

**REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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. 9:00-2:45 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

Many of us “give up” something for Lent. This “giving up” is, essentially, a mini-fast. It is the sacrifice of a thing or things, rather than the traditional fast from all food.

Fasting is most certainly an ancient practice in the Church. In our Scriptures, it is mentioned throughout the Old Testament as a form of penitence. In the Gospels and the Book of Acts, fasting is often mentioned. However, in the Gospels it is noted that Jesus and his disciples frequently did not fast when others did. See, for instance, Luke 5:33. In Acts, it is seen as a way to focus one’s attention on the things of God. Fasting and prayer were common elements in the decision making of the Apostles.

Interestingly, fasting is not mentioned at all in the rest of the New Testament. But in the formation of the early Church it was certainly a practice that was maintained. In the writing called *The Didache*, or “The Teachings of the Twelve Apostles,” a writing from the 1st or 2nd century, Christians are encouraged to fast every Wednesday and Friday, the roots of some of our current Lenten practices.

So, giving up something for Lent is a time-honored practice. But it is important to remember, if we do it, why we do it. It is not to lose weight. It is not to punish ourselves. Nor should it be to make us feel better about ourselves spiritually, physically, or any other way. The purpose of fasting is to draw us closer to God, to remind ourselves that a relationship with God is the only thing we cannot go without. So, every time you think of that thing you have given up, think of God. Go the next step and let your fasting focus your attention on the things of God. Then your fasting will truly be a Lenten practice, creating a springtime of growth for your soul.

In Christ,
Pastor Tom

Soup Supper/Game Night

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 10, 6:00 to enjoy another game night and dinner. The menu will include sloppy joes and mac and cheese. 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! Council has also scheduled Friday, May 4 as another game night. On that day we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo a day early, having Mexican food as our entre. Mark your calendars to attend these fun evenings!

From the President...

As we are starting our new year I think about all the fun new things to come and realize that I, too, am new. While I've been a member of the Reformation family for some time now I don't think many of you know much about me. This got me thinking that as your council President you probably should know more about me than that I sit in the second row.

The basics – my name is Donna Morrin. I am a Mom of 5, grandmother of 5, dog mom of 4, and wife of 1. My passion has mostly to do with animals. I grew up in a home with show dogs, went to school for animal care (interned at the Toledo Zoo working in the gorilla house), and worked in veterinary hospitals for 15 yrs. I now groom professionally and handle my Standard Poodles in the show ring, and I also do competitive grooming, only stepping away for a short time when I was helping care for my mother who passed away just a couple years ago from Alzheimer complications.

One other area I am passionate about is improvements to our Judicial System. Just over 5 years ago I was able to learn a lot about our legal system first hand with a family member and this is when I realized just how unfair and prejudiced the courts truly could be. Since then I visit a prison twice a month and the amount of gratitude these men show for someone to look beyond the bars and to be seen as a person is just amazing.

So you may be asking yourself, “Why do I need to know this?” Well the answer really is simple. I feel that as your council leader I will to be expected to understand your needs. By giving you a small glimpse into my life you can see I have had a varied experience and will always be here for you with an open mind and heart.

Donna

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.

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.

Lenten Schedule

In addition to our regular Sunday worship at Reformation there will be Wednesday evening Lenten worship at Bethany Lutheran Church beginning at 7:15 from Wednesday, February 21 to Wednesday, Mar. 21. Bethany also has a soup and sandwich dinner every Wednesday evening at 6:00 and everyone is invited to join them prior to worship.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday	03/25/2018	9:00	@ Reformation
Maundy Thursday	03/29/2018	7:00	@Reformation
Good Friday	03/30/2018	7:00	@ Bethany
Easter Vigil	03/32/2018	7:30	@ Reformation (see note)
Easter Festival Worship	04/01/2018	9:00	@ Reformation

Note: There will be no Saturday 4:00 worship on 03/31/2018. Please plan to attend the Easter Vigil. Also, if you would be willing to be a reader during the Easter Vigil, please contact Jan in the office.

Notes of Interest

On Palm Sunday afternoon, Mar. 25, at 3:00pm, the Chancel Choir and guests of Reformation will be offering a Lenten Choral program in the sanctuary of our church.

This year the choir will be singing “The Crucifixion” by Sir John Stainer. This work is for Soli, mixed chorus and organ. This meditation on the Sacred Passion of our Lord begins in the garden of Gethsemane with Jesus asking his disciples to sit here while he goes to pray, and continues through his trial and crucifixion during the last days of his life on earth.

Music of the season will also be heard by the Bell Choir as they will be playing songs for the prelude of this program, beginning at 3:00pm.

A reception will be held in Luther Hall immediately following the program. Just a note – Daylight Savings Time begins on Mar. 11, so it will still be daylight when you leave this afternoon of special music.

We hope to see you at this special program. This is free and open to the public, so bring your family and friends with you to enjoy this afternoon of special music, which will begin your observance of Holy Week.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 31 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, March 11 and ask that they be brought back by Sunday, March 25, 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!

Easter Brunch

The Easter Brunch has become a long-standing tradition at Reformation. This year, as in past years, we will have the brunch following the Easter Festival Worship Service. The menu will be egg casseroles, coffee cakes and doughnuts, juice and coffee. This is a wonderful brunch and one we look forward to yearly! Plan to stay after the worship service and enjoy an Easter Fellowship with your Reformation friends.

Thank You Thank You Thank You!

Bequests

Reformation Lutheran Church has received bequests from some dear members who have died: Kathy Kier, Bud Mansfield, and Alice Nottheis. We do appreciate that they shared their estate with their home church. Consider Reformation as you plan your will.

Memorial received: in memory of Lynn Kusz from John and Linda Bailiff

Feed Your Neighbor Annual Report

During 2017, your Northwest Toledo Feed your Neighbor pantry distributed food and personal care items to 5249 needy people. This included 1810 children under the age of eighteen. This total continues the declining trend of the past several years, reflecting improved living conditions in the northwest Toledo neighborhood. Thanks to the many volunteers from different churches in the area who support our efforts. Due to the demise of Toledo Area Ministries, our Feed Your Neighbor Program now falls under the auspices of Lutheran Social Services. Our pantry will continue to be located within Augsburg Lutheran Church.

In Christian Love,

Dick Miller, Coordinator of Feed Your Neighbor Site #4

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Mar. 7 Fran Oliver
10 Jan Weatherly
14 Elsie Johnson
23 Carole Haugh
29 Leslee Pryor

Anniversaries

Mar. 21 Fred & Corinne Olinger
22 Shearl and Eric Schmidt

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

Home: Phyllis Neeley, Judy Schaarschmidt, Rick Hagg, Jan Leonard, Sandy Matzinger, Betty Heiny, Sandy Drake, Larry Matzinger, Judy Rife, Terry Belcik, Shirley Kennedy, Gloria DeMerritt, Libby Ketterman, Chuck Ellenberger.

Hospitals/Care Centers: Michael Morrin; Lois Rywalski (Kingston); 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, friends of Chad Bailiff; Eli Titkemeier; Kelly, friend of Leslee Pryor; Shirley Hoye, by Lucy Young; Frankie Edinger, Bob Long (son-in-law) 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; 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; David Ellenberger, brother of Chuck Ellenberger.

Regular Weekly Calendar

Sunday	9:00	Worship/Communion
	10:00	Handbell Rehearsal
Monday	7:00	Volleyball – Luther Hall
Tuesday	5:30	TOPS – Lounge
	4:30	Volleyball – Luther Hall
Wednesday	6:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
	7:15	Wed. Lenten Service @ Bethany
	8:30	12 Step West

Regular weekly calendar continued...

Thursday	12:30	Ladies' Bible Study – Home of Phyllis Neeley
	6:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
	7:00	Basketball – Luther Hall
	7:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	5:00	Volleyball – Luther Hall
Saturday	4:00	Saturday Evening Worship
Mon-Fri	12:00-1:00	Open-Minded AA – Education Wing

Special Building Use – March 2018

03/03/2018	2:00-7:00	Private Party – Luther Hall
03/04/2018	3:00-7:00	Private Party – Luther Hall
03/10/2018	6:00- ?	Family Dinner & Game Night – Luther Hall
03/18/2018	2:00-7:00	Private Party – Luther Hall

Acolyte/Crucifer Schedule for 3/1/18 – 3/25/18

Mar.	4	G. Anton
	11	Skye Wilson / C. Hennessey
	18	L. Pryor
	25	C. Hennessey

Ushers Schedule for 3/4/18 – 3/25/18

Mar.	4-18	*D. Baker, I Precht, M. Hillesheim, T. Belcik
Mar.	25	*F. Olinger, C. Bailiff, M. Link, B. Brechbill

Offering Tellers – 3/4/18 – 3/25/18

Mar.	4	R. Stygles / M. Jaramillo
	11	M. Jaramillo / J. Kraus
	18	J. Kraus / J. Weatherly
	25	J. Weatherly / G. Anton

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Bible Readings for March

1	1 Peter 2:4-10	17	John 12:1-11
2	Acts 7:30-40	18	John 12:20-33
3	Mark 9:2-8	19	2 Corinthians 3:4-11
4	John 2:13-22	20	Acts 2:14-24
5	1 Corinthians 3:10-23	21	John 12:34-50
6	Hebrews 9:23-28	22	Philippians 2:1-11
7	Mark 11:15-19	23	Philippians 2:12-18
8	Ephesians 1:3-6	24	Mark 10:32-34, 46-52
9	Ephesians 1:7-14	25	Mark 14:1-15:47
10	John 3:1-13	26	John 12:1-11
11	John 3:14-21	27	John 12:20-26
12	Hebrews 3:1-6	28	John 13:21-32
13	1 Corinthians 10:6-13	29	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
14	John 8:12-20	30	John 18:1-19, 42
15	Hebrews 4:1-13	31	John 20:1-18
16	Hebrews 4:14-5:4		

Easter Lilies

If you would like to order Easter lilies to beautify our Easter Sunday worship, please place your order through the church office by completing the information below. The absolute deadline for placing an order is Sunday, March 11, 2017. The cost of each plant is \$8.00. Payment must be enclosed with your order, check payable to Reformation Lutheran Church

No. of plants _____ @ \$8.00 each Enclosed \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

PLEASE WORD THIS EXACTLY AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR IN THE EASTER BULLETIN.

