

October 20, 2020



## Pastor's Parable

Sunday is Reformation Sunday. It is an opportunity to celebrate the church and our confessions of faith that affirm who we are as Christians. Many believe that Martin Luther's nailing of the 95 theses to the chapel door was an act of defiance. Actually, Luther's act could better be seen as posting a flyer for a public conversation that was to follow. "Come and discuss the church..." the flyer might have said.

Sunday is another opportunity to celebrate the church and our confessions of faith that affirm who we are as Christians. But the Reformation did not begin with "I am mad about what the church is doing and I don't like how you are doing it!" The Reformation began during dark periods of grief. Actually, the Reformation began in Luther's heart before it happened in public. He must have had long conversations with himself about his faith and how that faith was influenced by the church.

When and how will our Reformation begin? Might it begin with our grief over the countless ways that every aspect of our lives have been changed this year? Could we come to validate the anger and frustration that often leads us to say and feel that "things just need to return to the way they were" or "why does the world – my city – my church, seem so stuck in neutral!!" These feelings are normal and rather than use them as a hammer to nail them in public places, a critical first step is to own the grief and anger that is behind them. Recognizing unexpressed grief may be the first step toward our own reformation and, in fact, the reformation of our church!

Sunday, we celebrate this pivotal event in the life of the church. We look beneath the history and theology and see where we might be led in Matthew 22:34-46 in recognizing the seeds of reformation dormant within each of us.

[Click here for a video message](#)  
from Rev. Coggin.


In this message we are reminded to keep up with projects that are life-giving even after our isolation has made participation difficult.



We still need to hear from you about the worship video that we offer on YouTube. We want to know what we need to focus on to bring you a meaningful experience. Do you like the hymns? The various readers? The images? Saying the prayers out loud at home? Being able to go back over the sermon?

Please send an email to [office@standrewsvictoria.ca](mailto:office@standrewsvictoria.ca)

1. What do you like about the pre-recorded worship video we post to YouTube/ the website each week?
2. What length do you think this video should be?

 Bell Choir Rehearsal:  
Sunday from 11:30 - 12:30



Remember to send your submissions to the link editors by Oct 25. They can't make a congregational newsletter without contributions from the congregation! Email [thelink@shaw.ca](mailto:thelink@shaw.ca)



[Click here](#) to fill out the reservation form in order to join the in-person worship this Sunday.

Reservations are available from Tuesday morning until 2:00 pm Thursday. Reservations can be made by phoning 778-587-1227 between Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00 pm or by filling out the form. We are not taking email reservations at this time. A reminder from the committee in charge of re-opening: Our numbers are increasing so please remember that reservations are required to ensure a seat. We do not want to have to turn people away at the door because we have met our maximum capacity. If you call in after 2 pm Thursday you may not be included in our reservations.



## Beautiful Masks Made Just for You!



The Kim family, Grace, Juhye and Juliet have been busy over the past weeks using their sewing skills to make washable, cloth masks. They want to now share these with St. Andrew's. The masks come in a variety of colours and material designs – see photo of just a few of the masks. If you would like one please speak to one of the ushers at the Sunday service or call Sheelagh at (250) 385-5157

A big thank you to the Kim family for using their talents to bring kindness and joy to our St. Andrew's family!

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations.  
Before the mountains were born  
or you brought forth the whole world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.  
From Psalm 90*



## Cyber Security

It looks like someone may be trying to impersonate our St. Andrew's emails once again. If you receive an odd email supposedly from Pastor Coggin or any of the staff at St. Andrew's, don't reply to it- send a new email to [webadmin@standrevsvictoria.ca](mailto:webadmin@standrevsvictoria.ca) and Martin will help you to report the suspicious email. Remember, none of us will ever ask you to send money or gift cards to us or ask you to do some secret task over email.



## November Recital



St. Andrew's will host Jorge Carrizales for a recital on November 18th at noon. We will send out the poster with more information in the future.

## Want to chat?

Pastor Mitch is available to meet with you over the phone, via zoom or in person with appropriate physical distancing. If you would like to have a visit, call or email him to arrange to meet up at a time and place that is safe and comfortable.



## Read From Your Bible This Week

Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46

