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Ogden Dunes Community Church seeks to joyfully lead people to the transforming love of Christ.

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**October Refreshment
Schedule**

After the 10:00 a.m. service, refreshments, including coffee, will be available in the Fellowship hall following worship. If your last name begins with the letter of the day, please provide snacks of your choice. The host/hostess for the day will set snacks and coffee out for everyone's enjoyment after the service.

		<u>Hostess</u>
Sunday, Oct. 1	U,V,W,X,Y,Z	Debby Bailey
Sunday, Oct. 8	A,B,C,D,E	Patty Harbaugh
Sunday, Oct. 15	F,G,H,I,J	Barb Homme
Sunday, Oct. 22	K,L,M,N,O	Judy Selund
Sunday, Oct. 29	P,Q,R,S,T	TBD

Please call Sue Squire at 762-1428 to volunteer to be a host/hostess



PRIMETIMERS NEWS



Join with Prime Timers for their Tuesday, October 17 luncheon and program at noon in the church fellowship hall.

Featured speaker will be Irene Moore, the Portage Meals on Wheels coordinator. She is an energetic and enthusiastic lady. She will explain how to get involved with this project as a driver or helper. It's time to meet with friends and enjoy good fellowship and good food for \$9.00. Call Jayne Mann at 1-219-218-3670 to reserve your place. (Walk-ins are welcome.)



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Celebrating The Reformation



The Protestant Reformation brought a dividing line to the Church in the 16th century. There were four main causes for it — Political Cause, Economic Cause, Religious Cause and Cultural Cause.

Martin Luther understood what triggered the Reformation. He saw that the Bible was preeminent over the Church's teachings; that the Gospel should be proclaimed in the language of the people (not only Latin) and that "justification was by faith" and not by works.

The Reformers were guided by biblical conviction that the church had drifted away from the essential and original teachings of Jesus and the Bible. As a result, they came up with Five Solas (Latin Phrases or Slogans) which summarized the Reformer's theological convictions about the essentials of Christianity and which form the fundamental beliefs of Ogden Dunes Community Church.

The Five Solas are:

- **Sola Scriptura** ("Scripture alone"). The Bible alone is our highest authority.
- **Sola Fide** ("Faith alone"). We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.
- **Sola Gratia** ("Grace alone"). We are saved by God's Grace alone.
- **Solus Christus** ("Christ alone"). Jesus Christ alone is our Lord and Savior.
- **Soli Deo Glor**is ("To the glory of God alone"). We live for the glory of God alone.

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REFORMATION SUNDAY (October 29th)

The Bible contains the mind of God, the sinfulness of humanity, the way of salvation, the eternal end of unbelievers (hell) and the joy of believers (heaven). Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its teachings are absolute. Read it to be wise. It will guide you, encourage you and enlarge your dreams. Christ is its grand subject. The Old Testament is revealed in the New Testament.

If you are hungry at heart, read the Bread Chapter (John 6)

If you are slipping, read the Rock Chapter (Deuteronomy 32)

If you find yourself getting angry, read the Love Chapter (1 Corinthians 13)

If you feel defeated, read the Victory Chapter (Romans 8)

If you are down and have doubts, read the Faith Chapter (Hebrews 11)

If you feel like a loser, read the Conqueror's Chapter (Luke 4)

If you feel fearful, read the Fear Not Chapter (Isaiah 41)

If you feel prideful, read the Humility Chapter (Luke 18)

Feed on God's word as Job said: "I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food." (Job 23:12)

Soles in Step – Shoe Collection (Container is by the office)

Give old shoes new life and take steps to end homelessness



Who: Sojourner Truth House (STH)

What: Shoe Collection

Where: Here at this collection site Ogden Dunes Community Church

When: Now thru October 31, 2017

Why: To help raise funds for Sojourner Truth House, a day center for homeless and at risk women and children.

Sojourner Truth House will receive .40 cents for each pound of shoes and boots collected. All proceeds will be used to further support the Sojourner Truth House food pantry, client transportations and client programming.



Pairs of shoes can be donated in any condition.

October Events

- **Sunday, October 1st is World Communion Sunday.** Come and join us as we share with our brothers and sisters around the world our solidarity at the Lord's Table.
- **Sunday, October 15th: "Invite-A-Friend-Sunday."** What a wonderful opportunity to invite a colleague, a neighbor or a family member.
- **Sunday, October 29th is Reformation Sunday.** Come and celebrate with us our great Christian heritage as the Protestant Reformation Period started with Martin Luther and a renewed understanding of the scriptural teachings that "Salvation is a gift of God" and cannot be earned by

Mid-Week Bible Studies – Every Wednesday!

When: Every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.

Topic: *The Giants We Face*

Before Israel entered the Promised Land, God told them that they would encounter nations stronger than themselves. These were Israel's "giants." Similarly, we have to deal with "contemporary giants." This class will use Israel's Giants and compare them to the giants we face today.

A Word From The Children's Ministry



Extending Grace

With the 500th Anniversary of Reformation Day upon us, we reflect on the principle that Martin Luther so adamantly believed.

It is by God's grace we are justified through the faith we have in Him. Check out Ephesians 2:8-9.

We can understand this concept as parents by how we love our children. A child does not have to earn the love of his parent, in the same way that poor behavior does not lessen the love that parent holds for the child. While opportunities for grace and discipline arise, your child can rest in the assurance that you will love him or her unconditionally.

Children learn from what is in front of them. My hope is that we can teach them about the grace of our Almighty Father through the extension of abundant grace from us.

