

**REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH
4543 DOUGLAS ROAD
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REFORMATION

News and Views

Reformation Lutheran Church
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Interim Pastor: Pr. Tom Schaeffer

Secretary: Jan Weatherly

Organist: Patrick Finnegan

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 Olinger at 419-460-1679 or Pastor Tom at 419-481-3891

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

A Balanced Life of Discipleship

How does one measure effective discipleship? Well, that is a good question. There are many things we could measure or examine. We could look at biblical knowledge, prayer life, evangelism, stewardship . . . we could go on and on.

I would like to introduce you to a simpler way. We just need to remember three simple words—up, in, and out. “Up” represents our relationship with God. “In” represents our relationship with those close to us—our family, friends, and, most importantly, spiritual family. “Out” represents our relationship with the world. A balanced, healthy, and growing life in these three areas embodies the kind of life modeled for us by Jesus Christ.

So, if we want to self-evaluate our discipleship we can examine these three areas of our life. Then, once we identify our areas of strength and weakness, we can set out to grow in our areas of weakness and establish a more balanced life. Let me suggest just a few questions you can ask yourself as you do that evaluation.

UP

- Do I make enough space for prayer?
- Am I living in a state of peace?
- Am I obedient to God’s prompting?

IN

- Do I love the flock?
- Am I discipling others?
- How are my relationships with my friends?

OUT

- Do I have a heart for the lost?
- How often do I share my faith?
- Am I a servant?

Answering these questions will help you identify the areas where God is encouraging us and calling us to grow. Then pray for God to give you the opportunity to do so. God will surely do that, so be on the look out for the Kairos and respond!

In Christ,
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, is a great source for information for you and you can tell friends to check out the site to find out what is happening at Reformation!

Church Office

The church office will be closed Friday, November 24th, the day after Thanksgiving.

Congregational Meeting

Pastor Tom Schaeffer has been our Interim Pastor for just about 6 months now. This call was with the expectation that we would meet as a congregation to discuss whether or not we would want to call him on a permanent basis. We will be having that congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, 11/05, to vote on whether we extend a call to Pastor Tom Schaeffer. If elected, pastor would serve a **3-year term call "with a purpose"**. This would be an opportunity for the congregation to take part in the Great Commission seriously, as well as, to take the time in prayer and scripture to build disciples who are on fire for Christ while developing a compelling mission, vision and strategy for where the church believes God is calling them in service and ministry to and with the community. It provides a time-limited call with a pastor skilled in discipling and leadership development, and requires a congregation committed to leadership development, spiritual and personal growth as disciples, who actively seek God's will for their vision and mission as a church. The Synod will walk in partnership with the church and pastor through the Term Call and at the end of the 3-year period the congregation and pastor, in consultation with Synod Staff may move the ministry into a state Call. If you have not met pastor, and his wife, or had the opportunity to hear him preach, this would be an excellent day to do so. The entire congregation is urged to be present for this crucial vote in Reformation's journey.

Time, Talents, and Treasure

At Reformation, we have such Good Stewards who use their time and talents in so many ways: serving on Council and its committees, office help, assisting ministers, choir and/or bells, Eucharistic ministers, Sunday School, nursery, ushers, kitchen help, offering counters, Feed Your Neighbor, Bible study, Altar Guild, sexton crew. In what way can you work in Reformation's mission?

It's time to consider your commitment of treasure to God's work here at Reformation. As we grow in faith, we grow in giving! How can you grow in your financial support and service to the church?

The Church With the Lighted Altar

When our church was built in the 1960's, we were known as "The Church With the Lighted Altar." Reformation was recognized for this special feature.

For some years now, the drapes at the front of the sanctuary have been closed, and the altar is not visible to passersby. The sun had faded the carpeting around the altar, and the church got too hot or too cold.

There is a product available from a Toledo company called Clearview that we could have applied to this big Douglas Road window. It is clear and invisible, provides UV sun protection, and has the insulating qualities to reduce heat and cold loss through the window. We do have memorial monies available to purchase this window cover. We can leave the drapes open 24/7, and only close them as needed.

Reformation will once again be known as 'The Church With the Lighted Altar' in West Toledo!

Ephesians 2: 8

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the Gift of God."

Annual Fall Bazaar

Aldersgate United Methodist Church is having their annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, 11/04, from 9:00-3:00. There will be lots of Christmas items, jewelry, glassware and much more. Admission and parking are free. All proceeds will go to Outreach and Mission.

Poinsettias

While it is still a bit early, you are asked to begin considering how many poinsettia plants you would like to purchase for Christmas this year. The plants will be a single plant in a 6½” pot, with 5 blooms and up. You can, if you desire, purchase a larger, 8½” triple plant (12 blooms and up). The cost for the 6½” pot will be the same as it has in the past, \$7.00. The larger plant will cost \$12.50. An order blank will be attached to this newsletter, and they will begin appearing in the bulletin the first week in November. Dozens of poinsettias make the Chancel look amazing for our Christmas worship.

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Eve Worship

On Christmas Eve, Sunday 12/24, we will be having 2 worship services. At 10:00 that morning there will be a combined regular Sunday morning worship service with Bethany Lutheran Church here at Reformation. We will also then have a traditional Christmas Eve Festival Candlelight service at 7:00 here at Reformation. Bethany will be having their Christmas Eve service at 11:00. The 7:00 service here will include special pre-service music, Christmas carols and our own Reformation Brass ensemble. There will be **NO** Christmas Day service here, and there will be **NO** Saturday evening worship service on 12/23. On Sunday, 12/31, there will be a joint worship service at Bethany at 10:00. There will be **NO** service at Reformation that day.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held this year on Thursday, 11/16, beginning at 6:00. Please note that reservations are required for this dinner. The cost will be \$12.00/person. This is a full Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings. There will also be some basket raffles. Please call either (419)708-5763 or (419)473-1369 to make your reservation as soon as possible. You will need to provide your name, phone number and the number in your party when making the reservation.

“A World of Christmas” – on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 4:00pm in our sanctuary, our Chancel Choir and guests will be presenting “A World of Christmas” by Joseph Martin. This work is written for 4 part mixed chorus and soloists. Some songs are familiar carols that you will recognize, while other songs have been composed specifically for this cantata. Come find out traditions from around the world that take place every Christmas.

This work will be accompanied by Marilyn Joyner, a face you will recognize from previous cantatas. Pat Finnegan will be directing the choir. Also during this special program you will hear music of the season by our newly reorganized Bell Choir.

Mark this date and time on your calendars now so that you will be free to attend this special program at church. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you for this special holiday program at Reformation!

Thank You

- THANK YOU to all the many people who worked to make the Great Reformation Faire a huge success. There were so many who worked tirelessly toward this endeavor. If you did not see it, the Blade recently had a nice article in the Peach Section about the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, highlighting the many events in the Toledo area that commemorate this occasion. Most of the pictures were from our Faire! While it took many helpers to pull this off, a big thank you goes to Rick Hagg, Julie Ann Boesenhofer and Donna Morrin for planning the event and making it happen!
- THANK YOU to all who attended the Spaghetti Supper and socialized with our neighbors and friends. We were, once again, able to provide this dinner free of charge to those less fortunate in our community. After expenses, the free-will offering went to Friends of Music to provide special musicians and music throughout the year. Thank you to Lucy Young for making her fantastic spaghetti sauce, to the “crew” who worked in the kitchen, and to all the members who provided desserts.

Stewardship is GROWING IN GIVING!!

Report from Audit Committee The audit committee recently completed an audit of our financial records from July 2015-December 2016. The committee is happy to report that everything was in good order, all deposits were posted and checks for all bills and payroll were done as expected. They further noted that Roger does a great job of handling the treasurer's job. This involves generating and entering some 600 events in any given year. The timeframe of this audit covers approximately 900 events (deposits and checks) and they were done well. Thank you to Larry Ray and John Kusz for your service to the church in conducting this audit, and to Roger Stygles for his service as church treasurer!

In Our Prayers

At Home: Phyllis Neeley, Al Schaarschmidt, Sharon Ansted, Julie Boesenhofer, Rick Hagg, Char Bowlus, Jan Leonard, Lydia Latsch, Sandy Matzinger, Betty Heiny, Sandy Drake, Larry Matzinger, Terry Belcik, Shirley Kennedy.

In Hospitals/Care Centers: Judy Schaarschmidt (Regency Hospital), Alice Notheis (Swan Creek); Lois Rywalski (Kingston); Michael Morrin; Linda Stirn (Spring Meadows Senior Community); Donnie Veit (Arbors at Waterville), Jim Williams (Lakes of Sylvania); Elsie Johnson (The Waterford at Levis Commons).

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; 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; Shirley Hoyer, by Lucy Young; Frankie Edinger, by Sharon Taylor-Ansted; Mateo, by Linda Bailiff; Thurman, the church's mail carrier; 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; Bob Long, son-in-law of Sharon Ansted; Regina & Kim, by Karen Schaeffer; Kayla, friend of Leslee Pryor & Jan Weatherly.

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!

Our Shut Ins

You would be surprised what a note, a card, a letter, a call or a visit means to those unable to be at home. Remember our fellow members as you are planning your Christmas Card list.

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Please, prayerfully consider becoming a Eucharistic minister or becoming part of the 2018 Church Council.

LUTHER HALL AND BUILDING USAGE FOR NOVEMBER 2017

Regular Usage

Sunday	9:00-10:00	Worship/Sanctuary
	12:00-2:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
Monday	7:00-9:00	Volleyball – Luther Hall
Tuesday	5:30-7:30	TOPS – Lounge
	8:00-9:00	Serenity Group – Education Wing
Wednesday	6:00-8:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
	8:30-9:30	12 Step West – Education Wing
Thursday	6:00-7:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
	7:00-8:30	Basketball – Luther Hall
	7:30-9:00	Chancel Choir – Sanctuary
Friday		
Saturday	4:00-4:30	Saturday Evening Worship – Faith Chapel
Mon-Sat	12:00-1:00	Open-Minded AA – Education Wing

Special Events

Friday	November 3	12:00-2:00	Church Women United Luncheon
Sunday	November 5	10:00	Congregational Meeting
	November 5	2:00-5:30	Private Party – Luther Hall
Sunday	November 5	TIME CHANGE – SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR	
Tuesday	November 7	10:00-12:30	Clergy Volleyball – Luther Hall
Thursday	November 16	6:00-8:00	Thanksgiving Dinner – Luther Hall
Friday	November 24	OFFICE CLOSED	
ECOT:	November 1, 2, 6, 8, 14, 17, 28, & 30	9:00-2:00	Luther Hall

Acolyte / Crucifer Schedule for 11/5 – 11/26

Nov. 5	L. Pryor
12	S. Wilson / C. Hennessey
19	C. Hennessey
26	G. Anton

Ushers Schedule for 11/5 – 11/26

Nov 5	*F. Oliger / C. Bailiff / M. Link / B. Brechbill
Nov. 12/19 & 26	*D. Baker / I. Precht / M. Hillesheim / T. Belcik

Offering Tellers

Nov. 5	J. Kraus / G. Anton
12	G. Anton / R. Stygles
19	R. Stygles / J. Weatherly
26	J. Weatherly / M. Jaramillo

November Birthdays

Nov. 5	Linda Bailiff
19	Julie Boesenhofer
27	Mark Jaques
29	Linda Stirn

Your Church Council

Corinne Oliger	President	Sharon Ansted, Grace Anton, Rick Hagg
Jan Weatherly	Vice-President	Joanne Kraus, Donna Morrin, Fran Oliver
Peg Hinds	Secretary	
Roger Stygles	Treasurer	Meetings – second Monday of the month.
Carole Haugh	Financial Secretary	6:30 in the council room.

Angel Tree and Cookie Buffet

The Angel Tree will be up with name ornaments on Sunday, Dec. 3. Lisa from CrossRoads is furnishing the names and sign-up sheet. The return date will be indicated on sign-up sheet. Thank you in advance for your participation.
Social Ministry Committee

Inviting all cookie bakers and candy makers to contribute cookies and candy to this great annual event. Please have your donations to the Lounge on Sat., Dec. 16 between 11 and 11:45 and prior to worship service on Sun., Dec.17. Thank you in advance for your participation.
Social Ministry Committee

November Bible Readings

1	Matthew 19:16-22	16	Revelation 16:1-7
2	Romans 2:17-29	17	Revelation 16:8-21
3	2 Peter 2:1-3	18	Matthew 12:43-45
4	Matthew 23:13-28	19	Matthew 25:14-30
5	Matthew 5:1-12	20	Romans 2:1-11
6	1 Thessalonians 2:13-20	21	1 Thessalonians 5:12-18
7	Acts 13:1-12	22	Matthew 24:45-51
8	Matthew 15:1-9	23	Revelation 14:1-11
9	Revelation 8:6-9:12	24	Revelation 22:1-9
10	Revelation 9:13-21	25	Matthew 12:46-50
11	Matthew 24:1-14	26	Matthew 25:31-46
12	Matthew 25:1-13	27	2 Timothy 2:8-13
13	1 Corinthians 14:20-25	28	Revelation 19:1-9
14	1 Thessalonians 3:6-13	29	John 5:19-40
15	Matthew 24:29-35	30	Revelation 14:6-13

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Poinsettias for Christmas

It is time to place your order for poinsettia plants for Christmas 2017. These plants help add a special touch to our Christmas Eve service. Please consider purchasing 1 or more plants. The deadline for turning your order in is Sunday, December 3th. Payment must be included with order.

No. of 6½” Plants _____ @ \$7.00/plant No. of 8½” Plants _____ @ \$12.50/plant
Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone#: _____

PLEASE **PRINT EXACTLY**, AND CLEARLY, WHAT YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR IN THE CHRISTMAS EVE BULLETIN.

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