

Dear Faith Shapers,

Fall is upon us and I love the season of fall. I cherish the family traditions, celebrations, and sights and smells that the season of fall brings. It's amazing how sights, smells, and foods can evoke memories. To this day, I love apples and baking with apples as it reminds me of childhood days of picking apples with my grandparents. My grandma taught me to peel apples and bake with them. The most mundane task (such as peeling apples) has fond memories for me because of the time and conversations shared with my grandma. As we worked, my grandma would share with me stories about her faith and what growing up was like for her and I would share things happening in my life. Looking back, I can see how these times were building blocks in my faith journey. Little moments that had big impact. In the regular moments of cooking, my grandma was able to show me she was an authentic, available and affirming adult in my life. Faith was and is shared in ordinary moments of our everyday life! May we all live and share faith daily,

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## Celebrating the Reformation

Reformation day celebrates a movement that removed false doctrine and destructive practices from the church. The reformation began on October 31st 1517 when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to Wittenburg Church door for debate. Luther believed faith alone saved you not faith plus works. Luther also believed people should be able to read the Bible so he translated the Bible into the common language. Here are some fun ways to celebrate Reformation Day at home or at church:

- ♦ Reformation day cake walk— traditional cake walk with the song *A Mighty Fortress* played as you walk.
- ♦ Read a book. Here are some good ones. [Martin Luther: A Man Who Changed the World](#), [The Church History ABCs](#), [10 Boys Who Changed the World](#), [The Barber Who Wanted to Pray](#).
- ♦ Pin the beard on the theologian . Why? Because it is just plain fun!
- ♦ Try a printing press activity. Apply glue dots to that back of foam letters and stick the letters to wooden blocks. Dip the blocks into ink or paint to spell words.
- ♦ Color the Lutheran Rose or use a quill to write Ephesians 2:8-9.
- ♦ Download a free digital copy of Martin Luther's Small Catechism from Amazon. Martin Luther wrote it for parents to use it at home with their family!

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# Prayer Pumpkins



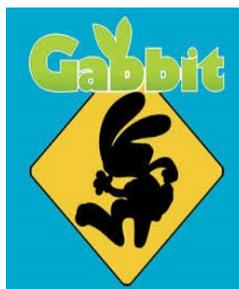
**Prayer pumpkins are a fun way to use a fall centerpiece to help your family remember to pray. Pray for those you are thankful for and for those who need our prayers. Add names of people you are praying for to your pumpkins. As you write the names, share stories about that person. When you eat a meal, pick up a pumpkin and pray for a couple of people. Make prayer pumpkins a new fall tradition!**

## Technology Corner

Great apps for you and your family

### Gabbit Road Trip

This app is a creative way to get your family talking on road trips. There are clever categories like Bad news, Good news, Seek & Say, Once Upon a Time, Fill in the blank, Made Ya Think, and What's for dinner. Gabbit also has other editions such as: family, youth, or couples. Free app!



### IowaCulture

This app is a fun and interactive way to discover arts, history, science and nature in Iowa! You can explore places by category or location. Create your own family adven-



## LET GOD'S LOVE SHINE THIS HALLOWEEN



The Home Life Network would like to introduce two new writers who will be writing for our Living Faith @ Home newsletter.

Pastor Stacey Nalean-Carlson from Glenwood Lutheran Church in Decorah and Associate in Ministry Kristin Johnson from St. Petri Lutheran Church in Story City.