

**REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH
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REFORMATION

News and Views

Reformation Lutheran Church
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Worship Services: Saturday – 4:00 pm
Sunday – 9:00 am
Sunday School – 10:15am

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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.”

A Prayer for our Interim Ministry

God who is constant and every-changing, we come before you as a people calling for your presence here. With change upon us, we are anxious, not sure what the future will bring. God, you teach through Bible stories that change includes opportunity, and yet, again and again, we resist change for fear of losing control.

May we, as your community, evaluate change wisely, and when we perceive your presence in it, help us to welcome the new, embrace the different and move forward in the great expectation that all things work together for good for those who love God. And when we suspect that specific change is not for the good, but occurring nonetheless, help us to bring your word of healing and hope to the situation.

Bless the change we face, and may we be a people working with this new way, for fulfillment comes when we follow your path; and you would always have us grow. We pray in your name.

Amen

Transition Update September 18 Meeting

On Sunday, September 18, following 9:00 Worship, we will hold an important Congregational Meeting. We will consider the developmental tasks to prepare a Call Committee to search for our next Pastor. This includes celebrating our history and accomplishments, examining our leadership needs, developing our vision – what are our strengths and weaknesses?

We constantly need to be re-filled, re-inspired, redirected, and reenergized! What is God calling us to do in the next year/years? What are the most positive activities here at Reformation? How will we continue to work our mission – in our building and in the community?

Two things are certain – we will Worship and we will continue to share a Pastor with Bethany and support each other’s programs and mission. God has a mighty plan!

Be a part of the discussion! Join us in Luther Hall **Sunday, September 18, at 10:00 for a light brunch and lively conversation!**

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

We are very pleased to announce that we have tallied \$500 in our God's Global Barnyard Initiative! Thank you to all who contributed toward this very important mission. The committee met and decided to purchase the following with the money contributed: 4 goats at \$50 each, a portion of an Irrigation Canal at \$100, and a Community Vegetable Garden, complete with tools and training, at \$200. These items will be purchased for a community in need, somewhere around the world. These purchases are made possible through Lutheran World Relief.

Final Joint Worship – September 4 at Reformation

Throughout the summer months we have enjoyed worshipping with our sister congregations of Augsburg and Bethany Lutheran churches. The final joint worship opportunity is at **Reformation on Sunday, Sept. 4 at 10:00**. Please make plans to join us as we worship our Lord and Savior with our sister congregations.

Kick-off Fall - Spaghetti Supper

Fall Fellowship begins with our annual Spaghetti Supper, Saturday, September 27, from 5 – 6:30! You'll enjoy our special recipe spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and desserts. Lucy is our famous Italian chef! This will be another dinner offered free to our community as part of our mission. Cash donations will be accepted ahead of time to help with costs.

Wear your team colors! If you would like to decorate a table for your favorite high school, college, or pro team, sign up in the narthex or call the church office. Please sign up to bring a dessert.

Bring family, friends, and neighbors for a delicious night of fellowship at Reformation!

Women's Bible Study

A new women's Bible Study begins September 19. "Children of the Day," a study of Thessalonians is a Beth Moore video series. She is a lively Christian teacher who gets us in to the Bible. We meet Mondays, 12:30, at the home of Phyllis Neeley, 2750 Edgebrook, near Whitmer. Talk to Phyllis (475-2922) or Corinne (460-1679) to order the workbook (\$15) and join the study/fellowship!

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It takes a little time...

Children wait and wait for their beloved summer break and in the blink of an eye school supply ads taunt them. They start the school year in the heat of summer without enough time to finish sorting out the previous school year or digest what they learned. Sometimes you need to just breathe and settle into a time of doing nothing. In a book I'm reading about meditation they refer to this time as non-doing. It's a moment when you just sit and accept the world, and your place in it. The goal is simple yet complex. When we stop to notice our surroundings we look inward also. We begin to figure out who we are, what makes us do the things we do, and most importantly what God desires of us. Time does not heal all wounds, and sometimes we are stronger only because we've weathered the storm.

God heals. He heals in his time and ours. While time may make certain situations easier to deal with, it does not change the outcome. If we take the time to breathe in the breath of God we can begin to change how we move through our days. We all need to be healed. We all need forgiveness. Sometimes we need to stop living our lives and just look at them. There's so much potential in each of us, God placed it there, and desires for us to take the time to use our gifts. Let's let our minds wander and wonder what God has in store for us.

Trying to be still and listen...

Bethany

Thank You Notes Received:

Dear Reformation Family,

Thank you so much for all of the care and support over the past five years and for the amazing sending and present. Thank you also for the prayers and cards. We will continue to miss you and keep you in our prayers.

*God's Blessings,
Pastor Stacy, Ryan, and Mia*

Thank you!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Reformation Lutheran Church, Pastor Stacy and the women of the church who prepared the luncheon at the time of my mother's passing. The kind words and sympathies were a great comfort. We recently thought of mother as the oldest living and longest living member through her affiliation with Reformation for 85 years. Again, thank you for the help, your encouraging notes over the years and your helpfulness with her final arrangements. I look forward to seeing you in the near future on my return trip to Toledo.

Sincerely

Terry Kutzly, Indianapolis

Memorials Received:

In memory of Marge Brechbill:

Carol and Chuck Dolt

In memory of Betty Dunderman:

Nancy Taylor

In memory of Bernie Haugh:

Nancy Taylor and Janet Winkle

In memory of June Kutzly:

Garnet & Norm Fowler, Corby August, Robert & Linda Forrester, Tracy Forrester & Shelly Anderson, Kayeane and Robert Covey, Evon and Scott Sinclair, Charles and Diane Barnhart, Jen and Lancy Willingham, Greg and Melissa Barnhart, Peg Hinds, Corinne & Fred Oliger, Judy and Doug Holdridge, Florence and Gilbert Seeburger, Judy and Daniel Twiss, Pat Prucnal, Leona and Michael Mason

I apologize if any memorials were left out of the newsletter in the last few months. Please be assured that these memorials were recorded in the church office and with the Treasurer. As I am able, I will list memorials in the next newsletter that were previously left out

Peg Hinds

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).

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, Nancy Borsani, Dan Dunderman, 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 Hoye, by Lucy Young.

In Death: Ken Robertson and June Kutzly

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

Regular Weekly Schedule of Building Use

Monday	7:00	Volleyball-Luther Hall
Tuesday	5:30	TOPS
	8:00	Serenity Group
Wednesday	5:00-7:00	Basketball-Luther Hall
Thursday	6:00	Basketball-Luther Hall
	7:00	Basketball-Luther Hall
	7:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
Saturday	4:00	Saturday Evening Worship-Faith Chapel

Scheduled Events

09/01/2016	7:30	First choir rehearsal of the fall season!
09/04/2016	10:00	Summer Joint Worship Service @ Reformation
09/05/2016	8:00-5:00	Red Cross Blood Drive-Luther Hall
09/05/2016		OFFICE CLOSED – LABOR DAY
09/18/2016	9:45	Special Congregational Meeting-Luther Hall
09/24/2016	5:00-7:00	Spaghetti Supper-Luther Hall

Acolyte / Crucifer Schedule for 9/4 – 10/2

Sept.	4	G. Anton
	11	L. Pryor
	18	L. Bailiff
	25	C. Hennessey
Oct.	2	S. Wilson / C. Hennessey

Ushers Schedule for 9/4 – 10/2

September 4 – 25:	*D. Baker, M. Link, M. Hillesheim, C. Bailiff
Oct. 2:	*F. Oliger, I. Precht, B. Brechbill, T. Belcik

Offering Tellers Schedule for 9/4 – 10/2

Sept.	4	J. Kraus / J. Boesenhofer
	11	J. Boesenhofer / R. Stygles
	18	R. Stygles / J. Weatherly
	25	J. Weatherly / G. Anton
Oct.	2	G. Anton / M. Jaramillo

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to the following members:

Sept. 5	Ashley Schmidt Moore
10	Rick Hagg
25	Nancy Sieja
26	Grace Anton

Happy Anniversary to the following:

Sept. 6	Grace & Dave Anton
25	Roger & Ruth Stygles

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) with the date so we can recognize you on your special day!

Bible Readings for September

- 1 Philippians 2:25-30
- 2 Colossians 4:7-17
- 3 Matthew 10:34-42
- 4 Luke 14:25-33
- 5 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5
- 6 1 Timothy 4:6-16
- 7 Luke 18:18-30
- 8 1 Timothy 1:1-11
- 9 2 Peter 2:1-10a
- 10 John 10:11-21
- 11 Luke 15:1-10
- 12 1 Timothy 1:18-20
- 13 2 Peter 3:8-13
- 14 Luke 22:31-33, 54-62
- 15 Romans 3:1-8
- 16 Romans 8:31-39
- 17 Mark 12:41-44
- 18 Luke 16:1-13
- 19 Acts 4:1-12
- 20 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
- 21 Luke 20:45-21:4
- 22 2 Corinthians 8:8-15
- 23 Ephesians 2:1-10
- 24 Luke 9:43b-48
- 25 Luke 16:19-31
- 26 Revelation 3:14-22
- 27 James 5:1-6
- 28 Matthew 19:16-22
- 29 Revelation 2:8-11
- 30 Revelation 2:12-29

