

**REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
4543 DOUGLAS ROAD  
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# REFORMATION

## News and Views

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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.

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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.”

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## A Message from our Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the ensuing birth of a new church, I feel led to provide some teaching and bible study on the purpose of the church. So, in my newsletter article today, I’m going to give some scripture references for you to look up, a few words of commentary, and then some questions for you to consider. Hopefully, this will lead us to thinking of the Church in some new, but very biblical ways.

Text: I Corinthians 3:5-23, Ephesians 2:11-21, I Timothy 3:14-16

Summary: The Church is not the house of God in the sense that God exclusively lives there. God is everywhere. It is God’s household, his temple, because he calls it into existence. It belongs to him. Only he gives it life. Moreover God’s household is not a building at all! It is built of living stones (his people) on the chief cornerstone (his Son, Jesus Christ). Through Jesus, those who were far from God are adopted into and built into God’s household. Then, by the power of the Holy Spirit, God chooses to reside in us! That means that our role in the world, i.e. the Church’s role in the world, is nothing less than God’s role in the world.

1. According to I Corinthians 3:5-23, what is the Church? What is the foundation of the Church? Who receives the credit for a successful Church?
2. According to Ephesians 2:11-21, what has made people citizens of God’s kingdom and near to God, instead of separated? What makes people members of his household?
3. Looking back at I Timothy 3:14-16, how is the Church described? God’s \_\_\_\_\_, church of the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth.
4. The book of Acts (right after the Gospel of John in the New Testament) is the story about the early Church just after Jesus’ death and resurrection. Throughout the next 4 weeks, you are invited to read one chapter per day of the book of Acts (also known as the Acts of the Apostles). After 28 days of reading one chapter per day, you will become familiar with the way God began the first Church—and you may gain insights into the way God is calling us to do the same today. Try it!

On God’s Adventure with You,  
Pastor Tom

## From Our President

I have been reflecting recently on a statement that was made to me in the midst of a conversation. What the person said was that they were a good person because they were a Christian. As I wasn't in a place for such a conversation I didn't speak much on that. However I've thought about it every day since.

Now I'm not saying I'm right or wrong, just that I strongly feel that the two do not always go hand in hand. I personally feel I'm a good person who is also a Christian. I also know good people who happen to not be Christians.

When I think of all the tasks Jesus gave us, of course a strong belief in God is top of the list. However, love, forgiveness and acceptance are important. It would be amazing if everyone could have a relationship with our Lord like we do, but that's not always the case. We, as good people and Christians, should love and accept everyone regardless of their beliefs. We should also forgive and love the not so good people, Christian or not, as God has taught us.

Love and Blessings,  
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. 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!

## World Religion Study Group

A new study group that is looking at some of the 4,200 religions throughout the world began on Sept. 26, but it is never too late to join the group because each week they will discuss a different religion. The group is meeting at 6:30 on Wednesdays in the lounge. There will be handouts and discussion with possible guest speakers. There is no cost, although we may take turns providing refreshments. The class will last approximately 1 hour and is led by Jan Weatherly. There is no need to purchase a book, but the main text is available for \$12.99 + shipping for those interested. The primary book used will be *Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith, Revised Edition*, from AugsburgFortress.com. The meeting dates will be Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5.

## Notes of Interest

Can you believe it? Fall is here. Time to get back into a “normal” routine for fall and winter. Vacation time is over. That also means it is time to get back to choir rehearsals and Sunday morning worship services.

Our choir rehearsals have begun but it is never too late to join. Chancel Choir rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:30, and the Bell Choir rehearsals are after church on Sunday mornings.

There are no prerequisites to be a member of either choir, just a desire to have some fun and praise God through our music. We hope that everyone who played or sang last year will return this year and encourage a friend or family member to join you.

The Christmas Cantata has been selected for this year. It 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.

If you cannot commit to be a choir member for a whole year, try singing for just the cantata only. The first 45-60 minutes of each Thursday night rehearsal will be spent working on the cantata. Part dominant CDs will be available so that you can listen to your part at home, in the car, or any place. Come join us. If you have any questions about being a member of either choir, or if you would like to sing or play but are not sure you can make all rehearsals, talk to Pat Finnegan. Something can be worked out!

Looking forward to another year of making music to help lead our services and praise God!

## Rummage Sale

Our third annual rummage sale was a great success with earnings totaling \$4306.60. We could not have reached this milestone without the phenomenal help of so many great workers! It was nice, indeed, to see everyone working for the benefit and mission of the church.

We would like you to mark your calendars now for next year’s sale, which will take place on Aug. 22-24 with set-up taking place on Aug. 16-21. We’re hoping you will be able to set some time aside to help us with that sale. In addition, we’re asking you to save items that you will be able to donate.

The rummage sale committee recently met to evaluate the sale. We decided to give some of the money we earned to Feed Your Neighbor and Habitat for Humanity. We then asked council if we could start a separate fund to save the remainder of the money. This fund would be earmarked for undesignated memorials and also contain other money that might be acquired through activities like the rummage sale. We would call this fund **Project Fix-Up**. The monies accumulated in this fund would be used for maintenance and repairs at our church. In using a fund like this it would help us eliminate going into debt for maintenance that is needed but is not in the budget.

If you have any questions, please contact a council member.

Sincerely,

Rummage Sale Committee

## 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!

## Thank You

Dear Members of Reformation,

We would like to thank all of you who helped to make our fiftieth anniversary so memorable. The warmth of your congratulations and cards made us realize once again how very blessed we are to be members of such a caring congregation. Our family and friends were also made to feel very welcome on Sunday morning. We hope that all who were present on Sunday enjoyed the cookies as our way of letting each of you know that you have enriched our lives. We are grateful.

In Christian love,

Chuck and Jan Ellenberger

## In Our Prayers

**Home:** Lois Manning, Pat Finnegan, Lucy Young, Corinne Oliger, Rob Berger, Phyllis Neeley, Judy & Al Schaarschmidt, Rick Hagg, Char Bowlus, Jan Leonard, Sandy Matzinger, Betty Heiny, Sandy & Steve Drake, Larry & Sandy Matzinger, Judy Rife, 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, Tom Schonter, Jack Schonter, Reed Francis, friends and family of Fran Oliver; Barb Nicely, Jerry Mitchel, Tom Bailiff, Nancy Borsani, John Bailiff, 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; Laura Brock, niece of Chuck & Jan Ellenberger; 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.

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

## REGULAR BUILDING USE AS OF 10/01/2018

MONDAY	12:00-1:00 3:30-5:00 7:00-9:00	OPEN-MINDED AA GROUP – EDUCATION WING ZION LUTHERAN BASKETBALL – LUTHER HALL VOLLEYBALL – LUTHER HALL
TUESDAY	12:00-1:00 5:30-7:30	OPEN-MINDED AA GROUP – EDUCATION WING PRIVATE MEETING - LOUNGE
WEDNESDAY	12:00-1:00 6:00-7:00 7:00-9:00 8:30-9:30	OPEN-MINDED AA GROUP – EDUCATION WING WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL/WORSHIP STEWART BASKETBALL – LUTHER HALL 12 STEP WEST – 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 OPEN-MINDED AA GROUP – EDUCATION WING ZION LUTHERAN BASKETBALL – LUTHER HALL CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL - SANCTUARY MEASLES BASKETBALL – LUTHER HALL SMOLENSKI BASKETBALL – LUTHER HALL
FRIDAY WING HALL	12:00-1:00  3:30-5:00	OPEN-MINDED AA GROUP – EDUCATION  ZION LUTHERAN BASKETBALL – LUTHER
SATURDAY WING CHAPEL	12:00-1:00  4:00-4:30	OPEN-MINDED AA GROUP – EDUCATION  SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP – FAITH

## SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 2018

Monday	October 8	6:30	Church Council
Wednesday	October 10	6:30	World Religion Class - Lounge
Saturday	October 13	9:00	Luther Hall Housecleaning (Sunday if needed)
Sunday Reformation	October 28	10:00	Joint Worship/Reformation Sunday @
		5:00-6:00	Trunk of Treat – Parking Lot
Wednesday	October 31	6:30	World Religion Class - Lounge

**Acolyte/Crucifer Schedule for 10/7– 10/28**

Oct. 7 L. Pryor  
14 Sage Wilson / C. Hennessey  
21 G. Anton  
28 Sky Wilson / C. Hennessey

**Offering Tellers – 10/7 – 10/28**

Oct. 7 R. Stygles / J. Weatherly  
14 J. Weatherly / G. Anton  
21 G. Anton / J. Kraus  
28 J. Kraus / M. Jaramillo

**Ushers Schedule for 10/7 – 10/28**

Oct. 7, 14 & 21 \*F. Oliger / B. Brechbill / C. Bailiff / T. Belcik  
28 \*D. Baker / T. Belcik / M. Link / M. Hillesheim

**October Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

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

**Anniversaries**

Oct. 2 Larry & Mary Ray

**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!**