



Lutherans celebrate significant anniversaries this year

This is a year of celebration for Cottage Grove's Lutherans. It is the 70th anniversary of the establishment of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove. It's also the 500th anniversary of the birth of Protestantism, a religious movement of the 16th century that began as an attempt to reform the Roman Catholic Church and resulted in the creation of Protestant Churches.

Pastor Jim Markus has quarterly observances planned this year to remember church founder, Martin Luther. He was a German monk who ignited a religious and cultural wildfire that swept across Europe, by challenging the teaching and practices of the Roman Catholic Church.

In early 16th century Europe, some theologians and scholars questioned Catholic Church teachings. On All Hallows' Eve (Oct 31) in 1517, Luther posted on the Wittenberg Castle church door 95 Theses to begin an academic discussion of what he believed were doctrinal and practical abuses of the Catholic Church. The rest, they say, is history.

Last Sunday's worship service, at the big brown church on the corner of Sixth and Quincy, Markus officiated a commemoration of Luther's death on Feb. 18, 1546. He has a great deal of respect for Martin Luther's courage to challenge the biggest and most powerful church in his day.

One of Luther's most significant contributions to theological history was his insistence that the Bible, not church officials or tradition, was the sole source of religious authority. After being identified as a heretic and excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church in 1520, Luther translated the New Testament from Greek to German (published in 1522) and the Old Testament from Hebrew (published in 1534), and strongly advocated for the entire Bible to be made available to everyone.

A congregational potluck is planned for Sunday, March 19, to watch the 2003 movie, Luther, starring Joseph Fiennes. The potluck begins at 6 p.m. and the movie starts at 7 p.m. The PG-13 film depicts how regional princes and the powerful church have a firm and merciless grip on 16th century Germany. When he issues a shocking challenge to their authority, the people declare him their new leader – and hero. Even when threatened with violent death, Luther refuses to back down and sparks a bloody revolution that shakes an entire continent to its core.

The theme of this year's annual mid-week Lenten worship services is "Standing at the Cross" and focuses on portions of Luther's sermons. From March 1 through April 12, the Wednesday evening service begins at 7 p.m. with a soup supper starting at 6 p.m. Each week, participants contemplate the ways they stand firm in their faith as Christ-followers.

In September, an Octoberfest is planned that includes Reformation-themed kids' games such as "Pin

the Theses on the Door". On Oct. 29 at 3 p.m., Trinity members will participate in a joint Reformation service at Grace Lutheran in Eugene.

"The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation gives us a special opportunity to be renewed in the Good News that we cannot merit or earn God's grace and favor, but that our salvation, our life with God, is 100% the work of God in Christ our Savior," Markus said.

After seven decades of serving the community, members past and present are invited to a church family reunion on Sunday, June 11 at 3 p.m. for a celebration service followed by a banquet. To request an invitation, or to help locate a former member, call the church office at 541-942-2373.



CHURCH SPECIAL EVENTS

SHROVE TUESDAY PAN-CAKE BREAKFAST – Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 5-7 p.m.

10th Annual Community Sharing Benefit sponsored by OLPH Catholic Church & St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Hosted at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 19th & Harvey Rd.

Menu: Pancakes, sausage, applesauce, orange juice & coffee. Cost: \$5/per person.

JOINT ASH WEDNESDAY OBSERVANCE – Wednesday, Mar 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Members of the First Presbyterian Church, the United Methodist Church, and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church invite the community to join them for a supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by a 6:30 p.m. worship service to mark the beginning of the Season of Lent, a 40-day period of personal reflection and prayer leading up to Easter Sunday. The event is hosted at the First Presbyterian Church at Third and Adams Ave.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES – Wednesdays from Mar 1 – Apr 12 at 7 p.m.

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welcome to come early and enjoy a Soup Supper at 6 p.m. The church is located on the corner of Sixth & Quincy Ave.

INDIA PASTOR SPEAKS AT CALVARY CHAPEL – Sunday, Mar 5 at 9:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Prem Kodali will talk about his work in a small village near the City of Vijayawada in Southeast India, where Christian persecution is high and teaching is risky. Kodali is translating the Bible into the Telegu language. He runs an orphanage and home for widows and instructs area pastors on how to teach the Word of God verse by verse. The church is located on Hwy 99 in the Village Plaza.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER – Sunday, Mar 19 from 4-5:30 p.m.

Hosted at OLPH Catholic

Church, 19th & Harvey and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Enjoy a traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage meal and support basic needs of local individuals and families. Cost: Adults, \$10, Children (6-17), \$5; Children (under 6), Free; Family, \$25 (parents & kids under 18). After dinner raffle tickets: \$1/ea or 6 for \$5.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH POTLUCK & MOVIE – Sunday, Mar 19 at 6 p.m.

To celebrate the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's role in the Protestant Reformation, the public is invited to enjoy the 2003 biopic, Luther, starring Joseph Fiennes. The PG-13 rated film begins at 7 p.m. following a 6 p.m. congregational potluck. The church is located on the corner of Sixth & Quincy Ave.

LOCAL WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Methodist Community Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m., 334 Washington Ave. (Use kitchen entrance from alley behind the building)

Calvary Chapel Midweek Study: Wednesdays at 7 pm, 1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)

Calvary Chapel Women's Study: Thursdays, 6-8 pm

CHURCH-SPONSORED COMMUNITY DINNERS

Mondays – United Methodist Church at 5 p.m. (2nd & 3rd Only)

Tuesdays – Trinity Lutheran Church at 5 p.m.

Wednesdays – Covered Bridge Church of The Nazarene at 6 p.m.

Thursdays – Trinity Lutheran Church at 5 p.m.

CELBRATE RECOVERY PROGRAM – Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

Calvary Chapel hosts. For additional information contact Harvey Epperson at 541-520-8071.

WEEKLY FAITH-BASED YOUTH PROGRAMS

AWANA CLUB MEETINGS - Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

AWANA is a weekly Christian education program for ages three through high school. Hosted by the Cottage Grove Bible Church. The cost includes the purchase of handbooks and uniforms and dues are 75 cents per week. Children enjoy memorizing Scripture verses, games, Bible lessons and dressing up for special theme nights. More information can be found on the church website: www.cgbible.org or call 541-942-4771.

CAMPUS LIFE CLUB – Mondays & Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

This Lane County Youth for Christ non-denominational youth outreach program meets during the school year. Middle School students meet on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Riverside Community Church, 1255 S. River Rd. High School students meet on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the game room above Domino's Pizza (next to the post office). More information available on Facebook at Cottage Grove Campus Life or by calling Director Tim Sinclair at 541-285-4812.

MOTHERS OF PRE-SCHOOLERS [MOPS] – Mondays from 6-8 p.m.

An outreach ministry designed to support mothers and help them be the best moms they can be. MOPS is for mothers with children from birth to kindergarten. MomsNext is for mothers with school age children. Both groups meet at Calvary Chapel in the Village Shopping Center, 1447 Hwy 99. For more information visit www.cottagegrovemops.org or call 541-942-6842.

SUNDAY MORNING LIGHT WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAM

Each Sunday morning from 7-10 a.m. KNND 1400-AM provides three hours of inspirational programming with a Christian world-view. All genres of Christian music are interspersed with community information, local church news, and devotional readings. Host Cindy Weeldreyer invites you to tune in and become part of KNND's Sunday Morning Light family. Listener line: 541-942-5548. Submit church announcements to cindy@knnd.com or call 541-915-0113.

WEEKLY WORSHIP DIRECTORY

The Sentinel prints a weekly worship directory to provide greater awareness of the diversity of our local faith community. If you want your specific information available to Sentinel readers each week, please call (541) 942-3325 for more information. [If you have a listing please verify the weekly information is current.]

**Joyful Singing
Spiritual Worship
Practical Bible Preaching**

Sunday 11:00 AM

**HOPE
FELLOWSHIP**
United Pentecostal Church

100 S. Gateway Blvd
Cottage Grove, Oregon
541-942-2061
www.hopefellowshipupc.com

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Worship Directory

WORSHIP WITH US

DRAIN:
Gateway Family Fellowship
Church of the Nazarene
337 "C" St. Drain, OR
Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 10:45am
Living Hope Free Lunch
Wed. at 12:30pm
541-836-7051 www.drainnaz.org

HOPE U.M.C.
131 W "A" St. Drain, OR
541-315-1617
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Bible Study: 10:45am
Potluck Lunch: 11:45
Worship: 12:30pm

COTTAGE GROVE:
6th & Gibbs Church of Christ
195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822
Pastor: Aaron Earlywine
Youth & Families Pastor: Seth Bailey
Services: 9am and 10:30am
Christian Education
Nursery for pre-k - 3rd Grade
www.6thandgibbs.com

Calvary Baptist Church
77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290
Pastor: Riley Hendricks
Sunday School: 9:45am
Worship: 11:00am
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm

Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove
1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)
541-942-6842
Pastor: Jeff Smith
Two Services on Sun: 9am & 10:45am
Youth Group Bible Study
Child Care 10:45am Service Only
www.cgcvalvary.org

Center for Spiritual Living
Cottage Grove
700 Gibbs Ave. (Community Center)
Rev. Bobby Lee
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.
clscottagegrove@gmail.com

Church of Christ
420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565
Sunday Service: 10:30am

Cottage Grove Bible Church
1200 East Quincy Avenue
541-942-4771
Pastor: Bob Singer
Worship 11am
Sunday School: 9:45am
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm
www.cgbible.org

Cottage Grove Faith Center
33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851
Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet
www.cg4tv.com
Summer Schedule: Sunday Service 10am
Full Children's Ministry available

Covered Bridge Nazarene Church
152 S. M St.
541-942-4422
Pastor: Cindy Slaymaker
Sunday School: 9:30am
Worship 10:30am

Delight Valley
Church of Christ
33087 Saginaw Rd. East
541-942-7711
Pastor: Bob Friend
Two Services:
9am - Classic in the Chapel
10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium

First Presbyterian Church
3rd and Adams St • 541-942-4479
Pastor: Karen Hill
Worship: 10:00am
Sunday School: 10:00am
www.cgpresbynews.com

Hope Fellowship
United Pentecostal Church
100 S. Gateway Blvd. • 541-942-2061
Pastor: Dave Bragg
Worship: 11:00am Sunday
Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday
www.hopefellowshipupc.com
"FINDING HOPE IN YOUR LIFE"

Living Faith Assembly
467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612
Pastor Rulon Combs
Worship & Children's
Church 10:00 am
Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm

**Non-Denominational
Church of Christ**
1041 Pennoyer Ave • 541-942-8928
Preacher: Tony Martin
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm
www.pennoyeravecoc.com

Old Time Gospel Fellowship
103 S. 5th St. • 541-942-4999
Pastor: Jim Edwards
Sunday Service: 10:00am
Join us in Traditional
Christian Worship



**Our Lady of Perpetual Help
and St. Philip Benizi**
Catholic Churches
1025 N. 19th St.
541-942-3420 / 541-942-4712
Pastor: Roy L. Antunez, S.J.
Euch. Liturgies; Sat. 5:30pm
Sun. 10:30am
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell:
552 Hollbrock Lane • 541-895-8686
Sunday: 8:30am

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050
Rev. Lawrence Crumb
"Church with the flags."
Worship: Sunday 10:30am
All Welcome

Seventh-day Adventist Church
820 South 10th Street
541-942-5213
Pastor: Kevin Miller
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40 am
Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church
6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373
Pastor: James L. Markus
Sunday School & Adult Education 9:15am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur
5:00pm TLC Groups
llccg.com

United Methodist Church
334 Washington • 541-942-3033
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Worship: 10:30am
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$5, Kids Free)
2nd & 3rd Monday 5-6:00pm
cottagegroveumc.org

"VICTORY" Country Church
913 S. 6th Street • 541-942-5913
Pastor: Barbara Dockery
Worship Service: 10:00am
Message: 11:00am
"WE BELIEVE IN MIRACLES"

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the newspaper.
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would like to
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