
Word from **Our Pastor**

Don't forget that Reformation Sunday is the last Sunday in October the 26th with worship at 10am.

Many horrible shootings in the last month. Children praying in a church, Charlie Kirk just talking, and three police officers responding in Pennsylvania to a domestic stalking situation. Of course, there are many more with gun violence seemingly out of control. Most of the people firing the weapons shouldn't be allowed to even have one but they seem to find a way.

Martin Luther was fortunate that some rulers wanted him alive more than the many who wanted him eliminated. They wanted him dead because of what he was saying and writing. Christians have used violence in the past to prove that God Loves everyone (The Crusades). Luther certainly didn't have it all correct either with his scathing remarks about Jews that Hitler used to murder millions. (con't)

Pastor's con't-

God gives us freedom of choice. It involves our words and our actions. We can love and hate, care for or ignore and yet in spite of our mistakes or sins God doesn't try to kill us.

Most of us are tolerant of ideas and thoughts we don't necessarily agree with. We don't run out and get an assault rifle designed to kill in war time and attempt to take a life because we don't like what someone says or stands for.

In this country we have something similar to God giving us freedom of choice. It is freedom of speech. God will never take away our ability to choose and hopefully, like Luther found out, at least someone was ok with his speech. pjh