

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

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# REFORMATION

## News and Views

Reformation Lutheran Church  
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Sunday – 9:00 am  
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*In case of an emergency, you may reach Pastor Stacy at 419-680-0358.*

### 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

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel...(Philippians 1:3-6).

I am terrible at saying goodbye. Often, I will do what I can to not have to say goodbye, or to let myself think that I will just continue in the life that I have now, and that the people I'm supposed to say goodbye to will still be around the next day and the next and so on. However, this is all too often not our reality.

So this next week will be very difficult for my family, for myself, for our congregation. I have loved serving with you, learning from you, hearing the Gospel as you have preached it to me through your words and actions, and sharing in the highs and lows of your lives and mine.

This journey of the last five years has been incredible, and the Spirit has been so busy in helping us open our hearts to our neighbors, our sister congregations, each other, and the world. We have prayed, laughed, cried, worshipped, shared meals, studied Scripture, and listened for God's voice in everything. I am thankful for each and every one of you, as you have touched my heart in some way.

Although the journey of following our Lord is now taking us on slightly different paths, we are still on the same one of trying to follow where God leads. We can still pray for each other, worship our loving and life-giving God, and serve all those who cross our paths.

I am confident that the Spirit is working here in this congregation and our sister congregations, and through each of you. Even as I leave here, I know that great things will happen in this place as the Gospel is preached and you are reminded again and again that you are God's beloved child. You will continue to be called to care for people and the creation that God made, and you will be called to share the great news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection with a world that is hungry for it.

In the next few months, I hope that you find time to stay connected to this place where you are fed with the Good News and sent into the world to

proclaim it. I hope that you will help your leadership search for a great new pastor to lead you forward in following God's call and that you will keep this congregation in your prayers. I will miss you, but I know that God is still doing great things in and through you.

Blessings,  
Pastor Stacy

### **Transition Update**

As we sadly bid farewell to Pastor Stacy and her family, we send a big THANK YOU for being our shepherd these 5 years!! We will miss you so!

Our church council met with Bethany's council, and we agree that we should continue to work together to share a Pastor. The cooperation and support between our two congregations have been a blessing. We will meet with a Synod representative to begin the interim/call process.

We all have questions, but it's much too early for answers. There are many thoughts and possibilities to consider. We cannot rush, but we won't drag our feet either. We'll pray for our churches and our people, that the Holy Spirit will guide us in God's plan for our future.

Corinne Olinger  
President

### **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.

### **GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD**

At the recent Ice Cream Social we received donations for God's Global Barnyard. We had a wonderful turnout for this event and thank all who were able to attend and donate to this cause. Several people indicated they had not yet made a donation so we have decided to extend the collection for a few more weeks. If you have not returned your "filled" barn collection box, please bring it to worship on Sunday or to the church office. We will announce the total collections in the September News & Views.

Again, thank you for your support of this project. We will make a big difference in the lives of less fortunate people around the world through your generous contributions.

### **JOINT WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - SAVE THE DATE!!!**

We have two remaining combined worship services with our sister congregations of Augsburg and Bethany Lutheran churches. Please make every effort to attend the Worship in the Park, which is also Pastor Stacy's last Sunday with us.

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

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

### **Altar Flowers**

Please note that the cost of altar flowers is once again going back to the original price of \$15.00 per vase. Linda Bailiff has very kindly offered to provide our flowers. She has done the arrangements the last couple of weeks and they have been lovely. Thank you, Linda

Remember that when the flowers are in memory or honor of your loved one that you need to include the extra \$15 in your offering envelope and mark it as such.

Also, if anyone has a vase at home that was used here at church, we would appreciate it if those could be returned. You may place those vases on or under the table at the back of the church and they will be taken care of from there.

Thank you,  
Jan Ellenberger

## 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!! If you can help any time from Friday, Aug. 19, through Wednesday, Aug. 24, to sort, price and set up tables or anything, please contact Carol Dolt or Carole Haugh. The actual Rummage Sale is Thursday, Aug. 25 – Saturday, Aug. 27. If you can help work at the sale on those days, contact them as well. We're hoping for a really large sale this year, so we can use all the help we can get.

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

**Mighty Mac Bridge Walk** – Luther Home of Mercy, Filling Homes, and Lutheran Social Services are participating in the annual Labor Day Mackinaw Bridge Walk this year. If you are interested in sponsoring someone, or in actually doing the walk for sponsorship money (there is no charge for registration). There are sign-up sheets and/or sponsorship forms available on the bulletin board in the Narthex or in the church office. If you have any questions, you can contact them at [ranoll47@gmail.com](mailto:ranoll47@gmail.com).

**“On the Trail of Martin Luther”** – In April 2017 Rev. Christian Dittmar, from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, is leading a 10 day tour of all the Luther sites in Germany. The tour is April 19-29, 2017. If you are interested, you can find him on Facebook (look for Christian Dittmar, Trinity Lutheran Seminary), email him at [cdit668995@aol.com](mailto:cdit668995@aol.com). Information about the tour can be found at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/687579>. This information will be in bulletin inserts over the coming months.

**Habitat for Humanity Project** – On August 23 and 24, Reformation and Grace Lutheran Churches will be joining in on a Habitat for Humanity project two blocks away from the church. If you can help with the construction, preparing a light luncheon, serve as greeters or even just making an offering to help fund the project, please go to <http://Reformation.mvvhf.volunteerhub.com/>. Roger Stygles and Joanne Kraus are representing Reformation for this endeavor. Come out and help a family find a new home.

## Memorial Gifts

New Pastor/Presider binders in liturgical colors have been purchased in memory of Marge Brechbill. Thank you, Leslee and Brian, for designating this memorial gift! The beautiful binders are a special addition to worship and are a great way for all of us to remember your mom.

## 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 year we also get to thank Pastor Stacy for her five years of service to our congregation and wish her well at her new call. Come in your play clothes and plan to enjoy the fellowship with others from Augsburg, Reformation and Bethany during worship and at the picnic afterwards.

**Here are the details:**

Please bring a **dish to pass**. I incorrectly asked in the last newsletter that people bring their own table service. **Plates and plastic ware will be provided.** We will provide hot dogs and the

condiments, and lemonade and water. **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**

A big thank you to the family who covered the expense of replacing one of the large windows in the sanctuary! A window on the Douglas Road front of the church was broken (vandalism or road construction work, we don't know!) Your generous donation helps when we have a large cost that isn't covered in the budget, and we keep Reformation going!!

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

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

**HOME:** Miriam Rude, Barb Belcik, Phyllis Neeley, Char Bowlus, Shirley Kennedy, Jan Leonard, Lydia Latsch, Sandy Matzinger, Betty Heiny, Lori Holub, Elsie Johnson, Irv Precht. **HOSPITALS/CARE CENTERS:** Kathy Kier (Sunset Village), Alice Notheis (Swan Creek), Lois Rywalski (Kingston), Michael Morrin, Linda Stirn (Spring Meadows Senior Community); Norma & Donnie Veit (Arbors at Waterville), June Kutzly (Evergreen Crossings, Indianapolis).

**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; Keith & Trina, Dave Moore , Jeff Snow, family and friends of Barb & Terry Belcik; David Britsch, Tammy Fobert, family and friends of Martin Britsch; Connie Sondergeld & Katie Holtgrieve, daughter and niece of Larry & Sandy Matzinger; Clay Wilson, son-in-law of Grace Anton; Shirley & Holly Durst, Richard, requested by Diane Hitchens; Carolyn Ellenberger, mother of Chuck Ellenberger; Mark P, Lisa, Sandy, friends of Chad Bailiff; Eli Titkemeier; Cyndy Cunningham, by Julie & Rick; Kelly, friend of Leslee Pryor; Shirley Hoyer, by Lucy Young.

**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.**

### **Church Calendar**

08/03/2016	12:00	Revelation Bible Study
08/07/2016	10:00	Worship/Picnic at Ottawa Park- Pastor Stacy's last worship service.
08/10/2016	12:00	Revelation Bible Study – Final Class
08/19-08/24	9:00-4:00	Donations for Rummage Sale may be brought to church (Luther Hall).
08/25-08/26	9:00am-7:00pm	Rummage Sale (times different each day)

### **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

**Acolyte / Crucifer Schedule for 8/7 – 8/28**

Aug. 7 Park  
14 L. Bailiff  
21 L. Pryor  
28 S. Wilson / C. Hennessey

**Ushers Schedule for 8/7 – 8/28**

Aug. 7 Worship in the Park  
14, 21 & 28 \*F. Oliger, I. Precht, B. Brechbill, T. Belcik

**Offering Tellers Schedule for 8/7 – 8/28**

Aug. 7 Park  
14 G. Anton / J. Weatherly  
21 J. Weatherly / M. Jaramillo  
28 M. Jaramillo / J. Kraus

**August Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Happy Birthday to the following members:**

Aug. 1 Ryan Scovanner  
10 Betty Heiny  
12 Chuck Ellenberger  
17 Jan Leonard  
31 Elizabeth Fagerman

**Happy Anniversary to the following:**

Aug. 17 Chuck & Jan Ellenberger  
25 Rob & Lucy Young  
29 John & Sue Kusz

**If you haven't seen your birthday or anniversary listed here, it is because I don't have it in my records. Please send me an email ([pdhinds@gmail.com](mailto:pdhinds@gmail.com)) with the date so we can recognize you on your special day!**

**August Bible Readings**

1 Colossians 3:18-4:1  
2 Colossians 4:2-6  
3 Luke 12:22-31  
4 Romans 9:1-9  
5 Acts 7:1-8  
6 Matthew 6:19-24  
7 Luke 12:32-40  
8 Hebrews 11:1-7  
9 Hebrews 11:17-28  
10 Luke 12:41-48  
11 Hebrews 10:26-31  
12 Hebrews 10:32-39  
13 Matthew 24:15-27  
14 Luke 12:49-56  
15 1 John 4:1-6  
16 Acts 7:44-53  
17 Luke 19:45-48  
18 Hebrews 12:3-17  
19 Acts 17:1-9  
20 Luke 6:1-5  
21 Luke 13:10-17  
22 Hebrews 3:7-4:11  
23 Revelation 3:7-13  
24 Luke 6:6-11  
25 1 Peter 3:8-12  
26 1 Peter 4:7-11  
27 Matthew 20:20-28  
28 Luke 14:7-14  
29 Hebrews 13:7-21  
30 Titus 1:1-9  
31 Luke 14:15-24