



REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Return Service Requested

Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.
Summer Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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Sunday Worship Schedule
8:30 & 11:00 AM, Holy Communion
9:45 AM Sunday School for ALL ages

Sunday, January 1

The Name of Jesus
Worship at 10:00 a.m.
No Sunday School

Sunday, January 8

The Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, January 29

Annual Congregational Meeting following late service



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**ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29
AFTER 11:00 AM WORSHIP**

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29, beginning with a luncheon immediately following the 11:00 worship. Copies of the written annual reports will be available at the church beginning on Sunday, January 22.

Those who are interested in an in-depth report on the 2016 finances should attend the Finance Forum on January 22, which will provide time for more detailed information than the Annual Meeting.

**FINANCE FORUM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22
9:45 A.M.**

An Adult Forum will be led by Treasurer Tom Conroy at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, January 22, in Creighton Hall. This will be an opportunity to hear an in-depth report on 2016 finances as well as an overview of the proposed 2017 budget.

**CPR TRAINING REVIEW
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8
12:00 pm in Creighton Hall**

This review is for all CPR certified members or those interested in CPR. Training will be conducted by Pat Woerheide, RN after the second service.



Beginning on Sunday, January 8, and continuing throughout the season of Epiphany, the Sermon on the Steps will be on the move!

Held at the regular time, following the reading of the gospel, the Sermon on the Steps will travel around the sanctuary to explore the space where we worship together.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date! And plan to join us for our Maker's Fun Factory VBS – July 9-13, 2017.

**SAVE THE DATE !
SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017
LIVING VOICE OF THE GOSPEL:
500 YEARS OF LUTHERAN SONG**

Our 2017 Scholar in Residence will be Dr. Michael E. Krentz, ELCA Deacon, Director of Music Ministries/Seminary Cantor and Lecturer at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Michael is also Director of Music and Organist at Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown, PA.

The topic is *Living Voice of the Gospel: 500 Years of Lutheran Song*. Beginning with the context of Lutheran song (worship), we will examine why, what, and how Lutherans sing over the 500 years since the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Participants will engage in learning and in singing.

C H U R C H L I F E

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOLIDAY GENEROSITY

"...What you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me..."

Thanks to you, the holidays were full of food, gifts, and joy for those least of Jesus' brothers and sisters. The Community Action Ministry is always overwhelmed with the generosity of this Congregation. Many thanks to you from us, and the recipients of all of your love.



ECO TIP

Now that the Christmas shopping season is over, recycle all your old catalogs, in the church bins, or your townships recycling program. Cardboard can be recycled across the street from the Broomall Fire Co., in a big green bin



If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. – 1 Corinthians 12:26

Jamie Anderson and **Joseph Smith, Jr.**, children **Adelaide Smith** and **Anderson Smith**, **Terry Lynn Bryan**, **Elizabeth** and **Scott Kilpatrick**, children **Hudson Kilpatrick** and **Piper Kilpatrick**, and **Judy Whalen** were received as new members of Reformation at worship on Sunday, December 18.

YOUTH NEWS

SUMMER 2017 – YOUTHWORKS MISSION TRIP

In summer of 2017, our youth mission trip will be working locally! Our service week, scheduled for July 23-28, will be in Philadelphia. We will be working with food insecurity in the city – learning about programs and serving those who are most affected. All youth who have completed grade 8-12 are invited to join us. More information is available by contacting Pastor Alina. Registration commitments will be due by February 1, 2017.

HARVEY CEDARS

The Harvey Cedars retreat, for all youth in grades 6-12, will be held **March 3-5**. Registration materials and payment will be due by Sunday, January 15. Information has been emailed out to parents and additional registration forms are available in the ROCK Room. Please speak with Pastor Alina if you have any questions.

ROCK On

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to our January Youth Group gathering! Emily Black will be hosting our first ROCK On session on Sunday, January 8, at 4:00 pm. This will be an opportunity for youth to engage in conversations and activities about faith and life. Snacks will be provided. A sign up email will be sent out. Please see Emily Black with any questions.

Know Your Church Council

President: Dick Hughey Secretary: Andrew Marcus
V. President: Kate Fernandez Treasurer: Tom Conroy
Members:

Alexis Bingeman, Ron Bingeman, Keith Bocian, Emily Black, John Chesters, Karen Chorney, Kate Fernandez, Marian Filtz, Matt Gane, Kristin Gress, Dick Hughey, Andrew Marcus, Uli Neubert, Walt Woerheide, Pastor Alina Gayeuski, Pastor Wayne Matthias-Long

Newsletter Submission

Articles for the *Reformation Times* should be emailed to Sandy Niss at reformationnews@gmail.com by the second Friday of each month.



Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you.

Philippians 3:13-15

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the beginning of a new year, our minds naturally conduct a review of the past year and anticipate the coming year with hope. It is good and helpful to look back to learn from past experiences. But after learning whatever we can from reflection on the past it is good to follow St. Paul's advice: "Forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead."

God is always out there, beckoning us into the future. St. Paul uses the image of a foot race to describe the life of faith – we "press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."

No matter what burdens we carry, God helps us press on in this life. No matter how discouraged we become, God gives us strength to strain forward to what lies ahead. No matter how comfortable or satisfied we may feel, God urges us to continue to grow in faith and relationship with Christ.

May this new year be one of growth in Christ for all of us.

*Yours in Christ,
Pastor Wayne Matthias-Long*

Called by Christ, we INVITE all people, SERVE our neighbors, BUILD a living Faith

PARISH NURSE



Pat Woerheide

Recently members have asked where our safety equipment is located and what equipment is available. I think as the New Year dawns it is good to review the equipment and their locations.

We have two Automated Electronic Defibrillators, (AED). One is located in the narthex with adult pads. It is on the wall just before the mens restroom. The second is located in the hall downstairs, across from the double doors that open from the main staircase in the narthex. This AED has adult and child pads.

There are six First Aid kits in the church. These kits contain bandages, non-sterile gloves, CPR mouth shields, gauze pads, scissors, tape, alcohol swabs, antibiotic ointment, and a chemical ice pack. Each kit has a red First Aid sign in front of their location. Two kits are near the AEDs with a blanket under each kit. The four other kits are located: 1) In the rear of the worship hall above the coat rack, 2) In the hall closet across from the choir room, 3) In the kitchen in Creighton Hall, in a cabinet to the right of the refrigerator, and 4) in a cabinet in the smaller kitchen down the hall.

There are 12 pull down fire alarms in the church. Their locations in the upper level are: two in the back of the nave (worship hall), one just inside the vestibule on the right in the narthex, one in the hall just outside the choir room. In the lower level there are one in the kitchen and two at the back of Creighton Hall, one in the maintenance room, one in classroom 123 and 124, one in the hall outside the stay and play office, and one in the community room near the exit. There are fourteen fire extinguishers, four in the upper level and 10 in the lower level prominently placed in halls, kitchens and classrooms.

All of this equipment is maintained in good working order. Review this information and know that we have a very safety-prepared building.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Name of Jesus 10:00 am Worship 8:00 pm Men's AA	2 Office Closed 1:30 pm FA Group 7:00 pm Alanon 8:00 pm Alanon/Alateen	3 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 6:30 pm Children's Choir 6:30 pm Zumba class 8:00 pm Women's AA	4 7:00 pm Souls 7:00 pm Marketing and Growth 7:15 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	5 6:30 pm Zumba Class 7:30 pm Finance Ministry	6	7 6:30 pm AA
8 Baptism of Our Lord 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Bible Study 9:45 am Women's Connection 11:00 am Worship 1:30 pm Mah Jongg 4:00 pm Youth Group ROCK On 7:00 pm Dance Lessons 8:00 pm Men's AA	9 12:30 pm OWLS 1:30 pm FA Group 7:00 pm Alanon 7:15 pm Boy Scouts 8:00 pm Alanon/Alateen	10 10:30 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 6:30 pm Children's Choir 7:00 pm Council Meeting 8:00 pm Women's AA	11 7:00 pm Souls 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	12 6:30 pm Zumba Class 6:30 pm Library Committee	13	14 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm AA
15 2nd Sunday After Epiphany 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Bible Study 9:45 am Women's Connection 11:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Dance Lessons 8:00 pm Men's AA	16 1:30 pm FA Group 7:00 pm Alanon 7:15 pm Boy Scouts 8:00 pm Alanon/Alateen	17 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 6:30 pm Children's Choir 6:30 pm Zumba class 8:00 pm Women's AA	18 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Event 7:00 pm Souls 7:00 pm Christian Ed. Ministry 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	19 6:30 pm Zumba Class 7:00 pm Eco-Ministry Team	20	21 6:30 pm AA
22 3rd Sunday After Epiphany 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Adult Forum 11:00 am Worship 1:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:00 pm Dance Lessons 8:00 pm Men's AA	23 1:30 pm FA Group 7:00 pm Alanon 7:15 pm Boy Scouts 8:00 pm Alanon/Alateen	24 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 6:30 pm Children's Choir 6:30 pm Zumba class 8:00 pm Women's AA	25 7:00 pm Souls 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	26 3:00 pm Feeding the Homeless 6:30 pm Zumba Class	27	28 6:30 pm AA
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