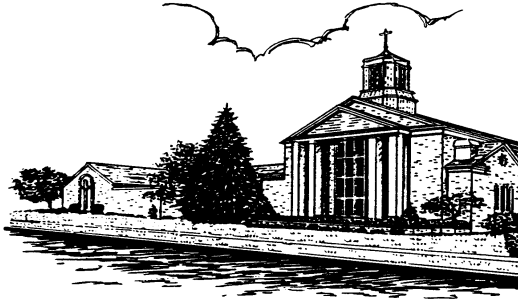


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# REFORMATION

## News and Views

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

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.”

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## Commemorating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation

Tetzel's got a ticket to ri-ide  
He's got a ticket to ri-i-ide  
Tetzel's got a ticket to ride  
He'll pray you out of hell!

In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, in the time of Luther, one thing people were sure of was their death. The stench of death hung everywhere over Europe. The black plague was present somewhere in Europe every year from 1346 to 1671. To the populace the plague, more often than not, would be either a recent memory or the current fear of a new outbreak starting in a neighboring community. It has been suggested that this catastrophic disease killed one third to one half of the population of Europe. It struck without prejudice or mercy. No exemptions were made for age or station, and there was no cure in sight.

Death was also looming with the Inquisition (a court within the government system of the Catholic Church), which was raging all over Europe for the forced conversion of the Jews and Muslims to Catholicism and later for the purification of all heretics. Almost every country had its own Inquisition with its demonic chambers of persuasion (torture). It is estimated that hundreds of thousands to tens of millions were killed due to their torture, or later died in prison, all for an effort of purification by the Catholic Church.

Many peasant uprisings and revolts and the threats of the Ottoman Empire from the south made war and death seem almost commonplace.

Remember Germany was a collection of city-states and provinces, independently ruled by their own Princes until it became a unified country in the 1800's.

Pope Leo X took up the job given to him by the previous Pope, to build the largest and most beautiful church in all the world. The church was built in Rome over the

place where St. Peter was crucified and buried. It has been said that many stones from the Coliseum were used in its construction. As Michelangelo raised his beautiful dome to the sky and painted the ceiling of the famous Sistine chapel St. Peter's Basilica in Rome was born.

Pope Leo found himself in a difficult position of how to pay for this glorious edifice. One method employed to finance the building of St. Peter's Basilica was the granting of indulgences in return for contributions. An indulgence is the act of penance which could simply be the repeating a few specific prayers, pilgrimages or donations of money which could be traded for a faster trip out of purgatory to heaven. Simply put, good works and an open coin purse would guarantee one's place in heaven.

To this end enters Johann Tetzel, the Commissioner of Indulgences of Saxony and other provinces, appointed by the Pope, who becomes the real super star of indulgences. It was his job to preach the value of indulgences and his connections with various Inquisitions, gave him a fearful persona. One of his favorite mottos was:

As soon as the gold in the casket rings  
The rescued **soul** to **heaven** springs!

Because of the relevancy of death in the medieval mind the idea of being able to go to Tezel and buy a ticket for a guaranteed to ride into heaven, became very appealing and assuring.

This became a real spear in the side of Luther, he could not tolerate this teaching coming from the heads of the church. Luther studied the Bible and other theological writings and found St. Paul's "justification by faith". Simply put "faith alone with the grace of God" was the true path to heaven. Luther wrote against "the selling of indulgences" and other concerns in a slate of points of discussion now known as the "95 theses."

In Wittenberg, it was common to use the door of Castle Church as the community bulletin board, for notices, community information or academic points of discussion. So, on October 31, 1517 Luther took his hammer and nailed his "95 Theses" to the Castle Church door, striking the first blow of the Protestant Reformation.

Note: This is the third of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Luther articles. by Rick Hagg

## **Mark your calendars now for October 1, 2017 for the GREAT REFORMATION FAIRE**

Committees are being formed right now to plan this exciting event! Make it easy on us and Volunteer. We need all kinds of workers, everything from work horses to phone callers. Talk to us when you see us or give us a call or we WILL call you! Julie Ann Boesenhofer, Donna Morrin, & Rick Hagg.

## **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.reformationlutherantoleo.org](http://www.reformationlutherantoleo.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.

### **Pastor Tom Schaeffer**

We have such good news to share! Pastor Tom Schaeffer has been named our Interim Pastor! We welcome Pastor Tom and his wife, Karen, to the family of Reformation. He will preside and preach at both Reformation and Bethany on Sundays and will be available on a part-time basis through the week.

‘Meet and Greet’ Pastor and Karen following our 9:00 Worship on Sunday, April 30. We will have a brief reception so you will have an opportunity to meet them. He will get to know us better as the weeks go by. We’ll get our nametags out again!

WE – that’s you and I – will continue in doing the mission of the church; to use each one’s talents in service, fellowship, and love. We’re all in this together! We ALL have lots to do here at Reformation and out in the community! What an exciting time!

### **Summer Joint Worship**

As summer approaches, we will once again be joining in worship with our sister congregations of Augsburg, Bethany and Reformation. The first joint worship is at Augsburg on Memorial Day weekend, May 28. Bethany will host on July 2, and Reformation on Sept. 3. **There will be no worship service at Reformation on Sunday, May 28.** Join us at Augsburg as we celebrate our call to serve our community! Also, save the date for our annual Outdoor Worship at Ottawa Park – July 30. More on that in June’s News & Views!

### **Ladies’ Salad Luncheon**

Our Ladies’ Salad Luncheon will be Saturday, May 13, 1:00 p.m. Invite moms, daughters, sisters, friends, in-laws, everybody!! Help us honor those families with 3 or more generations! We’ll ask the men to serve! Sign up to host (decorate) a table and to make a reservation. Call the church office (419-473-1369).

Again we will offer a mini-boutique. If you have a craft to make for the boutique, please let Fran or Corinne know!

### **Rummage Sale**

What a wonderful winter we’ve had this year! Now we need to open up our windows and do our Spring-cleaning. We would like you to save items for our August Rummage Sale. Please ask neighbors and friends for their help in the project. We will be collecting items the week of August 21. Luther Hall will be open after services from 10am to noon on Sunday, Aug. 21. We really appreciate your help! Times and dates for volunteers will be listed later. Please help us reach our goal!!!

Thank you and blessings to all!

Carol Dolt and Carole Haugh

### **Bethany’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

What a blessing it was to celebrate Bethany’s Anniversary with them this past weekend! They had a lovely dinner and program in our hall Saturday. Thanks to all our kitchen workers, especially Fran, our awesome cook!!

Sunday we gathered with Bethany and Augsburg brothers and sisters to worship at Bethany! They remain strong in worship and in mission to the West Toledo Community, and we are blessed to work with them to support each other’s programs.

### **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](mailto:reformationluth@gmail.com). Sending your newsletter electronically saves us time and money!!

## **\*\* Kroger Cares Community Rewards Program \*\***

If you are a Kroger shopper and have the Plus Card, it's time to re-apply for the Community Rewards Program for 2017-18. Reformation receives 5 % of your purchases! We use the money from Kroger Rewards to support our mission outside the church – in the community and beyond. We earned over \$1,200 this past year to support Cherry Street Mission, Feed Your Neighbor, Synod worldwide missions, etc. So it is worth it to sign up again this year. You continue to get your Plus Card savings and fuel points as well as the Wednesday Senior discount, if that applies. You can even buy restaurant and other gift cards to add to the total!

### **Enroll or re-enroll now!**

Re-enroll as soon as possible at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). Use Reformation's ID# 81998. If you do not have access to a computer, please have a friend or family member do this for you or talk to Fred Olinger who can enroll you. (You can choose to get your special coupons by mail, if you don't have a computer.) You are also welcome to enroll your family and friends in this program to benefit Reformation, too. Thanks for contributing to this mission fund!!

### **Welcome, Kristen and Stephanie!**

The Reformation Family welcomes Kristen Brechbill on her Baptism at the Easter Vigil and becoming the newest member of Reformation. Being able to take communion meant a lot to Kristen, and she went out and did the things needed for her to do that. Welcome to the body of Christ and to the family of Reformation. - Jan Weatherly

There wasn't a lot of fanfare when it happened, but we have another new member of the congregation, or rather a returning member. Stephanie Peterson, who as a child attended worship here with her parents, Ken and Deborah Peterson. Stephanie was confirmed here, and thus became a member. Her family moved away, and later, her job kept her pretty busy out-of-town. She recently moved back to Toledo, and started attending worship here as often as her job would allow. She officially asked to renew her membership in March. Welcome home Stephanie.

### **El Salvador Mission Trip**

Although we have been back for over a month already, the memories of the people of El Salvador will remain with the four of us for a lifetime. As Chuck told me after returning two years ago, even our poorest people here in the U.S. have much more than the poor people there. Yet, despite their poverty, the people we met were welcoming and amazingly thankful for even the smallest of things.

Speaking of thankful, we want to express our appreciation to everyone who supported us in any way. The money that was donated was given to our leader, Dr. Frank Imbarrato, who then used it for such items as additional Bibles and more medical supplies. We were also extremely grateful for the prayers of many.

God blessed us richly by watching over us and giving us the opportunity to help others during this amazing experience. Please continue to pray for the people of El Salvador and all others who are in need in any way.

Thankfully,  
Janet and Tom Titkemeier  
Jan and Chuck Ellenberger

### **Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!**

**From the Social Ministry Committee:** Thanks to everyone who generously donated the numerous, much needed toiletries for the Sparrows Nest. These items were gratefully received and very much appreciated.

**Thank you to all who contributed** in any way towards a spirit-filled Holy Week and glorious Easter worship. A special shout out goes to our Easter Bunny, Lon Stender, for once again making a memorable Easter Egg Hunt for the children in our community. Thank you, also, to Grace Anton and Peg Hinds for making the Easter cookies for the children at the Egg Hunt. And to Dennis Oehlers for providing and directing the brass players for Easter morning, you are a treasure to us! We cannot forget the choir and Marty Britsch for presenting their beautiful cantata on Maundy Thursday, and the beautiful music they provide all year. And thank you to all who provided food for the Easter brunch. Yumm!

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to Jan Weatherly and Corinne Olinger for all of your hard work preparing for Easter, as well as keeping us going all year, especially in this time before we had an interim pastor.

### **Thank You from the Church Office**

I would like to very sincerely say thank you to the many people that helped us get through Holy Week, the Easter Vigil, and Easter morning. Without your help I would never have been able to finish on time. Thank you also to Don Baker for making more bulletins for Easter when we ran out. I would also like to say a very large thank you to Linda Bailiff. She comes in every week and gets the bulletins together and distributes them where they need to be. Your help is very much appreciated.

### **Family Fun Nights – Cinco de mayo (May 5<sup>th</sup>)**

I would like to encourage everyone to come to one of our monthly family nights. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the company of your fellow members, without a pew between you. As they are also open to the public, they are an excellent way for us to connect with the community around us, in a very non-threatening way, and begin to learn about our neighborhood. Each month has a different theme. In May (the 5<sup>th</sup>) we are having a Cinco de Mayo party, with tacos and other goodies (nope, no margaritas, sorry). Please plan on coming to one of these. I guarantee you'll want to come back. If you have a favorite board game, bring it along. There's usually always a euchre table going, and there are always good people to talk to. If you have a suggestion for a future theme, by all means let Corinne or the office know. Join us at **6:00!**

### **Memorials received:**

#### **In memory of Ken Robertson from**

Ellen Kessler and Konnie E. Root

#### **In memory of Miriam Rude from**

Chanterettes of Zenobia, Barbara Links, Gloria DeMeritt, Richard Prueter, Theodore H. Prueter, Dave and Sharon Prueter, Brenda and Art Michaelis, Patricia and Paul Stanly, Kathie and Joe Myers, Carole Haugh, Margaret and Charles Miller, Elsie Johnson, Cheryl Fogt, Carol Jagodzinski, Chuck and Jan Ellenberger, Phyliss Neeley, Terry Kutzly.

### **In Our Prayers**

**Home:** Phyllis Neeley, Judy Schaarschmidt, Rick Hagg, Julie Boesenhofer, Char Bowlus, Jan Leonard, Lydia Latsch, Sandy Matzinger, Betty Heiny, Elsie Johnson, Sandy Drake, Larry Matzinger, Terry Belcik, Shirley Kennedy.

**Hospitals/Care Centers:** Alice Notheis; 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 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 & Barb Napierala, brother & friend of Janet Titkemeier; Ryan & Mike Schaarschmidt, grandson & son of Al & Judy Schaarschmidt; Joyce Besase, by Judy Schaarschmidt; Cara, Bob & son of Jennifer Prueter

**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

### Regularly scheduled activities

Sunday	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	8:30-9:30	12 Step West – Education Wing
Thursday	6:00-7:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
	7:00-8:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
	7:30-9:00	Chancel Choir – Sanctuary
Saturday	4:00-4:30	Saturday Evening Worship – Faith Chapel
Mon-Sat	12:00-1:00	Open-Minded AA Group – Education Wing

### May Special Activities

Friday	05/05/2017	6:00-?	Cinco de Mayo Family Fun Night – Luther Hall
Saturday	05/13/2017	11:00-?	Ladies Salad Luncheon – Luther Hall
Saturday	05/20/2017	2:00-7:00	Private Party – Luther Hall
Sunday	05/21/2017	12:00-8:00	Private Party – Luther Hall
Sunday	05/28/2017	9:30	Joint worship <b>at Augsburg</b> . No Sunday worship at Reformation. There will be Saturday worship here.
Monday	05/29/2017		OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

### Acolyte / Crucifer Schedule for 5/7 – 5/28

May	7	G. Anton
	14	L. Pryor
	21	C. Hennessey
	28	At Augsburg for joint worship

### Ushers Schedule for 5/7 – 5/21

May	7 – 21	*D. Baker, M. Hillesheim, I. Precht, T. Belcik
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### Offering Tellers Schedule for 5/7 – 5/28

May	7	J. Boesenhofer / J. Kraus
	14	J. Kraus / M. Jaramillo
	21	M. Jaramillo / J. Weatherly
	28	J. Weatherly / R. Stygles

### **May Birthdays**

#### **Happy Birthday to:**

May	1	Larry Ray
	8	Irv Precht
	14	Sandy Matzinger
	22	Eric Schmidt
	24	Larry Matzinger
	31	Fred Oliger

### Your Church Council

Corinne Oliger	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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month.

**Bible Readings for May**

1	1 Peter 1:23-25	17	John 8:31-38
2	1 Peter 2:1-3	18	Acts 27:1-12
3	John 21:1-14	19	Acts 27:13-38
4	1 Peter 2:9-12	20	John 14:27-29
5	1 Peter 2:13-17	21	John 14:15-21
6	Luke 15:1-7	22	Acts 27:39-44
7	John 10:1-10	23	1 Peter 3:8-12
8	1 Peter 5:1-5	24	John 16:16-24
9	Hebrews 13:20-21	25	Luke 24:44-53
10	Matthew 20:17-28	26	Ephesians 2:1-7
11	Acts 6:8-15	27	John 8:21-30
12	Acts 7:1-16	28	John 17:1-11
13	John 8:48-59	29	1 Peter 4:1-6
14	John 14:1-14	30	1 Peter 4:7-11
15	Acts 7:17-40	31	John 3:31-36
16	Acts 7:44-56		

**Geraniums for Pentecost**

This year, as in previous years, we are asking if you would like to purchase geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, June 4, which later will be planted around the church and fellowship hall. These plants make the service very special and help to beautify our grounds all summer, so please consider purchasing one or more plants for Pentecost.

**Deadline for orders is May 28 2017. Payment must accompany order. Plants come in 4” pots for \$5.00.**

No. of plants \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 each    Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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