

REFORMATION TIMES

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TANZANIA TEAM BLESSING – AUGUST 21

At the end of August three members from Reformation will be traveling to Tanzania along with representatives from the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America churchwide office. Join us in blessing **Jennifer Breen, Connie Richardson, and John Chesters** for their trip during worship on Sunday, August 21.

You are also invited to learn about their experience and celebrate our relationship with our friends in Tanzania during our Pennsylvania-Pangani Partnership Sunday on October 2.

ALL MINISTRY NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 8 AT 7:00 PM

Save the date for our All Ministry Night! We will gather on Thursday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary to begin another year of ministry together. If you are already a member of a ministry team or are interested in learning more about our ministry here at Reformation please plan to attend. All are welcome!

EVENTS ON SEPTEMBER 11

RALLY DAY

Rally Day is Sunday, September 11! Our regular worship schedule resumes that morning with worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages starts at 9:45 that morning. Please plan to join us that morning as we start another great year of life here at Reformation!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Bring your backpacks to worship on September 11 for a special blessing as we celebrate the start of another school year and God's blessings in our lives every day!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL –

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who worked to make Vacation Bible School a wonderful and special week here at Reformation! We give thanks to God for the blessing of all of the teachers, site leaders and helpers and for all of the children who helped us see God's amazing grace!

OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!

Our summer cross project continues through these final weeks of summer! Crosses are still available in the gathering space outside of 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!)

Many pictures have been submitted already and you can see them in our Facebook group and on the TV in our gathering space on Sunday mornings.

We hope that 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.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 18

Our fourth annual "God's Work, Our Hands Sunday" will be held on September 18. Non-perishable food items will be collected at the church and at Trader Joe's in Media. Volunteers are needed to help with setup, receiving food donations, and delivering food items to the Media Food Bank at Media Methodist Church.

FALL ROAD CLEAN UP SEPTEMBER 24

Join us for our fall clean up of Rose Tree Road. We will gather at the church at 10:00 on Saturday, September 24. Help us to continue our stewardship of God's creation together.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25

Join us on Sunday, September 25, as we welcome home all members of Reformation – past and present!

During worship we will recognize our "Heritage Members" – those who have been members of Reformation for 50 or more years.

We will also recognize members of Confirmation Classes from years ending in "1" and "6." A list of names from these classes is printed in this newsletter. Please help us locate those people by providing the church office with contact information you may have for them and be sure to extend an invitation to all members to join us for this celebration.



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

At worship on Sunday, July 17, our ASP Team was commissioned for their trip to Bland County, VA from July 24 – 30. Team members include: **Alexis Bingeman, Ron Bingeman, Grace Brooks, Dave Chorney, Brett Conley, Pr. Alina Gayeuski, Megan Gress, Layla Phillips, Joey Reitano, Matt Reitano, Dave Smith, Dianne Smith, and Will Skarbek.**

UNDERWEAR COLLECTION

Matthew 25:36, 40 "I was naked and you clothed me...as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me."

August is upon us, and underwear is on sale, so once again Reformation Lutheran is working with the Needlework Guild of America (NGA) to collect NEW underwear and socks.

NGA is a grassroots charity dedicated to providing NEW toiletries, linens, and clothing (that's TLC) for new tomorrows. We serve 10 agencies in Delaware and Chester Counties: Bernadine Center, CADES, Chester Co. Domestic Violence Center, City Team Ministries, Delaware County Pregnancy Center, Fair Acres Geriatric Center, Inglis Foundation, Salvation Army, Seaside Home (NJ) and Simpson House.

Remember, the needy come in all sizes, shapes, ages, and genders from the newest baby at the pregnancy center to the oldest resident at Fair Acres. (Last year, Reformation provided 428 much needed items.)

For further information, please contact Sally Burkam, 610-566-8737.

The NGA Prayer

Father of all Mercies: We are clothed, we are fed, we are sound in mind and body. In gratitude for these great blessings we offer material things to those less fortunate. Add Thy blessings, we beseech Thee, to the work of our hands and hearts, so that each garment may carry to the wearer not only decency and warmth, but courage, comfort, and hope for brighter days. Amen

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

As a congregation, we've pledged to serve one another while we build a living faith in Jesus Christ, but sometimes that serving scares us. We don't want to discuss anything about diseases that seem incomprehensible or difficult to control. Suicide is an example. I'm not going to tell you there's an easy answer to this tragic disease process, but knowledge can decrease the occurrence of this disease that ends in the loss of human life. Suicide most often occurs when stressors exceed the current coping capacity of someone suffering from a mental health condition. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention has dedicated their organization to education about suicide. They stress being alert and taking action!

Be Alert!

Do you know someone who talks about:

Being a burden to others? Feeling trapped? Experiencing unbearable pain? Having no reason to live? Killing themselves?

Do you know someone exhibiting these behavior changes:

Increased use of alcohol or drugs? Looking for a way to kill themselves? Such as searching online for materials or means? Acting recklessly? Withdrawing from activities? Isolating from family and friends? Sleeping too much or too little? Visiting or calling people to say goodbye? Giving away prized possessions? Or aggression?

Can you identify a mood change in a friend, family member or yourself, that is unusual such as:

Depression? Loss of interest? Rage? Irritability? Humiliation? or Anxiety?

Take Action!

It is natural to be concerned that your observations may be unfounded! Get help! Talking about suicide does not lead to suicide! Discuss your observations with



OWLS

OUTSTANDING, WISER, LUTHERANS

Thank You from the OWLs

As most members of Reformation know, the "O" in OWLs stands for "**Older**." Many of those who attend OWLs meetings are not as spry as they'd like to be; setting up tables and chairs for monthly meetings can be difficult. Two years ago Joe Mirarchi and John Kulp volunteered to do that job! **We want John and Joe to know that their efforts are very much appreciated!**

Thank you Joe! Thank you John!

In 2015-2016 the OWLs hosted a variety of programs, including ones on art, music, literature, safety, positive psychology, travel, health, exercise, and other topics. **Many, many thanks to all those who voluntarily shared their knowledge, talents, and interests! They were all appreciated!!**

And we're not done! On September 12 the new year of programs begins with songstress/ entertainer Patti Garver, who once again will share her talents. Sarah Bocian and her mother will thrill us on October 10 with an overview of their Antarctic adventure. Watch for more details in the next newsletter!

Thank you to our members who donate desserts, who volunteer to set tables, decorate the tables, buy the food (funded by free-will offering) and sometimes, even **cook** the food, and who clean up afterwards! Thanks to those who organize the tasks, plan the programs, chair the meetings. Sharing the work lightens the load! **Thank you, members and friends!**

The OWLs welcome everyone, so come on September 12 and bring a friend!

others. Call the National Suicide Prevention Hot line at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or call me, Pastor Alina or Pastor Wayne. Suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the U.S. - for each death there are 25 attempts.



Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you. – Genesis 28:15 (VBS 2016 Theme Verse)

Each night at our Deep Sea Discovery Vacation Bible School we went under the ocean to discover a clue and help us learn something about God's love for us.

From the very beginning our 62 students were hooked! As we learned through songs, Bible stories, crafts, games and service each night we were reminded that "God is with me wherever I go!"

We also got caught up in serving at VBS. Each night our students attended our Mission Site where they worked on making water bottle care kits to be distributed at the Life Center in Upper Darby. Each of the 240 water bottles included some snacks, treats, and a note from one of our students telling the recipient that they are cared for and loved.

We also collected our VBS Offering for the ELCA's Walk for Water – an initiative of the Global Hunger Appeal that provides safe and accessible water through programs in over 60 countries. The generosity of our students along with the generosity of many congregation members brought our offering total to over \$800! This along with a matching gift from our Holiday Offering Fund will go as a gift to the Walk for Water program. (To learn more you can visit the ELCA's website: elca.org/walk4water)

So much goes into making a week of VBS such a wonderful experience for everyone and much gratitude is due to all who served as teachers, leaders, and assistants. And many thanks to everyone who kept our VBS in your prayers and gave thanks to God for this wonderful ministry with our children.

Blessings!

Pastor Alina Gayeuski

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

IN SEARCH OF . . . Confirmation Class Members

Listed below and on the following page are the names of Reformation Confirmation Classes of years ending in "1" and "6." Your help is needed in order for us to invite these individuals back to Reformation for Homecoming Sunday, September 25. Please provide the church office with the contact information (and name changes) of any people on this list that you may know.

The list has been compiled from the Parish Register. In some instances the handwriting was difficult to decipher, so there may be spelling errors. Thanks for your help.

1951

William Strong
Jane Strong
William Eachus Horne
Florence Kershaw
George Sell
Williard Sell
Wesley C. Smith
Harriet Stapleton
Helen Williams

1956

Ellen Collum
Eleanor Fessenbecker
James Gabriel
Thomas Hayen
James Hess
Daniel Malman
Sandra Radford
Joyce Schmidt
Jerry Werner

1961

Lawrence J. Brenner
Doreen E. Eachus
Judith L. Ebright
George F. Gabel
Leslie A. Graham
Lee T. Holljes
Robert H. Jones
Bertha Jeanne Kelsall
Theodore L. Kuder
Craig H. Pennell
Robert Radford III
George D. Roth, Jr.
William C. Simcox, Jr.
Charles K. Stapleton

1966

John W. Barnard, Jr.
William B. Beck
Christine June Black
Jeffrey Lee Buller
Lorraine Ogden Cannon
Wendy Leigh Cross
Carolyn Joyce Davis
Charles Alexander Dickey
Robert Bruce Dickey, Jr.
Frank G. DiGiovanni
Douglas Scott Dodgson
Mark Winston Flodin
Susan Gallagher
Desiree Geshen
Joanmarie Gorans
David Paul Groth
Laird Ivar Hariu
Nelson U. Henry, Jr.
Marilyn Lee Korn
Patricia Louise Laurrell
Lee Jervis Marshall
Carole McCay
Guy Allison Messick
Loretta Ruth Romo
George Walter Rumsey, Jr.
Diana Lee Schock
Neil Stuverude
Lucinda Stuart
Audrey Ellen Terstappen
Ann Thompson
Sue Anne Werner
(Anchor) Joel Williams
(Emily) Antoinette Wood

1971

Jo Ellen Anderson
Betsi Ann Bartholomew
Peter Barry Blanton
Charles Richard Brenz
Thomas Leroy Bressler
Robert Atkins Caldwell
Barbara Ann Creighton
Terence Lee Daltroff
John David Dickinson, Jr.
Nancy Lee Dix
Linda Elisabeth Grissinger
Richard Lee Green
Karen Grigsby
Thomas Steven Grumwald
William Lee Hartranft
Lorie Marie Hiatt
Donald Eugene Hinkle
Colleen Theola Kerr
Carolyn Sue Knox
Jonathan Albert Le Breton
Diane Louse Marencin
Jennifer Dawn McKinney
Mark Arthur Mintun
Hunter Shainline Neal, Jr.
Ronald Dale Owen
Victoria Joan Ponton
Clinton Allan Rupert
Paul Stephen Shook
Debra Leanne Smith
Kathryn Lee Stark
Michele Louise Stolar
Randolph McCluer Stuart
David William Swartz
Ellen Talbot
Helen Brown Upshur
Jennifer Jean Zeien

1976

Sally Leigh Barton
 Krystina Cartledge
 Kathleen Comfort
 Maureen Comfort
 Robert R. Davies
 Diana DiGiovanni
 Donna DiGiovanni
 Cindy Ann Gilbert
 John Glenstrup
 Blair Green
 Thomas B. Hannum III
 Donald Ross Hilaman, Jr.
 Steven Edward Jost
 Mark Karlsen
 Kathryn Louise Kohnstom
 Stephen Kress
 Katharine Laven
 Jeffrey Martin Leisey
 John Lowrey
 Mark Litwack
 Douglas Ludin
 Maike Naumann
 Teri Jill Neithammer
 Thomas David Pennewell
 Susan Carol Robinson
 Douglas Witney Rupp
 Suzanne Jean Smith
 James Brant Singley
 Anne Talbot
 Robert Lee Thompson
 Michael Waltman
 Theodore Robert Wenrich
 Wendy Virginna Woodward
 Andres Susi

1981

Steven E. Bingeman
 Donna L. Campana
 Brian E. Carlson
 Daniel A. Elkins
 Linda S. Habgood
 Joshua W. Hitchcock
 Roger F. Horton
 Richard A. Moyer
 Otto M. Müller
 Lisa A. Olchewsky
 Kristine Pike
 J. Scott Scholl
 Amy E. Stephenson
 Lynn E. Stevenson
 Kimberly A. Taylor
 Stephanie A. Waldman
 Deborah J. Waters
 Kurt M. Wenrich

1991

Stephen John Harms
 Katja Angela Weyers
 Jeffrey Swanson

1996

Thomas Max Bell
 Kristin Lyn Gilroy
 Brett Henry Hoffecker
 John Lawrence Kulp
 Derek Robert
 Christian Scheurer Miller
 Caleb Jason Mills
 Brett Thomas Norton
 Paul Powell
 Michael Jeffrey Shortlidge

2001

Katelyn Bell
 Kyle Bell
 Michael Ebright
 Elise Klinger
 Kurt Kunz
 Justin Pahl
 Michael Perloff
 Matthew Rusinak
 Emily Schu
 Kathryn Chorney
 Peter Clain
 Robert Clain
 Laura Crawford
 Alyson Ebright
 Nathan Flandreau
 Brandt Norton
 Jennifer Pritchard

2006

Elizabeth Baldwin
 Jackson BATTERY
 Kristen Rose Chorney
 Darrell Darkow
 Adam Fender
 Dan Lucas
 Teanna Cutadean
 Kyle O'Brien

2011

Audrey Burns
 Paige Conley
 Daphne Fischer
 Susanna-Fei Koethe
 Daniel Korinth
 Kevin Korthaus
 Jade Phillips
 Yasmin Radfar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:30 pm FA Group 7:00 pm Alanon 8:00 pm Alanon/Alateen	2 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 6:30 pm Zumba Class 7:00 pm Youth Ministry 8:00 pm Women's AA	3 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 pm Marketing & Growth	4 6:30 pm Zumba Class 7:30 pm Finance Ministry	5	6 6:30 pm AA
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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Sundays at 8:30 am and 10:00 am
No Sunday School

August 7 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 14 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 21 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Tanzania Team Blessing

August 28 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost