



October Recognizes Reformation's 500th Year

We are pleased to welcome Prof. Ken Sawyer to our podium to talk about and celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, which is October 31, 2017.

Ken Sawyer teaches at McCormick Theological Seminary, on the south side of Chicago, Illinois. McCormick is a Presbyterian seminary which welcomes a great variety of students from many traditions. He has been part of the McCormick community a long time, and rooted in and formed by the schools, libraries, and congregations of the south side. In serving a small school in response to the needs of our students, he has become a generalist historian-- teaching in each of the main periods of Western christian history: early, medieval, Reformation, early modern, and modern. He received the Ph.D. in the History of Christianity from the University of Chicago Divinity School where he studied with Martin Marty, Jerald Brauer, and Langdon Gilkey.



Martin Luther (1483-1546), father of the Reformation

He will focus on the various renewal movements of the sixteenth century gathered under the title, the Reformation. He will review the main topics and leaders of these movements, and then turn to the religious, political, and broader intellec-

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September Sales

Our grateful thanks to our good member, Mr. Ronald Solberg, who presented: "Oohs and Ahs: Those Magnificent Traveling Salesmen (and Saleswomen) of Illinois".

Thanks also to Sam Smith as Torskemaster and to Tom Peterson who had stepped in to take over the role of Recording Secretary.

2018 Dues

October is the mailing of annual dues request. As in years past, the dues remain at \$40 for the year, payable now. Our final reminder on dues will come in December.

Most know that our dues pay for supplemental expenses of this group: This letter, some occasional speaker costs, lefse and most importantly, it is your contribution to a pour of Linie Aquavit to

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Torske Klub Luncheon - October 14, 2017

The luncheon will be held at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL (847-824-1556 for directions that day). Cocktail hour begins at noon; dinner starts promptly at 1:00 P.M. when, according to our tradition, our BOSS rings the bell to seat us for dinner. Make your regular dinner reservation by the evening of October 9 2017. ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR DINNER. Timely reservations insure that fish and a table space can be reserved for you. The fish order is called in after the deadline. No fish dinner can be promised for late reservations; an alternative meal is likely.

Call (847) 886-4841 at any time day or night to leave a reservation. As usual, please leave your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER, NAME, and the TOTAL number of people in your party. The same information is required when you reserve for other members. We have reservations from the following members: 3, 38, 40, 42A, 47, 51, 55, 84, 97, 98, 115, 120, 135, 149. Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call for additional guests or prearrange to cancel. If you are not a member and wish to attend, call the same number and leave your name according to the principle "Once a guest, twice a friend, three times a member!" If you prefer email reservations, please send to reservations@torskeklub.com (not .org) with your total number of reservations, including yourself and guests. Tom Peterson will respond with a confirmation email.

**Reservations
by Monday,
Oct. 9
Please**

FREE Raffle Ticket to each member that brings one or more guests to the dinner this 2017/2018 season excluding ladies day and father/son/daughter day.

NEW Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(847) 886-4841



US Stamp commemoration
of Leif Erikson

tual contributions of these Reformations. We will conclude with some Reformation answers to some contemporary social issues. If you are seeking to get started, you can view a few videos on Reformation themes that we note on our web site. You will note the same story in the same century is told from some very different perspectives.

Our torskemaster is our good member, Pastor David Langseth.

By the way, this is also the month of Leif Erikson Day, celebrated on October 9 by declaration of President Lyndon Johnson as advised by Congress in Public Law 88-566. Eric, meet Martin.

It seems like St. Olaf should be in this group somewhere with our discussion of the evolution of christianity, but we'll defer that discussion to another day.

If this all sounds interesting, you are not alone. There has been some positive buzz about this month. The day should be well attended. Bring a guest and make reservations early to reserve your fish.

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celebrate your birthday with your friends.

The dues letter also contains a little slip of information that we ask you review and return with corrections. We have a number of members with missing or incorrect info, typically:

- ♦ **Incorrect Address** - If you have moved and your forwarding expires, you will not be getting a letter soon.
- ♦ **Email**—many members have email these days, but either their email has changed or it is not enabled to receive from us.
- ♦ **Birth Month**—We ask for birthday, but really just need the month to celebrate as in the birthday list below.
- ♦ **Other Information** is less important, but useful to call if we need to.



If you paid as a new member recently, or are a complementary mailing, ignore the request for money, but please check your info is correct. Drop your response in the return envelope provided at the check-in desk or post mail in the envelope provided.

Remember that the
cost of meal is now
\$25 per plate

Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of October:

Peter Hastings, Eivind Torske, Kaare Nevdal, Walter Lorentsen, Board Member Tom Field and Reffle Chairman Sam Smith.

We have a few member announcements:

We welcome to our group three men who signed up at the recent Vasa Park Scandinavian Days:

- Ed Waters – Fox River Grove, IL
- Darryl Bengtson – Park Ridge IL
- Thor Davidson – Wheaton IL

We also welcome Vernon Katz, who was omitted from a welcome last season by a clerical error.

Finally, as we noted in an email in late September, we were saddened to hear of the sudden death of a past member who returned to live in Norway. Morten Solum passed away about Sept. 23, 2017 apparently while in Africa working on one of his projects.

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