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# Bethel Prayer Concerns

Sunday, October 31, 2021

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

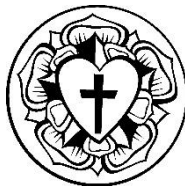
Lord our God, in Jesus Christ you have taught us  
that love is the fulfilling of the law.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
that we may love you with our whole being,  
and our neighbors as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## REFLECTIONS

Today is Reformation Sunday and it should serve as an impetus for us to remember the great reformer, Martin Luther. This quotation from Luther reminds us of a principal focus of his life:

*"We should learn well how to please Christ. We do please him by dedicating our entire life with all possible diligence solely to the service of our neighbor. 'Down, down,' says Christ 'you will find me in the poor, you are rising too high if you do not look for me down there.'"*



# Bethel Presbyterian Church Announcements



This Reformation Day we Protestants, especially Lutheran and Reformed (Presbyterian), give thanks for the men and women who led needed changes in the Church over half a millennium ago. On All Hallows' Eve, October 31, 1517, in Wittenberg, Germany, Martin Luther boldly posted his objections to practices in the Church that seemed to contradict Scripture. Today we remember Luther, Zwingli (Swiss), and Calvin (French, Swiss), but we also seek to discern what changes are needed in the Body of Christ in 2021. In worship today all the beautiful hymns and psalms that we sing (the words and/or music) are from the 16<sup>th</sup>- and 17<sup>th</sup>-century Reformation era.

## **UPCOMING PULPIT SUPPLY**

Rev. Bob Tripp will lead worship **Nov. 7**

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, November 14** immediately following worship, to hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect officers. All are welcome at the meeting; only Bethel members can vote. All terms to begin January 2022.

The nominees are:

**Amy Coen, Ken Dungan, Cyndi Fowler, and Celia Simon** for a 3 year term as elders on the Session

**Kathy Banker** for a 1 year term as an elder on the Session

**Mike McElhinney** for a 3 year term as a Trustee on the Board of Trustees.

## **Christmas Pageant Sign-Ups**

The Study Team is making plans for the annual Children's Christmas Pageant. **Rehearsal Dates are Wed. Dec. 1 & 8 from 7:00–8:00 pm**  
**The Pageant will be performed Wed. Dec. 15 from 7:00–8:00 pm.**

If you have children or grandchildren who wish to participate please contact: Bonnie Phillips ([bgh472003@yahoo.com](mailto:bgh472003@yahoo.com)) or

Deb Hyder ([dhyd8@aol.com](mailto:dhyd8@aol.com))

The deadline to sign-up is Nov. 22.