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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

Wednesdays

Lenten Soup Supper/ Evening Prayer Service
6:30 pm

Saturday, March 11

Scholar in Residence Program
9:00 am

Sunday, March 12

Girl Scout Sunday

Sunday, March 19

Bear Creek Camp Sunday

MIDWEEK LENT SOUP SUPPER AND WORSHIP

Our midweek Lent Soup Suppers and Evening Prayer services continue on Wednesdays through March (March 8, 15, 22, and 29).

We begin by gathering at 6:30 p.m. in Creighton Hall for a soup supper and discussion. Our ministry teams have been our wonderful and gracious hosts each week providing soups and bread for us to share together. The soup supper is followed by Holden Evening Prayer in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. This beautiful prayer service was composed by Marty Haugen and is a favorite worship setting of many congregations.

You are welcome to join us for both – or come and join us at the start of worship.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

First Communion Classes will be held on three consecutive Saturday mornings from 9:00 – 10:30 am. The dates of the classes are March 25, April 1 and April 8. The final class time will include bread baking.

These classes are for students in grades K-2. Parents of younger or older students should speak to Pastor Alina. Students of all ages should plan to be at the final class on April 8.

It is our practice at Reformation that children receive their first communion at the desire of their parents. These classes will be for parents and the students preparing to receive communion. Students will receive their first communion on Palm Sunday, which will be celebrated on April 9.

If you have any questions, would like more information, or to register you and your child for the classes please contact Pastor Alina.



During the season of Lent, the Sermon on the Steps will be in its regular spot in worship – following the gospel reading.

In addition to coming up to join a pastor for the Sermon on the Steps, the children will also be invited up to join the presiding pastor at the time of the Great Thanksgiving at the beginning of the communion liturgy. The children will be invited to stand around the altar with a pastor throughout the communion liturgy and can return to their seats with their families after the Lord's Prayer.

2017 LENT MISSION PROJECT – CARE KITS FOR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS

Once again, Reformation Lutheran Church will join with Lutherans across Southeastern PA to collect items for self care and then provide completed **Care Kits** for distribution to those living in homelessness in Philadelphia on the Synod Youth Helping Hands Day, April 22.

Empty gallon-size storage bags containing a list of basic items, along with instructions, will be handed out at the end of our worship services March 5 and 12. Additional bags will be available in the Gathering Space. Please return the bag to the church by Sunday, March 26 filled with items like toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, razor, chap stick, socks, lotion, hand sanitizer, wipes, gloves, granola bars or crackers and sanitary napkins. In addition, the Synod Youth are collecting sturdy backpacks to help with distribution. In your filled zip lock Care Kit, do consider adding a favorite Bible verse and /or prayer for the recipient. This is a great project for all ages and again enables us to serve a neighbor in need.

C H U R C H L I F E

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY – MARCH 12

All girls (and adult leaders) who are involved in Girl Scouts are invited to attend worship in uniform on Girl Scout Sunday, March 12. Worship on that day will include recognition of those involved in scouting.



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

Ethel Cooper, entered into eternal life on January 13. A Memorial Service was held on January 20.

Sandy Haines, entered into eternal life on January 21. A Memorial Service was held at Reformation on January 28.

Richard Jaus, entered into eternal life on January 27. A memorial service was held on February 4.

BOOK FAIR

Sundays, March 12, 19 & 26

We're hosting a book fair! Stop by the Sunday School hallway downstairs on Sundays, March 12, 19, and 26 to get faith-filled books and videos for your family.

Our Book Fair, sponsored by Sparkhouse Family, will feature a wide variety of books. Order forms can be filled out and returned, with payment, to the church office. Families will be notified when the orders arrive at Reformation. There will be free Spark magazines and a chance to win a free Bible! Please speak with Pastor Alina if you have any questions.

BEAR CREEK CAMP SUNDAY

MARCH 19

On Sunday, March 19, the director of Bear Creek Camp, Dan Scharnhorst, will be with us for a special Bear Creek Camp Sunday! During the Sunday School hour, parents are invited to join all of our students in Creighton Hall for some fun camp games, songs, snacks and a special presentation about Bear Creek Camp. There will also be an opportunity to speak with the director after both worships and he will give a temple talk at both morning worships. You can get a preview at bearcreekcamp.org.



BIBLE PRESENTATIONS – APRIL 2

During worship on Sunday, April 2, Reformation Sunday School students will be receiving their Bibles. These presentations happen each year for students in second grade. This year we will have 4 students receiving their Bibles.

If you have any questions, would like more information, or to register you and your child for the classes please contact Pastor Alina.

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.

C H U R C H L I F E

PARISH NURSE



Pat Woerheide

Think of how many times in the past month you have heard someone say that they have a cold, a virus or a flu? You might not realize that colds, flus or influenzas, are all viruses!

A virus is an infectious organism that invade cells of all forms of life. Viruses are parasites, they cannot grow or reproduce unless they invade a living cell. The severity of the illness, depends on the bodies response to the invasion. Viruses reproduce very quickly once they invade, so the onset can seem sudden and acute. Different viruses affect different tissues in our body in unique ways which produce various illnesses. The common cold, influenza or flu, mumps, rabies, polio, HIV and rabies are just a few types of viral infections.

A cold or common cold is an infection of the respiratory tract by any of hundreds of different viruses. The infection causes irritation of the mucus membranes lining the nose and throat. This results in congestion and pain with a nasal discharge, causing sneezing, coughing, a fever, headache and mild fatigue. It can last 7 to 14 days. The best treatment is not antibiotics but rest, increased fluids, non-aspirin fever reducers, gargling with warm salt water or soothing mouth wash and decongestants. If a fever lasts more than 3 days or is above 102 degrees F, an earache occurs or you develop chest pain, shortness of breath and coughing or the symptoms continue over 10 days, call your doctor. You could be weakened by the infection and contracted a bacterial infection started or Pneumonia.

Influenza or Flu is an acute infection caused by several strains of influenza viruses that affects primarily the respiratory tract but can affect the gastrointestinal tract, musculoskeletal or nervous system. You may experience a few or all of the following symptoms: fever, chills, sore throat, cough runny nose, achy muscles, headache, fatigue, diarrhea, burning eyes and dizziness. It can last 24 hours or as long as 2 weeks. Influenza is contagious as long as the person has symptoms. Fluids and rest eases the symptoms along with decongestants and non-aspirin



OWLS

OUTSTANDING, WISER, LUTHERANS

Reformation has so many talented, energetic, and dedicated folks!

At the February meeting of the OWLs, our newly installed Director of Faith Engagement, Deacon Beth Barkhau, not only came to her first OWLs meeting, but also delivered the interactive devotion.

Following lunch and fellowship, our very own author of many books, Margie Gibson, who is always learning something new, gave *her* very first power-point presentation! Margie not only writes books, she is dedicated to encouraging the rest of us to write our own stories. A few attendees had a vignette or two in her current book.

March will turn from writing to exercise, especially exercise for seniors. So, be sure to mark March 13 on your calendar and make a note to wear comfortable clothes!

As always, expenses are paid through free-will offerings and donations. All members and friends are welcome to attend. No reservations needed. Meetings begin at 12:30 and last two hours or so. See you March 13!

fever reducers. Secondary infections can also occur, so consult your doctor with any concern, like especially long, high fevers, chest pain or shortness of breath.

Most people recover from common colds and flu. These viruses are contagious and spread by hand or cough. Frequent hand washing, coughing into a tissue, and avoiding sick individuals helps. Disinfecting common use items also helps. If you are sick stay home when possible. Getting immunized will decrease the occurrence and severity of Influenza. It's not too late to get a flu shot, flu season will continue until May.

LIBRARY NEWS & MORE

THANKS FOR THE ADDITIONS TO OUR COLLECTION!

Donated books and DVDs keep our library growing and interesting. Thank you for your recent donations!

Sue Bianco June and Les Bryant
The Eco Ministry Margie Gibson

WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT?

COME TO A LIBRARY BOOK CLUB MEETING

The Reformation Library Book Club meets quarterly to discuss a range of classic and current fiction and non-fiction. All meetings start at 7:00 pm in the Alyce Thompson room, and everyone is welcome. No RSVP is needed. And even if you haven't read the book, come enjoy the lively conversation, community and snacks!

Our upcoming meetings and books are:

April 18, 2017: *The Summer Before the War*, by Helen Simonson. Described by NPR as "a gentle comedy of provincial manners," this novel is set in a Sussex town just before and at the outset of World War I. As the reviewer notes, "the contrast between pastoral peace and the violent chaos of war is what gives the novel its heft."

July 18, 2017: *Far From the Madding Crowd*, by Thomas Hardy. Hardy's classic novel of late Victorian England contrasts an idyllic landscape with the harshness of rural life. Yet that is just the backdrop for the powerful story of the unconventional Bathsheba Everdene, her would-be lovers, and the themes of love, honor and betrayal that made this Hardy's first literary success.

October 17, 2017: *Orphan Train*, by Christina Baker Kline. The novel is inspired by the history of the orphan trains that carried hundreds of thousands of orphaned and abandoned children to the Midwest between 1854 and 1929. The two heroines of this story of resilience are 91-year old Vivian, who was sent to Minnesota from New York as a young, orphaned Irish immigrant, and almost-18 year old Molly, a Pensobscot Indian just about to age out of foster care. The two women find common ground in their experience of being outsiders and forge an unexpected friendship.

DELAWARE COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

Delaware County Literacy Council is in need of volunteers who are passionate about assisting others in their learning. We currently serve all of Delaware County and, as our name implies, we provide literacy training to adults who are seeking to improve their basic reading, writing and spelling skills. Our primary programs are Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English as a Second Language (ESL). One provides tutoring for English speaking adults who are hoping to improve their basic literacy skills and the other is for non-native speaking adults who wish to become more proficient in their English language skills. If you would like to learn more about volunteering, please contact

Patrick Lewis, Volunteer Recruiter, Delaware County Literacy Council, Phone: (610) 876-4811 or email www.delcoliteracy.org

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING ITEMS BACK WHEN YOU'RE DONE

We are all busy, and it's easy to misplace or forget a book or DVD. The Library Committee recently conducted an inventory, and a number of items are overdue/missing:

- The Whirl Story Bible
- The Storyteller's Bible
- Reason for Hope
- Go Tell It On the Mountain
- State of Wonder
- Spark Story Bible (2 copies missing)
- The Story of Ruby Bridges

If any of these sounds familiar, please check around your home to see if you have it and just drop it back in the basket in the hallway.

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Dr. Michael E. Krentz

Living Voice of the Gospel: 500 Years of Lutheran Song

Saturday, March 11, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Michael E. Krentz, ELCA Deacon, is 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.

Dr. Krentz will help us explore the topic *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.



Michael E. Krentz is Lecturer and Director of Music Ministries/Seminary Cantor at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, and is also Director of Music and Organist at Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown. He has Bachelor, Master, and Doctor of Music degrees from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where his teachers were Richard Enright and Wolfgang Rübsam.

Michael is Director-at-Large on the Board of Directors of The Association of Lutheran Church Musicians and is a past Dean of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. He is also a member of the Worship Team of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He is active as a lecturer, workshop leader and recitalist.

Michael lives with his wife Linda in Lower Saucon Township, and he enjoys being a volunteer assistant tennis coach at Saucon Valley High School.

Registration for Scholar in Residence

Registration fee of \$45 includes breakfast and lunch. *Only \$40 if postmarked by March 5.*

- Students/Seminarists - \$25
- Groups of eight or more- \$35 each

Name(s) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Your favorite hymn? _____

Make checks payable to Reformation Lutheran Church; write "S.I.R. 2017" on the memo line. Drop into the offering plate, or:

Mail to Reformation Lutheran Church, 102 W. Rose Tree Road, Media, PA, 19063

C H U R C H L I F E

MARK E. DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP 2017-2018

The Mark E. Davis Scholarship was established by The Rev. William and Irene Davis, following the death of their son, Mark. The scholarship is a one-year scholarship to a four-year college or university awarded to a member(s) of Reformation Lutheran Church. Applicants can be high school seniors or currently attending a college or university. The scholarship is awarded to an applicant(s) who demonstrate a high level of academic, religious, and community-oriented commitment and achievement. The scholarship is awarded annually in July.

Applications for the 2017-2018 academic year may be obtained from the counter in the church narthex or by contacting Gary Kamin by email at gdkamin@verizon.net. All applications and support materials must be received or postmarked by May 1, 2017 deadline. **Applicants should be aware that requesting transcripts and letters of recommendation can take extra time and should plan accordingly in order to meet the deadline.**

Applications can be left at the church office c/o Mark E. Davis Scholarship Committee to the attention of Gary Kamin, or emailed to Mr. Gary Kamin at gdkamin@verizon.net, or mailed and postmarked by May 1, 2017. Applications not received by this deadline will not be considered.

Mailing address:

Mark E. Davis Scholarship Committee
c/o Gary Kamin
Reformation Lutheran Church
102 West Rose Tree Road
Media, PA 19063

Any questions can be addressed to committee members.

Sandy Coll Ellen Conroy Evan Davis
Gary Kamin Rebecca Prince

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

ECO TIP

Earth Day begins at home. Replace disposable goods with renewable ones. Buy rechargeable batteries. Use dishes instead of paper plates.

HELP WANTED

Make a difference in a child's life. Join our staff at Stay and Play!

We are hiring for the current school year as well as the 2017/2018 school year. We have openings for assistant group supervisors/group supervisors as well as substitute teachers. Our hours of operation are Monday-Friday 6:30-9:00 am and 2:30-6:00 pm from September through June. Our program services a little over 90 students in the Rose Tree Media school district in grades Kindergarten – 6th Grade. If you or someone you know may be interested in a part-time teaching position, please feel free to tell them about our program.

Qualified Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, have at least 2 years' experience working with children or CDA or 2 or 4-year degree in education or early childhood education. For more information as well as a more detailed job description please contact: Diane Bullen, Director at 610-891-0600 ext. 101 or e-mail your resume to: stayandplay@relcmedia.org

Thank you, and...so much more!

It is good to be here at Reformation Lutheran Church!

During these first weeks of engagement, I have appreciated your warm and generous welcome. Your prayers of support, invitations to attend Bible studies and fellowship gatherings, committee meetings and group events, and so much more have been meaningful. For by doing so, by your generosity, you have not only welcomed me, but have helped to ground me in community with you, showing me how God has and continues to create vibrant witness and service amongst God's people. Reformation Lutheran is truly inviting, serving and building a living faith! As your Director of Faith Engagement, I look forward to worshipping and working side by side with you to serve the neighbor and to empower, equip and encourage the people of God for service in both the church and the world. As a people of God, we are called to offer care, comfort, service, support, encouragement, and so much more...so as to engage in Christ – like acts, daily. Yes, we gather on Sundays and throughout the other six days, so as to scatter and share the love of Christ.

Soon, we gather for Sunday worship and so much more. For March 2017 literally marks the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday is March 1st! I am looking forward to midweek Wednesday evening community dinners and Holden Evening Prayer, I am excited about joining a study group discussion based on the Heidi B. Neumark's book Hidden Inheritance, I seek to embrace the opportunity to give financially and respond to a known need by making Care Kits for our homeless neighbors. So too, I will extend the invitation to my neighbors and local friends, to join with us in mission and ministry at Reformation Lutheran. Will you join me in this and so much more in the days, weeks, and months to come? I pray you will ! For together, we first gather around Word and Sacrament so as to scatter into the world, living out the Word in Service, thus building a living faith to glory of God.

Peace,

Deacon Beth
Director of Faith Engagement

"Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love..." Joel 2:13

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


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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | | 1 Ash Wednesday 12:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm Marketing and Growth 7:15 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:30 pm Worship | 2 2:00 pm Lent Small Group 6:30 pm Zumba Class 7:30 pm Finance Ministry | 3 9:30 am Lent Small Group 4:00 pm Harvey Cedars Youth Retreat (thru Sun) | 4 6:30 pm AA |
| 5 1st Sunday in Lent 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Lent Small Group 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 7:00 pm Dance Lessons 8:00 pm Men's AA | 6 1:00 pm Lent Small Grp 1:30 pm FA Group 7:00 pm Alanon 7:15 pm Lent Small Grp 7:15 pm Boy Scouts 8:00 pm Alanon/Alateen | 7 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 6:30 pm Zumba class 7:00 pm Lent Small Grp 7:00 pm Souls 7:00 pm Youth Ministry 8:00 pm Women's AA | 8 6:30 pm Lent Soup Supper 7:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer 8:00 pm Chancel Choir | 9 2:00 pm Lent Small Group 6:30 pm Zumba Class 6:30 pm Library Committee | 10 9:30 am Lent Small Group | 11 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm AA |
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| 26 4th Sunday in Lent 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Lent Small Group 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 | 27 1:00 pm Lent Small Grp 1:30 pm FA Group 7:00 pm Alanon 7:15 pm Lent Small Grp 7:15 pm Boy Scouts 8:00 pm Alanon/Alateen | 28 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 6:30 pm Children's Choir 6:30 pm Zumba class 7:00 pm Lent Small Grp 7:00 pm Souls 8:00 pm Women's AA | 29 6:30 pm Lent Soup Supper 7:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer 8:00 pm Chancel Choir | 30 2:00 pm Lent Small Group 6:30 pm Zumba Class | 31 9:30 am Lent Small Group | |

Thank you!

Dear Reformation,
We give thanks for the
generous staff Christmas gift
collected by this congregation.
It is our great pleasure to
serve such a vibrant and
welcoming church community
and we look forward to
another year together.
Thank you so much!

Pr. Wayne Matthews, Jr. Pastor Alma Hayesli

Christine A. Wehrich RN

Liz Hazlett Valerie A. Hoyk

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