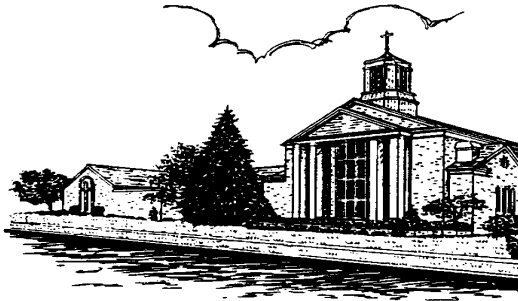


**REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
4543 DOUGLAS ROAD  
TOLEDO, OH 43613**

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# REFORMATION

## News and Views

Reformation Lutheran Church  
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### Mission Statement

“With the help of the Holy Spirit, God’s purpose for Reformation Lutheran Church is to use everyone’s talents to transform lives and serve others by boldly taking the Good News of Jesus to all people.”

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### A Message from our Pastor

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; 4he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” 5And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. (Revelation 21:1-6)*

Every November, we celebrate the saints who have gone before us and the saints who are in our midst. We are surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses who help shape our faith, who teach us about God’s amazing love for us, and who inspire us to love each other. And, as beloved children of God, we each have a part in that.

It is obvious that none of us are perfect, but that we each have special talents, special callings, and that the Holy Spirit moves amongst us raising us up to share these gifts with each other and with this great world that God created. It isn’t that we are chasing God down, but that God is constantly coming to us, reminding us of God’s astonishing love.

And every All Saints’ Day, as we remember the saints who we loved so much who have gone before us, we hear this special reading from Revelation. I hope you will take some time this month to spend with this reading, and that you will let it move you however the Spirit leads.

What do you think the new Jerusalem will be like?

Where is the home of God?

How does God care for us?

Who are some saints who have shaped your faith? In what ways are you like them?

How do you help shape the faith of others?

When does God help pick you up and wipe the tears from your eyes?

Even as we are all sinners, do you also consider yourself a saint? Did you know that Martin Luther explained that we are all simultaneously sinners and saints thanks to God's great gift of grace and forgiveness?

Walking with you in Christ,  
Pastor Stacy

PS-Please keep filling out the poster boards in the narthex as we celebrate all of the ways that God is active in the world throughout our history, present, and future!

## **What's New at Reformation?**

### **Offering Tellers and Ushers Needed**

We are also in need of a few more people to serve in these capacities. If you can do this, please see any usher or Roger Stygles concerning offering counting.

### **Facebook Page**

If you haven't been to Reformation's Facebook page yet, please visit there (and Like us). Anyone is welcome to share photos of church activities, say hello to one another and just keep up on news. You can also share upcoming events with your Friends.

### **Donations to the Fish Bowl**

Each week donations to the Fish Bowl will be designated to a different cause, organization or other purpose. Any and all donations are always gladly accepted.

### **Catechism News:**

Our young people are learning so much this year! We have class November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at Augsburg at 4:30. On November 21<sup>st</sup>, we will head to Dearborn, MI for a visit to the Islamic Center of America. We are in need of drivers for this trip. If you are able to chaperone, please contact Pastor Stacy.

**Morning Worship:** We will have a brief morning worship at Reformation on November 11 and 18 at 10:30 AM. Please join us for this special service.

**Accidental Saints:** Pastor Stacy wants to read Accidental Saints by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Would you like to join her? We will meet at Barry's Bagels on November 3rd at 11 AM to discuss the first half of the book. Everyone is welcome. The book is available at Barnes and Noble and Amazon.

## **Time, Talents, and Treasures**

The stewardship of our time, talents, and treasures is vital to the work of the church! With our mission statement in mind, let us consider how each one of us can serve - at Reformation and beyond. Mark 16:15 tells us that Jesus said, "Go into the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."

There are many opportunities to serve! Join a committee or commit to outreach programs in which we participate in the community.

Your prayerful support of Reformation is important to the entire congregation. We are so blessed that faithful giving has provided us the means to continue God's work both here and beyond our walls.

November 15 is Stewardship Sunday at Reformation. We will give thanks for our many blessings by pledging our continued support to the mission of this church.

## **News in and Around Our Church...**

Aldersgate UMC Ladies' Annual Fall Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-3:00 at Aldersgate. 4030 Douglas Road.

Pastor & Mr. Ketcham, of Augsburg, invite you to the baptism of their daughter, Abby. It will be held on 11/22/2015 at their 9:30 worship service. Bishop Marcus Lohrmann will be presiding.

Augsburg will be having their annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on 11/26/2015. Contact Augsburg at Cindy Ray at (419)704-3114 to make reservations.

### **Food For Thought**

Food For Thought offerings are collected the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. In addition to food items, personal care items such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, wash clothes and such, are very welcome donations. In addition, if you have any old cell phones lying around you can put those in the bins as well. Food For Thought will sell them and use the proceeds for the program.

### **Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!**

"I wish to thank everybody for their thoughts and prayers during and after my recent stay in the hospital. Even though we do not know the exact problem yet, I am doing and feeling much better. Thank you." Sandy Matzinger

GOOD GIVERS! We at Reformation are blessed with such generous givers. It's amazing how our congregation responds to special requests and needs! Thank You for your generous donations when we have specific requests for items not covered in the budget!

Copy Paper – We now have a great supply

Furnace Repairs – Never a fun expense

Food for Thought – Mission in Action

Tablecloths – flannel-backed vinyl cloths for all the tables

Friends of Music – Brass for holidays

Community Dinners – Expenses are covered BEFORE the event.

And so on... What a blessing our Reformation Family is!!!

## **Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner An Event to Benefit Reformation Lutheran Church**

Where: Reformation Lutheran Church (Luther Hall)

When: Thursday, November 19

Time: Doors open at 5:30, dinner served at 6:00

Cost: \$12.00 per person

Reservations: Call Fran Oliver (419-708-5763)

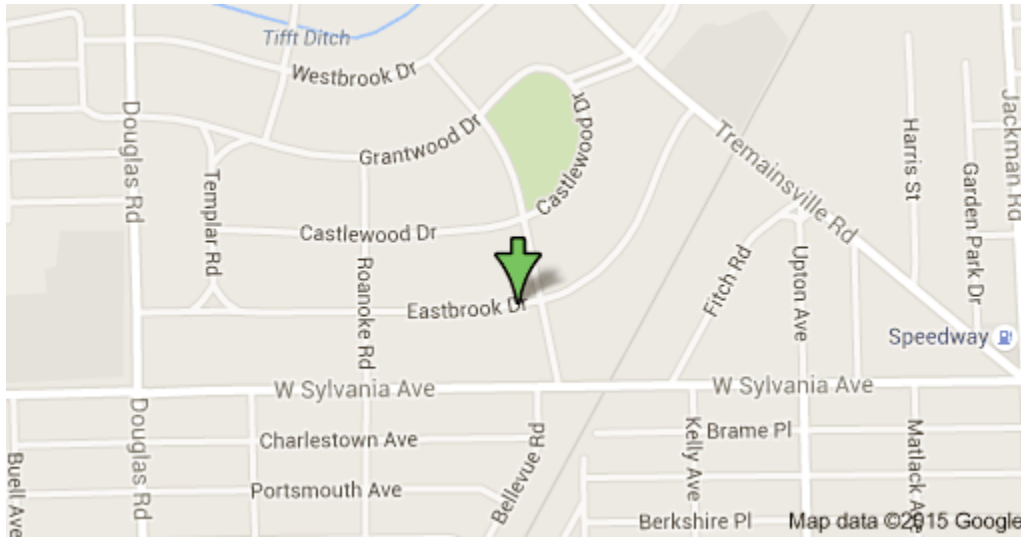
Join us for a full traditional turkey dinner with side dishes, all provided by Ida's Catering. There will also be a bake sale with holiday breads, sweets, jams and jellies for you to purchase for yourself or to give as excellent gifts. Join us and bring your friends for this delicious dinner and fellowship! Ida's Catering is not taking any profit from this, all proceeds after expenses will go directly to Reformation.

### **Christmas Caroling**

We will be Christmas Caroling with members of Bethany Lutheran at St. Anne's Hospital on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 6:00pm. The more voices, the better! Please make room in your busy schedule to join us as we brighten up the lives of those in the hospital. Afterwards we will all go to a local eatery for refreshments.

### **THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP**

This year our Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be at Pathways Christian Church, 2160 Eastbrook Dr, Toledo, at 7:00 pm.



## **Free Holiday Community Dinner**

Again this year we will be providing a very special free holiday dinner for the community and those in need. The dinner will take place on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 5-7pm in Luther Hall. In addition to the wonderful food there will be fellowship time for our community neighbors with special games and activities for all. Volunteers are needed to donate desserts or to help serve at the dinner. Reservations are needed and must be in by Dec 5. For reservations, call Carol Dolt (419-385-4242) or Fran Oliver (419-708-5763), giving your name and phone number.

## **Down From His Glory – by John W. Peterson Choir Annual Christmas Cantata Dec. 13 – 6:00pm – Reformation Lutheran Church**

We have very excitedly been previewing our Christmas Cantata, written by our very own Marty Britsch, with words by Rick Hagg and Julie Boesenhofer. Unfortunately, it was determined that it was not going to be possible to get finished writing this piece in time for this year’s Christmas program. They will continue this project and plan to present it next year, Christmas 2016.

This year the Chancel Choir of Reformation, and guests, will present *Down From His Glory*, by John W. Peterson. This cantata walks us through the Christmas Story with beautiful words and music, interspersed with scripture readings.

Please make plans to attend this concert on Dec. 13 at 6:00pm. A reception will follow the performance. Bring a friend to this community event.

## **Christmas Decorations**

With blessings from Church Council, we will be refurbishing our tired-looking Christmas decorations. While not changing up the basic decorations, we will spruce up and refresh what we have. If you are able, please consider donating toward the items needed to accomplish this, by placing cash or a check (please write decorations in the memo) in the fish bowl on Nov. 1 or 8. Also, we ask that you consider donating an “under the bed” type storage container for future storing of these decorations. We are attempting to find a way to store the decorations so that they don’t get squished! Anything you can do to help is very much appreciated!

### **Important Up-coming Dates ...**

- Nov. 29** – Decorate the church for Christmas. Poinsettia orders due!
- Dec. 6** – Nominations for Church Council meeting following worship.
- Dec. 6** – Christmas Caroling with Bethany Lutheran at St. Anne’s Hospital – 6:00pm.
- Dec. 13** – Election of 2016 Church Council.
- Dec. 13** – Choir Christmas Cantata and reception following. Please note – time is 6:00.
- Dec. 19 & 20** – Cookie buffet. Angel Tree gifts due on Dec. 20.
- Dec. 24** – Christmas Eve Candlelight worship at 7:00pm
- Dec. 27** – Joint worship with Bethany Lutheran at Bethany. Time is 10:00am.

**Reminder: On Saturday night, Oct. 31, turn your clocks back one hour.**

That's right, you get an extra hour of sleep. If you forget to turn your clocks back, you will arrive an hour early for church!

**In Our Prayers...**

We have been keeping the following individuals in our prayers. If you have anyone you would like added to this list, please contact the church office. We ask your continued thoughts and prayers for all those with special needs.

**HOME:** Kathy Kier, Phyllis Neeley, Bernie Haugh, Carole Haugh, Char Bowlus, Barb Belcik, Shirley Kennedy, Sandy Matzinger, June Kutzly, Linda Bailiff, Jan Leonard.

**HOSPITALS / CARE CENTERS:** Mike Hillesheim (Toledo), Miriam Rude (Franciscan), Eleanor Dull (Kingston), Michael Morrin, Alice Notheis (Swan Creek), Lois Rywalski (Kingston), Ken Robertson (Vibrant Life), Linda Stirn (Spring Meadows Senior Community), Donna Weber (Hospice).

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Julie Hipple, niece of Roger & Ruth Stygles ; Nicole Erdman, granddaughter of John & Sue Kusz ; Ida Engler, friend of Fran Oliver; Kathy Guerrero & Dick Korn, friends of Jan Leonard ; Paula Sanner & Gina Glover, sisters of Fran Oliver; Jack Schonter and Tom Schonter, brothers of Fran Oliver; Barb Nicely, friend of Linda Bailiff; Jerry Mitchel, friend of Linda Bailiff; Violet Liest, friend of M. Ware; Kathie Myers, sister of Peg Hinds; Jeff Snow, Nephew of Terry Belcik; David Britsch, brother of Martin Britsch; Connie Sondergeld, daughter of Larry & Sandy Matzinger; Clay Wilson, son-in-law of Grace Anton; Cindy Steffel, friend of Fred & Corinne Oliger; Dwight Henry, friend of Linda Bailiff; Sharon, mother of Donna Morrin; Keith & Trina, friends of Terry & Barb Belcik; Dave Moore, friend of Barb & Terry Belcik; Holly Durst, friend of Diane Hitchens; Mike Assman, David & Shirley, friends of Diane Hitchens; Richard Hitchens, requested by Diane Hitchens; John Bailiff husband of Linda Bailiff; Larry Brechbill, father of Leslee Pryor & Brian Brechbill; Caryl, friend of Linda Bailiff; Christopher Dysterhose, nephew of John Bailiff.

**In death:** Special friend of Reformation, Pastor Glen Stadler.

**Reminder: We are still in need of contributions of toilet paper, paper towels and liquid soap for our restrooms. Please consider donating. This is a much-needed savings for our church. We especially need paper towels at this time!**

**Reminder to save your cancelled stamps – give them to Miriam Rude.**

**Acolyte / Crucifer Schedule for 11/1 – 11/29**

Nov.	1	L. Bailiff
	8	G. Anton / S. Wilson
	15	L. Pryor
	22	C. Hennessey
	29	L. Bailiff

**Ushers Schedule for 11/1 – 11/29**

Nov.	1	*D. Baker, B. Brechbill, I. Precht, T. Belcik
	8	*F. Oliger, M. Hillesheim, M. Link, T. Belcik
	15	*D. Baker, M. Link, I. Precht, M. Hillesheim
	22	*D. Baker, T. Belcik, B. Brechbill, M. Link
	29	*F. Oliger, I. Precht, M. Hillesheim, B Brechbill

**Offering Tellers Schedule for 11/1 – 12/6**

Nov.	1	J. Kraus / R. Stygles
	8	R. Stygles / G. Anton
	15	G. Anton / M. Jarramillo
	22	M. Jarramillo / J. Kraus
	29	J. Kraus / R. Stygles
Dec.	6	R. Stygles / G. Anton

**November Birthdays**

Nov.	5	Linda Bailiff
	19	Julie Boesenhofer
	27	Mark Jaques
	30	Donna Weber

## November Weekly Calendar

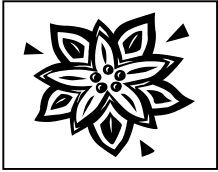
Monday	12:30 7:00-10:00	Women's Bible Study Volleyball - Luther Hall
Tuesday	5:30-7:30 8:00-9:00	TOPS - Classroom Serenity Group AA - Classroom
Wednesday	8:30-9:30	12 Step West AA – Classroom
Thursday	6:00-7:00 7:00-9:00 7:30 – 9:00	Basketball – Luther Hall Basketball – Luther Hall Chancel Choir practice
Mon-Fri	12:00-1:00	Openminded AA Group – Classrooms

## November Calendar of Events

Sunday, Nov 1	Clocks Fall Back
Wednesday, Nov 4	Catechism 4:30 @ Augsburg
Sunday, Nov. 8	Children's Sunday School at 10:15
Monday, Nov 9	Congregational Council @ 6:30
Wednesday, Nov 11	Wednesday Morning Worship @ 10:30
Sunday, Nov 15	Children's Sunday school, Stewardship Sunday/Feed Your Neighbor
Monday, Nov 16	Synod Stewardship Meeting @ 7:00
Wednesday, Nov 18	Wednesday Morning Worship @ 10:30
Wednesday, Nov 18	Catechism 4:30 @ Augsburg
Saturday, Nov 21	Catechism trip to Islamic Center of America Mosque in Dearborn, MI
Sunday, Nov. 22	Children's Sunday school @ 10:15
Wednesday, Nov 25	Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:00 @ Pathways Christian Church
Sunday, Nov 29	Decorate the church for Christmas, Angel Tree also goes up!

## **Bible Readings for November**

- 1 John 11:32-44
- 2 Romans 12:17-21, 13:8-10
- 3 Acts 7:17-29
- 4 John 13:31-35
- 5 Romans 5:6-11
- 6 Hebrews 9:15-24
- 7 Mark 11:12-24, 20-24
- 8 Mark 12:38-44
- 9 1 Timothy 5:1-8
- 10 1 Timothy 5:9-16
- 11 Luke 4:16-30
- 12 1 Timothy 6:11-21
- 13 Colossians 2:6-15
- 14 Mark 12:1-12
- 15 Mark 13:1-8
- 16 Hebrews 10:26-31
- 17 Hebrews 10:32-39
- 18 Mark 13:9-23
- 19 Acts 7:54-8:1a
- 20 1 Corinthians 15:20-28
- 21 John 3:31-36
- 22 John 18:33-37
- 23 Revelation 11:1-14
- 24 Revelation 11:15-19
- 25 John 16:25-33
- 26 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- 27 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
- 28 Luke 21:20-24
- 29 Luke 21:25-36
- 30 2 Peter 3:1-18



## Christmas Poinsettia Sale

If you would like to order poinsettias for the Christmas Eve services this year please place your order through the church office by completing the information below. **The absolute deadline for placing your order is Sunday, November 29.** Please make checks payable to Reformation Lutheran. **Payment must be made with the order.**

No. of plants \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.00 each      Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor of

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Please Word this exactly as you want it to appear in the Christmas Eve Bulletin.

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