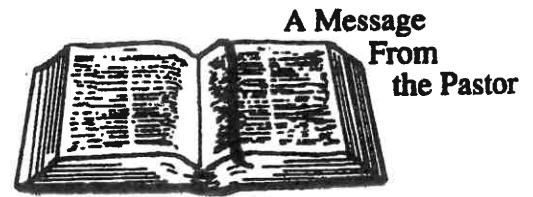




'Christ's Family Reaching Out In Love'



THE TICKET

There was a certain man who had worked all his life and was ready for a vacation. He wanted to go on a trip to a faraway place where he had never been before. He thought to himself; you're a good person, you've helped the poor and given to the needy, so you deserve this trip.

He went to the airport and got in line to board the plane. In his mind, he felt no need to buy a ticket, because of all the great things he had done for people in his lifetime, he thought he had earned this trip. As the line got closer and closer to board the plane, he grew more and more anxious to start enjoying himself on his journey. Then it came his turn to hand his ticket over, and to the amazement of the ticket collector, he told her he didn't have a ticket, because he deserved a free trip.

The man went on to explain what a good person he was, and how he never hurt anyone or caused anyone any sort of pain. But the ticket collector told him, "You still need a ticket, sir." The man told her, "I have never stolen from anyone, nor cheated anyone in all my life". But still she stood firm and insisted he couldn't board the plane unless a ticket was given to her. The man said, "I have given money to the poor and the needy". But still not being moved, the ticket collector said, "Sorry. If you want to get on this plane you have to have a ticket. No exceptions".

The man was shocked. He walked away with his head held down low and thought to himself, "I figured if I was a good person, who never hurt anyone and took care of other people, surely I would be able to get a free ride on the plane, but...I guess I was wrong".

Sadly, that's what many people think about Heaven. They think if they're good people, who never hurt anyone and help others, they'll get a free ride into Heaven.

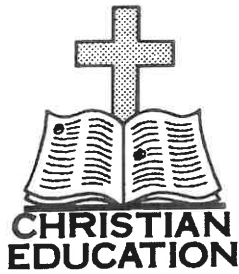
But the Bible declares in Ephesians 2:8-9, *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith; and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God; not by works, so that no one can boast."*

Salvation IS a 'free gift' to you, but paid for through the cross of Jesus Christ. And no person can buy his way into Heaven, Jesus came down to Earth to die for us and give us Eternal Life. All you have to do is trust in Jesus by Faith and receive Him by the Holy Spirit into your life as your Savior and Lord. Jesus loving grace has bought you your ticket on the cross, but it's up to you to claim it.

Hear more about your free ticket to Heaven, and give your thanks and praise to Jesus every Sunday at worship. And remember...there are many free tickets to heaven made available through Jesus, so bring a relative or a friend along with you to worship.

Waiting with you, ticket in hand, for a trip to heaven,

Pastor Jeff G. Gavin



We hope you will come and join us on **Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM** for our **ADULT Sunday Bible Class** in the lower level of the school building . . . ***open question forum.***

Please join us for our **Mid-Week Bible Class** on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the lower level of the school building.

PASTOR . . . has resumed taking Fridays as his "Day Off". Even though he may sometimes be in his office, he is scheduling no work; so Please do not Visit him, or Phone him on Fridays. If there is a true Emergency, call him on his Cell: (630) 776-2382. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS . . . ALTAR FLOWERS CAN COST AS LITTLE AS \$20.

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, (or confirm your "standing order") please contact please call the **CHURCH OFFICE** at **(847) 593-7670** or email Pastor at jeffgavin@sbcglobal.net **NO LATER THAN NOON ON THE PRIOR TUESDAY!**



Please Note: When you donate flowers for our worship services, you are welcome to bring the flowers home after the 10:30 service.



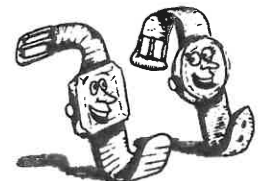
OUR WELCOME PICTURES

Each Sunday you are welcomed with a slide show of pictures on our large screen monitor.

Please come early enough to look at these pictures; as they are not just random images, but carefully selected images that reveal the theme of the day, and are designed to depict and enhance the spoken content of the day's sermon.

SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK 1 hour** on **Saturday evening, October 31, 2026** before you go to bed so you won't be early for church on Sunday morning!



It's that time again!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Along with "Birthday Greetings", we also wish a "Happy Anniversary" to those couples who were married during each month by printing their marriage date.

If you are unsure if we might have a record of your wedding date . . . please contact the church office (847-593-7670, ext 1) with this information. We would like to include all of our married couples and wish to them . . . ***"Happy Anniversary"***:

Curt & Audrey Gerlitz	October 6
Chuck & Loan Glen	October 10
Timothy & Lynn Koeppen	October 12
Chuck & Roda Schrum	October 14
Christopher & Julie Klatka	October 17
Mark & Rebecca Ruwe	October 28

LUTHER CHRONOLOGY

1483	Born at Eisleben
1501	Entered University of Erfurt
1505	July 2 in thunderstorm vowed to become a monk Entered Augustinian monastery at Erfurt
1512	Doctor of theology at Wittenburg
1515	95 Theses
1519	Leipzig debate with John Eck
1520	<i>Exsurge Domine</i> , papal bull condemning Luther's teachings
1521	Diet of Worms Excommunicated by Rome Condemned as heretic "Kidnapped" and hidden in Wartburg Castle
1522	Comes out of hiding and returns to Wittenburg
1524-25	Peasant Uprising
1525	Married Katherine von Bora
1527	Fights sickness and depression, writes <i>A Mighty Fortress</i>
1529	Marburg Colloquy with Zwingli
1530	Augsburg Confession
1534	Publication of complete German Bible
1546	Death at Eisleben

REFORMATION

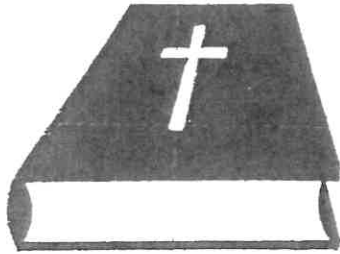
The Protestant Reformation was the schism within Western Christianity initiated by Martin Luther, John Calvin, and other early Protestants. Although there had been significant attempts at reform before Luther (notably those of John Wycliffe and Jan Huss), the date most usually given for the start of the Protestant Reformation is 1517, when Luther published The Ninety-Five Theses, and for its conclusion in 1648 with the Peace of Westphalia that ended the European wars of religion. Luther started by criticising the relatively recent practice of selling indulgences, but the debate widened until it touched on many of the doctrines and devotional practices of the Catholic Church.

Martin Luther, Initiator Protestant Reformation

Martin Luther was a German priest and professor of theology who initiated the Protestant Reformation. Strongly disputing the claim that freedom from God's punishment of sin could be purchased with money, he confronted indulgence salesman Johann Tetzel with his The Ninety-Five Theses in 1517. His refusal to retract all of his writings at the demand of Pope Leo X in 1520 and the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Worms in 1521 resulted in his excommunication by the pope and condemnation as an outlaw by the emperor. Luther taught that salvation is not from good works, but a free gift of God, received only by grace through faith in Jesus as redeemer from sin. His theology challenged the authority of the pope of the Roman Catholic Church by teaching that the Bible is the only source of divinely revealed knowledge and opposed sacerdotalism by considering all baptised Christians to be a holy priesthood. Those who identify with Luther's teachings are called Lutherans.



You don't
become a
Best Seller



by being
boring.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

SUNDAYS at 9:15 AM

WEDNESDAYS at 10 AM

+ Every Wednesday Class starts with an
"Open Forum" for your questions
to be answered

+ A wide variety of study topics available

+ Frequent usage of media to watch to
supplement our studies

+ Every Sunday Class is an "Open Forum"
for questions to be discussed with
Pastor and answered



Leo Neggers	October 1	Betty Kijak	October 16
Terilynn Adams	October 2	Junet Graves	October 17
Matthew Galla	October 2	Anna Weissgerber	October 19
Larry Brockie Sr.	October 5	Celeste Graves	October 21
Jan Anderko	October 7	Stephanie Hetrea	October 22
Eileen Christensen	October 9	Chuck Friedrich	October 22
Kathy Fiorito	October 10	Audrey Gerlitz	October 29
Cathy Schubkegel	October 13	Julieth Nagunwa	October 29

If your birthday has not been listed, please contact the Church office for a correction... Thank You!

May God Bless You on Your Birthday

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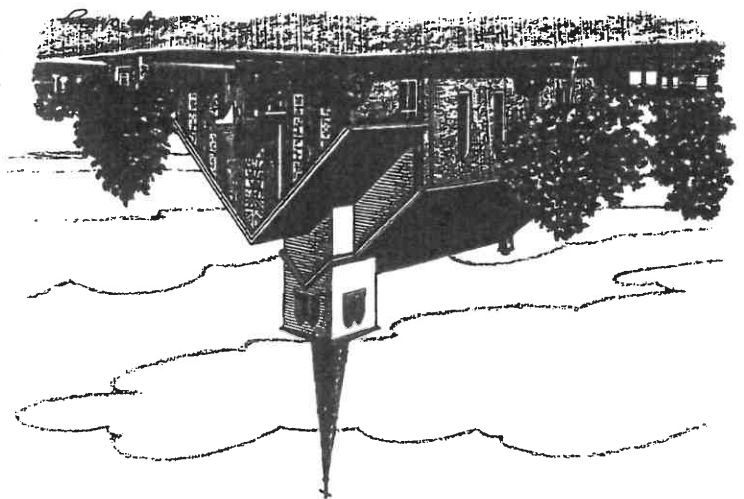
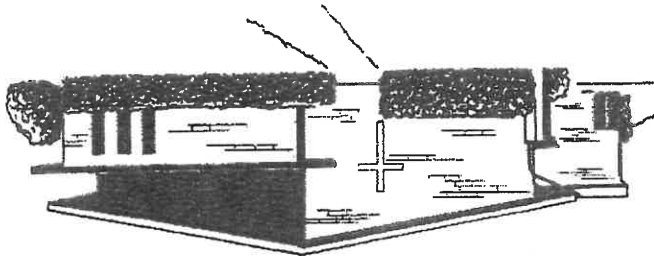
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