

# REFORMATION TIMES

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## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 23

On Sunday, October 23, during the 11:00 worship, six students will affirm the promises made at their baptisms during the Rite of Confirmation. This year's Confirmands are: **Olivia Biordi, Lindsay Gamlin, Miranda Polito, Joey Reitano, Will Skarbek, and Jack Walters.** Together, we continue to pray for these young members as we celebrate what God is doing in their lives!

## PANGANI PARTNERSHIP SUNDAY – OCTOBER 2

Three members from Reformation, **Jennifer Breen, Connie Richardson, and John Chesters,** recently traveled to Tanzania and our partner congregation in Pangani. You are invited to learn about their experience and celebrate our relationship with our friends in Tanzania during our Pennsylvania-Pangani Partnership Sunday worship and adult forum on October 2.

## CHURCH SIGN APPROVED

Reformation has received approval from the Upper Providence Township Zoning Hearing Board to install a new sign at the intersection of Providence Road and Rose Tree Road. A major gift from Warren and Jean Given will help fund the new sign which is expected to be completed and installed before Christmas.

## HIKE AND BIBLE STUDY – OCTOBER 8

The Eco-Ministry Team is hosting a Bible Study and Hike with Pastor Alina on **Saturday, October 8.** We will gather in the church parking lot at 9:45 am and carpool to Hildacy Farm. Or you can meet us in the parking lot at Hildacy at 10:00 a.m. Please bring water and comfortable walking shoes!

## DELAWARE CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING – OCTOBER 10

Lutheran congregations in the Delaware Conference will be gathering for the Annual Fall Conference Assembly on Monday, October 10 at 6:30 pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Springfield. Members of Reformation are invited and encouraged to attend this important meeting of our Conference.

## BOOK FAIR

### SUNDAYS OCTOBER 9 & 16

**Our church is having a Book Fair!** Stop by the Sunday School hallway downstairs on Sunday, October 9 and 16 to get faith-filled books and videos for your kids.

Our Book Fair, sponsored by Sparkhouse Family, will feature a wide variety of new resources with samples available for you to view. These Bibles, books and videos make perfect Christmas gifts. Order forms can be filled out and returned, with payment, to the church office. Families will be notified when the orders arrive at Reformation. Please speak with Pastor Alina if you have any questions.

## ECO MOVIE NIGHT – OCTOBER 21

Join the Eco Ministry Team for a movie night and some snacks on Friday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. The movie will focus on the Great Pacific Garbage Patch and the effects it has on the wildlife and ecosystems. All are welcome!

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 8

You and your pet are invited to a Blessing of the Animals service on Saturday, October 8, at 11:30 a.m. The service will be held the back of the church building (near the playground). If your pet is unable to attend the service, please feel free to bring along a photo of your pet.

You are also invited to bring along a donation for the Providence Animal Shelter. These items are part of their wish list:

1. Gently used sheets and towels
2. Wet dog and or cat food
3. Unopened dry cat food
4. Soft dog treats
5. Rawhides (not made in China)
6. Dog collars
7. Cat toys



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

**Bill Bianco** entered into eternal life on August 12. A memorial service was held at Reformation on August 17.

**Bryson Alan Lesser**, son of Melissa and Doug Lesser, was baptized at Reformation on Sunday, August 28, 2016.

We bid Farewell and Godspeed to **Kathy Schmick and Michael Byler** on Sunday, August 28, before their move.

We bid Farewell and Godspeed to **Bill Lafty, Director of Contemporary Music**, as he concluded his time serving at Reformation on Sunday, September 4.

## YOUTH NEWS

### YOUTH GROUP TRIP TO ARASAPHA

October 9

All youth in grades 6-12, and their friends and families, are invited to attend Arasapha Haunted Hayride and Bates Motel on **Sunday, October 9**. For youth, the cost is \$35 for the hayride, the motel, and the corn maze. For adults, the cost is \$40 for all three (\$20 for the hayride only). We will be meeting at the church at 6:30 pm. Please sign up in the ROCK Room. See Pastor Alina with any questions.

### ACOLYTE TRAINING

October 2

Acolyte training will be held on **Sunday, October 2, at 6:30 p.m.** All students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be receiving an invitation to attend and to begin serving in worship as acolytes, crucifers, torch and Bible bearers. Any other students who wish to participate, but did not receive an invitation, should speak with 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](mailto:reformationnews@gmail.com) by the second Friday of each month.



## Music Notes...

Valerie Rozek, Director of Music

### MEET OUR CHORAL SCHOLARS!

I am very happy to introduce our Choral Scholars for the 2016-17 academic year. Please join me in welcoming them!

**Zoe Jones**, soprano, is a senior in Music Performance-Voice at West Chester University and is a student of Emily Bullock. She also plays the piano. Zoe's plans for the future include pursuing a second degree and working in countries abroad where she can bring her musical talents to others. This is Zoe's first time as a section leader in a church choir. She is looking forward to sharing her musical strengths and positivity with the choir. Zoe has begun preparing for her Senior recital in November. We look forward to hearing her perform. She is a Resident Assistant at West Chester and enjoys being of service in a leadership capacity at her dorm.

**Sara Munson**, alto, is a junior in Music Elective Studies/ Communication Studies with a concentration in Voice at West Chester University. She also plays the piccolo in the West Chester marching band. She was a transfer student from Penn State in the 2015/2016 school year and found the Music Elective Studies major at West Chester to be a perfect fit for her interests. She has set her career goals in the public relations/media field with a music company or program. This will allow her to maintain contact with music while still having a business career. She also wants to continue to perform with ensembles and other performers after graduation. This is Sara's first time singing in a church choir and she is looking forward to offering her voice and leadership.

**Jared Stufft**, baritone, comes to us from Penn State where he graduated in 2016 with a BS in

### ALWAYS FAITHFUL

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*1 Corinthians 1:9*

Please watch your mail in the coming weeks for the announcement of our annual stewardship campaign – **Always Faithful**. God is faithful in the midst of our ever-changing world and our "Always Reforming" (*Semper Reformanda*) faith life and congregational life. As a family of faith at Reformation we carry out our mission of Inviting, Serving and Building...all to make a faithful response to our always faithful God.

During this annual campaign you will hear individual members of our congregation share their personal experiences touching on the themes of Inviting all People, Serving our Neighbors and Building a Living Faith. In addition, and as in past years, on Reformation Sunday we will acknowledge those members of our congregation like William and Beatrice Moser who have generously supported Reformation through planned gifts as members of our *1517 Society*.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Annual Fund and of our *Always in Mission* campaign which will soon enter the second of its three-year duration.

Your Financial Management Ministry

Voice Performance. He is studying for his Master's degree in Applied Statistics at West Chester University and will also be taking music classes. After graduation, Jared would like to work as a data scientist and pursue opera and choral performance opportunities. He would also like to teach private voice lessons. Jared has previously worked as a church musician/section leader for Faith United Church of Christ in State College, PA. He has a Lutheran background and is looking forward to being back in that tradition.

# C H U R C H L I F E

## PARISH NURSE



Pat Woerheide

It's fall! The temperature is getting cooler, the daylight is shorter and a new crispness is in the air! What a time to rethink your healthy habits. Changing seasons creates an arena for renewal, restarting and rethinking. Here is a quiz help you , so you will be in good shape when the winter comes.

1. Are you ready to take advantage of the weather? Think of a few activities you could try? Hint: walking, biking, skating, canoeing, and kayaking
2. Does a workout have to feel like exercise? Hint: Remember your childhood fun and try a few activities of your youth, it's never to late. Think hula hoops and basketballs.
3. When does your fitness center have a new fall class program? Do you have a fitness center? Hint: YMCA, Riddle Hospital Fitness Center, Park Programs, Yoga Centers and Fitness clubs are looking for members.
4. Can you improve health without making major changes in your lifestyle? Do you have time to care for yourself when you work, care for your family and travel? Hint: Exercise with your family during commercials while watching TV. Think about standing desks at work, some are variable. Try a walking meeting. Try music while walking your dog. Watch your children's games while circling the field.
5. How long does it take to adjust to a new activity? Hint: Most people give up on a new activity around three weeks, most new activities take 21 to 30 days to feel normal. Personally, it feels like 6 months is really more like it. Hang in there and you will succeed.
6. As the days become darker earlier, should you make some safety changes in outdoor activities? Hint: Remember reflective vests, flash lights and bike and helmet lights are available.



OWLS

OUTSTANDING, WISER, LUTHERANS

### OWLS Migrate Back

Not all OWLS had migrated back home for September's meeting, but those who had enjoyed renewed fellowship with old friends! A very enjoyable musical program by Patricia Garver was the perfect way to begin the new season!

October 10 will bring a change of pace, when Sarah Bocian and her mother take us on a virtual journey to where most of us will never go—Antarctica!

November and December programs are being planned, with the possibility of a trip sometime this fall!

Reminder to old and new Owls: All meetings begin in Creighton Hall at 12:30. Lunch follows a brief devotion (free-will offering for light lunch or bring your own.) An interesting program/entertainment of 30 to 40 minutes follows the short business meeting with begins immediately after eating. We invite any and all interested church members and their friends! The more, the merrier!!

7. Should you wear sunblock and sunglasses in the fall? Hint: The sun is always a health risk, even in the fall and winter.
8. Does it seem that you are always cold or too hot in fall activities? Hint: layering clothes can help.
9. Is fitness more fun in a group? Hint: commitment and convenience and fellowship help all the time.
10. What can motivate you? Hint: Strengthening, improving balance, weight loss.. or just trying something new can lead to improved health.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### **There's a Reason They Say, "Relax with a good book."**

We all live stressful lives, and deal with stress in different ways. One quick and easy way is to carve out a few minutes each day to read. Research shows that **reading** is more effective at reducing stress than traditional remedies like listening to music, going for a walk or relaxing with a cup of tea. In fact, just six minutes of reading can reduce stress levels by more than two-thirds. Pretty amazing, huh?

Don't want to read on a device? No time to get to the library? If you're at a service on Sunday, just walk down the hall to the Reformation Library and check out a good book the old-fashioned way, with a card. Your heart and mind will thank you for it.

### **For Your Consideration: *Plainsong*, by Kent Haruf**

*Plainsong* is a beautifully-written novel with no drama, oversized characters or trendy topics. Instead, it is an extraordinarily humane story of ordinary, imperfect people who live lives of grace, generosity and compassion. Set in the small town of Holt, Colorado, the novel weaves together the lives of a high school teacher raising his young sons, a pregnant teenage girl, and two elderly brothers on their ranch. In completely believable ways, they become bound together as a kind of extended family as they confront the difficulties of their individual lives. The story is never sentimental; it is witty and often tough-minded as it reminds us how much we need family and community.

### **Check Out a DVD: *Enter the Wardrobe***

*Created and Developed by Luther Productions & Seraphim Communications*

This DVD is a lively conversation hosted by David Lose and featuring Michael Rogness, Rolf Jacobson, Garcia Grindal and Andrea Root of Luther Seminary. It explores C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* from his famous Narnia series as not just fantasy literature, but as a powerful theological parable for both children and adults.

These five teachers from Luther Seminary lead you on a quest through the wardrobe into the world of Narnia, providing a guided tour of the uncommon landscape and its inhabitants that leads you from believing that Narnia represents an escape from the brutal realities of our world, to Lewis' message about the truth of sin and the need for a rescuer. The discussion will lead you to see that the Gospel story is the most fantastic story of all.

### **Donate a Book That Has Made a Difference to You**

Many of us have a book that has been especially meaningful in some way. It might be one that you have kept a copy of, or that you re-read every year, or that you recommend enthusiastically.

You can share it with all of Reformation by donating it to the library! We welcome the gift of gently used books as well as new. They can be novels for any age, children's books, non-fiction works and spiritual guides. Just drop them off in the return bin in the hallway and we'll catalog them and thank you in this newsletter.

**Thank you** to those who have contributed to the library over the last several months: Anonymous, Michael Byler, Skip Hoffman, and Walt and Pat Woerheide!

## **THANK YOU... TO THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE OF REFORMATION**

What a wonderful, caring community we have here at Reformation Lutheran Church! I knew that before my recent surgery, of course, but the love shown toward me and Ernie during this recovery period has been tremendous! From Pastor Alina's hospital visit on the day of surgery, bringing the beautiful, comforting prayer shawl, to the prayers, the dozens of cards, Facebook comments, phone calls, delicious dinners, and especially through the ministry of Parish Nurse, Pat Woerheide, I have felt the love of God pouring down on me through the people of Reformation! Thank you so much!

~ Edna Bogert



## **A NEW RECYCLING PROGRAM IS COMING TO REFORMATION!**

We all know about recycling the basics – newspapers, plastics, and cans. However, year after year across the country, *hard-to-recycle* material ends up in landfills. **TerraCycle®**, an innovative recycling company, is combating this problem.

“TerraCycle reuses, upcycles, and recycles waste instead of incinerating or landfilling it.” – TerraCycle®

This system allows materials to be used for generations to come. TerraCycle® finds innovative uses for materials like bags, office supplies, and outdoor furniture!

In the coming weeks, Reformation's Eco Ministry will be working with TerraCycle® by joining their “**Writing Instruments Recycling Program.**” There will be a box out in the narthex to collect writing instruments.

Program accepted waste: **Pens and pen caps, mechanical pencils, markers and marker caps, permanent markers and permanent marker caps.**

Thank you for helping our environment!

*From your Financial Management Ministry*

## **TAX-SAVING TIPS**

Giving is good, increasing your tax savings is better!

Contributions to charities are tax deductible. But there are ways to increase the tax savings for any donation. Here are three ideas.

1. Donate appreciated securities. If you bought something for \$2,000 and it is worth \$4,000 today, donating it gets you a \$4,000 deduction. Selling it and donating the cash proceeds gets you a \$300 tax liability and a \$3,700 deduction.
2. Contribute directly from an IRA. You must be at least 70 to do this, but the contribution counts as part of your RMD, creates no taxable income, and may reduce your Medicare premium.
3. If your income is volatile, set up a Donor Advised Fund and contribute to this in years with high income when you need extra deductions. Then contribute from this fund in years with lower income when you don't need extra deductions. Even better, contribute appreciated securities to this Fund!

For additional information on any of these issues, please contact Walt Woerheide, better known as Pat Woerheide's husband.

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



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*“God’s Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom’s our forever!” – Martin Luther, A Mighty Fortress is Our God (ELW, Hymn No. 504)*

This October marks the beginning of a yearlong commemoration in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation.

During this next year we will be intentionally incorporating the commemoration of this anniversary into our life together here at Reformation – which seems particularly fitting for a congregation that claims this event as our namesake.

To commemorate these years of history in the Lutheran tradition there will be opportunities to dive deeper into the theology articulated by Martin Luther and his colleagues, to celebrate the freedom we have in Christ to serve our neighbors, and to continue to look for all the ways that God is making us new. Throughout this year we encourage you to look for these opportunities here at Reformation – through education, worship, and service – to engage in our Lutheran heritage and to claim the Lutheran witness in our world today.

As we look back on the half-millennium since Martin Luther famously hung his 95 thesis on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, we are encouraged by his spirit of reforming to look toward our own future as well. We know that this next year is only the beginning of living out God’s call to be always reforming.

*Semper Ref!*

Pastor Alina Gayeuski

### **THANKS TO OUR PROPERTY AND LANDSCAPING CAREGIVERS**

As we begin a new program year we are grateful for the many improvements to our property which occurred during the summer.

Thanks to Dave Black and John Hess for the ongoing work (and special summer projects) they do to keep our property functioning well. Thanks to Deb Felton and Ron Bingeman who helped with some painting projects this summer. And a big thank you to members of our Boy Scout Troop 430 under the leadership of Scoutmaster Dr. Scott Rothman for completing several painting projects on the outside of the building.

We are also grateful to our “Landscape Angels” whose hard work and passion for the beauty of the earth give praise to God the Creator through the maintenance of our landscaping – Toini and Peter Scherer, Jeanne and Dave Robertson, Ron Brzowski, Sandy Coll, Christel Badey, Carol Steinbrecher, Ron Bingeman, and all who help with this ministry.



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

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## ***OCTOBER 2016***

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 8:30 & 11:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45 AM

**Sunday, October 2**

Pangani-Pennsylvania Partnership Sunday

**Sunday, October 23**

Confirmation at 11:00 Worship

**Sunday, October 30**

Reformation Sunday  
1517 Society Recognition



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Pangani Partnership Sunday</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Adult Forum - Pangani 11:00 am Worship 1:30 pm Mah Jongg 6:30 pm Acolyte Training 7:00 pm Dance Lessons 8:00 pm Men's AA	<b>3</b> 1:30 pm FA Group 7:00 pm Alanon 7:15 pm Boy Scouts 8:00 pm Alanon/Alateen	<b>4</b> 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 6:30 pm Children's Choir 6:30 pm Zumba Class 7:00 pm Youth Ministry 8:00 pm Women's AA	<b>5</b> 6:30 am Stay & Play Breakfast 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 pm Marketing & Growth 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Zumba Class 7:30 pm Finance Ministry	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> 6:30 pm AA <b>8</b> 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Hike and Bible Study 11:30 am Blessing of the Animals 6:30 pm AA
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