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# REFORMATION TIMES

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NOVEMBER 2019

You  
Belong



Throughout October we have reflected on the good news of the message, "You belong to Christ!" This great gift to us from God leads us to respond with lives overflowing with gratitude and generosity.

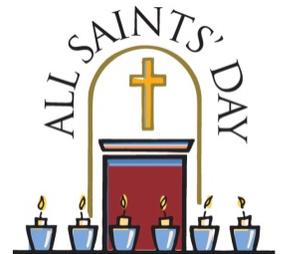
On October 27 we celebrated not only Reformation, the defining event which is also our congregation's namesake, but also Commitment Sunday, the opportunity for us to indicate our plan to financially support the mission of Reformation in the coming year. Your extra measure of support is needed to allow us to sustain that mission by extending Deacon Beth's call to remain at Reformation as our Director of Faith Engagement.

THANK YOU for your generous response to all that God has done and is doing in your life and in our life together as Reformation. If you have not had a chance to return your Estimate of Giving Card yet, please do so as soon as possible so we can plan for 2020 in a fiscally responsible manner.

## We Remember All the Saints

On All Saints' Sunday, **November 3**, we remember and give thanks to God "for all the saints, who from their labors rest."

The following members of Reformation are named and remembered on that day:



The Rev. William Davis  
Debra Felton  
Franklin Koch  
Marlyn Martinson  
Sally Sander  
Gisela Treichel

*"Rest eternal grant them, O Lord;  
and let light perpetual shine upon them."*

## Thanks Living

*"Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices." – Now Thank We All Our God (ELW #840)*

Our lives of faith are ones lived in thanks to God for all our blessings. On **Sunday, November 17**, we will celebrate the abundant blessings we have received and give thanks to God. During worship, we will bless our food gifts being sent out into the community for Thanksgiving meals.



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

**Rachel Bingeman, Mara Cropper, Emily Gregg, Kylie Polito, Ben Skarbek** affirmed the promises made at their baptisms during the Rite of Confirmation during worship on October 20.

**FAITH BUILDERS**

**Faith-Life Connections**

**Dear Church**

Lenny Duncan, author of *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US*, is the unlikeliest of pastors. Formerly incarcerated, he is now a preacher in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Join Bob Barkhau as he facilitates table talk book discussion in Creighton Hall Sundays, **October 27 to November 17**. Books are available in the lobby.

**Healing for the Holidays**

A new four-week study for Advent begins on **Sunday, November 24**, in Creighton Hall at 9:45 am. The holiday season brings great



joy. If we are truthful, it also creates stress. Stress affects our mind, body, emotions, and behaviors. Each week, participants will gain new insights and strategies for maneuvering this hectic and busy time. Join Reformation member and certified dietician, Danielle Burke, the Rev. Dr. Zuline Wilkinson of Chester Eastside Inc, and Deacon Beth as together we build a living faith!

**December Preview**

There are many upcoming events in December. Mark your calendars and plan to join us! Look for more details in next month's newsletter, the weekly bulletin announcements, and on our website.

**December 1**

Longing for the Light of Healing and Hope at both worships

**December 8**

St. Nicholas Gift Giving during both worships

**December 22**

Blessing of the Greens during both worships  
Hanging of the Greens following the 11:00 worship

**December 24**

Christmas Eve Worship at 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, and 8:00 pm

**December 25**

Christmas Day Worship at 10:00 am

**December 29**

First Sunday of Christmas Worship at 10:00 am

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## Join the Fun at Arasapha



Families are invited to join us on **Sunday, December 8**, for the Arasapha Holiday Hayride. We will gather at Arasapha at 6:00 pm. A sign-up email will be sent out. See Pastor Alina with any questions.

## Longing for the Light of Healing and Hope

**December 1** is the First Sunday in Advent. Worship that day will include our "Longing for the Light of Healing and Hope" liturgy which includes a Prayer Litany and, optionally, Candle Lighting and Individual Prayer for Healing.



Congratulations to our 2019 Confirmands: Ben Skarbek, Rachel Bingeman, Mara Cropper, Emily Gregg, and Kylie Polito who were confirmed on Oct. 20.

## Be Still - Holy Interruptions

**Saturday, November 2**, 10:00 am to 1 pm. Utilizing our Reformation Fall 2019 theme, *You Belong*, this workshop focuses on famous works of art which convey an inclusive spirit, the spirit of our Reformation Welcome statement. Gathering at 10 am at the North Entrance of the Philadelphia Museum of Art (near the new espresso bar), participants will have a brief for orientation led by Deacon Beth followed by time to explore the museum, one of the country's oldest public art museums with over 200 galleries. Come and enter a few hours of quiet and contemplation using poetry, art, guided mediation. Our Holy Interruptions workshop ends with a community meal around a cafeteria table. Your only cost is admission to the museum and your lunch. Sign up in the Lobby. Questions? See Deacon Beth.

## Come See the Eagles

Join Tom Reeves on a trip to Conowingo Dam on **Saturday, November 9**. We will meet at Reformation Church at 8:15 am and drive up together. Last year the group observed over 100 Bald Eagles plus other bird varieties. This year we will tail gate with donuts and cider. Heated and clean restrooms are available on site. Bring your binoculars if you have them. Telescopes will be available. This is a fun outing for the whole family. Contact Tom Reeves with any questions 267.879.0000.



## Serve Our Neighbors

When we think of Thanksgiving and Christmas, we generally think of family, food, and the sharing of gifts. This holiday season, you can help our less fortunate neighbors have holidays with those same things. Here are some ways you can do this:

- Fill a bag of food, donate a turkey, or donate money to provide families with a Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner
- Take a tag from the Saint Nicholas table and purchase a gift for someone in need – child, family or senior citizen. Tags will be available beginning Sunday, November 17.

Our outreach is done through local organizations such as: Caring for Friends (formerly Aid for Friends), Chester Eastside Ministry, Lutheran Settlement House Migrant Ministry of Chester County, Silver Springs-Martin Luther School, Kencrest, and Cradles to Crayons.

## Shopping Made Easier



Planning to shop for gifts for our St. Nicholas Celebration on Amazon? Remember to use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and specify Reformation as the charity to benefit from your shopping. You will also be able to search for the Reformation Wish List to see all the items requested by the agencies we support. You are also welcome to ship your donations directly to Reformation. Please address them to St. Nick c/o Reformation, 102 West Rose Tree Road, Media, PA 19063. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

## Light the Advent Wreath

If you are interested in serving as an Advent Wreath lighter at one of our worship during the Advent season



(**Sundays, December 1, 8, 15, and 22**), please contact the church office ([rlc@relcmedia.org](mailto:rlc@relcmedia.org)) and tell us the dates and worship time you are able to serve.

## Donate Food for Thanksgiving

We will provide 50 Thanksgiving dinners to organizations like Migrant Ministries and Second Time Around Grandparents. Look for the bags with the list of requested items on November 3 and 10. The bags need to be returned on November 10 and 17 so we can deliver them in time for Thanksgiving. Envelopes are on the counter in the lobby if you would like to donate money. Questions? Contact Sally Burkam 610-566-8737 or [spburkam@yahoo.com](mailto:spburkam@yahoo.com).

## Advent Gospel Procession by Children



There will be a special opportunity for children to be involved in worship during the season of Advent, beginning on **December 1**. Children will be invited to help the preacher bring the Bible forward from a table in the back of the sanctuary and stand around the preacher for the reading of the gospel. Everyone will then continue with the Sermon on the Steps as usual in the service.

## Be a CareSharer/Friendly Visitor

The CareSharers and Friendly Visitors Ministry is dedicated to sharing communion and visits with our homebound members. On the first Sunday of each month, the communion elements are consecrated as part the church service and taken to our homebound members by the CareSharers group. In addition, Friendly Visitors visit many of the homebound members at least once a month. These visits often include card or board games, book discussions and news of activities at Reformation. These communion and friendly visits often provide the only link these members have with their church family, and are an important way to keep the Pastors informed of any health or other changes that may be occurring.

There will be a refresher and training session for current and new members of this Ministry **Sunday, November 10, at 9:45** in Creighton Hall. If you are interested in becoming a CareSharer or Friendly Visitor on a monthly or part-time basis, please join us for the training. These visits have been known to leave both participants with a happy, brighter spirit as a result of sharing God's love with fellow Reformation members. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Kathy Ewens (kewens607@gmail.com) or speak with Pastor Alina.

## Help With Church Chores

The November Men's Breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday, November 9**, and the men's group is asking Reformation Men to help Dave Black around the Church for a morning of service to clean up leaves and pick up fallen branches and finish some inside the building projects on the To Do list. Please bring your rakes and gloves and a hearty appetite. Coffee hour and fellowship begin at 8:30 am, breakfast is served at 9:00 and by 9:30 am we will be ready to have some fun outside.

## Lunch Bunch in November

The Lunch Bunch is a group which meets at a different restaurant each month to share lunch and conversation. We try to pick new and interesting places where we order individually from the menu, paying separately, and enjoying good food and conversation for an hour or two of relaxation. All members and friends of Reformation are invited to join the fun!

In November we will meet at noon on **Wednesday, November 13**, at The Porch at Lamb Tavern. Sign up in the lobby. See Karen Chorney or Edna Bogert for more information.



Edna Bogert, Connie Richardson, Karen Chorney, Catherine Koch, Mary Shook, Joanne Horton, and Marge Fritsche enjoy good food and good conversation at Il Granaio Italian Restaurant in October.

## Youth, Mark Your Calendars

The Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat, for all youth in grades 6-12, will be held **March 27-29**. Registration materials and payment will be due by Sunday, January 19. More information will be communicated with parents via e-mail. Please speak with Pastor Alina if you have any questions.

## Help Cradle To Crayons

Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive – at home, at school and at play. Cradles to Crayons supplies these items free of charge by engaging and connecting communities.

Reformation's partnership with this dynamic agency continues to grow. In addition to Cradles to Crayons being our Vacation Bible School mission site for 2019, the Reformation Sunday School held a special 'birthday party' celebration for C2C in October. Starting in November, we are an official 'drop off' site in Delaware County for all items on Cradle to Crayons donation list. All new and nearly new children's items may be placed in the Creighton Hall classroom during Reformation office hours 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Once a month, Reformation volunteers will help transport items to regional collections. If you would like to join our volunteer C2C team, please speak to Community Action Chair Linda Bucher. Together we serve our neighbors and build a living faith!

## Enjoy a Free Concert

Please join us for our next free community concert at Reformation, Soprano Leah Golub in recital on **Saturday, November 16**, at 4:00 pm. She will sing classics by Schumann, Liszt, and many others. Erik Flaten will accompany at the piano.



It was a gorgeous day for the hike and bible study. Pastor Alina was joined by Tom Reeves, Edna Bogert, Dick Hughey, Adam and Paul Fernandez, Kris Hughey, and Sophie at Hildacy Preserve on Oct. 19.

## Prayer Book for Prisoners

*Hear My Voice: A Prison Prayer Book* is a beautiful print resource developed in response to the call from the ELCA Social Statement, "The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries." It is intended primarily for those in correctional facilities and others with relationships to those who are incarcerated. This prayer book provides prayers for many times and circumstances and invites those who are incarcerated to spend time in prayer, trusting in God's never failing love for them and the whole world.

Copies of *Hear My Voice: A Prison Prayer Book* are available for you and for those whom you love who are incarcerated. If you would like a copy, see Pastor Alina, Pastor Wayne or Deacon Beth.

## YOUTH GROUP

### Save The Dates

**November 10** – Cookie Baking for food bags

**December 8** – Arasapha Holiday Hayride

**January 19** – Cooking Class

**February 9** – College Care Kit Making

**March 27-29** – Tuscarora Youth Retreat

**May 3** – Scavenger Hunt and Dessert

### Youth Group Cookie Bake



All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in a Thanksgiving Cookie Bake on **Sunday, November 10**. We will

gather at 12 noon for a pizza lunch followed by cookie baking in Creighton Hall. We will finish by 2 pm. These cookies will go into our Thanksgiving Food Bags that are donated to local organizations. A sign-up email will be sent out to parents. See Debbie Conley or Pastor Alina with any questions.

### Undergarment Drive Success

Many thanks to all who donated underwear and who came out to help sort and pack the items. Reformation gave 541 items, and NGA gave 8,406 items to 12 charities. All of the organizations were very grateful for such generosity.

### Learn About Bahá'í

Take advantage of this amazing opportunity offered by Interfaith Philadelphia to learn about Islam and participate in a prayer service on **Saturday, November 9**, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Find more information and register at [www.interfaithphiladelphia.org/gateway](http://www.interfaithphiladelphia.org/gateway).

### Try Music Together<sup>®</sup> for Free

If you're looking for a class to get moving with your little one, this is the class for you! Music Together<sup>®</sup> is for children birth-5 years old. Free sample classes will be held at Reformation on **November 14** and **December 12**, 3:45-4:30pm in the Choir Room. Speak with Kara Fontes for more information!



Erik Flaten and Souls members: (l. to r.) Becca Alexander, Terry Alexander Andrew Marcus, Linda Bucher, Jeanne Roberts, Dave Helms (obscured), Kristin Chorney, and Grace Brooks lead 11:00 worship.

BEAR CREEK

## Register for Winter Camp



**CONNECT**  
WINTER CAMP AT BEAR CREEK CAMP

CONNECT is a fun-filled weekend at

Bear Creek Camp during the winter! It's a time to CONNECT with God and to CONNECT with your friends. We have a blast doing all of the fun activities that Bear Creek Camp has to offer during the winter, plus all the other great activities you've come to expect! The weekend kicks off on Friday night and runs until Sunday after lunch.

9-12th grades – January 10-12.

4-8th grades – January 24-26.

Go to [bearcreekcamp.org](http://bearcreekcamp.org) for additional details.



Dianne and Dave Smith (standing), Sally Helms, Bill and Penny Hermann (seated) were among the group from Reformation who helped make 40,000 meals at Feeding Thousands on Oct. 19 at St. Luke, Devon.

## Generous Donors Remember Reformation in Their Wills

“Planned Gifts” are a way for people to support the mission of the church beyond their earthly life. There are a variety of ways in which people can make a planned gift but the most common way is through a person’s will (a “bequest”).

We are grateful for the faithful generosity of all who give in this way and in particular for the bequests which have been received in recent months from the estates of the following persons:

**Genevieve H. Savio** (former member of Messiah, Newtown Square)

**Elizabeth Robinson**

**Debra Felton**

In accordance with our longstanding policy, those bequests, which total \$50,000, have been used to pay down our mortgage. Thanks to the generosity of these donors our mortgage balance has been reduced from just over \$100,000 to a little more than \$50,000.

One of the ways we recognize and honor these donors is through **THE 1517 SOCIETY**. THE 1517 SOCIETY consists of members and friends of Reformation Lutheran Church who 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 upon their death. Please contact the church office, Pastor Wayne, Pastor Alina or President Dick Hughey if you would like to discuss membership in the society.

## Lutherans Remember

Pastor William Passavant, commemorated on November 24 on the ELCA calendar, was born in 1821 in Pennsylvania. He went to Jefferson College and then to Gettysburg Seminary. During that time he worked in Sunday Schools and for the Pennsylvania Bible Society.



After being ordained, Passavant began publishing the Lutheran Almanac, a Sunday School Hymnbook, accepted a call to a struggling Pittsburgh congregation, organized 6 Sunday Schools and organized the Pittsburgh Synod.

While attending a conference in Germany in 1846 he met German Pastor, Theo. Fleadner, who opened a training program in Germany for deaconesses. Passavant brought 4 deaconesses to Pittsburgh to work in the Pittsburgh Infirmary which would later become Passavant Hospital. Years later it would merge with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

These first four deaconesses, thought to be the first in the US, were soon joined by others. They worked with Passavant in many medical and charitable institutions and later, during the Civil war, joined Dorothy Dix in nursing wounded Union and Confederate soldiers. They also worked with and taught female prisoners and went on to found and minister in many charitable organizations.

Several of Pastor Passavant's last projects were founding the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary and the co-founding of Thiel Collage.

Passavant is known for his concern for the poor in an age without any social safety net. He worked for and with the poor, immigrants and freed slaves. He founded and served in many hospitals and residential homes for the sick, for children and for those in need without resources. He also continued publishing and inspired many programs which would later combine to become Lutheran Social Services.

## Learn About Depression

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ardmore is offering a Discussion on Depression on **Saturday, November 9**, 9:00 am to noon. The topics to be covered include how to bust the stigma of mental illness, ways to help family and friends who are suffering, and identifying the signs and symptoms of depression in our youth. Call 610-642-3211 for more information.

## New Name for Aid for Friends

Aid for Friends celebrated 45 years in October. In conjunction with the anniversary, the name of the organization will change to Caring for Friends. If you would like to learn more, contact Larry Filtz.





**“A sense of entitlement is a sure prescription for joyless living.”**

Dr. Mark Alan Powell  
Prof. of New Testament (retired)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What do you deserve? To what are you entitled?

The term “entitlement” refers to a belief that one is deserving of some particular reward or benefit.

Many scholars have observed that we live in a “culture of entitlement” – that is, most Americans have a sense that they are deserving of something, whether you call it “the good life” or “the American Dream” or “happiness” or some other term. Many people are not even aware that the choices and decisions they make reflect the assumption that there are certain things to which they are entitled.

Christians are not immune to this way of thinking in our everyday life. Unfortunately, sometimes we even let that way of thinking influence our faith life. But if we seriously reflect on it, we realize that God’s gifts of forgiveness and eternal life are not an entitlement we deserve but a gift God has freely given us in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The quote above from Dr. Powell reminds us that the key to a life filled and lived with joy is the constant realization that life itself is a gift from God; faith itself is a gift from God; forgiveness and eternal life are entirely gifts from God.

I am thankful that a spirit of generosity rather than a spirit of entitlement characterizes our life together at Reformation. That spirit is evident in the joy that marks our congregational life.

May you live every day joyfully as you give thanks for the great gifts you have received.

With gratitude,

Pastor Wayne Matthias-Long

## Library News



Thank you for your donation, Pat McMullen, of *Dear Church*, by (Rev.) Lenny Duncan now available in the Library

Part manifesto, part confession, and all love letter, this book offers a bold new vision for the future of Duncan's denomination (ELCA) and the broader mainline Christian community of faith. *Dear Church* rejects the narrative of church decline and calls everyone – leaders and laity alike – to the front lines of the church's renewal through racial equality and justice. This book is the focal point of four Faith-Life Connections sessions, led by Bob Barkau, beginning October 27.

A review of *Dear Church* appears in the August 14 issue of *Christian Century* that is available in the periodical rack by the library shelves in the Choir Room hallway. A copy of the review is also available in the Binder in the Library proper.

## End Waste – Eco Tip

This Thanksgiving end wasteful practices. Use reusable dinnerware, glasses and napkins. Purchase local and organic foods when possible. There are significant benefits of using local and organic foods, and free range and naturally fed animals taste better. Eat mindfully. Eat less meat. Get outside, if the weather is nice!!

# November



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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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