

Celebrating 500 Years of Lutheran Faith!

Potluck Dinner

Join
Us!



Monday, October 16, 2017

5:00-8:30 p.m.

Leesport Market Banquet Hall

(www.leesportmarket.com, 312 Gernants Church Rd., Leesport, PA 19533)

\$3.00 per person + Food Pantry donation

(to cover costs and help our neighbors in need)

**Bring your best Potluck side dish or dessert to share –
main course of sausage and kraut will be provided!**

Enjoy plenty of fellowship along with hymn-singing,
Lutheran Bingo, Lutheran Trivia, Lutheran door prizes,
a combined Lutheran Choir and Orchestra, and a
Reformation-themed table decorating contest!
A Love Offering for The Potato Project will be received.

Special remarks shared by

Bishop Samuel Zeiser on

"Why I Love Being a Lutheran!"

Bringing together 50 Congregations & 500 People

For Fellowship and Fun in Celebration of the

500th Anniversary of the Reformation!

Advance R.S.V.P. Required!

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R.S.V.P. to by Oct. 8 to our
Congregation Coordinator:

Our goal is to bring together 50 congregations and 500 people for fellowship and fun

on a day close to the actual 500th Anniversary celebration on October 31, 2017. Food is such an important part of the fellowship life of the body of Christ...and Lutherans are so good at preparing and providing food, we just had to come together in Fellowship and Celebration! ***Thank you for participating -- the more the merrier!***



Advance RSVP a must! Recruit a Church Coordinator to manage your church RSVPs and side dishes, & to assemble a team of table decorators. **Your Church Coordinator is to send one email by October 9 to pastorbruce@zionslutheran.org containing: 1) church name; 2) congregation coordinator name & contact info; 3) total attending & list names along with 4) list of side dishes to be provided.**

Event Logistics: Church Coordinator & volunteers may arrive between 4:00-5:15 p.m. to locate & decorate your table(s) & deliver side dishes. Upon arrival, the Church Coordinator will be given table tent card(s), and those cards will be used to identify, and reserve, church table locations. The Leesport Market has typical 8 ft. banquet tables, accommodating 4 chairs on each side of the table. Please decorate your table(s) with a Lutheran Church/Reformation theme –bring your own table coverings, centerpieces, etc. Paper plates, cups, napkins and utensils will be provided, however, you may bring/use real china if you wish (*you are responsible*). Along with the table tent cards, a packet containing Lutheran Bingo cards, Lutheran Trivia sheets, and raffle tickets (for the door prizes) will be distributed to your Congregational Coordinator, based on RSVPs. Recruit additional volunteers to help with clean up.

Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. for general attendance. The \$3 dinner fee is to be paid at the door upon arrival. *Walk-in attendees are possible, but seats are not guaranteed!* Food bank donations will be collected inside the banquet hall. **The banquet hall has *limited* electrical outlets, refrigerator & stove space.** Please plan your Potluck side dish & dessert offerings accordingly! There will be long tables along the side walls of the Banquet Hall to place Potluck side dishes – we will supply cards at the door to identify dishes. You are responsible for pick-up of all side dish containers at the close of the event! *Because it is a Potluck, we cannot be responsible for identification of food allergy ingredients!*

The Leesport Market is handicap accessible.

Music: Combined choir music is available from Don Ryan (donryan715@gmail.com)

Combined orchestra music is available from Steven Turner (sturner324@gmail.com).

The chosen music is well-suited for congregational use. Individual musicians can practice within their congregations, then come together as the event nears. **Advance choir rehearsals** will be held on Thursday, October 5 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, October 12 @ 7 p.m. at Zion's Lutheran Church, 354 Zion's Church Rd. Shoemakersville (www.zionslutheran.org). **Advance instrumental rehearsals** will be held on Thursday, October 5 at 8 p.m. and Thursday, October 12 @ 8 p.m. at Zion's Lutheran Church.



Tentative Schedule of Events:

5:00 p.m. Banquet Hall opens for General Admission, Potluck dish delivery.

5:30 p.m. Judging begins for Table Decorating Contest

5:45 p.m. Table Grace is sung, then Opening Prayer by host pastor, The Rev. Dennis Ritter, Interim Pastor at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Leesport.

6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner – self-served, called by tables

7:00 p.m. Table Decoration winner(s) are announced. Lutheran Bingo, Lutheran Trivia, Door Prizes, Hymn Sing.

7:30 p.m. Combined Choir/Orchestra Performance, Remarks by Bishop Sam Zeiser, & the Potato Project Love Offering (Google ihartharvest for more information on this amazing ministry feeding the hungry in our communities)

8:20 p.m. Closing Benediction by host pastor, The Rev. Fran Merkel, St. John's-Gernants Church, Leesport.

All Faiths and All Friends from Everywhere are Welcome at this Celebration Supper!

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