

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

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REFORMATION

News and Views

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

Office Hours: Mon and Wed. 9:00 – 3:00, Fri. 9:00 – 1:00

In case of an emergency, you may reach Corinne Oliger at 419-460-1679.

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 the President of the Congregation...

We want to let you know what is happening during this transition time. The church staff and the Church Council are making every effort to keep our worship and other ministries well in place while we are in the call process for seeking a new Pastor. Supply pastors will cover our Sunday worship services for the time being. We have pastors available for emergency situations. If you have need for a pastor, please call Jan Weatherly at the church office (419-473-1369) or Corinne (419-460-1679.) Our Eucharistic Ministers continue to visit our shut-ins regularly. Our faithful lay leaders cover the Saturday services.

If you have concerns or questions during this time, feel free to talk with Corinne.

Our congregation met September 18 to do a self-study and to discuss our vision for ministry here at Reformation. We talked about our strengths and weaknesses, our priorities in mission. From this workshop the Call Committee has developed the Ministry Site Profile to present to the Synod, and this has been submitted. This helps the Synod match Pastoral candidates with the congregation’s needs and desires, as well as our budget.

Pray for our call committee, the work of the synod, Pastoral candidates, and for continued blessings and patience during this process!

Thank you for staying strong!

Yours in Christ,
Corinne Oliger

Call Process

The call committee would like to give you an update on where things stand right now in the call process. As you know, Bethany and Reformation agreed to work as one call committee. That committee has been formed. Reformation members are Tom Titkemeier, Jan Ellenberger and Peg Hinds. Bethany’s is composed of Cindy Sauppe, Cindy Bartley, and Paul Nelson.

Both churches have now submitted to the Northwest Ohio Synod their Mission Site Profile, which is mandatory before anything else can start. The Synod will now read them over very carefully and try to start finding candidates they think will best fit our congregations.

The call committee is not sitting idly by while waiting. They must decide on which questions from the suggested list from Synod will be asked during any interview. They would like to have everything ready so that when the interviews begin, we can be assured that everyone is working off the same page.

The call committee is planning to be as transparent as possible so there are no concerns of behind the curtain activities. The only thing that the congregation as a whole will not know is the name of any potential interviewee, as this is very confidential until such time as a call is placed. If you have any questions or concerns, **please** do not hesitate to ask any member of the committee or Corinne, as she will be part of the process, any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you
The Reformation Call Committee

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.

Electronics Disposal

Beginning Sunday, October 16, 2016, and concluding on Sunday, October 23, 2016, Reformation will be hosting an electronics disposal collection. If you have old electronic equipment sitting in basements, attics or closets, you are welcome to bring them to church for safe and proper disposal. If you bring in an old computer, the hard drive will be wiped clean before being recycled. Items that may be brought in are (but not limited to): copiers, calculators, printers, PC towers, keyboards/mice, VCR/DVD players, book readers, PDA's and old televisions (only flat screen **not** the older CRT models). Anything brought in will be environmentally recycled.

For every mobile phone, laptop or tablet that is brought in, Reformation will receive money. If you have, as many do, old cell phones, laptops and or tablets (these must be working) you no longer use sitting around in at home, bring them in. They will have all internal personal data and information removed and then tested. Reformation will receive a check for any of these items that pass testing.

So, if you have any of the above items, bring them to church from Sunday, 10/16, to Sunday, 10/23. On the two Sundays there will be a receiving area to put them in. You can also bring anything in on Monday, Wednesday or Friday of that week to the office between 9:00 and 2:00.

Thoughts About Stewardship

Mark Powell, in his book Giving to God, says, "Stewardship is not just a way of life, it is a good way of life. In fact, for many, it is a way to a better life. Think of it this way: stewardship means belonging to God. It means allowing God to rule our lives, putting God in charge of everything, including our time and our money. Surrendering control does not come easily to any of us. But God is good at ruling people's lives. If we really do belong to God and if we really do put God in charge of everything, we will not be the worse for it.

Of course, how this plays out in practice may be difficult to determine. Faithful stewardship can be a struggle. Still, we must begin with this basic vision: our goal is to find the life that God wants us to have, in confidence that this will be the best life we could possibly have."

Are you a good steward of God's awesome creation? Enjoy the delicious fruits and vegetables of the season!

Rummage Sale Wrap Up

We are delighted to announce that this year's rummage sale was a huge success. However, that would not have been possible without the outstanding support of all, beginning with the generous donations of so many. Then, too, we were blessed with such amazing and tireless workers.

Our committee is now asking you to begin saving items for next year's sale. With your help we can continue to support the mission and/or programs of our church.

God bless our work as we continue to help others through your various donations.

Trunk or Treat – Oct. 30

Join the fun in Reformation's parking lot, Sunday, October 30, from 5-6pm. As we treat the neighborhood kids with lots of candy! Inside we will have a hot dog supper as one of our free community meals. We want the neighbors to know we are here and we are reaching out in mission!

Worship Involvement

Greater involvement of lay people in leading worship has been well received in many churches as congregations have come to see how rich worship can be when many people are involved. When different members of the assembly welcome us, read the scriptures, offer the prayers, distribute the bread and wine, lead the singing—when it is not just the pastor who is doing these important ministries—worship takes on a sense of deeper ownership on the part of the assembly. Please consider becoming a larger part of worship. Ushers, greeters (it would be nice to have them again), readers and communion assistants are just a few of the ways we can serve the congregation and God.

Consider serving on your CHURCH COUNCIL in 2017! Be an active part of a great year of Worship and Mission at Reformation!

Thank You Notes Received:

Dear Reformation Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$500 to support the mission and ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through ELCA Good Gifts.

Through your support, your voice is one of many that makes up a chorus of caring and compassion heard throughout the world. Your passion for the good works that the ELCA does through ELCA Good Gifts enables us to share the gospel and continue doing God's work of restoring and reconciling communities.

Together, as the ELCA, we do more than we ever could alone. Because of your partnership and generous support, we are truly transforming lives.

In Christ,

Christina Jackson-Skelton

*Executive Director, Mission Advancement
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

Memorials Received:

In memory of Ken Robertson:

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blaessing, Michelle Rutkowski,

Mr. and Mrs. Darrick Whitaker.

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, Sandy Matzinger, Betty Heiny, Elsie Johnson, Rick Hagg.

HOSPITALS/CARE CENTERS: Kathy Kier (Sunset Village), Alice Notheis (Swan Creek), Lois Rywalski (Kingston), Linda Stirn (Spring Meadows Senior Community); Norma & Donnie Veit (Arbors at Waterville), Michael Morrin.

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; Cherie Zattau, by Caroline Dolt; Julia (in the Dominican Republic), by Corinne Olinger; Frankie Edinger, by Sharon Taylor-Ansted.

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.

Building Usage

Regular Weekly Activities:

Sunday	12:00-2:00	Basketball-Luther Hall
Monday	12:30	Women’s Bible Study-Phyllis Neeley Home
	7:00	Volleyball-Luther Hall
Tuesday	5:30	TOPS
	8:00	Serenity Group
Thursday	6:00	Basketball-Luther Hall
	7:00	Basketball-Luther Hall
	7:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	4:00	Saturday Night Worship - Chapel
Mon-Sat	12:00-1:00	Open-Minded AA Group

Special Events-October:

October 16-23	Electronics Recycling Collection
October 24-31	ECOT Testing-Luther Hall 9:00-2:00
October 20-25	Limited Church Office Hours-Call before to see if anyone is there
October 30	Trunk or Treat-Parking Lot-5:00-6:00

Acolyte / Crucifer Schedule for 10/2 – 11/6

Oct.	2	S. Wilson / C. Hennessey
	9	G. Anton
	16	L. Pryor
	23	C. Hennessey
	30	G. Anton
Nov.	6	L. Bailiff

Ushers Schedule for 10/2 – 11/6

Oct. 2 – Oct. 23:	*F. Oliger, I. Precht, B. Brechbill, T. Belcik
Oct. 30:	* F. Oliber, M. Hillesheim, C. Bailiff, M. Link
Nov. 6:	*D. Baker, B. Brechbill, M. Link, C. Bailiff

Offering Tellers Schedule for 10/2 – 11/6

Oct.	2	G. Anton / M. Jaramillo
	9	M. Jaramillo / J. Kraus
	16	J. Kraus / R. Stygles
	23	R. Stygles / G. Anton
	30	G. Anton / J. Weatherly
Nov.	6	J. Weatherly / J. Kraus

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to the following members:

Oct.	3	Gloria DeMeritt
	7	Mike Link
	8	Char Bowlus
	11	Brenda Michaelis
	14	Terry Kutzly, Becky Stygles and Lucy Young
	18	Lois Manning
	24	John Kusz
	25	Mary Ray
	28	Roger Stygles

Happy Anniversary to the following:

Oct.	2	Larry and Mary Ray
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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 October

- 1 Matthew 20:29-34
- 2 Luke 17:5-10
- 3 James 1:2-11
- 4 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21
- 5 Mark 11:12-14, 20-24
- 6 2 Timothy 1:13-18
- 7 2 Timothy 2:1-7
- 8 Luke 5:12-16
- 9 Luke 17:11-19
- 10 Acts 26:24-29
- 11 Ephesians 6:10-20
- 12 Matthew 10:5-15
- 13 Acts 17:22-34
- 14 2 Timothy 2:14-26
- 15 Mark 10:46-52
- 16 Luke 18:1-8
- 17 1 Corinthians 6:1-11
- 18 James 5:7-12
- 19 Luke 22:39-46
- 20 2 Timothy 3:1-9
- 21 2 Timothy 3:10-15
- 22 Luke 1:46-55
- 23 Luke 18:9-14
- 24 1 Peter 4:12-19
- 25 1 Peter 5:1-11
- 26 Matthew 21:28-32
- 27 2 Corinthians 1:1-11
- 28 2 Peter 1:1-11
- 29 John 8:39-47
- 30 Luke 19:1-10
- 31 1 Corinthians 5:9-13