

# First Trinity & St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

## Weekly Mission and Ministry Opportunities

October 30, 2016

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### To Our Visitors and Guests

**Welcome!** Please fill out one of the visitor cards found in the pews and add a prayer request if you wish so that we can pray with you this week. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider First Trinity and St. Matthew's. Any of the pastors would be happy to discuss this with you further. Please join us after the service in the parlor, adjoining the sanctuary, for snacks and refreshments.



We are a community of faith, sent by God to pursue God's hopes and dreams for DC and the world.

### Reformation Sunday

Today is Reformation Day in the Lutheran Church. Reformation Day marks the anniversary when in 1517 Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. That action sparked a series of reforms in theological understanding of grace, liturgical practice, accessibility of scripture in the common language, and much more. But the sixteenth-century Reformation was not a one-time event. Reformation is ongoing. The church of Christ always stands in need of reform. As in Luther's age, so in ours: God's word is alive, speaks truth, and surprises with grace. The Scriptures appointed for this week speak to contemporary contexts to enliven our faith. Jeremiah's vision of God's new covenant is seen this day at the table when the cup is raised. Paul's declaration of justification by faith is shared this day at the font. Christ's truth sets us free for mission and ministry in Jesus' name.



### All Saints' Sunday

All Saints' Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY, November 6. Make sure you fill out the form so we can honor our loved ones who have died with candles and prayers. We will also celebrate our members who have entered a new decade of life! All information must be to the office by October 30.

### Lifeline Photographer Needed

Our long-time photographer for Lifeline has left the area and we are looking for someone to replace her. Help has been found for the Halloween costume party but we could still use help for the upcoming Harvest Fest on November 12. If you are interested or have a lead, please let Pastor Susanne know – [Lifeline@firsttrinitydc.org](mailto:Lifeline@firsttrinitydc.org) or 202 628-4819.

### Lifeline Harvest Festival

All are invited to Lifeline's Harvest Festival on November 12. It is a fun afternoon of carnival like games, face painting, balloon art and food. It is a great time especially for kids. Noon to 4 here in the First Trinity Fellowship Hall.

### More Than Enough

Our approach to faithful stewardship this year embraces the "more than enough" of God's seedtime and harvest in our lives. Our stewardship emphasis this year begins on All Saints' Sunday, November 6 and concludes on Sunday, November 20. On this Sunday we will all be asked to make annual personal giving commitments for 2017 concluding with a celebration lunch immediately follow worship. With God we have "more than enough."

### Next Sunday, November 6: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Readings:

Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38