

**REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH
4543 DOUGLAS ROAD
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News and Views

Reformation Lutheran Church
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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. 9:00-2:45 and 3:30-4:30, Fri. 9:00 – 2:45.

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

What will 2018 hold for all of us? No one knows, but God. But, the wonderful thing about a new year is that it is full of possibilities. God will be working in the world, in our churches, in our lives for God's Kingdom purposes and that is exciting good news!

Here are the things I will be praying for in 2018. I will be praying for peace in our world. Specifically, I will be praying for God's peace to come to bear wherever conflict, hatred, and cruelty presently rule. May we see an unprecedented peace bloom throughout the Middle East. May we see all forms of hatred and discrimination be rolled over by love and understanding. May God's Kingdom of peace come and His Will be done.

For the Church, I will be praying for revival. I will be praying that a spirit of witness and mission fill the Church, particularly here in the United States. I will be praying that a historic number of people come to faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

In our churches, I will be praying that God will be glorified through the work that we do. I will be praying that the newly formed group of members from both churches for discipleship and leadership development experience the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and become the seed for spiritual and numerical growth in our churches. I pray that we would be at the center of a great harvest for the Lord.

Finally, I will be praying for you. I will be praying for every soul that calls our churches home that God would be working a new thing in your life, and that you would experience his call in new and powerful ways. That you would embrace his invitation and challenge to be the disciple He has called you to be and that together we would grow in the fruits of the Spirit with such abundance that it can do nothing else but bear witness to the work of Christ in our lives.

I hope you will join me in praying for all these things and that, through Christ, we seize the possibilities of this New Year!

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 Hours – as of 11/01/2017, the new office hours are:

Monday and Wednesday 9:00-2:45, 3:30-4:30

Friday 9:00-2:45

There are now doorbells at both entrances to the church office. If the doors are locked during regular business hours, please ring the buzzer. Just a personal note, the secretary has bad knees, so it takes a couple of minutes to get to the Luther Hall door, so please be patient.

Church Supplies – the church is always in need of paper towels, toilet paper, and hand soap. You can bring supplies to the church office or drop off on Sunday.

From the Out-going President

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Monthly council meetings begin with prayers for guidance and the reading of our mission statement. We meet the 2nd Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m., in the Conference Room, and you are welcome any time! We consider the day-to-day business of our church, but we also look to see what we can do in service beyond our walls. If you have any issues or concerns to bring to council, please talk to any council member! Your input is important to the continued success of our mission!

Those who continue to serve our congregation are Sharon Ansted, Grace Anton, , Rick Hagg, Peggy Hinds, Carole Haugh, Joanne Kraus, Donna Morrin, Corinne Oliger, Fran Oliver, Roger Stygles, and Jan Weatherly. Welcome, Frank Weaver, to serve on our council!

It takes many workers to provide meaningful worship and the various programs and fellowship we have here at Reformation! I sincerely appreciate the help of council and the members of our congregation. God's work, our hands!

Bless us that we may be a people working in a new way, for fulfillment as we follow your path. We move forward – worshiping and working our mission. We give thanks that Pastor Tom Schaeffer is our Pastor! We pray for him in his work here at Reformation!

We continue to work in cooperation and support with our sister church, Bethany. The challenge continues – what is God's plan for us?

It has been a joy to serve as your President these last 7 years! Thank you for the opportunity to work with all of you in our mission here at Reformation! It's time for new leadership and fresh ideas! I have been blessed with your strong, constant support!

We are hopeful; God is with us!

Corinne Oliger

2018 Council officers: Congratulations to Donna Morrin who has been elected council president for 2018. Jan Weatherly will serve as Vice President, Peg Hinds will be the secretary, Roger Stygles has been elected Treasurer and Carole Haugh will be the Financial Secretary. Thank you, Larry Ray, for doing the Financial Secretary work while Carole Haugh suns in Florida this winter!

Annual Meeting The Annual Congregational Meeting will be January 21, after the 10:00 Worship. We will discuss the budget for 2018 and plan our service, mission, and fellowship projects for the year. Join with your fellow members to make the year great! Lunch will be served.

Snow Days Reformation Lutheran Church is automatically closed if Lucas County is under a Level 3 emergency. You don't need to bother reading the TV scrolls that list a million closings. Under a Level 2, church will be open. Come to church if you feel it is safe in your part of town; use your discretion.

Rentals Luther Hall is regularly rented for basketball, volleyball, and special events. Our facility is perfect for showers, birthday parties, big family dinners, etc. Council has agreed not to raise rental fees for 2018. Call the church office for information ([419-473-1369](tel:419-473-1369)) on dates and fees.

Soup Supper/Game Night

Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 27, 6:00 to enjoy a Simmering Soup Supper in Luther Hall! You know we Lutherans have a reputation of being good cooks. Come sample a variety of good soups. This will be advertised to the neighbors as a Free Community Meal, as a mission of the church. After supper we'll enjoy a game night - euchre challenge, Mexican Train, other board games. Come for food and fellowship with your Reformation Family!

Social Ministry Collection to Benefit Sparrows Nest

The Social Ministry Committee requests toiletry donations to benefit the Sparrows Nest. The women there appreciate receiving lotions, shampoo, fragrances, soap, toothpaste, etc. as they usually leave their residences in a hurry, not taking anything with them. We will collect donations throughout the rest of January and all of February. These will be delivered in early March. A box for these items will be in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your support.

Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – February 13

The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 13 from 5:00pm to 6:30. As always we will have delicious pancakes, sausages, fruit and beverages. We hope that you will once again come out to enjoy a good meal and good fellowship with other members of your church family! This is a community free meal so invite your friends and neighbors!

Ash Wednesday Worship

Ash Wednesday is the official beginning of Lent. Worship begins at 7:15 at Reformation. Please plan to join us for worship. On the following Wednesdays, Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 7, 14 and 21, worship will be at Bethany Lutheran Church at 7:15. We hope you can attend these services also. The Holy Week Schedule has not been set and will be announced as soon as they are official!

Thank You Thank You Thank You!

We would like to recognize and thank all who helped in any way to prepare our church for the Christmas season. Thank you to the choir, to Pat Finnegan, and to Dennis Oehlers who once again brought us the beautiful brass musicians for Christmas Eve. Thank you to those who helped decorate the church building and who helped take it down after Epiphany Sunday. Thank you to Jan Weatherly for all of the extra work done in the office. Thank you to Corinne Olinger who puts in countless hours making sure our church runs smoothly. Thank you to Fran Oliver and company for the wonderful Thanksgiving meal. All of you are such a blessing to Reformation. As always, we thank the dedicated Sexton Crew and Don Baker for their hard work in keeping our building clean and beautiful. Thank you to all who baked cookies for the Cookie Buffet!

Thank you notes received:

Thank you for those who sent cards and the wonderful lady, Joanne Kraus, who brought me the Christmas stocking. I am using the products and am gratified for them. I would also like to thank Reformation for sending me the newsletter to keep me informed. Linda Stirn

Thanks for all you do for our center each and every day. You are truly a blessing to us and to the families we serve.

Lisa and Megan – Crossroads

Thank you very much for everything you did for my family. Merry Christmas and Happy New year from the Carter family. (This is the family we provided for in the Angel Tree.)

Reformation family,

Thank you for the many cards, hugs, visits and other gestures of support at the death of my sister, Kathie Myers. Thank you, also, for the lovely fruit basket.

In abundant gratitude,

Peg Hinds

Fundraising Opportunity for Reformation

For anyone who shops on Amazon.com, there is now a new way for Reformation to earn money from those purchases. Here's how to set it up:

Go to www.smile.amazon.com and log into Amazon as usual.

Click on "Accounts & Lists"

Hover over "Accounts and Lists" heading and a list will pop up. Scroll down to "Your Amazon Smile" and click on it.

If you have not already set up a charity to have Amazon donate to, type in "The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Reformation" in the "choose a charity" line. You will get a list of all churches with that name. Scroll down until you see the church by that name located in Toledo OH (we're the only one in Toledo). Click on the church's name.

You will get a notice telling you that you have now chosen to have a portion of your purchase to the church. From then on, always go to www.smile.amazon.com to shop at Amazon. If you log in to the regular Amazon site, your purchases will not benefit the church. You can contact Jan in the church office if you have any questions.

Prayers for Our Military Men and Women

Each week we pray for those in the Reformation family who serve our country in the military. We've been asked to put them together with the member to whom they are related.

Bill Myers – son of Nancy (Myers) Sieja

Ashley and Jason Weatherly – son and daughter-in-law of Jan Weatherly
and Leslee Pryor

Kyle Dietrich – son of Mike and Amy Mahnke

Kyle Mikolajczyk – grandson of Joanne Kraus

Kayla Fowler – granddaughter of Joanne Kraus

Josh Rittner – nephew of Jan Weatherly and Charlene Rittner

Sean Ray – son-in-law of Lucy and Rob Young

Jared Kusz – grandson of Sue and John Kusz

GOD BLESS THEM!!!!

In Our Prayers

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Home: Phyllis Neeley, Judy Schaarschmidt, Rick Hagg, Jan Leonard, Sandy Matzinger, Betty Heiny, Judy Rife, Sandy Drake, Larry Matzinger, Terry Belcik, Shirley Kennedy, John Kusz.

Hospitals/Care Centers: Michael Morrin; Lois Rywalski (Kingston); Linda Stirn (Spring Meadows Senior Community); Donnie Veit (Arbors at Waterville); 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; 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, Matt, Judy friends of Chad Bailiff; Eli Titkemeier; Kelly, friend of Leslee Pryor; Shirley Hoyer, by Lucy Young; Frankie Edinger, Bob Long (son-in-law) by Sharon Taylor-Ansted; Mateo, by Linda Bailiff; 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; Mike Jorris, friend of Shari Gorski; Laura Brock, niece of Chuck & Jan Ellenberger; Regina & Kim, by Karen Schaeffer; Kayla, friend of Leslee Pryor & Jan Weatherly; Manila Cannaday, friend of Jan Weatherly; Paul Haas, son of Tricia Haas (Bethany); Abby Ketcham, Pastor Kelley's daughter.

REGULAR BUILDING USE AS OF 1/01/2018

SUNDAY	2:00	BASKETBALL
MONDAY	12:00-1:00	OPEN-MINDED AA GROUP –
EDUCATION WING	7:00-9:00	VOLLEYBALL – LUTHER HALL
TUESDAY	12:00-1:00	OPEN-MINDED AA GROUP –
EDUCATION WING	4:30 – 9:00	VOLLEYBALL
	5:30-7:30	TOPS – LOUNGE
WEDNESDAY	12:00-1:00	OPEN-MINDED AA GROUP –
EDUCATION WING	6:00-8:00	STEWART BASKETBALL – LUTHER HALL
	8:30 – 9:30	MEETING
THURSDAY	12:00-1:00	OPEN-MINDED AA GROUP –
EDUCATION WING	12:30 – 1:30	LADIES BIBLE STUDY – NEELEY’S
	6:00 – 8:30	BASKETBALL
	7:30-9:00	CHANCEL CHOIR
FRIDAY	12:00-1:00	OPEN-MINDED AA GROUP –
EDUCATION WING	5:00 – 8:00	VOLLEYBALL
SATURDAY	12:00-1:00	OPEN-MINDED AA GROUP –
EDUCATION WING	4:00	SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP
SUNDAY	12:00-2:00	HARVEY BASKETBALL- LUTHER HALL (CURRENTLY ON HIATUS. WILL BEGIN AGAIN TOWARDS END OF MARCH)

Special Building Use – January and February

01/06/2018	2:30-9:00	Private Party – Luther Hall
01/14/2018	5:00-9:00	Private Party – Luther Hall
01/20/2018	10:00-3:00	Private Party – Luther Hall
01/21/2018	10:00- ?	Annual Congregational Meeting – Luther Hall
01/27/2018	6:00 – 8:00	Soup Supper / Family Game Night – Luther Hall
02/13/2018	5:00 – 6:30	Pancake Supper – Luther Hall

Acolyte / Crucifer Schedule for 1/21/18 – 2/25/18

Jan.	21	Sage Wilson / C. Hennessey
	28	C. Hennessey
Feb.	4	G. Anton
	11	L. Pryor
	18	Sage Wilson / C. Hennessey
	25	Daniel Morrin

Ushers Schedule for 1/21/18 – 2/25/18

Jan.	21	*D. Baker, I. Precht, M. Hillesheim, T. Belcik
	28	*F. Oliger, C. Bailiff, M. Link, B. Brechbill
Feb.	4-18	*F. Oliger, C. Bailiff, M. Link, B. Brechbill
	25	*D. Baker, I. Precht, M. Hillesheim, T. Belcik

Offering Tellers – 1/21/18 – 2/25/18

Jan.	21	R. Stygles / J. Kraus
	28	J. Kraus / M. Jaramillo
Feb.	4	M. Jaramillo / J. Weatherly
	11	J. Weatherly / J. Kraus
	18	J. Kraus / G. Anton
	25	G. Anton / R. Stygles

January and February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Jan.	6	Lynn Robertson
	7	Jan Ellenberger
	10	Kristen Young
	11	Mike Hillesheim / Oliver Hagg
Feb.	5	Joanne Kraus
	7	Shearl Schmidt
	16	Caroline Dolt
	17	Irv Precht
	20	Tonya Schmidt / Danny Jaques
	23	Bill Woodward

Anniversaries

Feb.	12	Mike and Barb Link
	15	Phil and Nancy Sieja

Bible Readings for January

1	John 1:1-18	17	Luke 18:15-17
2	James 3:13-18	18	Revelation 18:11-20
3	James 4:1-10	19	2 Peter 3:1-7
4	James 4:11-17	20	Luke 10:13-16
5	Luke 6:27-31	21	Mark 1:14-20
6	Matthew 2:1-12	22	1 Corinthians 7:17-24
7	Mark 1:4-11	23	Acts 5:33-42
8	Romans 4:1-12	24	Mark 3:13-19a
9	Acts 22:2-16	25	Romans 9:6-18
10	John 1:29-34	26	Revelation 2:12-17
11	2 Corinthians 10:1-11	27	Matthew 8:28-9:1
12	Acts 13:16-25	28	Mark 1:21-28
13	Matthew 25:1-13	29	Acts 21:17-26
14	John 1:43-51	30	1 Corinthians 7:32-40
15	2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1	31	Mark 5:1-20
16	Acts 5:1-11		

February Bible Readings

1	Galatians 5:2-15	15	1 John 1:3-10
2	1 Corinthians 9:1-16	16	2 Timothy 4:1-5
3	Matthew 12:9-14	17	Matthew 9:2-13
4	Mark 1:29-39	18	Mark 1:9-15
5	Acts 14:1-7	19	Ephesians 2:1-10
6	Acts 15:36-41	20	1 Peter 3:8-18a
7	Mark 3:7-12	21	Matthew 4:1-11
8	2 Corinthians 2:12-17	22	Romans 3:21-31
9	1 Timothy 1:12-20	23	Romans 4:1-12
10	Luke 19:41-44	24	Mark 8:27-30
11	Mark 9:2-9	25	Mark 8:31-38
12	Hebrews 2:1-4	26	Hebrews 1:8-12
13	1 Timothy 3:14-16	27	Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19
14	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	28	John 12:36-43