



# Salem Celebrates Reformation 500

Calendar of  
Ongoing Activities & Scheduled Events  
During 2017

# ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Pastor Ed Whetstone is contributing a series of articles for *The Monarch* under the title "500<sup>th</sup> Jubelfest of the Reformation." He began in October by highlighting the October 31<sup>st</sup> publication of the 95 Theses and is continuing each month with another piece of the world-changing story of the Reformation.

Once a month bulletin inserts covering Reformation/ Lutheran history or theology topics are being distributed.

Salem's Arts Committee has been asked to produce an entry for the Catonsville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade that includes reference to Reformation 500. In order to complete the large puppet head sculptures that are planned for this activity, volunteers will be needed to assist with construction that will take several months during the spring and early summer. We will also produce banners and between 12- 20 "flying" doves", similar to the one that was demonstrated in October. We will also need volunteers to walk in the parade to complete our tableau. Sign-ups for participants to walk in the parade will also be needed as we get closer to the event. Watch *The Monarch* for a list of workshop opportunities, probably to be held on Saturdays.

Cover photograph by Larry Kohlenstein-The stained glass window of Martin Luther, located on the west wall of Salem's nave, is believed to be the window donated to Salem by Trinity Lutheran Church of Baltimore at the time of its construction and mentioned in an account of the new structure written shortly after its dedication in October 1903.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Sunday, February 19, 5 PM-** “Dinner and a Video” will begin with a pot luck supper followed by a showing of the Lutherland Tour program produced for PBS by Rick Steves, renowned travel writer and travel show host. This was a particularly meaningful project for Steves since he is a Lutheran. Put this date on your calendar and watch for the sign-up sheet in February.

**Sundays, March 1-April 9-** Adult Forum Series taught by Pastor Dave entitled “Discovering (Again) Luther’s Small Catechism.” Adult Forum meets at 9:45 in the Katie Luther Room.

**Saturday, May 20-** Tour of Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. If there is sufficient interest, we will consider arranging transportation (or at least a carpool). Watch for more information in the early spring.

**Tuesday, July 4-** Salem’s Reformation 500-themed entry will participate in Catonsville’s 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

**September 25-October 6-** Tour of Italy and Germany for the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, hosted by Pastor Ed and Vicky Whetstone and Pastor Dave and Nancy Asendorf.

**Sunday, October 22, 4 PM-** A concert of music associated with Luther and the Reformation will be presented under the direction of Director of Music Mary Miller. Selections will be performed by Salem’s vocal choirs, the Salem Brass, the Hand Bell Choir, and by members of the congregation. A reception with refreshments will follow.

## **Sunday, October 29-REFORMATION SUNDAY**

- ❖ Festival Service of Celebration at 8:15 and 11:00 AM with Pastor Ed Whetstone preaching, Holy Communion, and special music.
- ❖ Special celebration for the Sunday School during the education hour.
- ❖ Presentation of an original Reformation play by Paul Bell and Guy Davis with performances in Reformation Hall on Saturday evening following Saturday worship and between services on Sunday.

