowship (H)                                       | <b>26</b><br>7:00 AM BrailleMail(H)<br>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)<br>10:00 AM School Chapel (S)<br>7:00 PM Growing in Grace Bible Study (H)          | <b>27</b><br>1:00 PM Master Greeter Class (S)<br>6:30 PM Master Greeter Class (S)<br>8:00 PM A.A. Meeting (H)                      | <b>28</b><br>7:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Brandon's<br>10:00 AM Oktoberfest at First LC, Elsinore  |
| <b>29</b> Reformation Sunday<br>9:30 AM ONE SERVICE ONLY (S)<br>12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H)<br>2:30 PM Reformation Concert & Service (Immanuel LC, Riverside)<br>6:30 PM Youth Pumpkin Carving (H)                                | <b>30</b><br>7:00 PM MV Chorale Rehearsal (S)   | <b>31</b><br>10:00 AM 10am School Trunk or Treat (PL)<br>5:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)<br>6:00 PM Trunk or Treat (PL)         |  |   |  |  |

**Sunday Worship: 8 AM and 10:45 AM**

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## **October 2017**

### **NEW MEMBERS CLASS**

Beginning on Wednesday, **October 4th** we will be having a "New Members" class. This class is for those interested in joining our church as well as members of our church who would like a refresher on the doctrines and teaching of the LCMS. We will meet at 7pm and will have a total of 4 meetings lasting approximately 2 hours each. If you are interested please contact Pastor

**ONE SERVICE ONLY  
SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 29TH  
AT 9:30 AM**

### **"LUTHER" MOVIE EVENT**

Hosted by the Youth Group! All are invited to come to the fellowship hall and enjoy some popcorn and watch the movie "Luther" in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on Saturday, **October 14th at 1:30 pm**. There will be an age-appropriate movie shown for the younger children in the youth room. Please sign up on the sheet in the church lobby if you plan to attend. Thanks! Any questions, contact Marlayna Hamann at 924-2920.

### **TRUNK OR TREAT!**

Shepherd will again be doing "Trunk or Treat" for the children of our neighborhood and the congregation in the parking lot on **Tuesday, October 31st**.

Plan on coming around 6 pm with your trunks decorated or not, you in costume or not, but for sure, with your trunks loaded with treats to give out to the kids.

Invite your friends, neighbors, etc. We'll have some flyers ready for you to distribute later in the month.

Watch for a sign up for bringing your trunk or for donating candy and treats.

Contact the office if you'd like to help with the logistics that night.

### **CHURCH & SCHOOL PICNIC**

**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** at noon following the 10:45 service. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby or office if you plan on coming and indicate if you will bring a salad, side dish or dessert.