

**REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH
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News and Views

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Worship Services: Saturday – 4:00 pm

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

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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

“Believe” is an action word.

Hopefully some of you can almost repeat the following with me now. Kairos moments are those daily moments in life when God seeks to intersect and interact with our lives. Last month, we began to discuss how Jesus tells us to respond to these moments. We are to repent and believe. We then discussed what repentance looks like. It is not, necessarily, a response to something we did wrong by promising to do better. Repentance is more sophisticated than that. Literally, the Greek word means to change one's mind. Repentance is when we are transformed by changing the way we think in such a way that it draws us closer to God. But, this is only the first step in our response to Kairos. Next, we must believe!

Simply “thinking” differently will not bring about the change that God wants us to experience. We need to put all that thinking into action. This is the area where many of us get hung up. We experience Kairos. We experience God's movement, a spiritual intervention in our life. Then we think it to death. We analyze it from every angle. We consider what it means for our life. We discuss it with friends. . . and then we do it all over again, never moving forward. We get stuck in repentance. Ultimately, we need to move on to belief.

Now, just as repentance is more than we normally think it is, so is belief. We tend to think of belief in very passive terms. We treat belief as nothing more than a state of mind. But, the Bible is very clear that belief is an action word. “Belief” or “faith” is the transference of repentance into action. Without this, there is no real change and the fruit of our Kairos moment withers on the vine.

Yes, Luther didn't care for the book of James. But, we can't ignore it. James writes, “**14** What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? **15** Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. **16** If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? **17** In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” Here and elsewhere, the scriptures make it clear. Our belief or faith is intended to move us towards a new way of living.

What has God been saying to you? How long have you been thinking about it? It may be time to act.

Walking with you,
Pastor Tom

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.

Web Site – The church's Web site, www.reformationlutherantoledo.org, has undergone some major changes lately. It will, hopefully, be kept up-to-date with all the news and information that concerns the church and congregation. Please take a moment to look it over. If you have any suggestions, please let the church office know.

Water for Flint: Our Savior Lutheran Church is collecting cases of water to be delivered to Flint as an on-going project to help them through their water crisis. If you would like to contribute, please contact Our Savior (419-472-6034) to find out when they can accept your contribution.

WHAT A FAIRE !

The Lucas County Fair is over. The Wood County Fair is half way through. Many County Fairs are yet to come, and the Ohio State fair will be beginning soon. It's the season of Fairs, but the greatest of these will be the **GREAT REFORMATION FAIRE**, the **GRF**, held for one day only on Sunday October 1st, 2017, on the lawn and in Luther Hall at Reformation Lutheran Church. We realize that October 1st sounds like it's a long way away, so for the sake of argument it will be held on September 31st. Why the GRF? In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the reformation!

I would like to share a few of the highlights of a Faire that will be enjoyed by children of all ages.

First, for the younger kids:

"Lutherland" a collection of fun games and attractions including: Face painting, an elephant that exchanges peanuts for prizes, Zoo animals from the Toledo Zoo "Zoo to You" project, A puppet show featuring Sinder the Dragon, A Police Car from TPD and a real TFD Fire Engine to be explored and many other surprises!

For the kid in the rest of us:

Numerous carnival games, BINGO, The Duchess' Bazaar, The Royal Flush, a Play within a Faire starring 5 of our regional Pastors playing the roles of Tetzal, Luther and others, Madame Inge and much, much more!

The Faire will open with a 16th century style Chorale Service taking us to the time of Luther featuring music from *Musica Antiqua de Toledo* and a sermon by Martin Luther himself.

Come and see members of the Barony of The Red Spears, the Northwest Ohio branch of SCA, an organization whose members enjoy creatively reenacting history throughout Europe and parts of Asia before 1600 a.d. This group includes armor-clad knights battling on the field of combat as well as a collection of artisans displaying their crafts.

Food of all types and a bakery delight to man and beast.

WOW! WHAT A FAIRE!

Don't miss this wonderful event Sunday October 1, 2017

Worship Service 12:30 pm Faire opening 1:45 pm

HUZZAH! Don't forget to invite your Grandkids, Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, Neighbors, Friends and little Dragons. You don't have to be a Lutheran to enjoy this wonderful event. All proceeds will go to local charities. Come one, come all!!

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD

And it takes an entire church to throw a Fair! I've estimated that we need approximately 80 volunteers, which means we need YOU! One of the main purpose of doing this Faire is the exposure of Reformation Lutheran Church to the entire community in a fun and exciting event.

We need you to be Lutherland helper, game operator, BINGO helpers, food servers, bazaar exhibitors, bakery workers, and on and on and on.....

We also need baked goods donated to our bakery. Pies, cakes, cookies, muffins, your Grandmother's special German sweet treat, etc. etc., etc.

Also needed are folks to set the Faire up on Saturday September 30th and take it down on Sunday night October 1st.

Needed: a very special person/s who would be willing to spend the night Saturday night patrolling the grounds periodically to make sure all is well. (I'd volunteer myself and Oliver but a lot of good we'd be!)

Well I know I've left some jobs out, but you can see we need everyone, we need YOU!

Volunteer in person, on line at: castlechurch@bex.net or by phone at 419-478-8381.

Rummage Sale

Our Rummage Sale will be August 24 – 26. This sale can only be a huge success if we have lots of donations. Look through your “stuff” for gently used items you no longer want. We need many workers – to help set up and to work the sale days. Check the schedule to see when you can help!

Set up and Donation Times

Friday, August 18 (9 - 2)

Saturday (9 – 12)

Sunday (10 – 12)

Monday (9 – 4)

Tuesday (9 – 7)

Wednesday (9 – 4)

Sale Days – August 24-26

Thursday (9-7)

Friday (9-5)

Saturday (9-2)

Clean-up will begin Saturday at 2, and the more hands we have to help, the quicker the job will be done!! Please plan to give some time for this project which benefits our many mission activities! Call Sue Kusz (419-356-4217) or Carole Haugh (419-392-8918) with questions. MANY THANKS!!

Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will resume Thursday, September 14, 12:30 p.m., at the home of Phyllis Neeley, 2750 Edgebrook. The series we will use this fall is 'The Friends of Jesus', Karen Kingsbury, author. How do we know when someone is a true friend? Jesus demonstrated friendship in a variety of ways with many kinds of people. The cost of the book is \$13, your time in Bible Study – priceless! Call Phyllis (475-2922) or Corinne (460-1679) to order a book and reserve your spot in the group!

E-mails

If you receive your News and Views by mail, but have e-mail, please give the office your e-mail address (call Jan at 419-473-1369) or e-mail your information to reformationluth@gmail.com. Sending your newsletter electronically saves us time and money!!

Joint Worship with Augsburg and Bethany

As we have done for the past several years, we will be worshipping with Augsburg and Bethany on the holiday Sundays this summer. There are two remaining joint worship services. The first is the Worship in the Park at Ottawa Park on July 30 at 10:00. This involves four congregations and promises to be a wonderful event. The last holiday joint worship is September 3 at Reformation – 10:00.

It is always fun to join with our brothers and sisters in Christ for worship. Please plan to attend!

Thank You

A heart-felt thank you to the members of Reformation who made visitation, sent beautiful cards, donated memorial gifts, cooked delicious food or served the wonderful funeral luncheon for us. It was especially nice and very much appreciated by the family of Jane Kledis.

Thank you again!

Sue and John Kusz

Thanks to Corinne and all those who helped with lunches at Augsburg during VBS week!

Thank you Habitat for Humanity volunteers: John, Chuck, Al, Dave, Roger, and Ruth! And thanks to the lunch workers – Joanne and Fran!

Thank you to the garden workers for weeding, planting, watering, weeding, weeding (did I mention weeding?): Ruth Stygles, Grace Anton, Leslee Pryor, Peg Hinds, Linda Bailiff, Sage and Skye Wilson, Jan Weatherly.

Memorials Received:

In memory of Jane Kledis by

Marcia & Larry Thompson, Terry Belcik, Jacqueline Cannon, Mary Gauthier, Suzanne & Richard Beard, Annette Ryder, Carol Ardner, Corinne & Fred Olinger, Jan & Chuck Ellenberger, Gloria DeMerrit, Mary & Larry Ray, Shirley & Andrew Kujda, Harold & Linda Kinker, Bonnie Shuff.

In Our Prayers

At Home: Phyllis Neeley, Judy Schaarschmidt (surgery 08/02), Al Schaarschmidt, Sharon Ansted, Julie Boesenhofer, Rick Hagg, Char Bowlus, Jan Leonard, Lydia Latsch, Sandy Matzinger, Betty Heiny, Elsie Johnson, Janet Titkemeier, Sandy Drake, Larry Matzinger, Terry Belcik, Shirley Kennedy.

In Hospitals/Care Centers: Alice Notheis; Lois Rywalski (Kingston); Michael Morrin; Linda Stirn (Spring Meadows Senior Community); Donnie Veit (Arbors at Waterville), Jim Williams (Lakes of Sylvania).

Family and Friends: Julie Hipple, niece of Roger & Ruth Stygles ; Nicole Erdman, granddaughter of John & Sue Kusz ; Chris, Paula Sanner, Gina Glover, Tom Schonter, Jack Schonter, friends and family of Fran Oliver; Barb Nicely, Jerry Mitchel, Tom Bailiff, Nancy Borsani, Dan Dunderman, friends and family of Linda Bailiff; Violet Liest, friend of M. Ware; Kathie Myers, sister of Peg Hinds; Jeff Snow, nephew of Terry Belcik; Tammy Fobert, friend of Martin Britsch; Connie Sondergeld & Katie Holtgrieve, daughter and niece of Larry & Sandy Matzinger; Clay Wilson, son-in-law of Grace Anton; Mark P., Lisa, friend of Chad Bailiff; Eli Titkemeier; Shirley Hoyer, by Lucy Young; Frankie Edinger, by Sharon Taylor-Ansted; Mateo, by Linda Bailiff; Ray Brown, cousin of Corinne Olinger; Julia, in the Dominican Republic, by Corinne Olinger; Thurman, the church's mail carrier; Bob Daney, brother of Janet Titkemeier; Ryan & Mike Schaarschmidt, grandson & son of Al & Judy Schaarschmidt; Joyce Besase, by Judy Schaarschmidt; Cara, Bob & son of Jennifer Prueter; Mike Jorris, friend of Shari Gorski; Laura Brock, niece of Chuck & Jan Ellenberger.

Reformation Family Members in the Military As our world becomes more and more troubled, please keep these children, grandchildren and other Reformation family members in your prayers always: Bill, Jason & Ashley, Josh, Jared, Kyle, Kayla, Kyle & Sean.

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!

Calendar

Regular Schedule

Sunday	9:00	Worship/Communion (1 st Sunday-Haugen Service/Eucharistic Ministers/4 th Sunday-Healing)
	12:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
Monday	12:30	Nifty-Fifty – 2 nd Monday each month – 12:30 – Rick’s Diner
	6:30	Church Council - 2 nd Monday each month
Tuesday	5:30	TOPS – Lounge
	8:00	Serenity Group – Education Wing
Wednesday	8:30	12 Step West – Education Wing
Thursday	6:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
	7:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
	7:30	Chancel Choir – Sanctuary
Saturday	4:00	Worship Service – Faith Chapel
Mon-Sat	12:00-1:00	Open-Minded AA Group – Education Wing

Additional Events for August 2017

August 24-26 Rummage Sale – Luther Hall (Luther Hall closed to all activity from 08/21-08/26)

Acolyte / Crucifer Schedule for 8/6 – 9/24

Aug.	6	G. Anton
	13	L. Pryor
	20	C. Hennessey
	27	S. Wilson / C. Hennessey
Sept.	3	G. Anton
	10	L. Pryor
	17	C. Hennessey
	24	S. Wilson / C. Hennessey

Ushers Schedule for 8/6 – 9/24

Aug.	6	*D. Baker / I. Precht / M. Hillesheim / T. Belcik
	13 -27	*F. Oliger / C. Bailiff / M. Link / B. Brechbill
Sept.	3	*F. Oliger / C. Bailiff / M. Link / B. Brechbill
	10-24	*D. Baker / I. Precht / M. Hillesheim / T. Belcik

Offering Tellers Schedule for 8/6 – 9/24

Aug.	6	R. Stygles / J. Kraus
	13	J. Kraus / G. Anton
	20	G. Anton / J. Weatherly
	27	J. Weatherly / J. Boesenhofer
Sept.	3	J. Boesenhofer / M. Jaramillo
	10	M. Jaramillo / R. Stygles
	17	R. Stygles / J. Weatherly
	24	J. Weatherly / G. Anton

August Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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

Your Church Council

Corinne Olinger	President
Jan Weatherly	Vice-President
Peg Hinds	Secretary
Roger Stygles	Treasurer
Carole Haugh	Financial Secretary
Sharon Ansted	
Grace Anton	
Rick Hagg	
Joanne Kraus	
Donna Morrin	
Fran Oliver	

Meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month.

Bible Readings for August

- 1 Ephesians 6:10-18
- 2 Mark 4:30-34
- 3 Philippians 4:10-15
- 4 Romans 9:6-13
- 5 Matthew 7:7-11
- 6 Matthew 14:13-21
- 7 Romans 1:8-15
- 8 Acts 2:37-47
- 9 Matthew 15:32-39
- 10 Acts 17:10-15
- 11 Acts 18:24-28
- 12 Matthew 16:1-4
- 13 Matthew 14:22-33
- 14 2 Peter 2:4-10
- 15 Romans 9:14-29
- 16 Matthew 8:23-27
- 17 Revelation 15:1-4
- 18 Acts 14:19-28
- 19 Matthew 14:34-36
- 20 Matthew 15:10-28
- 21 Acts 15:1-21
- 22 Romans 11:13-29
- 23 Matthew 8:1-13
- 24 1 Corinthians 6:1-11
- 25 2 Corinthians 10:12-18
- 26 Matthew 16:5-12
- 27 Matthew 16:13-20
- 28 Romans 2:1-11
- 29 Romans 11:33-36
- 30 Matthew 26:6-13
- 31 Ephesians 5:1-6