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News and Views

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Worship Services: Saturday – 4:00 pm

Sunday – 9:00 am

Sunday School – 10:15am

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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

OUR RESPONSE TO KAIROS PART 2

Last month, we took a break from the topic of Kairos to talk about the Narrative Lectionary. This month we are going to finish up our conversation on Kairos. Let’s look again at Jesus words from Mark 1: ¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news^[i] of God,^[i] ¹⁵ and saying, “The time [“Kairos” in the Greek] is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;^[k] repent, and believe in the good news.”

Kairos moments are those moments in time when God’s kingdom intersects with our lives. God’s desired result of a “Kairos moment” is to draw us into closer and deeper relationship with Him. The way we are to respond to these moments, according to Jesus, is to repent and believe.

Last time we talked about this, we discussed “repent” and its meaning. This month, we will look at what it means to “believe.” Let’s begin.

So, Jesus tells us to “repent and believe.” The goal of repentance is a change of mind- that we would begin thinking and seeing things more like Jesus. This “change of mind” would then lead to a “change of action.”

This is critical to understand. Very often, we look at “believing” in a very passive way. To “believe” something is merely a state of mind. But this is not the way the Bible looks at “believing.” “Believe” is an action word. To believe is to act!

In Matthew 7, Jesus tells the story of the wise and foolish builder. In this story, the difference between the wise and foolish builder is not whether or not they listened to Jesus. It is whether they ACTED on it. Listen:

24"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. (Matthew 7:24)"

Belief always produces activity. Belief IS active trust. No more, no less.

We are called to be more than just students. We are called to be disciples, apprentices. We are lifelong learners. But we are intended to put what we learn into practice. We are to be “doers of the word, not merely hearers” (James 1:22). Your challenge today is to put into action something that God is teaching you.

In Christ,
Pastor Tom

The Great Reformation Faire – Oct. 1 at Reformation

Regular worship at 9:00. Festival worship for the 500th Anniversary/Faire – 12:25. Faire events begin at 1:30-5:30. Hope to see you there!

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!

Confirmation - Confirmation classes resume on Wednesday, October 4th. They will be held at Augsburg as last year, and at the same time. The confirmands are required to complete a "Worship Notes" each week. These will be available in the Narthex.

500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Martin Luther changed the world. With his study of the Bible he realized that we are saved by God's amazing grace, and not by the good that we try to do. We celebrate this special anniversary **Sunday, October 29, 10:00 a.m.**, with a Festival Service.

Our brothers and sisters from Augsburg, Bethany, and Our Savior will join with us at REFORMATION Lutheran Church, of course. It will be awesome to fill our church! Don't miss this Worship! We will have brass with our music, and the combined choirs will sing. A Fellowship Reception will follow the Worship. What a great time to be with our Protestant neighbors!

Luther was a prolific hymn writer! During the month of October we will sing at least one Luther hymn each week. Watch PBS, channel 30 listings to see the recent movie documentary of Martin Luther's life.

Lutheran Disaster Relief

Reformation Lutheran Church has contributed to the disaster relief for the Texas hurricane, Harvey, and to victims in Florida of Hurricane Irma. We collected over \$200 in the fish bowl with donations from our generous members. Your council voted to add \$2,000 from the profits of our Rummage Sale. This is Reformation in MISSION!!!! We pray for all those who have suffered from natural disasters this year! Some of the devastation has been tragic!

Annual Spaghetti Supper

Join in Fall Fellowship at our annual Spaghetti Supper, Saturday, October 21, 5 – 6:30! You'll enjoy our special recipe spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and desserts. Lucy is our famous Italian chef! This will be another dinner offered free to our community as part of our mission. Cash donations will be accepted ahead of time to help with costs. Free-will donations will go to the Friends of Music to provide our winter cantata and for brass for Christmas Eve. Wear your team colors! If you would like to decorate a table for your favorite high school, college, or pro team, or decorate a pretty fall table, sign up in the narthex or call the church office. Sign up to bring a dessert if you can.

Bring family, friends, and neighbors for a delicious night of fellowship at Reformation!

Trunk-or-Treat

Join in the fun of a parking lot trick or treat night. We're inviting neighborhood kids to come to our church, Sunday, October 29, from 5 - 6 p.m. We will hand out goodies to the children right from the car. You can decorate your car and come in costume if you want to.

A hot dog supper will be provided!!

Sign up to participate or to donate a large bag of candy. Let's meet our neighbors and welcome the kids! What a fun way to let the community know we're here!

Welcome Back, Pat!

After 6 ½ years, our organist and choir director, Marty Britsch, has moved on to a different church. We are most fortunate to welcome Pat Finnegan back as organist and choir director! We look forward to the renewed energy and growth in our music program. Pat will once again be directing the bell choir, which we have sorely missed in his absence.

Welcome back, welcome home!

Books and DVDs

Look in the corner of the narthex – next to the do-nuts! We have new bookshelves there with an interesting variety of books – fiction, non-fiction, devotional, etc., and a few DVDs. If you see a title you like, take it home. When you're finished, bring it back for someone else to enjoy.

Church Council

The end of the year is fast approaching, and it is time to start thinking about church council. There have been many requests over the years asking for members of the congregation to step forward and take part in leading this wonderful, dedicated group of people. There are people going off council this year, so there are some empty seats around the table. In this time that the congregation is making great strides towards reaching outside the church doors, members who are interested and willing to help keep the church on a path moving forward for God need to step up and be recognized. Council meets on the 2nd Monday of each month (although they do take a break in the summer for one month) and the meetings last between 1-1½ hours. If the Spirit has ever spoken to you about doing more in the church, this is an excellent opportunity. Please prayerfully consider serving. If you are interested, or would like more information, please speak to any member of the council.

Square

Reformation now has access to a Square credit card reader. I'm sure some of you have seen one in use. It is a small device that is plugged into a cell phone, with the appropriate software installed, and can accept credit card payments. The money will go directly to the church's bank account. The best part is that for the first \$1000.00 in charges, there are no fees for us to use this. Having this device means that the church can now accept payments for rentals, giving and other activities by credit card. If you would like to utilize this service, or would like more information about it, please see Jan in the church office. We will be advertising this on the church's Web site.

Building Use

ECOT (The Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow) will begin their fall testing in October. Luther Hall will be in use from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. every day of the week from October 23rd through November 14th. Obviously we will ask them to make other arrangements should the hall be needed for a church function. Entrance to the church office during this time must be done quietly. There is no an operating doorbell outside of the Luther Hall glass doors and at the other entrance. Please do not just walk in on these folks. Ring the bell and someone will escort you into the building.

Thanksgiving Dinner

On Thursday, November 16, the church will be having our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. This is a full Thanksgiving dinner, with all the fixings. The cost will be \$12.00 per person, and reservations are required. The dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.

Thank You

Dear Reformation Friends,

“She is at peace with God. Imagine a world without pain or heartache. Now imagine her there with God...smiling for eternity.” Thank you, sincerely for your loving and kind expressions of sympathy as you remembered our Mother, Kathryn. Maybe you said a prayer, or sent a message or card or a floral remembrance. Maybe you prepared or served food. Maybe you were able to visit or maybe you delighted in your own memories. Nothing went unnoticed and your graciousness will remain a constant source of comfort and joy. Thank you.

Cindy Sauppe (Bethany) and The family of Kathryn Christen.

Thank you to all the members of the congregation of Reformation for your continued support and prayers. The knowledge that you are there with me is what keeps me going as the church secretary. I've been the secretary now for about 3 years, and I still do not refer to it as a JOB. It is, and has been, more a labor of love. Jan Weatherly

Stewardship is GROWING IN GIVING!!

Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and now María: Our country and neighboring island nations have been devastated by THREE hurricanes this year. If you would like to donate to the recovery effort, please consider Lutheran Disaster Response. Lutheran Disaster Relief is one of the first on scene when there is a major disaster. The link to donate to this very important mission is: <http://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/US-Hurricane-Relief>

WELCA

The other day I had the luxury of running to the grocery store by myself. I was pushing my cart down the frozen food aisle and overheard a cute family of four having a food discussion. The older boy (about 10) wanted to try some new frozen dinner and his dad said they had a coupon and the item was on sale but they'd have to buy four things to get the cheaper price. Mom would have to be consulted. Mom very nicely explained that if they just used the coupon it would be cheaper because they would only have to buy one and frozen dinners were expensive. She asked him which one he wanted and if he was sure he wanted it and would eat it because that was a lot of money to waste.

I kept pushing my cart never looking back, my eyes welling with tears as I looked into my cart which contained twenty dollars of extra junk food we were going to eat while watching the football game that afternoon. "Feed my sheep" I kept hearing in my head, "feed my sheep." "I am", I answered in my head but almost shouted out loud. I already need a larger table and bigger van.

Some years ago I heard a speaker explain that while prayer and contemplation and study are good and necessary, better yet is action. A client seeking advice was confused about his mission. He knew he wanted to serve God in some way but was confused about the details. The speaker told him to just begin somewhere. God will take care of the details; just "feed his sheep" We do not have to be perfect to be a disciple. We just need to begin taking care of our neighbors. Whether it's fostering children or animals, helping out with Wednesday dinners, inviting a lonely friend to dinner, smiling at the grocery clerk who looks beyond tired, or donating to a worthwhile charity.

I look at it as more of a surrender than an ability or talent. "OK, I will feed your people" is all I said. Actually, I love to feed people so I didn't think this fostering of His children would be so difficult (or that His children would be so picky!) For me, being a disciple is about trying and failing and trying again. It's about believing that "God's work, our hands" is the best way to show His people that He cares. Miracles are amazing, but even better is an outstretched hand with the promise of a glimpse into His kingdom. As we slow down our pace a bit this fall don't ponder how you can best serve Him, just do it!

Wondering if he liked his dinner..... Bethany Collier, Bethany Lutheran Church

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 Hoye, 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.

Shirley Kennedy 2727 N Holland-Sylvania Rd Suite # E Toledo OH 43615	Alice Notheis Swan Creek Retirement Village 916 Cresthaven Lane Toledo OH 43614	Lois Rywalski Sunset Village Room 37 4121 King Road Sylvania OH 43560
Michael Morrin C/o CCI PO Box 5500 Chillicothe OH 45601	Linda Stirn Spring Meadows Senior Comm. 1125 Clarion Ave Rm 306B Holland OH 43528	Jan Leonard 5240 Oakridge Dr., Apt 1 Toledo OH 43623
Donnie Veit Arbors of Waterville # 128 55 Anthony Wayne Trail Waterville OH 43566	Jim Williams Lakes of Sylvania 5351 Mitchaw Road Sylvania, OH 43560	Elsie Johnson Waterford at Levis Commons 7100 S Wilkinson # 338 Perrysburg OH 43551

Betty Heiny
5050 Selma
Toledo OH 43613

Eucharistic Ministers

The list of shut-in members of Reformation is growing and the list of members available to take communion to them, Eucharistic Ministers, is very limited. Becoming a Eucharistic minister can provide both you and the shut-in a time of fellowship and communion with God. The amount of time you spend with the person depends entirely on you and the person you would be seeing. You would be asked once a month to take communion to a member. It's not much out of your day. Prayerfully consider serving your fellow members in this very worthwhile and fulfilling activity.

October 2017 Calendar

Recurring Activities

Monday	12:30-1:30	Nifty-Fifty (2 nd Monday of each month)
	7:00-9:00	Volleyball – Luther Hall
Tuesday	5:30-7:30	TOPS – Lounge
	8:00-9:00	Serenity Group – Educational Wing
Wednesday	6:00-8:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
	8:30-9:30	12 Step Group – Educational Wing
Thursday	12:30-2:00	Ladies' Bible Study – P. Neeley's Home
	6:00-7:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
	7:30 -9:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	7:00-8:30	Basketball – Luther Hall
Saturday	4:00-4:30	Saturday Evening Worship – Faith Chapel
Sunday	9:00-10:00	Worship
	12:00-2:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
Mon-Sat	12:00-1:00	Open-Minded AA – Education Wing

Special Activities

Sunday	October 1	Great Reformation Faire
Saturday	October 21	Spaghetti Supper
Sunday	October 29	Trunk or Treat

Acolyte / Crucifer Schedule for 10/1 – 10/29

Oct	1	L. Pryor
	8	G. Anton
	15	C. Hennessey
	22	S. Wilson / C. Hennessey
	29	G. Anton

Ushers Schedule for 10/1 – 10/29

Oct. 1 & 8	*D. Baker / I. Precht / M. Hillesheim / T. Belcik
Oct. 15, 22 & 29	*F. Oliger / C. Bailiff / M. Link / B. Brechbill

Offering Tellers

Oct.	1	G. Anton / J. Kraus
	8	J. Kraus / R. Stygles
	15	R. Stygles / J. Weatherly
	22	J. Weatherly / M. Jaramillo
	29	M. Jaramillo / J. Kraus

October Birthdays

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

October Anniversaries

Oct.	2	Larry & Mary Ray
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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 – second Monday of the month.
6:30 in the council room.

October Bible Readings

1	John 3:16	17	Philippians 3:13-4:1
2	Philippians 1:3-14	18	John 6:25-35
3	Philippians 1:15-21	19	3 John 9-12
4	Matthew 9:2-8	20	1 Peter 5:1-5
5	Colossians 2:16-23	21	Matthew 14:1-12
6	Philippians 2:14-18, 3:1-4a	22	Matthew 22:15-22
7	John 7:40-52	23	Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20
8	Matthew 21:33-46	24	Revelation 18:21-24
9	1 Peter 2:4-10	25	Matthew 17:22-27
10	2 Corinthians 5:17-21	26	Titus 1:5-16
11	John 11:45-57	27	Titus 2:7-8, 11-15
12	1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14	28	John 5:39-47
13	James 4:4-10	29	John 8:31-36
14	Mark 2:18-22	30	James 2:8-13
15	Matthew 22:1-14	31	James 2:14-26
16	Jude 17-25		