

**REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH
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News and Views

Reformation Lutheran Church
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Sunday – 9:00 am
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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.”

A Message from our Pastor

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

What a journey it has been to reach this point!

Throughout Lent as we journeyed to the cross, we also walked with our sisters and brothers throughout the world, including those who seem to have so much less than we do. We shared compassion, prayer, hope, and love by praying for them, by offering our own resources, by serving.

Right here in our congregations, we grieved those who have gone before us in the many deaths that we experienced. At the same time, we were also strengthened in our faith by the examples those saints set for us and by our sisters and brothers who are still surrounding us in love.

During Holy Week, we recognized that Jesus’ love for us is so extravagant that he was willing to go to the cross. He recognizes our pain and suffering, he recognizes struggles we and our sisters and brothers around the world face, and he is here in the midst of them.

And just when we thought that life was hard, that we were wondering where those mountaintop experiences had gone, we received the good news that is better than anything else in the world.

Christ is risen! Death does not have the last word. Grieving, dying, pain, and suffering are all things that challenge us, but they do not have the final say. In everything, EVERYTHING, Christ walks with us. In every moment, he is there loving us, lifting us, giving us strength, providing us with hope, helping us know his encouragement. It’s true for you and for me that Jesus hungers for us, that he desires that we know and recognize his love in our midst.

I hope that as we rejoice together in the knowledge that Christ’s work around and in us is not yet finished that you will also take the time to continue talking with Him. I pray that your faith will be strengthened as you see this world with an Easter heart where

healing is taking place, where you know our Lord's presence, where you experience that love even more fully.

And I also anticipate that together we can continue to serve our amazing, risen Lord. Because now that we know the good news, we also celebrate that we are the hands and feet of our risen Lord in this world. Along with our regular opportunities for service and compassion (that are so very important!) I have two additional exciting times to lift up:

- *Abundant Life Together*: is a ministry in the ELCA that provides young adults with a year apart in intentional community to explore vocation through theological, practical, and shared learning that transforms communities as participants grow together through personal reflection, rich relationships, leadership, and service (from altyear.org). One young adult and Pastor Melissa will be leading worship at Reformation on April 17th at 9 AM. A different young adult will be preaching at Bethany on May 1st. Additionally, another young adult, Elizabeth, helps teach catechism for all of our 6th-8th graders. If you would like to help support ALT Year or hear more about them, please see Pastor Stacy, come to a catechism class, or be at Reformation's worship on April 17th or Bethany's worship on May 1st.
- *Gideons International* is an Association of Christian business and professional people dedicated to telling people about Jesus through sharing personally and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While known worldwide for their work with hotels, they predominantly share Scriptures in schools and colleges, prisons and jails, hospitals, and medical offices (from gideons.org). Their national convention is in Toledo this year, and they will be sending one of their worldwide members to join Reformation on May 1st. You are invited to hear more about how they serve our Lord with our help.

Walking with you in Christ,
Pastor Stacy

What's New at Reformation?

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.

Morning Worship: We will have morning worship at Reformation on April 13th and April 27th at 10:30am.

Easter Brunch: Please join the Young Adult Group for an Easter brunch on April 10th at 12:15 at Rick's City Diner on Monroe Street.

JOINT WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - SAVE THE DATE!!!

We will have combined worship with our sister congregations of Augsburg and Bethany Lutheran churches during the summer months and for our annual Outdoor Worship and Picnic. These are wonderful worship opportunities so please mark your calendars for these events.

May 29 (Memorial day weekend) **at Augsburg – 9:30.**

July 3 (Independence day weekend) **at Bethany – 10:00.**

Aug. 7 – Worship in the Park (Ottawa Park) – 10:00.

Sept. 4 (Labor day weekend) **at Reformation – 10:00.**

*******Start Saving for the Rummage Sale*******

Start saving those household treasures and clothing items for our Rummage Sale. While we have not finalized the date, we need you to be thinking about what you can contribute!

Share Your Story – It's Important

The Lutheran World Federation is empowering women worldwide by supporting a program that is collecting women's stories from around the globe. This story collecting will go on all throughout 2016 and can be submitted in the form of a prayer, a written essay, a video, blog or interview. You can tell your story on a quilt or in a song. Share your story of faith or illuminate the women who you draw strength from.

"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you." Maya Angelou reminds us of what we as women already intrinsically know. You can't keep it all inside forever. No matter how hard or off tract our sad or happy stories are it feels good, necessary to get them off our minds and hearts. It's not even that important who the listener is or how well they listen; sometimes we as humans just need to exhale our lives onto another warm body!

History is only beginning to ask women their stories. The Lutheran World Federation doesn't just want your stories of important women and what they've contributed to the world. Although these women are beautiful examples who inspire further good deeds, the LWF wants YOUR story. It doesn't have to be pretty, or well written or even happy. Just share what you know, what you love, what makes you get up each morning and keeps you keeping on.

You can send your contributions to women.elca@elca.org or mail them to Women of The ELCA, Attn. LWF Stories, 8765 W Higgins Road, Chicago IL 60631.

story of my life... Bethany Collier

Ladies' Salad Luncheon

Our Ladies' Salad Luncheon will be Saturday, May 7, 1:00 p.m. in Luther Hall. Be sure to invite moms, daughters, sisters, friends, in-laws, everybody to enjoy a delightful afternoon of food and fellowship!! The men will serve!! Sign up to host (decorate) a table and to make reservations. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex or you can call the church office (491-473-1369).

Again we will offer a mini-boutique. If you have a craft to make for the boutique, start now. The evenings are still long and cool, so it's a good time to knit or work on your special donations!

Douglas Road Update

City engineers held an informational meeting March 21 to let residents know the latest on the roadwork. Right now the southbound lanes are closed. They are scheduled to open April 4. **BUT NOT FOR LONG!**

In mid-April the northbound lanes will close from Sylvania to Laskey for total reconstruction. That should be finished in mid-July at which time the southbound lanes will close again. Road work should be complete in October!! Douglas will be widened by about 8 feet, making it a safer 4-lane stretch. Our sidewalks will be moved toward the property by about a foot and a half. It certainly will be great when they are done!

Meanwhile, you CAN get to church!! Use Bales from Laskey to get to Oak Grove or Castleton. From Sylvania, drive Bowen. If you use Tremainsville, come to church on Oak Grove.

We're trying to be very patient through all this!

Bethany Community Dinners

Every Wednesday, Bethany hosts a free dinner for the community. It is a valuable part of their mission in the neighborhood! Pattie Webber is the chief cook, and she has some faithful helpers!

Fred and Corinne Olinger volunteer at these dinners the 2nd Wednesday each month, from about 5 – 7. We fix drinks, slice desserts, and help serve supper at 6. The Bethany workers could use a break once in a while, so we would like to get some Reformation people to help one Wednesday a month.

If you could give a couple hours once a month to help with this vital mission, please call Corinne (734-847-2908). This would be another opportunity to work in mission with our sister congregation.

Thank You Thank You Thank You!!

Thank you to all who helped out in any way during this holiest of holy seasons, the season of Lent and Easter. There were extra worship services needing extra help with assisting ministers, ushers, communion assistants, choirs and cantors and we thank you for giving of your time and talent. Special thanks goes to Dennis Oehlers for providing the beautiful brass music for our Easter festival worship and to the Chancel choirs of Bethany and Reformation for the beautiful cantata presented on Palm Sunday.

Thank You received:

Many, many thanks to our Reformation and Bethany families. Whatever you did...be it sent a card, stopped by the hospital, prepared food, offered whatever help might be needed, attended/participated in the beautiful service, lent a sympathetic ear, gave a much needed hug, and of course all the prayers sent to Our Lord....Thank You. A special thank you to Wow for making sure Mom got to church on Sundays and to Pastor Stacy for her visits and praying with us.

Linda Bailiff, Nancy Borsani and Dan Dunderman Sr and their families

I want to thank the ladies from Reformation who brought me the beautiful plant you brought for me for Easter. It means so much to be remembered.

Linda Stirn

Card Received

“Hello to all. Easter Blessings to All” June Kutzly and Terry Kutzly, Indianapolis.

Dear Reformation,

I would like to thank Pastor and everybody who sent cards and their thoughts and prayers during and after my recent surgery. Also, thank you to Joanne for her visits.

Sandy Matzinger

Reformation family,

Brian, Ryanne, Josh, Jan and I want to express our most sincere gratitude to everyone at Reformation for their support and prayers during the long hospitalization and subsequent passing of Marge Brechbill. Those of you who visited Marge brought so much joy to her. She loved reading all the cards and looking at the flowers she received. I would like to especially thank the ladies of Reformation who helped make the luncheon after the funeral extraordinary. Ryanne, Jan and I would have never been able to make it happen on our own.

We would also like to thank the members of the Chancel Choir who took time out of their schedules to sing at mom’s funeral. We had many, many compliments on how beautiful the music was, and how much it added to the service. You guys were awesome.

And a most heartfelt and most sincere thank you to Pastor Stacy. Despite everything else on your agenda, you somehow managed to find time to visit Marge very frequently. That meant so much to her, and to the family. In those last four days your presence and faith helped all of us through such a rough time. And her funeral was absolutely beautiful and so meaningful.

Thank you again to everyone.

Leslee Pryor

Memorials received in memory of Bernie Haugh:

Chuck and Jan Ellenberer, Fred and Corinne Olinger, Jon and Judith Kerl, John and Janet Nyman, Robert Daney, Barbara Links, Paul and Vaness Luchok, Carol and R.L. Frederick, Terry and Barb Belcik, Raymond and Dorothy Harper, Lynn and John Warren, Karen and Doug Stone, Sue and John Kusz, Peggy and Al Musch, John and Scott Chitwood, Stevens Painting, Jim Kaufas, Gloria DeMeritt, Brenda and Art Michaelis, Janet and Tom Titkemeier, Ruth and Roger Stygles, Judy and Buddy Young, Carol and Chuck Dolt, Irene and Gene Daniels, Linda and John Seitz, Peg and Dave Hinds, Joanne Kraus, Sandy and Steve Drake

Memorials received in memory of Marjorie Brechbill:

Joanne Kraus, Dawn and Michael Duncan, Lucy and Rob Young, Peg and Dave Hinds, Barbara and Jerry Mullins, Susan and Paul Trestan, Corinne and Fred Olinger, Ruth and Roger Stygles, Linda Smith, Gloria DeMeritt, Barb and Terry Belcik, Fran Oliver, Judy Myers, Marian and Jim Crayne, Nancy Ibarra, Sharon Etzel, Brenda Brien, Brenda and Art Michaelis, Diane and Larry Dunbar, Terri and Steve Braun, Mike Elling, Joan Clark, Patricia and Peter Mainhardt, Jeanne Nahm, Jill and Greg Mallory, Mary and Larry Ray, Sue and John Kusz, Lafferty, Gallagher and Scott LLC.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

HOME: Kathy Kier, Miriam Rude, Phyllis Neeley, Char Bowlus, Shirley Kennedy, June Kutzly, Jan Leonard, Lydia Latsch, Sandy Matzinger, Barb Belcik.

HOSPITALS / CARE CENTERS: Alice Notheis (Swan Creek), Lois Rywalski (Kingston), Michael Morrin, Ken Robertson (Vibrant Life), Linda Stirn (Spring Meadows Senior Community)

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; 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; Shirley & Holly, friends of Diane Hitchens; Richard Hitchens, requested by Diane Hitchens; John Bailiff husband of Linda Bailiff; Carolyn Ellenberger, mother of Chuck Ellenberger; Adrianna D; Tammy Fobert, requested by Martin Britsch; Ida & Chris, friends of Fran Oliver; Mark P, Lisa, Sandy, friends of Chad Bailiff; Eli Titkemeier; Cyndy Cunningham, by Julie & Rick.

IN DEATH: Marjorie Brechbill

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 4/3 – 4/24

Apr.	3	L. Bailiff
	10	G. Anton
	17	S. Wilson
	24	C. Hennessey

Ushers Schedule for 4/3 – 4/24

Apr.	3 & 10	*D. Baker / T. Belcik / M. Link / M. Hillesheim
	17	*D. Baker / T. Belcik / M. Link / M. Hillesheim
	24	*F. Oliger / I. Precht / B. Brechbill / C. Bailiff

Offering Tellers Schedule for 4/3 – 4/24

Apr.	3	J. Weatherly / R. Stygles
	10	R. Stygles / G. Anton
	17	G. Anton / J. Boesenhofer
	24	J. Boesenhofer / R. Stygles

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to the following members:

April	3	Terry Belcik
	12	Joyce Morris
	14	Barb Belcik
	17	David Hinds
	18	Pam Zglinski
	26	Tony Zglinski
	30	Jane Kledis

Happy Anniversary to the following:

April 28 Larry and Sandy Matzinger



April 2016 Calendar

Weekly Events

Sunday	9:00	Sunday Worship (1 st Sunday-Haugen/4 th Sunday-Healing)
Monday	12:00	Ladies Bible Study @ Neeley Home
	7:00	Volleyball – Luther Hall
Tuesday	5:30-8:30	Cheerleading Practice – Luther Hall
	5:30	TOPS
	8:00	Tuesday Nite Serenity Group
Wednesday	5:30-8:30	Cheerleading Practice – Luther Hall
Thursday	6:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
	7:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
	7:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	5:00-8:00	Cheerleading
Saturday	4:00	Saturday Evening Worship – Chapel
Mon-Sat	12:00-1:00	Open-Minded AA Group

April Calendar of Events

April 2	4:00	Saturday Night-Pastor Stacy Lauer-Scovanner
April 3	9:00	Holy Humor Sunday
	2:00-5:00	Private Party – Luther Hall
April 6	4:30	Catechism @ Augsburg
April 9	4:00	Saturday Night-Pastor Stacy Lauer-Scovanner
April 10	2:00-6:00	Private Party – Luther Hall
April 11-29	9:00-1:00	ECOT Testing – Luther Hall
April 16	4:00	Saturday Night – Carol Haar
April 17	2:00-5:00	Private Party – Luther Hall
April 20	4:30	Catechism @ Augsburg

Bible Readings for April

1	Acts 5:17-26
2	Luke 24:36-40
3	Revelation 1:4-8
4	Revelation 1: 9-20
5	Revelation 2:8-11
6	Luke 12:4-12
7	Revelation 3:14-22
8	Revelation 4:1-11
9	Luke 14:12-14
10	John 21:1-19
11	Acts 9:19b-31
12	Acts 26:1-18
13	Luke 5:1-11
14	Revelation 5:1-10
15	Revelation 6:1-7:4
16	Luke 12:29-32
17	John 10:22-30
18	Revelation 15:1-4
19	Acts 9:32-35
20	John 10:31-42
21	Revelation 10:1-11
22	Revelation 11:15
23	Revelation 11:16-19
24	John 13:31-35
25	Acts 11:19-26
26	Acts 11:27-30
27	Luke 10:25-28
28	Acts 15:36-41
29	Acts 16:1-8
30	Luke 19:1-10