
REFORMATION TIMES

JULY 2017

“PUB THEOLOGY” RETURNS
WITH NEW NAME AND LOCATION

“Table Talk” Stimulates Faith

Martin Luther was well-known for taking conversations of faith outside the church and into homes and taverns around tables. Over time the collections of records about these conversations became known as “Table Talks”. There will be two opportunities this summer to gather for “Table Talk” in the great tradition of Luther to share ideas, thoughts, and questions about faith and life.

There will be a morning and evening option for each “conversation.” The first Table Talk will be around the topic, “Why people go to, join, and leave the church.” The evening “section” will meet on Monday, July 24, at 7:00 pm; the morning section will meet on Thursday, July 27, at 10:30 am. Both sections will meet in the “atrium” at 320 Market Café, 211 West State Street, Media.

The second Table Talk will discuss the topic, “The role of religion in public life.” The morning “section” will meet on Thursday, August 3, at 10:30 am. The evening “section” will meet on Monday, August 7, at 10:30 am. Both sections will also meet in the “atrium” at 320 Market Café.

Come early to enjoy a beverage (perhaps a cup of coffee in the morning, a glass of beer in the evening), a nibble, and great conversation!

Give Blood. Save Lives.

Creighton Hall, Wed., July 5, 2 – 7 pm

Sign up at www.redcrossblood.org

Enter sponsor code: Reformation

Benefits of Donating

- It feels great to donate!
- You get free juice and delicious cookies.
- It's something you can spare – most people have blood to spare . . . yet, there is still not enough to go around.
- You will help ensure blood is on the shelf when needed – most people don't think they will ever need blood, but many do.
- You will be someone's hero – in fact, you could help save more than one life with just one donation.

Munch with Lunch Bunch!

Join an informal gathering for lunch and fellowship on Wednesday, July 19 at the Court Diner and Restaurant at 11:30 am. RSVP by noon, Mon., July 17, to Pat Woerheide (woerheide@comcast.net) or Deacon Beth Barkhau (DeaconBeth@relcmedia.org).

Register Now For VBS



Join us for our Maker's Fun Factory VBS – July 9-13, 2017. Visit myvbs.org/relcmedia to register today!

Countdown to 500!



As a way of building excitement for and celebrating the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation this October, we'll be conducting a

95-day* countdown to the big anniversary on October 31, 2017 (this year, Reformation Sunday actually falls on October 29). In honor of this major milestone anniversary our goal is to increase membership in **THE 1517 SOCIETY**** to at least 50 members (we currently have 43 members) this year. So, during the countdown, the Financial Management Ministry will highlight some simple ways you too can become a member of **THE 1517 SOCIETY**. Keep an eye out for more details in your mailbox and in *Reformation Times* and get ready for the countdown to kick-off in late July.

*Why not 100 days you might ask? Well, because Martin Luther's mailing of his 95 theses to Albert of Brandenburg, the Archbishop of Mainz, on October 31, 1517 is widely considered as the start of the Protestant Reformation.

****THE 1517 SOCIETY** consists of members and friends of Reformation Lutheran Church that have included our church in their Wills or provided for some other kind of planned gift or bequest to the church either during their lifetime or at their death.

Travel With Luther This Summer!

To commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, this summer Martin Luther will be joining you on your summer travels!

Similar to our Reformation cross project, you can take a Martin Luther with you throughout the summer – whether that is across the world or just across the street!

Traveling Luthers are available on the counter in the gathering space along with an instruction sheet. Post your photos of Luther's travels to our Facebook group and use #relcmedia.

Tour Reformation Lands and Beyond

Visit the places where Martin Luther walked, sang, ate and worshiped as well as other cultural centers (Prague, Vienna, and Bratislava) November 2-14 with Pastor Woody Maxon of Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown. For more information contact Pastor Wayne (pastorwayne@relcmedia.org).



Serve the Welcome Church

The Welcome Church is an ELCA congregation proclaiming the hope and love of a gracious God to all people and especially to people experiencing homelessness. All are welcome to be part of this dynamic ministry. The Reverend Violet C Little, Pastor and Developer of The Welcome Church, celebrates Sunday worship on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Aviator Park, rain or shine, the first and fourth Sundays of each month at 3 pm. The Welcome Church is seeking partners to provide a bagged sandwich dinner for those attending worship on Sundays, home baked cookies for their Tea and Talk held on Mondays, or items for their Prayer, Bible Study, Holy Communion on Tuesdays. See Deacon Beth for additional information or visit the website at www.thewelcomechurch.org

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SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS

You Make Ministry Happen!

Here is sample of the ministry you made happen in May and June:

- 48 members honored loved ones with Pentecost plants.
- 168 Pentecost vinca flowers were planted to beautify our property by our Gardening Angels.
- 14 members participated in an interfaith discussion at Ohev Shalom Synagogue in Wallingford. Panelists from Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, and Islamic traditions spoke of their faith.
- You welcomed 17 new members to the life and ministry of Reformation.
- Members supported a Discover Reformation dinner and offered hospitality support for two funerals.
- You recognized 4 High School and 5 College and University graduates.

Each week 34 people volunteer to serve as worship helpers and continue to extend the Good News of Jesus Christ into the world. Greeters, ushers, acolytes, crucifers, communion assistants, welcome center hosts, prayer partners, friendly visitors to our homebound, phone shepherds, and bulletin assemblers assist all in their worship experience.

Thank you, people of God for witnessing, giving and sharing God's love. Maya Angelou, poet, civil rights activist, actor, producer, and author once said, "When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed." For God's glory let us give cheerfully and bear the Christ light into the world. Thank you, thank you for being a blessing!

Learn About Pangani

Pangani Lutheran Parish is located on the eastern shore of Tanzania by the Indian Ocean in East Africa. They are a member of the Northeastern Diocese of ELCT. It is one of the poorest parishes in Tanzania and is located in an area that is more than 90% Muslim. Since the congregation was formed in 1971 there have been no problems with the Muslim community. The church building, located in the town of Pangani, was constructed in 1975 and today the church provides leadership for 31 sub-parishes located along the Pangani River with a combined total membership of 2,835. At present the leadership includes a pastor, a deacon and three evangelists. The pastor tries to visit the sub-parishes twice a year on a motorbike provided by Reformation. The primary occupations of the members are agriculture, agriculture related industries, fishing, and government. Next month we will begin a history of the Pangani Partnership.



2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

Get In On This

Experience-of-a-Lifetime

The next ELCA Youth Gathering will be held June 27 – July 1, 2018, in Houston, TX. All youth who will be in grades 8-12 in the next school year are eligible to attend. Information sheets and

registration forms are available in the ROCK Room and from Pastor Alina. Please speak with Pr. Alina if you have any questions. Registrations and deposits are due by August 1.





If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it

1 Corinthians 12:26

Emily Black, Keith Bocian, Karen Chorney, Brett Conley, Tom Conroy (Treasurer), Talitha D'Italia, Kate Fernandez (Vice President), Marian Filtz, Kristin Gress, Skip Hoffman, Dick Hughey (President), Anna-Olivia Machado, Andrew Marcus (Secretary), Uli Neubert, and Walt Woerheide were installed as Council members and officers during worship on Sunday, May 28.

Shirley DiSabatino entered into eternal life on May 27. A funeral service was held at Reformation on June 2.

Stephen Rozek entered into eternal life on May 9. A funeral service was held at Reformation on June 3.

We bid farewell and Godspeed to **Kathy Fantau** during worship on Sunday, May 21. Kathy moved to North Carolina.

We bid farewell and Godspeed to **Linda Corsi** during worship on Sunday, May 28. Linda moved to Florida.

Katarina Borichevsky, Libby Gregg, Emilie Kyler, and Johnny Walter were recognized as part of our graduate recognition during worship on June 4. All four graduated from high school this year.

David R. Anderson, Robert Barkhau, David and Kara Fontes and their children Elizabeth and Lillian, John Gamlin, John Grantland and Patricia Donnelly, Bill and Penny Hermann, Arden and Margaret Krych, Iumele Norton, John and Eva Speidel, and Daniel Trusky became members of Reformation on Sunday, June 4.

Mckenzie Causey Fuller, daughter of Francis and Morgan Fuller, was baptized at Reformation on Sunday, June 11.

Griffin Lee Miller, son of James Miller and Kristen Ziegler, was baptized at Reformation on Sunday, June 11.

Notes of Thanks

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with the Patriotic concert this year! We had another great concert and it wouldn't be successful without the participation of the hospitality committee, pastors and members of the congregation and community. An especially big thank you to those of you who sang in the Media Patriotic Chorus. It was fun to reconnect and sing with members of the congregation and community. Joe Smith and his Dixieland band entertained us again and were a big hit. The Patriotic Concert is a wonderful opportunity for people to come together and celebrate our great country! Thank you, Reformation, for hosting this event.

Valerie Rozek



Thank you for the many cards and kind words of condolence that I received after the death of my son, Stephen. Thank you also to the Hospitality Committee for your combined efforts in making sure the luncheon proceeded smoothly after Stephen's service. I was very comforted knowing there were people thinking of me and my family and praying on our behalf. I really appreciate all of you at Reformation.

Thank you,
Valerie



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Personal stresses and societal forces pose challenges to use as we live our everyday lives as Christians. There are strong forces in society which tend to tempt us to act and react on the basis of principles and values which may not be consistent with our Christian faith.

The words of scripture can help us as we deal with the strong currents that might pull us off course.

Here are two that are often helpful to me. The first is from the prophet Micah (6:8): “What does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Whether dealing with a matter of personal relationship or considering complex social issues, I always find it helpful to return to these three basic ways of being – doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God.

A second verse that I find helpful is from Paul’s letter to the Romans (15:13): “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

No matter how discouraged, distressed, or drained I may feel, I am uplifted by the reminder that I can live a life of hope because God is a God of hope and, in the words of the great hymn, “My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.”

May you be filled with the joy and peace which comes from the God of hope.

Pastor Wayne Matthias-Long

Young Adults Save The Date!

What: Young(er) Adults' Potluck Brunch
(family event)

When: August 13, 2017, ~ 11 am

Where: Creighton Hall Details to follow!

Eco-Tip

When going on a picnic this summer, remember: using durable dishware, etc., helps reduce waste to the landfill, litter and wasted resources from one-time use. Use durable dishes, cloth napkins and tablecloths, not paper or plastic. Avoid disposable Styrofoam coolers and use a durable cooler.

Sunday School Thanks You



We celebrated another great Sunday School year at our annual end of the year brunch. Special thanks to all our amazing volunteer teachers who make Sunday School possible each week! And thank you to all the parents for bringing your children each week and contributing the wonderful food for the brunch!

If you were not able to attend our brunch, please be sure to stop by the receptionist desk in the church office to pick up the certificate for your child (Small Stars-6th grade.)

We look forward to seeing everyone again in September when Sunday School resumes!

You Could Save A Life!

Each Sunday we say that called by Christ we will serve our neighbors. We not only pledge this but our church provides ways that we can easily serve others and our community through basic emergency medical care. We have two AED (automated electronic defibrillator) machines that give recorded instructions when powered on basic first aid kits. Frequently, despite equipment and education, people don't want to help in medical emergencies! Why?

Let's examine fears that make people shy away from helping in a medical emergency and especially in a possible cardiac emergency:

I'm unsure of my ability to help. The solution is practice, practice, practice! Each year we provide two CPR review classes (cardiopulmonary resuscitation with the use of an AED) to remind members of what to do in a cardiac emergency and demonstrate how the AEDs work. A certification class in CPR is provided without cost biannually. First aid guidelines are regularly published and equipment is available in first aid kits. Low cost on-line courses are available such as RedCross.com and Protrainings.com, that make learning fun and give excellent information.

What if I make a mistake or hurt someone?

In a medical emergency, especially a cardiac emergency where someone is not breathing and has no pulse, they really can't get worse. They are clinically dead! All anyone can do is buy them a little time so they might get another chance at life! Even if you bruise them or break a few ribs they have another chance to live. Trying, even with errors is not a mistake.

I don't want to be sued if I help. In 1985 the Good Samaritan Act was adopted. If you don't

mean to hurt someone and you are not paid to help or go beyond training you receive, you are immune to suits. When trying to help in an emergency, you are protected

I might touch blood or body fluids, is that safe? Gloves and barrier masks are in all first aid kits in church. Even when you don't have personal protection available, Compression only CPR for adults started in the first few minutes has been shown to be as effective as chest compressions with rescue breathing!

I think the scene is too dangerous. STOP, don't make yourself a second victim. Secure the scene if you are able and then help. Electrical cords, flooding or fires, or unstopped traffic are examples.

Pat Woerheide, RN



Review and Practice CPR Aug. 6

Anyone interested in CPR with an AED demonstration (cardiopulmonary resuscitation with an automated electronic defibrillator) or previously certified in CPR is invited to attend this review and practice session. It will be held after the last service (about 11:00 a.m.) on August 6 in Creighton Hall (lower level of building).

Library News

Worship Traditions as Diverse as Humanity

Check out the Library bulletin board for books about the diverse ways people have chosen to define the values of a good life, to worship and to live a life of faith.



Depending on how you look at them, the faith traditions of the world may seem wildly different. Sometimes we only know about features which aren't central to the faith – like viewing Hanukah as the Jewish version of Christmas. Or the media may fix on just one feature of a religion and perhaps not accurately – like jihad, primarily an internal struggle to live out faith for Muslims. And in yet other instances, our own traditions and past practices heavily influence how we perceive other religions – think of Catholicism. Yet there's much more to all faiths than we may think. And reading about them shows the deeply human need we share to worship a higher power. Learning the many ways we do so is a way to deepen our own faith, and broaden our appreciation of what we share in common.

Take a DVD Trip to the Holy Land

In just 56 minutes, presenter David Nunn takes you through 16 segments that will let you read the gospels in Technicolor rather than black and white. This production sweeps us through the “greatest story ever told” from Jesus' birth in Bethlehem to his triumphant ascension on the Mount of Olives – all in their original setting.

Tip: Visualization of the gospel stories, including placing yourself in the narrative as if you were there, leads some people to a deeper understanding of Jesus and his teachings.

Check Out Our New Webpage

Now you can easily find out if the library has a book in which you are interested from the comfort of your own home! See what's new and what's most popular. Take a look:

<http://19529.rmwebopac.com/>

Thanks for the Donations

New and gently used books and DVDs that you have found meaningful are always welcome. Thank you to Edna Bogert and Anonymous for their recent gifts.

Join Us For Book Club

The Reformation Library Book Club meets quarterly to discuss a range of classic and current fiction and non-fiction. Meetings start at 7:00 pm in the Alyce Thompson room and all are welcome. No RSVP needed. Even if you have not read the book, join us to enjoy great conversation, community and snacks!

Next up on July 25 is Thomas Hardy's classic *Far From the Madding Crowd*, a 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 and her would-be lovers. The themes of personal identity, love, honor and betrayal that made this Hardy's first literary success are still relevant today. As is the question: is Bathsheba a feminist?



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Called by Christ, we

INVITE all people

SERVE our neighbors

BUILD a living faith

Tuesday, July 4
Independence Day – Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5
Red Cross Blood Drive 2- 7 pm

Sunday, July 9 – Thursday, July 13
Vacation Bible School 6 – 8:30 pm
Adult Class 7:00 – 8:15 pm



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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 2017-2018. **The collection ends August 6.**

**A box for donations is available in the narthex and the church office.
Thank you for your generous donations!**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Plastic Pencil Box	Large Pink Erasers
Pocket Tissue Packs	Pencils
Composition Books	Pocket Folders
Crayons (24 count box)	Safety Scissors
Washable Markers (8 count box)	Pencil Sharpener
Glue (8 ounce bottle)	Ruler
Glue Sticks	

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Planner	Ruler
Scotch Tape	Mini Stapler
Scissors	3 Ring Binders
Highlighters	Binder Dividers
No. 2 Pencils	Loose Leaf Paper
Mechanical Pencils	Post It Notes
Colored Pencils	1 Subject Notebooks
Pencil Sharpener	3 or 5 Subject Spiral Notebooks
Index Cards (ruled & unruled)	Folders
Pens	Book Covers/Jackets
Protractor	

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