

**REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH
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REFORMATION

News and Views

Reformation Lutheran Church
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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

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.”

Commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

A Step in the Right Direction

In the fourth century, Helena, the Mother of Constantine set out on a crusade to gather and send to Rome an abundance of religious relics that she found in the Holy Land. Many of the relics presently held by the Roman Catholic Church can be attributed to her journeys. One of the things she brought back was a very steep white marble staircase with 28 steps that was reputed to be the one that Jesus climbed on His way to Pontius Pilate’s praetorium, the place where Jesus was tried. Drops of Jesus’ blood marked the marble steps as He climbed the stairway. Since the fourth century, pilgrims climbed these Holy Stairs on their knees, stopping to kiss each bloodstain on the marble steps. After giving a donation and climbing these treacherous steps one by one, these pilgrims were given an absolution guaranteeing their passage into Heaven. To this day, these steps still attract Christian visitors from around the world, who wish to honor the Passion of Jesus Christ.

One day in 1512, Martin Luther, on a pilgrimage to Rome found himself at the foot of the Scala Sancta, the Holy Stairs. Slowly he started climbing the steep stairs on his knees stopping to kiss each stain of blood, when suddenly a voice like thunder said to him “The just shall live by faith alone”. Luther’s eyes were opened and he realized the futility of submitting oneself to the act of painfully climbing up and kissing each step to ensure one’s salvation. He sprang to his feet and hastened from the place in shame and horror. This was the beginning of the Reformation. No act can assure salvation, but only by the Word of God and our faith alone are we saved.

Note: This is the second of the 500th Anniversary Celebration Luther articles. Rick Hagg

TICKETS NOW ON SALE: Mark your Calendars for Tuesday May 2, 2017 for a very special night out. Reformation Lutheran Church will be hosting a special screening of a brand new Martin Luther film. This new film “**Martin Luther: An Idea That Changed The World**” is a feature length documentary/drama narrated by Hugh Bonneville of *Downton Abbey* fame. The screening will be at 6:30 pm at the Rave Franklin Park 16 Cinemas. Tickets are \$9.00 each and can be purchased by credit/debit card on the event page at:

<https://www.tugg.com/events/martin-luther-the-idea-that-changed-the-world-220894-mla>. You will want to scroll down on the events page and you can see a trailer for this great film. We need to sell 86 tickets by the deadline of April 25th in order for this screening to happen. We will be inviting other Congregations in the area so make sure you get your tickets early. See You there. PS: If you have any questions just ask me, Julie Ann Boesenhofer.



GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!
FOR

Martin Luther –

The Idea That Changed the World

A new feature length movie narrated by Hugh Bonneville

May 2, 2017 6:30 p.m. Rave Franklin Park 16

Tickets \$9.00 + \$1.00 fee

available at toledo.NewLutherMovie.com

sponsored in Toledo by [Reformation Lutheran church](http://ReformationLutheranChurch.com)

Tell your friends, have a fun Tuesday night out on the town



Wanted: Fire Eaters, Tumblers, Jugglers, and You all to be involved in the great Reformation Fair where we will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on the lawn of our very own Reformation Lutheran Church. It will be a fun festive day filled with a pig roast, a church service, games, entertainments and the royal flush harkening back to the time of Luther. We need you, your time, your talent, your support. We know you might not be a Fire Eater, but you might know someone who is. **The date will be Sunday, October 1, 2017.** Please mark your calendar and become part of this celebration!

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.

Contingency \$\$\$\$\$: Our latest major repair on our heating system was over \$7,000. Some very generous members have helped with a big part of the bill, but we need to build up that contingency fund once again to meet the next unexpected expense. Thank you, in advance, for your help!

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.

Supper/Game Night Cinco de Mayo

Friday, May 5, will be our next supper/family fun night. Join us at 6 for a delicious taco spread! Our youth will make some great ice cream treats again! Join the Reformation family for food and fellowship – game night!!

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity has contacted Reformation to participate in rehabilitating a neighborhood home (for a couple of days) again this summer. Some will hammer, lay floors, etc., whatever their skill comfort is. Some of us will provide lunch for the workers. We welcome this opportunity to work in this mission as one way to show and share God's love!! Roger Stygles will be our contact person with Habitat for Humanity and will let us know when this project will take place.

Bethany Lutheran Church

“You are cordially invited to the Bethany Lutheran Church 100th Anniversary Celebration.” A Celebration Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at Reformation Lutheran Church. Anniversary Worship will be held Sunday, April 23, 2017, at 10:45 a.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, 3274 Upton Avenue. Tickets for the Banquet are \$10.00/person or \$20.00/family. Reservations must be made for the Banquet by April 10, 2017. You can contact Bethany at (419)472-4191 or Pattie Webber at (419)464-1097 to make reservations or for any questions you might have. *Checks should be made payable to Bethany Lutheran Church.*

There will be **NO** worship service at Reformation on April 23rd. Please join us in helping Bethany celebrate 100 years of service to our Lord and the community of West Toledo.

Ladies Prayer Breakfast: We are invited to the Ladies' Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, April 8, 10:00 a.m. at Bethany. Get away for an hour from the 'busyness' of the season, and prepare your heart and head for Holy Week. Reservations are requested - Bethany, 419-472-4191.

Harvest of Sorrows

There is a great harvest of truth to be gathered in the shadows around Golgotha's barren tree. Come and walk the winding road to Calvary. Linger in the upper room. Keep watch in Gethsemane. Kneel at the cross and nurture your heart with the Savior's grace. See the fruits of mercy and love draped in the arms of a rugged cross.

The Chancel Choir of Reformation and guests will be presenting *Harvest of Sorrows* by Joseph Martin during the Maundy Thursday worship service. Please mark this on your calendar and make this a priority to attend during Holy Week.

Call Committee update: Bethany and Reformation will meet with a Synod Representative April 4 to get an update on our Call Process. We have been very patient as the number of candidates available is very slim. Waiting to hear what God has planned for us!!

Crossroads Financial Opportunity Center

Crossroads, located in the education wing at Reformation, is again offering the Ohio Benefit Bank Free Tax Preparation Clinic. The income guidelines are: annual gross income of less than \$65,000 for individual filers; \$95,000 for joint filers. Please call Crossroads at (419)475-3258 to make an appointment.

Lenten Schedule

Lenten Worship continues on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 at Bethany Lutheran Church.

On Good Friday, Rick Hagg and Julie Boesenhofer will lead a Bible Study at noon at Reformation entitled: *Were You There?* Take a personal journey through Holy Week and the Passion of Our Lord.

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday	04/09/2017	9:00 am	Palm Sunday Worship @ Reformation
Thursday	04/13/2017	7:15 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship @ Reformation
Friday	04/14/2017	12:00 pm	Good Friday Worship/Bible Study @ Reformation
		7:15 pm	Good Friday Evening Worship @ Bethany
Saturday	04/15/2017	7:30 pm	Easter Vigil @ Reformation
Sunday	04/16/2017	9:00 am	Easter Festival Worship @ Reformation

Note: There will be no Saturday 4:00 worship on 04/15/2017. Please plan to attend the Easter Vigil. Also, if you would be willing to be a reader during the Easter Vigil, please let Jan, in the office, know.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 16 at 1:00pm. at Reformation

This year we will again hold our traditional Easter Egg Hunt as an outreach to the community as well as for our own children. We need your help! We ask that anyone who is able to provide a dozen plastic Easter eggs filled with little Easter candies. We have saved the plastic eggs from last year so we just need volunteers to purchase candy and fill them. We will hand out the plastic empty eggs on Sunday, Mar. 26 and April 2 and ask them to be brought back by Sunday, April 9 if possible. If that is not possible, we certainly will accept them during the week before the Easter egg hunt. These will then be “hidden” on the front lawn of the church for the children to find. Children, ages 3 to 6th grade (approximately 12 years old) are invited to participate. Bring your neighbor children, your grandchildren, your nieces or nephews, anyone you want! Crossroads will also be advertising this event, so we are planning BIG! We also would encourage adults to come and help with the event. Because we are on a busy street we plan to have adults line the sidewalk to keep the children away from the street. Anyone who can help with this is welcome!

Mark your calendar – bring the neighbors!

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!!

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

Memorials received:

In memory of Miriam Rude from

Mr. Tom Williamson	Sue and John Kusz	Linda and John Bailiff
Corinne and Fred Olinger	Sandy and Steve Drake	Chuck and Carol Dolt
Mr. and Mrs. Greg Kigar	Mr. and Mrs. Alan Musch	Mr. and Mrs. William Prueter
Dave and Peg Hinds		

In memory of Carolyn Ellenberger

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Musch	Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Dolt
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In memory of Jim Paxton

Mr. and Mrs. John Bailiff

IN OUR PRAYERS

HOME: Phyllis Neeley, Judy Schaarschmidt, Rick Hagg, Char Bowlus, Shirley Kennedy, Jan Leonard, Lydia Latsch, Sandy Matzinger, Betty Heiny, Elsie Johnson, Sandy Drake, Larry Matzinger, Terry Belcik, John Kusz.

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

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; Shirley & Holly Durst, Richard, requested by Diane Hitchens; Mark P., Lisa, friend of Chad Bailiff; Eli Titkemeier; Cyndy Cunningham, by Julie & Rick; Kelly, friend of Leslee Pryor; Shirley Hoye, by Lucy Young; Frankie Edinger, by Sharon Taylor-Ansted; Mateo, by Linda Bailiff; Ray Brown, cousin of Corinne Oliger; Julia, in the Dominican Republic, by Corinne Oliger; Thurman, the church's mail carrier; Bob Daney & Barb Napierala, brother & friend of Janet Titkemeier; Ashley Weatherly, on deployment, daughter-in-law of Jan Weatherly & Leslee Pryor.

In death: Miriam Rude

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!

Building Usage

Regular Weekly

Sunday	12:00-2:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
Tuesday	7:30	TOPS – Lounge
	8:00	Serenity Group – Education Building
Wednesday	8:30	12 Step Group – Education Building
Thursday	6:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
	7:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
	7:30	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Saturday	4:00	Saturday Evening Worship (<i>none on 04/15/2017</i>)

Luther Hall Rental

Saturday	04/08/2017	2:00-6:00	Private Party
Saturday	04/22/2017	5:30-9:00	Bethany 100 th Anniversary Dinner
Saturday	04/29/2017	12:30-6:00	Private Party
Wednesday	04/05/2017	9:00-2:00	ECOT
Thursday	04/05/2017	11:00-12:00	ECOT
Mon-Fri	04/17/2017-05/05/2017	9:00-2:00	ECOT

Acolyte / Crucifer Schedule for 4/2 – 4/30

Apr. 2	S. Wilson / C. Hennessey
9	G. Anton
16	L. Pryor
23	Worship at Bethany Lutheran for their 100 th Anniversary
30	S. Wilson / C. Hennessey

Ushers Schedule for 4/2 – 4/30

Apr. 2 – 30 (Excluding Apr. 23) F. Oliger*, C. Bailiff, M. Link, B. Brechbill

Offering Tellers Schedule for 4/2 – 4/30

Apr. 2	J. Boesenhofer / J. Kraus
9	J. Kraus / M. Jaramillo
16	M. Jaramillo / J. Weatherly
30	R. Stygles / J. Boesenhofer

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What Easter traditions do you and your families celebrate? Is there a special breakfast or an egg hunt or baskets to find filled with chocolate bunnies and peeps? Was an Easter bonnet or white gloves part of your ensemble? Did grandma bake a lamb cake? Maybe your family traveled to be with other relatives for Easter or you vacationed. My dad always bought my mom and I an Easter corsage and Scott lovingly carries on that tradition.

I recently participated in a Facebook conversation where everyone was talking about Easter desserts and what their traditions were. It seems that a cake baked in a three dimensional lamb shaped pan is very universal for Midwestern Lutherans. Boy, did I have some jealous friends when I told them that Mary Ann handed down her vintage pan to me.

This month's *Gather* explores the gifts of Easter along with the gifts we give one another, mainly our history. Think about the gifts from above that we take for granted; the earth beneath our feet that produces food, fuel and fresh blooms continuously, the love of a God who gives his only Son for the atonement of our sins, the hope that swells in our hearts each Easter morning when we joyfully sing back the Alleluia's, and the community of family and friends we surround ourselves in.

As we finish our Lenten journey let's not only remember to make amends and reconnect, but also to joyfully prepare for the most significant holiday of the year. Tell your grandchildren about how you celebrated Easter, gloves and all. Buy yourself something new, even if it's just a necktie or costume jewelry. Color some eggs and hide a chocolate bunny for a friend to find. Share the light of Christ in you with the world.

Loving the journey.....Bethany Collier, Bethany Lutheran Church

April Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Apr. 3	Terry Belcik
12	Joyce Morris
17	Dave Hinds
18	Pam Zglinski
26	Tony Zglinski
30	Jane Kledis

April Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to:

Apr. 28	Larry & Sandy Matzinger
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