

**REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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.”

A Message from our Pastor

It’s finally summertime! And that means it’s time for our favorite hymns! Each Sunday, the majority of the hymns come from favorites chosen by our sisters and brothers right here in our congregation.

Favorite hymns have so much meaning! They help us share why we believe what we believe, they give us hope when we despair, peace when it seems so far away, and they stay with us long after we leave the worship service. In fact, many times if people have lost their memories of things they hold dear, they are still able to remember those hymns that told them how much they are loved by God!

Sometimes favorite hymns are remembered from special services and times in our lives, like funerals, baptisms, and holidays. Perhaps for you it’s “Amazing Grace” or “Joy to the World.”

It seems that all of my favorite hymns come from the section titled “Holy Baptism” in our hymnal. They have such beautiful words and melodies that they bring tears to my eyes. A hymn sung when Mia was baptized, “Baptized and Set Free,” states the important truth that “sin has power no more, Jesus opened the door, to a fountain bringing healing and wholeness and more”. What a wonderful message that I want Mia to take with her wherever she goes.

In baptism we have been claimed by God as daughters and sons. We are loved always, forever, without end. In a world that seems difficult and broken, we are reminded that Jesus brings us healing and wholeness and we get to then share that with others. Thanks be to God that we have hymns to remind us of this great gift!

Now that you know some of my favorite hymns, I hope you will join your family in prayer together as you talk about your favorite hymns. What is your favorite hymn? Why? How has this impacted your faith? When do you remember singing it?

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.

Bible Study On Mondays starting June 13th, we will meet for lunch and a Bible Study on Revelation. A participant book is \$10. Please let Pastor Stacy know if you would like to order a book by June 6th.

Interfaith Blood Drive June 25 & 26 at Grace Lutheran Church on Monroe St. from 8:30-2:30.

Vacation Bible School Vacation Bible School opportunities are available at nearby churches.

Augsburg will hold Bible School July 18-22, 10:30-1:30. Everyone is welcome, including volunteers! Grace will host Bible School July 11-15. It would be great to have a Reformation volunteer at this camp, too! Check with the church office for details.

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

We've all heard the old adage, give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day. Teach him how to fish and he'll eat for a lifetime. Changing the wording around a little bit, it can become-give a family a jug of water and they can drink for a day. Provide them with a well for clean drinking water and they'll drink for life.

I am very excited to announce that, beginning today, Reformation, and Bethany, will be starting a "God's Global Barnyard" campaign. This is a part of the ELCA Good Gifts Program, which enables us to help provide much needed animals, food, water, and other supplies to families and children around the world, and in the U.S., at significantly lower costs.

I'd like to give you a couple of examples. The average cost for digging a well to provide a single home with water in the U.S. is about \$5,000-10,000. The cost of a single fruit tree seedling is around \$30. The cost to provide food for a child orphaned by HIV/Aids can be upwards of \$500 in the U.S. A small family farm can cost over \$2000. Through ELCA Good Gifts, for example, taking those same items, digging a well would cost \$2,500; a fruit tree seedling, \$10; provide food for an orphan for a year, \$250; and a family farm, \$715.

From now through the Annual Ice Cream Social on Saturday, July 16th, you will begin seeing items placed around the church to help you visualize what we are doing and how well we are doing. In the bulletin there is an insert that shows some of what Good Gifts can provide for a fraction of the cost if you went out and purchased it on your own. On the tables in the back of the church are two types of banks. We're asking that you consider taking one home and start filling it with loose change. When you fill the bank, bring it to church and exchange it for a new one.

I'm inviting everyone to help out on this truly needed campaign.

Ice Cream Social – July 17

Save the date, July 17, from 5 – 7, for our annual Ice Cream Social! We'll have hot dogs, brats, good sides, ice cream, of course, as well as great games for the kids.

Again this year, we will offer the Ice Cream Social as a free event for our families and neighbors. With your generous advanced donations, we have the opportunity to work our mission in the community! We can reach out to our neighbors in Christian love. There is an ice cream container in the narthex to place your donations, or you can send a check to the church designating it toward the Ice Cream Social.

Sign up to help in the kitchen or with the fun games, if you are able. We will have a fun evening!!

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.**

Before I go on vacation this year I have to remember to:

- ✓ Get: Purrrfection kitty litter with Travel-all litter box, car console scratching post, single serve gourmet cat food, cat nip banana & Cowardly Lion cat-be calm spray. (tell me again why I told the kids we'd take the cat on vacation?????)
- ✓ Pack car survival kit: gummy bears, cheese crackers, double stuff cookies, sugar-free chewing gum, bologna sandwiches, seedless grapes, chocolate covered donuts, juice boxes & Tums.
- ✓ Pay the electric bill so we don't come home to a puddle of rancid melted fudge-sickles all over the kitchen floor, again.
- ✓ Fill my offering envelopes for the weeks we will be gone & take them to church the Sunday before we leave town.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10

God doesn't forget about us when we are on vacation. Let us not forget about Him.

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

Start saving those household treasures and clothing items for our Rummage Sale.

Rummage Sale

After a very successful sale last year, we have decided to have another sale this summer. The dates for the rummage sale are August 25, 26, and 27 (Thursday evening through Saturday at 2).

Donations may be brought to the church:

Friday, Aug. 19	(9-2)
Sunday, Aug. 21	(10-11)
Monday, Aug. 22	(9-4)
Tuesday, Aug. 23	(10-7)
Wednesday, Aug. 24	(9-4)

There is no storage room to bring donations earlier!!

We hope you have been saving various items and will continue to do so!

We will need lots of volunteers for this event to be a success!!

Mark your calendar now! **Please** set aside some time during these dates to help with this mission of the church!

Social Ministry

The Social Ministry committee is an active one at Reformation. They visit our homebound members and those who are in care facilities at holiday times, taking gifts or plants from the Reformation family.

The following is an excerpt from our constitution that broadly defines the responsibilities of this committee. "The purpose of this committee shall be to extend Christian compassion and helpfulness to the ill, the aged, the orphaned, the underprivileged, the imprisoned and, in general, to persons of all ages in need of aid in body and soul. It shall strive to enlist in these efforts as many as possible of the individual members and organizations of the congregation. This committee shall further have the duty to study social conditions, primarily in the local community, in order to bring the cleansing and healing light of Christian truth to bear upon problems through thoughtful Christian discussion of facts and issues." We participate in Feed Your Neighbor as well as Crossroads Lutheran Social Services. Please read the next article on a project sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee.

Reformation Teams Up with Habitat for Humanity

Habitat For Humanity and Thrivent are combining forces to rehabilitate a house on Oak Grove. Volunteers are needed for this project to help with physical labor and provide meals for the workers. If interested in helping in any way, please contact Ruth and Roger Stygles or Joanne Kraus. This project will take place on Aug. 23 & 24 from 8:00 – 3:30.

Memorial Gifts

New Home Communion Kits have been purchased with Memorials given in memory of Bernie Haugh. These kits will be used by Pastor and our Eucharistic Ministers to share bread and wine with out homebound and care facility resident members. The new kits replace well-worn, leaky ones! We thank the Haugh Family for designating memorials for this use!!

Church Audit

Larry Ray and John Kusz have completed the audit of our financial records. Everything was in good order, deposits all posted, and checks for regular items and payroll appeared as expected.

Thanks to our treasurer, financial secretary and to Larry and John for your time and commitment to Reformation!!

**** Kroger Cares Community Rewards Program ****

If you are a Kroger shopper and have the Plus Card, it's not too late to re-apply for the Community Rewards Program for 2016-17. Reformation receives 5 % of your purchases! We use the money from Kroger Rewards to support our mission outside the church – in the community and beyond. We earned over \$1,200 this past year to support Cherry Street Mission, Feed Your Neighbor, Synod worldwide missions, etc. So it is worth it to sign up again this year. You continue to get your Plus Card savings and fuel points as well as the Wednesday Senior discount, if that applies. You can even buy restaurant and other gift cards to add to the total!

Re-enroll as soon as possible at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Use Reformation's ID# 81998.

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"Will you lay down your life?"

Jesus does not ask me to die for Him, but to lay down my life for Him. It is much easier to die than to lay down your life day in and day out with the sense of the high calling of God. For thirty -three years Jesus laid down His life to do the will of His Father. "By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." (1 John 3:16) Yet it is contrary to our human nature to do so.

If I am a friend of Jesus, I must deliberately and carefully lay down my life for Him. It is a difficult thing to do, and thank God that it is. Salvation is easy for us, because it cost God so much. But the exhibiting of salvation in my life is difficult. God saves a person, fills him with the Holy Spirit, and then says, in effect, "Now you work it out in your life, and be faithful to me, even though the nature of everything around you is to cause you to be unfaithful." And Jesus says to us, "...I have called you friends..." Remain faithful to your Friend and remember that His honor is at stake in your bodily life.

This insightful offering written by Oswald Chambers makes me stop and rethink that old bible verse, "Greater love has no one that this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

(John 15:13) Although I think it would be rather difficult to give up my life, it would be just one final act. But I have children to raise and a husband I adore. I have God's children who need to be loved and fed by my hands. There is still so much I want to see.

Chambers gives an explanation that isn't easy but is beautiful. He says that God wants us to lay down our lives as Jesus did, not in the dying but in the living. Everyday, each morning, we make our lives an offering. To whom? To our friends who we honor and show love by imitating our Friend, who laid down his life for us. How much more comfort, strength, and love could we show our friends if we offered them Jesus' light instead of our own dim lights? If we listened closer to what they say and don't say

instead of unloading the day's troubles on them we could give them a sacred space to be loved by God. If we keep repeating our retreat mantra "Slow is the new fast" and apply it to time spent with loved ones we begin to lay down our lives and pick up the cross of Jesus. We can be like Jesus to our friends in the quiet silences, the silent prayers, the support and our time, which aren't really even our time but God's time. Sometimes, I think, we have such good intentions but don't follow through. We mean to greet the new neighbor, bake a cake, send a card, extend an invitation, stop and visit, sit and talk, forgive and move on, love more deeply.... Maybe if we looked at our good intentions as "God intentions" we would put more effort into following through.

Slow is the new fast....

Bethany Collier

**Outdoor Worship and Picnic with Bethany and Augsburg
Sunday, August 7 at Ottawa Park Open Air Shelter House
10:00 Worship, Picnic following.**

Mark your calendar now for this very special worship event. We will have our fourth annual outdoor worship service with a picnic to follow at Ottawa Park Open Air Shelter (across from Toledo Hospital.) This opportunity to worship out in God's beautiful creation is sure to be especially meaningful. Come in your play clothes and plan to enjoy the fellowship with others from Reformation and Bethany during worship and at the picnic afterwards.

Here are the details:

Please bring **your own table service and a dish to pass**. We will provide hot dogs and the condiments, and lemonade and iced tea. **Due to limited seating during worship, it is strongly suggested that you bring lawn chairs.** There is a nice playground for small children, but we also suggest bringing lawn games and lawn chairs if you want to move out of the shelter. There is a parking lot just steps from the shelter, so don't let that hold you back. We'd love to have a large gathering, so make plans to attend!!

Directions to the shelter: Take Upton to North Cove, go right on North Cove and the shelter is on the left, next to the Police Museum. You can also get there by taking ProMedica Parkway. There is parking on both sides of the shelter, but the one just past the shelter is the closest for walking to the shelter.

Thank You

"Thank you to everyone who lifted prayers for me for my surgery in May. It means an awful lot to me." Jan Weatherly

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

HOSPITALS / CARE CENTERS: Alice Notheis (Swan Creek), Lois Rywalski (Kingston), Michael Morrin, Ken Robertson (Vibrant Life), Linda Stirn (Spring Meadows Senior Community); Norma & Donnie Veit (Arbors at Waterville), Sharon Davis (Foundation Park Alzheimer Center).

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: Bill Myers, Jason & Ashley Weatherly, Joshua Rittner, Kyle Dietrich, Jared Kusz.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Julie Hipple, niece of Roger & Ruth Stygles ; Nicole Erdman, granddaughter of John & Sue Kusz ; Ida Engler, Chris, Paula Sanner & Gina Glover, Tom Schonter, Jack Schonter, friends and family of Fran Oliver; Barb Nicely, Jerry Mitchel, Dwight Henry & Tom Bailiff, friends and family 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; Sharon, mother of Donna Morrin; Keith & Trina, Dave Moore , friends of Terry & Barb Belcik; Shirley & Holly Durst, Richard, requested by Diane Hitchens; John Bailiff, husband of Linda Bailiff; Carolyn Ellenberger, mother of Chuck Ellenberger; Tammy Fobert, requested by Martin Britsch; Mark P, Lisa, Sandy, friends of Chad Bailiff; Eli Titkemeier; Cyndy Cunningham, by Julie & Rick; Sami Blumquist, friend of Jan Weatherly & Leslee Pryor.

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.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday	7:00-9:00	Volleyball – Luther Hall
Tuesday	6:30-8:30	Basketball – Luther Hall
Wednesday	6:30-8:30	Basketball – Luther Hall
Thursday	6:00-7:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
	7:00-9:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
Saturday	4:00-5:00	Saturday Evening Worship – Chapel
Sunday	9:00-10:00	Sunday Morning Worship – Sanctuary

June Building Use

06/04/2016	11:00-4:00	Private Party – Luther Hall
06/05/2016	2:00-8:00	Private Party – Luther Hall
06/06/2016	6:30-8:00	Council
06/13/2016	7:00	Synod Stewardship Meeting
06/20/2016- 06/24/2016	9:00-1:00	ECOT Testing

July Building Use

07/03/16	10:00	JOINT WORSHIP AT BETHANY
07/08/2016		Wedding Rehearsal – Chancel
07/09/2016	2:30	Wedding – Chancel
07/16/2016	5:00-7:00	Ice Cream Social – Luther Hall

Acolyte / Crucifer Schedule for 6/5 – 7/31

June	5	L. Bailiff
	12	L. Pryor
	19	C. Hennessey
	26	G. Anton
July	10	S. Wilson / C. Hennessey
	17	L. Bailiff
	24	C. Hennessey
	31	G. Anton

Ushers Schedule for 6/5 – 7/31

June	5	*D. Baker / M. Link / T. Belcik / B. Brechbill
	12	*F. Oliger / I. Precht / C. Bailiff / T. Belcik
	19&26	*F. Oliger / I. Precht / C. Bailiff / T. Belcik
July	10, 17 & 24	*D. Baker / B. Brechbill / M. Link / M. Hillesheim
	31	*F. Oliger / I. Precht / B. Brechbill / T. Belcik

Offering Tellers Schedule for 6/5 – 7/31

June	5	J. Kraus / J. Boesenhofer
	12	J. Boesenhofer / R. Stygles
	19	R. Stygles / G. Anton
	26	G. Anton / J. Weatherly
July	10	M. Jaramillo / J. Boesenhofer
	17	J. Boesenhofer / J. Kraus
	24	J. Kraus / R. Stygles
	31	R. Stygles / G. Anton

June and July Birthdays & Anniversaries**Happy Birthday to the following members:**

June	1	Amy Irons
	6	Joan Paulson
	12	Kathy Kier / Dolores Binkowski
	20	Judy Rife
	21	June Kutzly
	22	Eric Schmidt
	24	Tom Hillesheim
	29	Corinne Oliger
July	3	Zachary Schmidt
	8	Chad Bailiff
	13	Pat Finnegan
	14	Ken Robertson
	15	Art Michaelis
	22	Ruth Stygles
	27	Karen Stoner

Happy Anniversary to the following:

June	20	Art & Brenda Michaelis
	30	Ken & Lynn Robertson

Bible Readings for June

1	Mark 7:24-30
2	Acts 22:6-21
3	Acts 26:1-11
4	Matthew 9:2-8
5	Luke 7:11-17
6	Galatians 2:1-10
7	Galatians 2:11-14
8	Luke 8:40-56
9	James 4:1-7
10	Romans 11:1-10
11	Luke 5:17-26
12	Luke 7:36-8:3
13	Galatians 3:1-9
14	Galatians 3:10-14
15	Mark 2:1-12
16	Romans 2:17-29
17	Galatians 3:15-22
18	Matthew 9:27-34
19	Luke 8:26-39
20	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
21	Ephesians 2:11-22
22	Luke 9:37-43a
23	2 Corinthians 13:5-10
24	Galatians 4:8-20
25	Luke 9:21-27
26	Luke 9:51-62
27	1 John 2:7-11
28	Ephesians 5:6-20
29	Matthew 10:16-25
30	Romans 7:14-25

Bible Readings for July

1	2 Corinthians 8:1-7
2	Luke 9:1-6
3	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
4	Acts 19:21-27
5	Acts 19:28-41
6	Luke 10:13-16
7	James 2:14-26
8	Acts 7:9-16
9	John 3:16-21
10	Luke 10:25; 31-46
11	James 2:1-7
12	1 John 3:11-17
13	Matthew 25:31-46
14	Hebrews 5:1-6
15	Ephesians 3:14-21
16	Luke 8:4-10
17	Luke 10:38-42
18	Colossians 1:27-2:7
19	1 John 2:1-6
20	John 6:41-51
21	Acts 1:15-20
22	Acts 2:22-36
23	Luke 8:22-25
24	Luke 11:1-13
25	Colossians 2:16-3:1
26	Romans 9:30-10:4
27	Matthew 5:43-48
28	Romans 11:33-36
29	Ephesians 4:17-24
30	Mark 10:27-32
31	Luke 12:13-21