October 29-November 4, 2017 Devotion: The Reformation

This year we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Martin Luther was a Roman Catholic priest who believed in education. He wanted people to learn about God in church and by reading the Bible themselves and by learning about the faith together as families. Following are two devotional formats that Luther suggested for families in the 1500’s. Give them a try this week and see if they still work for families today!

***MORNING PRAYER***

*In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say:*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Apostles’ Creed and the Lord’s Prayer.*

*If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:*

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil for may have no power over me. Amen.

*Then go joyfully to your work, singing a hymn – you choose!*

*OR check out one of these on YouTube: Christ Be My Leader by Matthew Tipple,*

*Awake my Soul by Chris Tomlin or Come as You Are by David Crowder.*

 ***EVENING PRAYER***

*In the evening before you go to bed, make the sign of the holy cross and say:*

In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Then kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer.*

 *If you choose you may also say this little prayer:*

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your Hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

*Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.*