
REFORMATION TIMES

APRIL 2019



HOLY WEEK

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 14 at 8:30 and 11:00

The Great and Holy Week begins with the celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem accompanied by the waving of palm branches and shouts of Hosanna! Worship begins with the Liturgy of Palms during which everyone will join the procession with the palms. The tone of the service shifts to the contemplation of the Passion of Christ as recorded in the gospel of Mark. The passion narrative will be read by a variety of voices.

The Three Days – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil – provide many wonderful worship opportunities to gather as a community and reflect on the passion of Christ. During the Three Days we hear the story of the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ as told in the gospel of John. These three worships can be seen as one continuous movement from the final night Jesus spent with his disciples, to the cross, to the burial and finally to the empty tomb!

Maundy Thursday Worship

April 18 at 7:30 pm

The Three Days begin on Maundy Thursday. Beginning with an order of confession and forgiveness, a time is provided for all attending worship to come forward to receive individual absolution and the laying on of hands. It is also

the night that we hear the words of Jesus' new commandment (the Latin *mandatum* from which Maundy comes), to love one another. The altar is stripped at the end of worship and the congregation leaves the sanctuary in silence.

Good Friday Worship

April 19 at 12 noon and 7:30 pm

Our noon worship will be a reflective service of readings and prayer. The passion recorded in John's gospel will help us focus on the cross at the center of our worship.

Our 7:30 worship provides an opportunity to focus and reflect on the cross. The reading of the passion as recorded in John's gospel is underscored by the singing of hymns that echo this great narrative. The darkness of the journey to the tomb becomes visually evident in the extinguishing of candles and the darkening of the sanctuary.

Easter Vigil Worship

April 20 at 7:30 pm

Guest preacher: Bishop Patricia Davenport

This worship is one of the oldest traditions in Christian worship. Echoing the words from John's gospel that tell us that the women returned to the tomb "while it was still dark," we gather at dusk. Kindling a new fire, we enter the sanctuary to hear of God's great acts of salvation throughout history. The gospel reading then pronounces the great news of Easter: Christ is risen! To which we respond with the first Alleluias of Easter!

Easter Day Festival Services

April 21 at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00

Celebrate Christ's triumph over the grave! There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter Day.

Prepare For First Communion



It is our practice at Reformation that children receive their first communion at the desire of their parents.

First communion instruction is a take home lesson set that can be completed at your own time and pace. Once the lessons are completed, the family will set up a meeting with Pastor Alina, and then choose a date for the child to receive first communion.

This can be done for any age (or ages if you wish for siblings to receive first communion together) and can be done at any time of the year.

Families desiring for their child to receive their first communion should contact Pastor Alina.

WALK BY FAITH OPPORTUNITIES

Save The Dates

All are welcome as we walk by faith to build a living faith!

Book Drive for Cradles to Crayons during Vacation Bible School, Sunday July 7-Thursday, July 11

The Welcome Church Thirst Quencher Hospitality on The Parkway, Sunday, July 28, and again on Sunday August 25. We'll depart Reformation at 2 pm and share fellowship and dinner upon our return.

Questions? See Sandy Mullican Chair Community Action Ministry Team or Deacon Beth

FAITH LIFE CONNECTIONS

Civil Conversations



Inspired by Krista Tippett's *On Being* podcast and the Civil Conversations project, members and friends of Reformation are invited to participate in three

weeks of shared listening and dialogue.

Gathering each Sunday in Creighton Hall at 9:45 am, Civil Conversation is designed to increase our understanding of each other in the midst of times and voices that would have us turning away from one another. Civil Conversations give us the chance to practice, in the words of Krista Tippett, "speaking together differently in order to live together differently." Questions? See Civil Conversations-trained leaders Marilyn Berberich, Deacon Beth, or Pastor Alina.

Themes for upcoming Civil Conversations:

May 5: Words That Shimmer

May 12: The Art of Peace

May 19: Belonging Creates and Undoes Us
Both

Note: **May 19** will be the last Faith Life Connection class until our next program year starting in the Fall. Thank you, Reformation members Bob Barkhau, Marilyn Berberich, Doug Gaston, Marilyn Gilroy, Carolyn Hathaway, Stacy Opalka, and Laura Reiter, for helping us walk by faith!

Register for VBS

Join us for Vacation Bible School – **July 7-11**. Children ages 3 – completed grade 5. Registration is now open at: myvbs.org/relcmedia





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

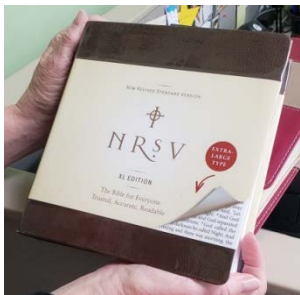
1 Corinthians 12:26

Jack Burke, Elizabeth Fontes, Luke Ciarmella, Angela Falkowski, and Lillian Bocian received their Bibles on Sunday, March 31.

Turn In Your Lent Care Kits

Throughout Lent, we have been collecting supplies for Care Kits to be given to those who are homeless or in need such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks, feminine hygiene products, lip balm, deodorant, hand sanitizers, wipes, lotions, shampoo, nail clippers, combs, small hair brushes, and healthy snacks (individually wrapped granola bars, crackers, fruit snacks, etc.). The due date for donations is **Sunday, April 7**. Place your items in the collection bins located at the top of the lobby steps. See Community Action Ministry Team Chair, Sandy Mullican, with any questions.

All ARE Welcome Here



People with low vision are unique, being neither fully sighted nor totally blind. Visual acuities vary greatly. At Reformation we welcome all and strive to ensure we have

resources to support one another to build a living faith. The church library has a new extra large print New Revised Standard Version of the Bible for all to use. Share this good news as you walk by faith!

Special Aid-for-Friends Event

Save the date for a special Reformation and Aid for Friends Event! On **June 1** participants will gather at Reformation to car pool (or you are can travel directly to the site if you prefer) to the Aid for Friends distribution center in Northeast Philadelphia to help cook healthy, hearty meals in the on-site kitchen. *Team Reformation* will receive guidance and be coached by Aid for Friends staff.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Church Lobby early in May. Questions? See Community Action Ministry Team Chair, Sandy Mullican, Sandy.Mullican@comcast.net or Deacon Beth deaconbeth@relcmedia.org or 803.646.0599.

Take A Hike

We have rescheduled our annual walk at the Heinz Refuge at Tinicum for **Saturday, April 27**. We will meet at the church at 9:00 am and carpool to the refuge. Dogs are permitted if they are on a leash. We should be home by 12:00. This is a great place to observe birds, flowers, tree and ducks on the lake. This is the only fresh water tidal marsh in Pennsylvania.

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Dear Members of Reformation,

I know I have thanked you many times for my retirement celebration and for all the kind letters and gifts you generously presented to me. I just wish to tell everyone that it has meant so much to me and I will cherish the memories forever. A very special gift was given to me this month and I want to recognize Linda Bucher and Deacon Beth in this letter. I was given a hand made Star quilt and a memory booklet of my retirement party. It is so special that words cannot adequately describe my joy in receiving them. Thank you, everyone involved in making my retirement memorable!

Fondly,
Patricia Woerheide (former Parish Nurse)



Pastor Alina Gayeuski, Linda Bucher, Deacon Beth Barkhau and Pastor Wayne Matthias-Long present to Pat Woerheide the star quilt finished by Linda and Deacon Beth.

BEAR CREEK CAMP NEWS

Register For Camp

Registration is now open for all summer programs at Bear Creek Camp. To register, visit: bearcreekcamp.org.



Fight Like Hail Success

I wanted to share our final totals. We exceeded my goal of 1,000 bags. I am so excited to share that our total amount bagged is 1,962. Each bag contains items such as a granola bar, soup, fruit snack, drink, chips, mints, and Hershey kisses. Due to the large number of donations, we were able to provide bags to the HeadStrong house in Swarthmore and the Ronald McDonald house at DuPont. Last week my nephew was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes and stayed at the DuPont Hospital for 5 days. We will also be delivering to the RMH at St Christopher's and they will transport to the Walnut Street Home and CHOP.

Thank you so much for helping us with this project.

Christine and Mike Polito



Library Book Club

ALL are welcome on **Tuesday, April 16**, at 7:00 pm in the Reformation library for a lively discussion of the spring Book Club selection, *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by British writer Mark Haddon. This acclaimed mystery novel, and now Broadway play, is told in the first person by Christopher Boone, a 15 year old boy with high functioning autism/savant syndrome. Christopher loves math and puzzles and uses all his unique resources to solve the mystery of a dead neighborhood dog and ultimately the mystery of his dysfunctional family. Christopher's spare narration provides a meaningful glimpse into the life of an autistic young man who struggles to make sense of his world in ways that resonate with teens and adults readers alike.

Play Ball!



Five area Lutheran churches will again be joining forces to form an 'ELCA' slow-pitch softball team this spring and participate in a local church league. Any able male or

female over the age of 16 is welcome to join this group for fun, fellowship and a little exercise. Games begin in May and continue through the playoff tournament in July. We will play ten regular season games during the week (never on a Fri/Sat/Sun) at ELAM near 202 in Glen Mills. We do not expect you to commit to EVERY game, but hope you can make a majority. There will be a small fee for tee shirts (if you do not already have one) and registration. Please spread the word about this fun opportunity - invite your friends! If you are interested in learning more or signing up please contact Jameson Troutman at jame1227@hotmail.com. More info at relcmedia.org/elca-softball

Learn Local History

The Men's Breakfast group invites all Reformation Men to join us for Breakfast on Saturday,



April 13. Our guest speaker this Saturday is the well known Local Historian A. David Black. Mr. Black will present his documentary on the Historical, Cultural and Economic growth of Media PA. Mr. Black will entertain everyone with his memories of living in Media from the early 1960's to present day. Coffee and Fellowship begin at 8:30 am, breakfast is served at 9:00 and the presentation starts by 9:30 am.

Dare to Understand

Interfaith Philadelphia's 2019 Dare to Understand Award honors Krista Tippett April 28, 4:00-6:30 pm at Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral. For more information, go to interfaithphiladelphia.org.

Krista Tippett is a Peabody Award winning broadcaster and New York Times bestselling author. In 2011, Tippett began the Civil Conversations Project, an amorphous idea for addressing what she saw as her mission of healing a chaotic world. In her 2007 book, *Speaking of Faith*, she describes that calling as a way to "speak about faith that defuses the usual minefields. I explore the light my conversation partners shed on the great issues of our time, from the depths of their knowledge and experience in the world." In *Becoming Wise*, published in 2016, Tippett takes this idea one step further: "The crack in the middle where people on both sides absolutely refuse to see the other as evil — this is where I want to live and what I want to widen."

Share Your Talents



The Good Neighbors Time Bank invites you to an introduction of time banking on **Saturday, April 20**, at 1:00 pm at Reformation! This nonprofit is a great way to get

involved with the community, meet new people, and volunteer your talents with people in need. At the introduction you will be able to learn what time banking is and how you can get involved while enjoying the company of new and old friends. Snacks will be provided, please come out for a fun time! For more information visit: goodneighborstb.timebanks.org

Monthly Eco-Tip



This month's ECO tip deals with paint. Don't dump leftover paint, it may have harmful contents. You could

donate leftover paint to local theater or school drama programs. Water-based paint can be recycled into new paint. Check earth911.com or ask your local hardware or paint store for programs in your area.



Scholar in Residence Dr. Kristin Johnston Largen led the Sermon on the Steps on Sunday, March 9.

Join Music Together®

Classes will start **April 12** and run for 10 weeks on Fridays, 4:30-5:15pm. Register for a FREE SAMPLE CLASS on **April 5** here: <https://www.tempotheary.com/pamusicttogetherdemo>

Music Together® is an early childhood music class for families with children from birth through age 5. You and your child will love singing, dancing, and playing with instruments together! Tuition for 10 weeks is \$195 and includes a CD and digital download of the session's songs, a coordinating songbook, and access to the Family Music Zone online portal. Register for the Spring Session at <https://www.tempotheary.com/pamusicttogetherregistration>. For more information, see Kara Fontes.



Munch With Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on **Wednesday, April 10**, 12:30 pm, at the Porch at the Lamb Tavern, 865 W. Springfield Rd., Springfield.

The Lunch Bunch will also meet on **Wednesday, May 8**, 12:30 pm, at A Taste of Britain, 503 Lancaster Ave., Wayne (in Eagle Village Shops). We need an accurate count in order to make this reservation so we ask that you sign-up now if you are interested.

Both sign-up sheets are in the lobby. If you would like a ride, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet. Contact Edna Bogert, Karen Chorney, or Linda Bucher with any questions.

FROM THE PASTOR

On Friday, March 15, ten Reformation members gathered at the KenCrest Community Champions luncheon. This annual luncheon is a celebration of members of the wider community that champion the work and mission of KenCrest throughout the year. (To learn more about the ministry of KenCrest visit kencrest.org.)

This year, Reformation was nominated and chosen to be a 2019 KenCrest Community Champion. Reformation was chosen because of our partnership with KenCrest and commitment to inclusion in our own ministry.

The award citation reads, in part: "Presented to Reformation Lutheran Church of Media, PA, in recognition of embracing the KenCrest mission wholeheartedly, and for their support over the last 15 years ... Thank you, Reformation Lutheran Church, for being a shining example of what inclusion truly looks like, and for embracing KenCrest values."

The medallion and award certificate will be added to the wall in the lobby where our welcome statement hangs as another symbol of

the wonderful life we share together as God's people!

Join us in celebrating as we continue to live out our mission to invite all people, serve our neighbors, and build a living faith!

Thank you for being a part of the way we live out this mission every day!

Blessings!
Pastor Alina Gayeuski



Top row left to right: Mariel Filtz, Valerie Rozek, Pat Woerheide, Walt Woerheide, Larry Filtz, Pastor Wayne Matthias-Long

Bottom row left to right: Pastor Alina Gayeuski, Andrew Marcus, Deacon Beth Barkhau, Karen Matthias-Long, and Marilyn Gilroy.



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MISSION: Called by Christ,
we **INVITE** all people,
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WELCOME: Called by Christ, we invite and welcome all people. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, age, abilities, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or employment status. We welcome all without regard to religious belief or identity, citizenship, political views, or anything that might divide us. Our unity is in Christ.

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