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**CHARLESTON CHURCH HOSTS INAUGURAL FOUR-EVENT REFORMATION FESTIVAL**Redeemer Lutheran Church Celebrates 500th Anniversary of Protestant Reformation

**Charleston, WV:** Redeemer Lutheran Church will host a four-event **Reformation Fest** (reformationfest.org) on **Saturday, October 21, 2017,** from **9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.,** on the church campus to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

**Reformation Fest** features four events:

**Charity Disc-Golf Tournament**

At 9 a.m. the festival will kick off with a [disc golf tournament](https://www.discgolfscene.com/tournaments/Feed_my_Sheep_Fundraiser_2017) to benefit the Feed My Sheep school food program supporting Alum Creek Elementary School.

**Festival of Food**

At 11 a.m., Redeemer Lutheran will offer free food including bratwurst and will open a children’s obstacle course.

**Reformation Walk**

Also beginning at 11 a.m., the *Reformation Walk* will offer a self-guided experience to trace the events that led to the Protestant Reformation, rediscovery of the Gospel, and sweeping changes in the world. There will be 10 interactive stations set up throughout the church.

**Martin Luther Movie**

At 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., Redeemer will host a free screening of the movie [“Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World.”](https://vimeo.com/154364811) Reverend Frank Ruffatto, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, will hold a brief question and answer session between showings.

The Protestant Reformation began October 31, 1517, in Wittenberg, Germany, when Martin Luther posted his thoughts about theological topics and the practices of the Church. That simple action began the Reformation — a movement that changed Western society. The Gospel of Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Word Alone was rediscovered.

On the importance of celebrating this milestone, Reverend Frank C. Ruffatto, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, said, “The Reformation is still relevant today because it got us to our understanding of the individual conscience, the way church and state are to work together, and the care for souls by grace. It is still all about Jesus.”

**About Redeemer Lutheran Church:** Redeemer Lutheran Church (redeemerwv.org) is a member congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and is located off Corridor G/Hwy 119 in the South Hills area of Charleston. Founded in 1953, Redeemer Lutheran Church is known in the community for Redeemer Park, its 27-hole disc golf course (discgolfsportscenter.com), its outreach programs such as the Feed My Sheep feeding program at Alum Creek Elementary School, and its presence at Live on the Levee.

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