

**REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
4543 DOUGLAS ROAD  
TOLEDO, OH 43613**

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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 Donna Morrin at 419-290-8997 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.”

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## A Message from our Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last month, we thought about how the Church is the House of God. This month we are going to look at another Biblical definition of the Church:

The Church is the Royal Priesthood

Text: I Peter 2:4-12, Hebrews 7:18-28

Summary: Peter adds to the view of the Church as the house of God by declaring that we are also members of a royal priesthood. This is all made possible through Jesus Christ, the perfect Priest- “holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens, who offered the perfect sacrifice.” Because of our High Priest, we are called to be a people belonging to God. We are all set apart for God’s work. We are all priests. In this way, Baptism is the true ordination of the Church by which we enter into God’s covenant and we are ALL called to “declare to the praises of Him who called [us] out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

1. Luther stated that Baptism is the consecration of every believer into the priesthood. This “ordination” into the priesthood is not only a benefit of baptism but bestows a responsibility. This is the core of Luther’s teaching known as the Priesthood of All Believers. What does it mean to you that you are part of God’s Royal Priesthood?
2. When we understand the Priesthood of All Believers, we understand that the call of the pastor is not to do the ministry of the Church, but to lead the people in doing the ministry of the Church. How do you see that reflected in our current congregations? What might that look like in our new congregation?

On God’s Adventure with You,  
Pastor Tom

### Important Upcoming Dates...

Oct. 28	Reformation Sunday – 4 churches joint service at <b>10:00 at Reformation</b> Trunk or Treat – at Reformation at 5:00
Nov. 15	Thanksgiving dinner at Reformation – 6:00
Nov. 25	Joint worship with Bethany Lutheran at Reformation – 10:00 Decorate the church for Christmas – after worship.
Dec. 1	Community Christmas Dinner at Reformation –
Dec. 9	Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata – 4:00 at Reformation
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Worship - 7:00 Reformation.
Dec. 30	Joint worship at Bethany at 10:45 with luncheon to follow. Their last service in their building.

## A Message from our President

Hi everyone it's me again. Boy has it been a busy time in the church! As you may or may not be aware, there has been a lot of "housekeeping" going on around here. We got the storage room cleaned out, Jan is going through all the old files and we've started going through the rooms upstairs now that Crossroads has moved out. Sunday school rooms will be getting set up over the next month or so and I believe the Quilters will be moving their stuff over soon as well. We've also been working on getting some large outdoor items moved over from Bethany before the weather gets too bad.

The Transition Team has been meeting and working out many details for the new church. There is a new constitution about ready for approval from Synod (they need to sign off on it before our first congregational meeting so the members can vote on it). We will soon know the name of our new church as the final ballots are coming in, please remember to get your vote in by November 4th if you haven't already done so. We've gotten the estimate for the new sign being moved and installed, and times for services & Sunday school, and what programs we will have are just a few of the things we're working on.

As we join for service with our sister churches on Reformation Sunday please look for the sign up table. We will be getting names for all who would like to help in any way for our new church. Also if you have free time and would like to help with any of the clean out, give the office a call or contact me at 419-290-8997. Please leave a message if I don't answer.

I'm sure there is much more to do, but we have faith that our Lord is guiding us in a unified direction, that it will all work out and we will be a strong new family in Christ!

Peace and Blessings,  
Donna Morrin

## 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. We are currently asking members to indicate their approval and authorization for photos that may include them on the Facebook Page. These forms have been in the weekly bulletins. If you haven't already filled this out, please do so at your earliest convenience.

### **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](http://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.

## 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 28, 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!

## Fall Joint Worship – October 28

The final joint worship service is coming up at the end of October. We will be joining with our brothers and sisters from Augsburg, Bethany and Our Savior Lutheran churches for a festival celebration of the Reformation at Reformation. We plan to have a large, mass choir and brass instruments to accompany us. We hope you can be there to recognize this special day. **The date is October 28 and worship will begin at 10:00 at Reformation**, so please make note of the worship time change!

## **God Friendened Me!!!**

Have you seen the new show where a young man gets a Facebook request supposedly from God. The premise is God is using this young man to mediate and help people navigate some difficult journeys. Bethany and Reformation are embarking on a journey and God Friendened ME to help. I want to bring people together from both congregations who will serve in any capacity; Worship Assistants, Ushers, Altar guild, Sunday School, **Community Meals**, Quilters, Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, Youth and Adult Outreach, Choirs, Council, Council Committees, Custodial, etc.

Worshiping together and sharing the Gospel happens because there are co-laborers who are "Friendened by God". Contact me and, together, we'll answer the call. Cindy Sauppe (419-472-1397)

I want to especially bring to mind the **Wednesday Evening Community Meals and Holy Grounds**, the breakfast hour on Thursday mornings, both currently provided to the community as weekly meals and fellowship. It is the intention to continue both of these outreach programs and they require committed volunteer hours. Ideally there is a set-up and meal prep crew, servers and clean up crews. One could volunteer once per week, once per month, bi-monthly, once in awhile, in a time frame from 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm depending on your interest. It would be about a 2 hour commitment each time you "worked". *Holy Grounds* is another opportunity for the community to share in fellowship and a light meal. Again, volunteers would be needed for about two hours per week. I would be happy to speak to you more about these ministries.

Cindy Sauppe

## **Thanksgiving Dinner at Reformation – Nov. 15**

On Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our annual Thanksgiving Dinner from 6:00-8:00. This dinner costs \$12.00/person, and reservations are required. Please call the church office at (419) 473-1369 to leave your name and the number that will be attending with you. This is an exceptional meal provided by Fran Oliver and her crew. There will be, as always, baskets of goodies to be auctioned off, with all proceeds benefitting the church. Please call ahead early.

## **World Religion Study Class**

We continue to meet on every other Wednesday to learn about and discuss some of the major, and some not so major, religions of the world. It is a fun class. The next meeting will be on November 7<sup>th</sup>. We meet at 6:30 in the lounge. All are welcome to join in.

## **Church Tour**

On Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-8:00 we will be opening up the entire church for anyone wishing to see parts of the church they never knew about (like the pastor's private swimming pool ☺) and just get a general idea of all that our facilities offer. Our fellow church members from Bethany are very much invited, and encouraged, to come over and take the tour.

## **Church Secretary Vacation**

Jan will be taking some time off at Thanksgiving to spend time with her son and daughter-in-law. From Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, volunteers to answer the phones will man the office.

## **Joint Worship Service**

Our last joint worship service for 2018 will be on Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, "Christ the King" Sunday, at 10:00, here at Reformation.

## **Notes of Interest**

The Christmas Cantata for this year will be "Christmas Presence" by Pepper Choplin. This is a beautiful work that we are sure everyone will enjoy. It will be presented on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 4:00pm in our sanctuary. The choir is made up of members of Bethany and Reformation's choirs as well as guests. We will have two accompanists this year and Pat Finnegan will once again be directing the choir. There will also be a reception that follows the concert in Luther Hall.

This will be the last concert done as "Reformation Chancel Choir" since we will have a new name and new church starting the first of the year. (We will definitely continue having concerts in the future with an even bigger choir!) You won't want to miss this amazing work. Please plan to attend and invite your family, friends and neighbors. Lets fill up the church on Dec. 9!!!

## **Bethany Lutheran Church Last Worship Service**

On Sunday, December 30, 2018, Bethany Lutheran Church will be celebrating their last worship service in that building. Bethany has stood as an anchor in that community for over 100 years now. This will be a bittersweet time for them. After talking with the church leaders at Bethany, it has been decided that anyone and/or everyone from Reformation is invited to join with them to help the congregation through this sad day, and as a show of support from their new, fellow congregation members. The worship service will be at 10:45. There will be a Saturday evening service on December 29<sup>th</sup> at Reformation, but we strongly encourage everyone from Reformation to join this service and show our solidarity with this congregation and walk forward with them into the future in our new church.

## **Aldersgate United Methodist Church**

Aldersgate, at the corner of Sylvania and Douglas, will be having their annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00-3:00. There is free parking and admission. A luncheon will be available from 11:00-1:30 in their Café. This is an excellent craft show, and a great place to find ideas for Christmas.

## **Redecorating Feed Your Neighbor Barrels**

Corinne Olinger is going to refresh our Feed Your Neighbors bins with new pictures and signs. If you get magazines with pictures of food, if you would, cut them out and bring them to church.

## **Community Christmas Dinner – Dec. 1**

A free community Christmas dinner will be held on Sat., Dec. 1 from 5-7pm in Luther Hall. We would encourage you to attend and invite your neighbors and friends. You will need to make reservations by calling 419.385.4242. Please leave your name, number of reservations and your phone number. Children's games, crafts and Bingo will be available starting at 6:00. Hope to see you there! Thank you.

## **Connecting Gratitude and Stewardship**

Whenever we talk about stewardship, it doesn't take long before the topic of gratitude enters the conversation. The two are commonly linked, possibly because giving thanks and being generous are naturally understood as appropriate responses to God's abundant blessings.

One monk says, "In daily life, we must see that it is not happiness that makes us grateful, but gratefulness that makes us happy." Being grateful is a perspective we can develop and grow that helps us see that God is good, and our lives are blessed, as opposed to acknowledgment after the fact.

In November we will prayerfully consider our financial commitment for 2019 – to the church, the NEW CHURCH. We will be asked how we can serve in the NEW CHURCH through committees and other tasks, as we work together with the people of Bethany in mission. We are, indeed, grateful for this exciting opportunity in the new year!

## **In Our Prayers**

**Home:** Pat Finnegan, Lois Manning, Lucy Young, Corinne Olinger, Rob Berger, Phyllis Neeley, Judy & Al Schaarschmidt, Rick Hagg, Char Bowlus, Jan Leonard, Sandy Matzinger, Betty Heiny, Sandy & Steve Drake, Larry & Sandy Matzinger, Terry Belcik, Shirley Kennedy, Gloria DeMerritt, Mel Nottage.

**Hospitals/Care Centers:** Michael Morrin; 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, Margaret Schonter, Tom Schonter, Jack Schonter, Reed Francis, friends and family of Fran Oliver; Barb Nicely, Jerry Mitchel, Tom Bailiff, George Bailiff, Nancy Borsani, Dan Dunderman, friends and family of Linda Bailiff; Violet Liest, friend of M. Ware; Jeff Snow, nephew of Terry Belcik; Connie & Brandon 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, Jim Ansted by Sharon Taylor-Ansted; Mateo, by Linda Bailiff; Cara, Bob & son of Jennifer Prueter; Mike Jorris, friend of Shari Gorski; Regina, Kim, by Karen Schaeffer; Kayla, friend of Leslee Pryor; Michael Manning, by Lois Manning; Sharon, by Joanne Kraus; Heather, by Sue Karalfa; Wendy & Neal, by Lois Manning; Greg Horton, brother of Linda Bellman; family of Kevin Smith, by Jan Weatherly; Sam Addis, by Betty Heiny; family of Dave Caig, by Frank & Vikki Weaver; Maggie & Britany; Shirley Skeldon, sister of Pat Finnegan.

**In the military:** Bill Myers, Ashley and Jason Weatherly, Kyle Dietrich, Kyle Mikolajczyk, Kayla Fowler, Sean Ray, Sean Ray, Logan Hillesheim, Tyler Coulter.

## Thank You

- A HUGE THANK YOU to all who attended the Spaghetti Supper and socialized with our neighbors and friends. We were, once again, able to provide this dinner free of charge to those less fortunate in our community. After expenses, the free-will offering went to Friends of Music to provide special musicians and music throughout the year. Thank you to Lucy Young for making her fantastic spaghetti sauce, to the “crew” who worked in the kitchen, and to all the members who provided desserts.
- Equally HUGE is the thank you to the transition team who is spending countless hours preparing for our New Church!

### Designated Memorial gifts received:

In honor of Chuck & Jan Ellenberger’s 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Feed Your Neighbor:

Roger & Ruth Stygles	Dave & Peg Hinds
Sue & John Kusz	Barb Links
Fred & Corinne Oliger	

In honor of the Ellenberger’s to Friends of Music:

Marlene Dugan	Carole Haugh
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In honor of Rob & Lucy Young’s Wedding Anniversary to Friends of Music:

Fred & Corinne Oliger

### REGULAR BUILDING USE AS OF 11/01/2018

SUNDAY	9:00-10:15 10:45-11:30	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP/COMMUNION BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL - SANCTUARY
MONDAY	12:00-1:00 3:30-5:00 7:00-9:00	EDUCATION WING LUTHER HALL LUTHER HALL
TUESDAY	12:00-1:00 5:30-7:30	EDUCATION WING MEETING - LOUNGE
WEDNESDAY	12:00-1:00  1:00-7:00 6:30-8:00 7:00-9:00 8:30-9:30	EDUCATION WING  WED EVENING MEAL/WORSHIP-LUTHER LOUNGE (EVERY OTHER WEEK AS OF 09/26) LUTHER HALL EDUCATION WING
THURSDAY	12:30 12:00-1:00 3:30-5:00 7:30-9:00 6:00-7:00 7:00-9:00	WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY - OFFSITE EDUCATION WING LUTHER HALL CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL - SANCTUARY LUTHER HALL LUTHER HALL
FRIDAY	12:00-1:00 3:30-5:00	EDUCATION WING LUTHER HALL
SATURDAY	12:00-1:00 4:00-4:30	EDUCATION WING SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP – FAITH CHAPEL

### SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	November 3	2:00-7:00	Private Party – Luther Hall
Monday	November 5	5:00-8:00	Church Tour
Wednesday	November 7	6:30	World Religion Class - Lounge
Monday	November 12	6:30	Church Council – Council Room
Thursday	November 15	6:30-8:00	Thanksgiving Dinner-Luther Hall-Reservations Only
Wednesday	November 28	6:30	World Religion Class – Lounge (not regular date due to Jan’s vacation time)

**Acolyte/Crucifer Schedule for 11/4 – 11/25**

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

**Offering Tellers – 11/4 – 11/25**

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

**Ushers Schedule for 11/4 – 11/25**

Nov. 4, 11 & 18 \*D. Baker / T. Belcik / M. Link / M. Hillesheim  
25 \*F. Oliger / B. Brechbill / C. Bailiff / T. Belcik

**November Birthdays**

**Birthdays**

Nov. 5 Linda Bailiff  
19 Julie Ann Boesenhofer  
27 Mark Jaques  
29 Linda Stirn

**If you haven't seen your birthday or anniversary in this list, please contact Peg Hinds at [pdhinds@gmail.com](mailto:pdhinds@gmail.com) to let her know so you can be recognized on that special day!**

**Poinsettias for Christmas**

It is time to place your order for poinsettia plants for Christmas 2018. These plants help add a special touch to our Christmas Eve service. Please consider purchasing 1 or more plants. The deadline for turning your order in is Sunday, Nov. 18. Payment must be included with order.

No. of 6½” Plants \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.00/plant                      No. of 8½” Plants \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$14.00/plant  
Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT EXACTLY, AND CLEARLY, WHAT YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR IN THE CHRISTMAS EVE BULLETIN.**

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