

## MUSIC CAMP

Registration is now open for Reformation's new Summer Music Camp! The camp will be held from June 27-July 1. Students who are currently in grades 3-7 are eligible to attend. High school students will be able to apply for counselor positions. Registration materials are available in the gathering space outside the sanctuary and online at [relcmedia.org/music-camp](http://relcmedia.org/music-camp).



## 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.



## GROWING IN SERVING – THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our Growing in Serving summer youth service campaign! Your support continues to enable our youth to have life changing experiences as they put into

action our call from God to serve our neighbors. This year you are helping us grow that mission as we serve our neighbors in Appalachia providing repairs to make homes warmer, safer, and drier.

Thank you for all of your continued support, encouragement and prayers for our ASP Teams – you enable us to do God's work with our hands!

## ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP

Thursday, May 5 at 7:00 pm  
St. Mark Lutheran Church, Clifton Heights

The Delaware Conference of Lutheran Churches will host their annual Ascension Day worship on Thursday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Clifton Heights. All are welcome at this festival worship. You are also invited to a soup supper beginning at 6:00 p.m. prior to the start of worship.

## SERMON ON THE STEPS IN EASTER – PEW PROJECTS

During the season of Easter, at the end of the Sermon on the Steps, children will receive a Pew Project bag. The Pew Project bags will include simple craft items and instructions to make a project related to the day's scripture texts. Children are invited to keep everything in the bag, but we ask that the bags be returned at the end of worship so that they can be used for the next week's Pew Projects.



## OWLS

### OUTSTANDING, WISER, LUTHERANS

In 1962, a small group of women in Philadelphia began a volunteer program to introduce fine art to school students. That program expanded until, currently, over 700 volunteers visited 155,000 students in 48 districts in Southern Delaware Valley and New Jersey with *Art Goes to School*.

Sally Helms is one of those volunteers! In April, Sally brought *Art Goes to School* to the OWLs meeting in Creighton Hall. This is the second time she has shared this exciting program with the OWLs. Thank you, Sally!

The OWLs will go from art in April to music in May, when Ken Delmar will share his musical knowledge and skills at our May 9 meeting. Ken will play some chorales by J.S. Bach on the organ in the sanctuary and talk about their history, as well. Invite your friends to this unique program. Free will donations cover all costs. Light lunch is served. All are welcome!



## Life Together

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

**Edna Bogert** and **Jen Troutman** were honored as our volunteers of the year during worship on April 10.

## YOUNG ADULTS' ANNUAL FAMILY COOKOUT MAY 21, 4-7 PM

The annual family cookout for the young adults group (20s/30s/+) will be held on Saturday, May 21st from 4 pm - 7 pm at the Troutman's home. The Troutman family will provide burgers, hot dogs, chicken and beverages and they ask each family attending to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Please look for the evite in your inbox for house location and to sign up for what you can bring. We will plan on eating dinner around 5 pm. The entire family is welcome as well as friends...hope to see you there!

If you have any questions or to be added to the evite list, please email Jen at [jtroutman2@yahoo.com](mailto:jtroutman2@yahoo.com)

## COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTED

At the March 2016 Congregation Council meeting Richard Hughey was appointed to fill an open seat on the Council. Thank you, Dick, for your service in this important leadership position.

### Know Your Congregation Council

President: Marian Filtz Vice President: Karen Chorney  
Secretary: Keith Bocian Treasurer: Tom Conroy  
Members: Alexis Bingeman, Ron Bingeman, Emily Black, John Chesters, Kate Fernandez, Matt Gane, Kristin Gress, Richard Hughey, Eric Lucas, Andrew Marcus, Kathy Schmick, Pastor Alina Gayeuski, Pastor Wayne Matthias-Long

### Newsletter Submission

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

# C H U R C H L I F E

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## PARISH NURSE



Pat Woerheide

On the second Sunday of each month a Prayer Shawl Blessing is part of the service. These shawls are the work of a prodigious ministry started in 2006. Over 700 shawls, baby blankets and lap robes have been made and given to members of our congregation, their family members and friends, and as part of Christmas gift giving. These shawls are given for comfort at times of illness, grief, and sadness. They have also been given to members to celebrate a marriage or the birth of a new baby.

When the Prayer Shawl Ministry began there were 10 members, but now it is in need of new members. Experienced knitters or crocheters, and members wishing to learn how to make the shawls are welcome. This ministry is meaningful and rewarding. Read a few comments from thank you notes we received:

*As I wrapped my prayer shawl around my shoulders, the first time as well as all times since, I felt as though 100 arms enveloped me with love, comfort and support.*

*I do not have the words to express to you the beauty of your gift. I am not a fanciful person but I could truly feel the love, prayers and comfort wrap around my shoulders and heart.*

*I was so cold in the hospital that I thought I would never be warm again. And then a friend gave me a beautiful, large prayer shawl. I used it to cover myself that night and was truly warm for the first time in days. The sense of love, comfort and healing knit into the shawl was a blessing and a boost to my recovery.*

The ministry meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:15 in the Women's Connection room.

For more information contact; Kathy Ewens, ([kewens607@gmail.com](mailto:kewens607@gmail.com)), Christel Badey or Toini Scherer. Check out this web site; <http://www.shawlministry.com/>. Also available in our church library is, "Knitting Into the Mystery: A Guide to the Shawl-Knitting Ministry" by Susan S. IZARD and Susan S. Jorgensen. This is a book written by the founders of the movement.

\*Members are in need of transportation to Sunday services at 8:30 and 11:00AM. Any member willing to assist members once a month, living at Lima Estates Senior Residence in Middletown, contact Pat Woerheide RN, Parish Nurse.

## MEDIA CHAMBER CHORALE

Media Chamber Chorale will give two concerts in May, featuring the Faure Requiem. Music will also include a medley from Phantom of the Opera, as well as other light music. The concerts will be given on Friday, May 20 at 7:30 at Wallingford Presbyterian Church, and Saturday, May 21, at 7:30 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Springfield.

John Stroud, director of Media Chamber Chorale, will direct the Faure Requiem at both concerts.

*For the first time ever*, the chorale will be joined at the St. Matthew concert by 50 members of the Chester Children's Chorus! John Alston, director of the Chester Children's Chorus, will conduct both groups in singing together traditional spirituals, as well as one of his own compositions. Having an excellent bass voice, he will also sing the requiem with them.

## Save the Date

### CPR & AED TRAINING

On Saturday, June 4, a training session will be held in Creighton Hall 9-11 am for all members who are interested or are in need of recertification in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation with the use of an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator. This program will be presented by a certified instructor from the Initial Life Support Federation. There is no charge for Reformation members who attend. Please e-mail Pat Woerheide to register or ask for more information at; [Woerheide@comcast.net](mailto:Woerheide@comcast.net).

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

### Reading Transforms Us . . . or 5 Good Reasons to Read a Book

Argentinian writer Jorge Luis Borges supposedly said, "I have always imagined that paradise will be a kind of library." This might not be our vision of the hereafter, but he was on to something: reading can be transformative.

In our busy lives, finding the time to sit down and sink into a good book is tough. Yet brain researchers have identified powerful reasons to slow down and lose yourself for awhile in reading. Here are five ways that reading transforms our brains and capabilities:

1. Reading actually rewires your brain – in a very good way! Studies show that reading a good novel increases ...
2. Reading about an experience affects your brain in virtually the same way as if it were happening to you. It's like you are living the thoughts, feelings and sensory experiences of the characters. Talk about taking you out of yourself!
3. Reading makes us more empathetic. As we feel what the characters in a story feel, we become more aware of and alert to the lives and feelings of others, and our capacity for empathy grows.
4. Reading can make us smarter. People who read regularly and deeply almost always rank high on various measures of intelligence.
5. Reading helps extend our attention spans. Story structure encourages our brains to think in sequence and be sensitive to cause and effect and to consequences. A great antidote to our stressed daily lives.

The greatest benefits come from reading challenging fiction – a good novel – but listening to books delivers some of the same value.

## ALL STAR STUDENTS



### Winter Sunday School Star Certificates

Congratulations to the following Sunday School students who earned enough stars for the certificates listed below!

(They earn a star for every Sunday School session and worship service they attend.)

**25 stars** - Clark Bocian, Isabel Merkins, Jackson Burke, Xavier Berkey, Elizabeth Reitano, & Luke Hathaway

**50 stars** - Jack Wilford & Corine Skarbek

**100 stars** - Evelyn "Evie" Fernandez

**125 stars** - Megan Violet Reagle

**150 stars** - Allison Ann Bocian

**175 stars** - Cole Postlewait

**225 stars** - Julia Biordi

**250 stars** - Robert Schaub

**275 stars** - Matthew Sharer

**350 stars** - Alexandra Benzing

**375 stars** - Joelle Emery Hacik

**400 stars** - Tyler Reed Bingeman, Rachel Bingeman, & Kelsey Schaub

**425 stars** - Kaylee Troutman

**475 stars** - Tyler Troutman



*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. . . . Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit . . . . Acts 2:1-4*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sunday, May 15, is the Day of Pentecost. This major festival of the Church Year always follows 50 days after Easter.

Pentecost is often called the Birthday of the Church – when the Spirit promised by Jesus was poured out on Jesus’ followers and made visible in tongues of fire. Just as the Holy Spirit, poured out on that first Day of Pentecost, “fired up” the faith life of those early Christians, we pray that our celebration of Pentecost will “fire us up” as we travel the path of faith and life.

When the Spirit is “fired up” in us we are more keenly aware of God’s presence and activity in our lives. When the Spirit is “fired up” in us we are more clearly attuned to the presence of Jesus in those around us, especially those most in need. When the Spirit is “fired up” in us our lives radiate the joy of living in relationship with the Lord of Life.

Pentecost is a “red-letter” day in the life of the Church. Help us celebrate by wearing something red to worship on May 15, the Day of Pentecost. And pray that God will continually “fire you up” in the Spirit!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Wayne Matthias-Long

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>1 Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 2:00 pm Leibig Concert 7:00 pm Dance Lessons 8:00 pm Men's AA	<b>2</b> 1:30 pm FA Group 7:00 pm Alanon 7:15 pm Boy Scouts 8:00 pm Alanon/Alateen	<b>3</b> 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 7:00 pm Youth Ministry 8:00 pm Women's AA	<b>4</b> 7:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:15 pm Souls Rehearsal 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>5 Ascension Day</b> 6:30 pm Zumba Class 7:00 pm Ascension Day Worship @ St. Mark in Clifton Heights 7:30 pm Finance Ministry	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm AA
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<b>15 Day of Pentecost</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Aid For Friends Cook-in 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Dance Lessons 8:00 pm Men's AA	<b>16</b> 1:30 pm FA Group 7:00 pm Alanon 7:15 pm Boy Scouts 8:00 pm Alanon/Alateen	<b>17</b> 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 8:00 pm Women's AA	<b>18</b> 6:15 pm ROCK Stars 7:00 pm Christian Ed. Ministry 7:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:15 pm Souls Rehearsal 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 6:30 pm Zumba Class 7:00 pm Eco-Ministry Team	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm AA 4:00 pm Young Adults Cookout at the Troutman's
<b>22 Holy Trinity/First Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 1:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:00 pm Dance Lessons 8:00 pm Men's AA	<b>23</b> 1:30 pm FA Group 7:00 pm Alanon 7:15 pm Boy Scouts 8:00 pm Alanon/Alateen	<b>24</b> 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm Worship & Music Ministry 8:00 pm Women's AA	<b>25</b> 7:15 pm Souls Rehearsal 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 3:00 pm Feeding the Homeless 6:30 pm Zumba Class	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm AA
<b>29 Second Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Dance Lessons 8:00 pm Men's AA	<b>30</b> 1:30 pm FA Group 7:00 pm Alanon 7:15 pm Boy Scouts 8:00 pm Alanon/Alateen	<b>31</b> 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 8:00 pm Women's AA				

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## Red Flowers for Pentecost

On The Day of Pentecost, May 15, 2016, our worship space will be decorated with red flowers which will then be planted on our lawn.

The cost to sponsor plants is \$5. Please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

**Order deadline is May 8.**

Please **Print** Clearly

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Offering Envelope No. \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ plants (each plant is \$5.)

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to *Reformation Lutheran Church*

***Deadline to order is Sunday, May 8.***



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Summer Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 am and 11:00 am Holy Communion  
9:45 am Sunday School for ALL Ages

**Sunday, May 1: Music Sunday**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Leibig Concert – 2:00 pm**

**Sunday, May 8: Ascension Day (observed)**

**Mother's Day**

**Sunday, May 15: Day of Pentecost**

**(Wear Red!)**

**Sunday, May 22: The Holy Trinity**

**Sunday, May 29: Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**(No Sunday School)**