

HOLY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HILL OVERLOOKING ROBESONIA

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS FLAT LUTHER?!

Not every chapter of St. Daniel's history involves new ministers, major construction projects, fires, or moving buildings. Sometimes history is just plain fun!

October 31, 2017, marked 500 years since Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. As Lutherans around the world prepared to commemorate this milestone anniversary, St. Daniel's joined other Lutheran churches in marking the occasion through a "Flat Luther" project.

"Flat Luther" was inspired by "Flat Stanley," the title character of Jeff Brown's 1964 children's book. After a falling bulletin board flattens Stanley Lambchop, he discovers that his new shape lets him travel in unusual ways – including being mailed in an envelope to visit friends.

In 1995, third-grade teacher Dale Hubert of London, Ontario, Canada, transformed the story into the global "Flat Stanley Project." Students mailed paper versions of Stanley to family and friends, who photographed his travels and recorded his adventures in journals. Whether the destinations were magnificent or mundane, the project gave children a fun, memorable way to learn about new places and cultures.

St. Daniel's and other Lutheran congregations across the country gave the project a distinctly Lutheran spin. Members took along a laminated "Flat Luther" on their travels and snapped photos of the famous reformer wherever he went. Near or far, each adventure became part of St. Daniel's celebration of the Reformation's 500th anniversary – and sent a little piece of our Lutheran heritage along for the ride!

As we continue celebrating 275 years of St. Daniel's, here's a look back at a lighter moment in our history. So, just where did Flat Luther go? Take a look at his adventures!

What an amazing and enduring history we share!

Follow this space throughout the year for snippets of St. Daniel's history from 1751 to 2026.

Information about "Flat Stanley" was drawn from the recommended article below and from personal experience. "Flat Luther" photos are from the St. Daniel's archives.

Recommended reading:

<https://www.cnn.com/2005/EDUCATION/03/02/flatstanley/>

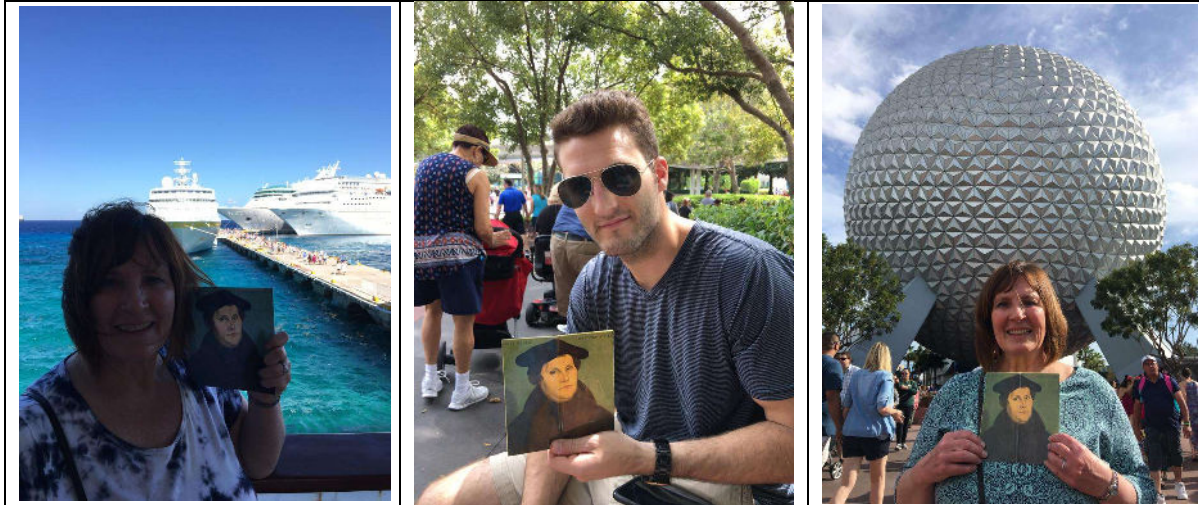
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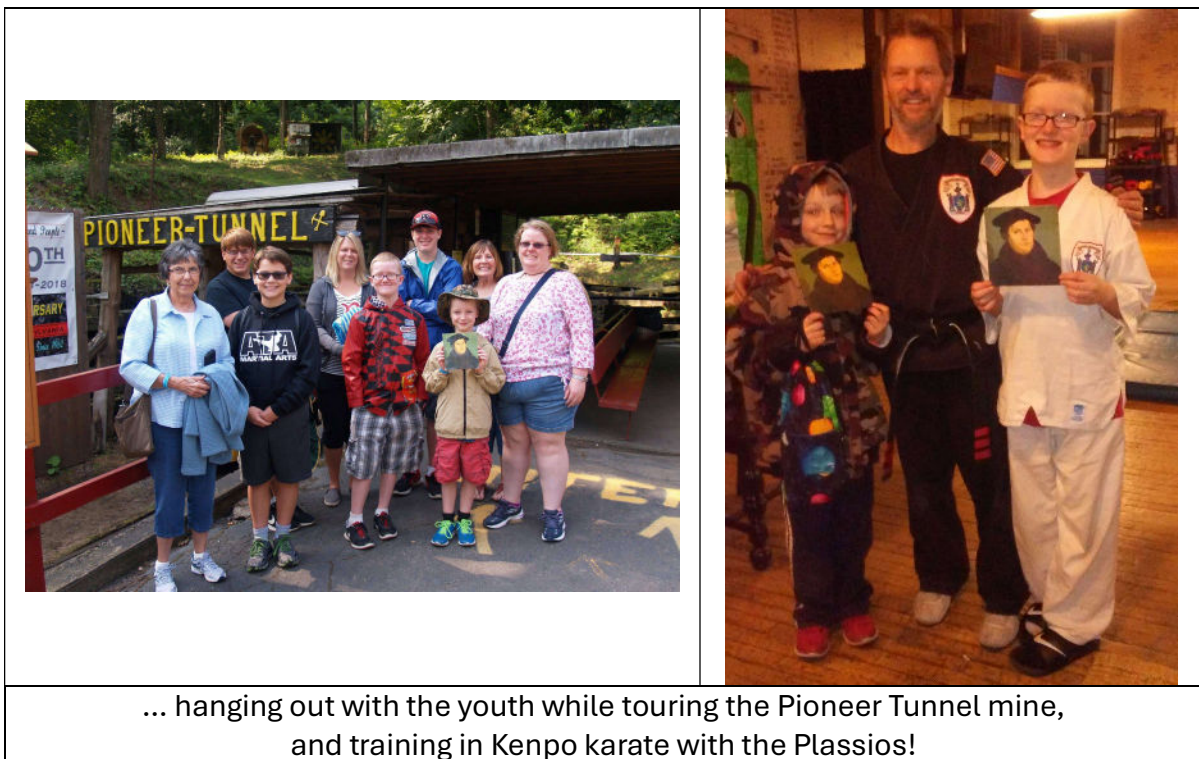
Martin Luther painted by Lucas Cranach der Ältere in 1528.
Image: wikimedia Commons

Along with changing the world, Flat Luther enjoyed sewing in Sinking Spring, and boating, floating, and fireside chats on Long Island!





Flat Luther also reveled in cruising and going to amusement parks with Joy & Jonathan Kline...



... hanging out with the youth while touring the Pioneer Tunnel mine,
and training in Kenpo karate with the Plassios!



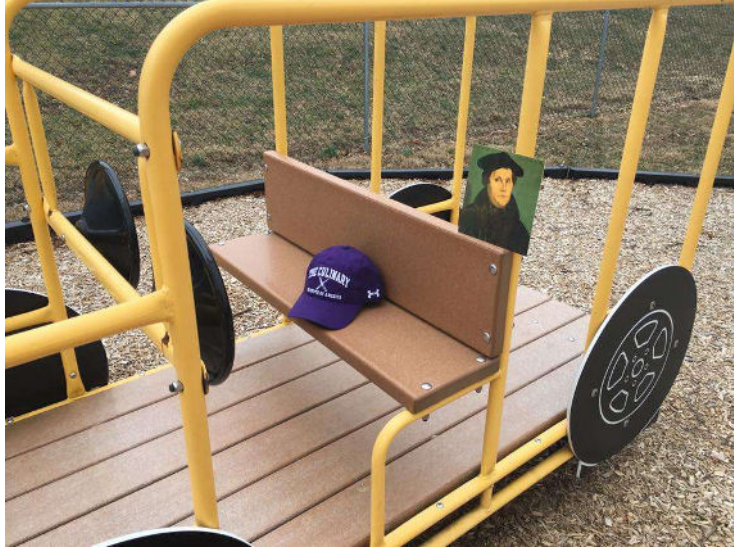
Flat Luther visited Camp Noah!



Flat Luther joined in congratulating Dustin Jacobs on earning his Eagle Scout!

Even Flat Luther couldn't have fun all the time! He joined Susan, Marie, Lori, Rita, and Pat for an Active Social Ministry meeting.





Apparently, Flat Luther was a fan of the Culinary Institute of America and playgrounds.

Do we even need to explain?!



According to Barry & Pearl Wurst, Boots wasn't finicky when it came to hanging out with Protestant Reformers!



Flat Luther made his rounds.



Flat Luther went to Spring Training with Vernon & Patsy Bright and Harold & Elaine Schappell!

