

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration is now open for our Deep Sea Adventure! Students ages 3 to completed grade 5 are invited to join us July 10-14, 2016 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Our Adult Bible Study will be held again this year from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. each night. The nursery will be staffed for children of parents who are teaching VBS or attending the Adult Bible Study each night as well. Registration materials for all ages are available in the gathering space outside the sanctuary.



ASP TEAM

Thank you for all of your continued support, encouragement and prayers for our Appalachian Service Project (ASP) Team – you enable us to do God's work with our hands! Our team will have a special thank you for all of our supporters who contributed to the *Growing in Serving* campaign on Sunday, July 17. The team will be commissioned during the 10:00 worship that morning. The Team will be away on their trip July 24-30.



Thank you to everyone for all of your prayers and messages of congratulations to us on the occasion of our wedding! We are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate with you at the reception on June 10 and we love the gift of the cookbook put together for us! We are looking forward to thinking of all of you when we enjoy your favorite meals and cherishing this as a special keepsake.

Thank you again for sharing this exciting moment in our lives with all of you!

*With love,
Pastor Alina and Dan*

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

Florence "Flossie" Brooks entered into eternal life on June 1. A memorial service was held on June 4.

Rebecca Alexander, Anna Biordi, Caroline Davis, Jessica Davis, and Susanna-Fei Koethe received The Mark E. Davis Scholarship. They were recognized at worship on June 5.

Anna Biordi, Chad Bumsted, Michael Burns, Randy Cropper, and Jessica Davis were recognized as part of our graduate recognition on June 12. All five graduated from high school this year and received a special recognition during worship.

Seminarian Daniel Smith received The Reinhard Scholarship. He was recognized at worship on June 19.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Featured DVD

Noah, the Musical

Sight & Sound Theatres

128 minutes

Captured in high definition before a live audience, you can relive Noah's spectacular journey of faith. See in great detail Noah's forty-foot high ark being built by a cast of 50 professional actors. Experience hundreds of colorful animals so close you feel as though you could reach out and touch them.

Whether or not you have seen one of Sight and Sound's productions, this DVD should not be missed.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who have donated books to the library: Michael Byler, Skip Hoffman, Walt & Pat Woerheide.

CONGRATULATIONS PROF. SCHADE!

The Rev. Dr. Leah Schade, former Associate Pastor at Reformation (2000-2009) and currently Pastor at United in Christ Lutheran Church, Lewisburg, PA, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Worship and Preaching at Lexington Theological Seminary, a seminary of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), beginning in August.

Congratulations to Pastor Schade on this milestone in her career!

ALL STAR STUDENTS



Spring Sunday School Star Certificates

Receiving spring certificates for Sunday School and Church attendance stars are:

25 stars - Jackson Burke

50 stars - Luke Hathaway & Ben Skarbek

100 stars - Lillian Bocian

125 Stars - Sean Reagle

150 Stars - Isabella Grace Bioridi

200 stars - Arianna D'Italia

225 Stars - Andrew Benzing & Julianna Cotter

400 stars - Madison Benzing & Sarah Michelle Bingeman

450 stars - Kaylee Troutman

Also congratulations to our trophy recipients: Kaylee Troutman, Madison Benzing, Sarah Bingeman, Tyler Bingeman, Rachel Bingeman and Kelsey Shaub who ALL achieved 400 stars this year!

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.

OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!

Back by popular demand again this summer, we invite you to share the places where you are being the church in the world as you travel (or stay in our own neighborhoods!) through our "Summer Cross Project."

Crosses are available in the gathering space outside the sanctuary. We invite you to take one with you, take a photo of it with you and where you are, and share it with the congregation! (You can either post it to our Facebook group yourself or email it to the pastors and we will post it for you! If you have not yet joined our Facebook group, we invite you to do so!)

Please only take one per family and, if you can, bring it back so that another family can take it with them!

We hope you will have some fun sharing your faith along the way of your summer travels and adventures. God's blessings to you as you travel, return home, or rest in these days of summer.



THANK YOU!

Dear Davis Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for awarding me a scholarship this year and for last year. I truly appreciate it. I plan to continue my studies at Delaware Valley University (go Aggies!) as a Conservation & Wildlife Management major. My goal is to help any endangered animals in general. I also hope to aid the conservation of elephants and rhinos. And maybe I can some how incorporate my love for playing harp into helping animals as well.

Thank you,

Susanna Koethe

THRIVENT BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTION!

The Delaware County Chapter of Thrivent will collect school supplies for local school children in need of a little help to start the school year for 2016-2017.

The collection starts June 26 and ends August 7. Collection boxes are in the Gathering space.

Last year over 150 backpacks were filled plus several boxes of supplies. Thrivent will supply the backpacks, we just need the supplies to fill them. See the list below!

BACK TO SCHOOL SUGGESTED SUPPLY LIST:

Please give extra consideration to Middle and High School Students as you purchase supplies.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Plastic pencil box
- Pocket Tissue Packs
- Composition Books
- Crayons (24 count box)
- Washable Markers (8 count box)
- Glue (8 ounce bottle)
- Glue Sticks
- Large Pink Erasers
- Pencils
- Pocket folders
- Safety scissors
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

- Planner
- Scotch Tape
- Scissors
- Highlighters
- No. 2 Pencil
- Mechanical pencils
- Colored pencils
- Pens
- Protractor
- Mini stapler
- Binder dividers
- Post-It Notes
- 3 or 5 Subject Spiral Notebooks
- Index card (ruled & unruled)
- Book cover/ jackets
- Pencil sharpeners
- Folders
- Ruler
- 3-ring binders
- Loose leaf paper
- 1 Subject Notebooks

C H U R C H L I F E

PARISH NURSE



Pat Woerheide

Summer weather is here, and with it increased outdoor activity. Exposure to sun is a summer health problem. Exposure to UVB (ultraviolet) light can actually damage or change the skin, and eventually lead to skin disease. Sunburn should be avoided at all costs and at any age. The best treatment is prevention. Here are suggestions from the Mayo Clinic disease prevention web site.

***Avoid sun exposure between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.** The sun's rays are strongest during these hours, so try to schedule outdoor activities for other times or limit the length of time you're in the sun. Find shade when possible.

***Cover up.** Wear tightly woven clothing that covers you, including your arms and legs. Consider wearing clothing or outdoor gear specially designed to provide sun protection. Check the label for its ultraviolet protection factor (UPF), which indicates how effectively a fabric blocks damaging sunlight. Dark colors offer more protection, as do fabrics treated with UV- absorbing chemicals.

***Use sunscreen frequently and generously.** No matter what your skin type is, use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or greater. The American Academy of Dermatology recommends using a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or greater. **Apply sunscreen generously**, and reapply it every two hours swimming or perspiring. If you're also using insect repellent, apply the sunscreen first. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention does not recommend products that combine an insect repellent with a sunscreen.

Use sunscreen on toddlers and babies 6 months or older. But for younger babies, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends keeping them in the shade or wear good protective clothing.

REFORMATION LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, July 19, 7:00 p.m.

Alyce Thompson Room

Book: *Gray Mountain*, by John Grisham.

The year is 2008 and Samantha Kofer's career at a huge Wall Street law firm is on the fast track—until the recession hits and she gets downsized, furloughed, escorted out of the building. Samantha is offered an opportunity to work at a legal aid clinic for one year without pay after which there would be a slim chance that she'd get her old job back. In a matter of days Samantha moves from Manhattan to Brady, Virginia, population 2,200, in the heart of Appalachia, a part of the world she has only read about. Mattie Wyatt, lifelong Brady resident and head of the town's legal aid clinic, is there to teach her. Her new job takes her into the murky and dangerous world of coal mining, where laws are often broken, communities are divided, and the land itself is under attack. But some of the locals aren't so thrilled to have a big-city lawyer in town, and within weeks Samantha is engulfed in litigation that turns deadly. Because like most small towns, Brady harbours big secrets that some will kill to conceal.

Come for a lively discussion with friends. Refreshments served. Everyone is welcome!!

***Wear sunglasses outdoors.** You give your eyes the best protection outdoors by choosing the highest UV protection-rated sunglasses. Darker lenses are not necessarily better at blocking UV rays. Check the UV rating on the label when buying new glasses.

***Don't expect a tan to protect you from burning.** Some people think getting a base tan prevents sunburn. Research doesn't support this. A base tan is no substitute for good sun protection. For more information check out MayoClinic.com.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This August Reformation members John Chesters, Jennifer Breen, and Connie Richardson will travel to Tanzania to visit the North Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and our partner parish in Pangani. They will travel with the current (Pastor Brad Burke) and past (Joanne Carlson) synod staff persons who have responsibility for our companion synod relationship, as well as two members of the ELCA churchwide staff from Chicago.

We are now in the 21st year of our Pangani Partnership. Doc Schock has been a champion of this ministry since its inception and we are grateful for his leadership. Doc has prepared an update on this ministry on the basis of recent communication from Pangani and I am pleased to share it here.

Pastor Wayne Matthias-Long

The Pangani Lutheran Parish Partnership - Tanzania, East Africa

Reformation has been in Partnership with Pangani since 1995 through the efforts of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of ELCA along with the efforts of Phyllis Frieberg and Doc Schock. The Secondary Educational Fund was developed by Pastor Smoose in 2001 to extend the Pangani Lutheran children's education beyond the eighth grade and the student's parents contribute whatever they can. Most of the Secondary support comes from Reformation's Endowment Fund Outreach Account with some additional support from Calvary Lutheran Church in West Chester, PA. Our financial support includes a motorbike for the Pastor and traditional bicycles for the students who live too far from school to walk. The Pangani Parish covers a wide territory comprising 31 sub-parishes.

Through the past 15 years of the Educational Fund (2001 to 2016) we have supported 1862 students – 917 male and 945 females.

The achievements of the graduates have been gratifying:

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| 11 University Undergraduates | |
| 5 Teachers | 2 Police |
| 3 Tanzania Defense Force | 1 Mechanical Engineering |
| 2 Pastors | 4 Evangelists |
| 2 Medical Doctors | 4 Nurses |
| 3 Hosteliers | 1 Computer/Secretarial Services |

Since the initial contact with the Pangani Parish there have been three other personal visits by members of Reformation. Another visit is planned to occur this summer. Our main Pangani contact is Leonard Sekibaha who has faithfully served us since 1995. The latest communication from Leonard in June outlines some of their future plans.

Doc Schock

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



Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Office of the Bishop

A Message from Bishop Burkat

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. – Philippians 1:6

This rich promise of Scripture affirms the good work we have been doing as the church in Southeastern Pennsylvania. It also encourages us to accept the challenge of adapting to the ways in which God is working among us today.

As we survey the shifting landscape we see God's Spirit doing new things inside and outside the church -- even in the midst of declining church attendance, a growing "spiritual but not religious" population, and slipping trust in institutions.

We can't help but notice new patterns of faith and avenues for service developing in our congregations and in our culture as each new generation is born. Faithfulness to the Gospel demands that we find fresh ways to express God's message of grace and acceptance to the people God has placed in our midst.

In recent months we have listened carefully to the Spirit and to many clergy and lay leaders. We've heard you say that you want to be equipped for ministry in this transitional time. You long to be better connected to each other and to walk together collaboratively as a Synod.

This is why we are launching the ***Forward Together in Faith*** Campaign to generate resources to help make this vision a reality.

God has called us, together – as individual believers, as communities of faith and as the Synod organization – to be bold Lutheran witnesses to God's abundant love here in Southeastern Pennsylvania. As we approach the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we, like Martin Luther, are called to adapt to tell God's story in new and creative ways right for our day and age.

I am excited about moving *Forward Together in Faith* with you as we reinvigorate our church and reach out to change lives and communities!

With and in Christ,

The Rev. Claire S. Burkat, Bishop

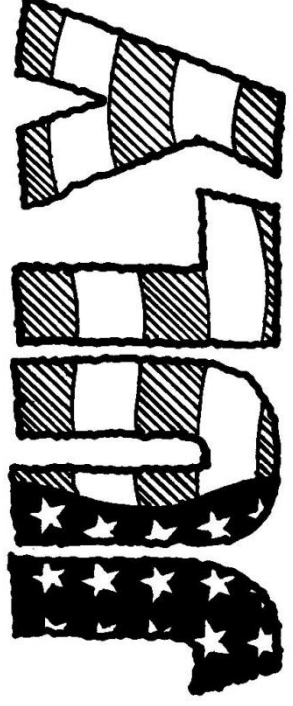
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3rd Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Worship 1:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:00 pm Dance Lessons 8:00 pm Men's AA	4 Office Closed 1:30 pm FA Group 7:00 pm Alanon 8:00 pm Alanon/Alateen	5 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 6:30 pm Zumba Class 8:00 pm Women's AA	6 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 Marketing & Growth	7 6:30 pm Zumba Class 7:30 Finance Ministry	8	9 6:30 pm AA
10th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Worship 8:00 pm Men's AA	11 1:30 pm FA Group 7:00 pm Alanon 8:00 pm Alanon/Alateen	12 10:30 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 8:00 pm Women's AA	13	14	15	16 6:30 pm AA
6:00 – 8:30 pm Vacation Bible School						
17th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Worship 1:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:00 pm Dance Lessons 8:00 pm Men's AA	18 1:30 pm FA Group 7:00 pm Alanon 8:00 pm Alanon/Alateen	19 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 6:30 pm Zumba Class 8:00 pm Women's AA	20	21 6:30 pm Zumba Class	22	23 6:30 pm AA
24th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Dance Lessons 8:00 pm Men's AA	25 1:30 pm FA Group 7:00 pm Alanon 8:00 pm Alanon/Alateen	26 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 6:30 pm Zumba Class 8:00 pm Women's AA	27	28 4:00 pm Feeding the Homeless 6:30 pm Zumba Class	29	30 6:30 pm AA

Appalachian Service Project

31st Sunday after Pentecost
 8:30 am Worship
 10:00 am Worship
 1:30 pm Mah Jongg
 7:00 pm Dance Lessons
 8:00 pm Men's AA





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Sundays at 8:30 am and 10:00 am
No Sunday School

Vacation Bible School
July 10-14
6:00-8:30 pm

VBS Commissioning
At worship July 10

ASP Team Commissioning
At worship July 17