
REFORMATION TIMES

January 2022

Fill the Bowl for the Souper Bowl!

Help us defeat hunger! To celebrate Super Bowl Sunday, you are invited to bring in food items for the Media Food Bank.



Our Souper Bowl of Caring will be a bit different this year. We have found that food pantries often have an overabundance of canned soup, and are desperately in need of other items. In order to meet this need, we will be collecting the following items this year:

Vegetable oil or olive oil

Honey

Dried pinto or kidney beans

Canned fish (tuna, sardines, salmon)

Please bring your items to Reformation no later than February 13, Super Bowl Sunday. Contact Linda Bucher or one of the pastors with questions. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need!

Sermon on the Steps in Epiphany

Beginning on Sunday, January 2, when we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord, and continuing throughout the season of Epiphany, the Sermon on the Steps will include receiving a sermon BINGO card. The children will be invited to join a pastor for the Sermon on the Steps and then will receive a BINGO card made up of words from that week's sermon. The goal is to mark off all of the squares whenever the words on the squares are said during the sermon.

Sunday School Dates

Join us for Sunday School in the new year! All children from birth to grade 6 are invited to join us for Sunday School. Children's Choir is for children age 4 to grade 5. Special Sunday celebrations are for all children and youth at Reformation. Contact Pastor Alina with any questions.

Sunday School will be held on:

January 9

January 23

February 6

February 20

March 6

March 20

May 1

May 15

Children's Choir will practice for Easter on:

March 27

April 3

April 10

Special Sunday Celebrations on:

March 13 – Bear Creek Camp

April 24 – Eco Sunday

Epiphany @ Home



On Sunday, January 2, Epiphany @ Home packets will be available for families to take home. The packets will include a litany and instructions for Blessing your

Home and Inscribing your Entryway, a traditional Epiphany practice in the church.



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

1 Corinthians 12:26

Jody Owens entered eternal life on November 25. A memorial service was held at Reformation on December 3.

Molina Rosa Bumbarger, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Bumbarger, was baptized at Reformation on December 11.

Kaylee Francis Owens, daughter of Thomas and Cassandra Owens, was baptized at Reformation on December 19.

Sock Collection

The "Joy of Sox," an organization founded 11 years ago, collects socks for people living in homelessness. Socks are the least donated item, and clean, dry socks are essential for people experiencing homelessness. Socks are needed for men, women, and children, and crew socks in acrylic and polyester blends are preferred.



You can help by bringing your donations of NEW socks of any size or color to Reformation by Sunday, Feb. 13. Please see Linda Bucher with questions.

Annual Meeting Scheduled

Our Annual Meeting will be on **Sunday, January 30** at 12:00 noon within the sanctuary. The meeting will be livestreamed, but only members who are physically present may speak or vote.

The presentation on church finances with Treasurer Tom Conroy, will be on **Sunday, January 23**, at 9:45 am in the ROCK room. Members can attend in-person or participate via Zoom.

Reformation Schools Serve Neighbors



Some of the gifts being shared with members of Gratitude for Grandparents by Diane Bullen (left) and Marion Boas (second)

In December, the children who attend Reformation Stay & Play and Nursery School created and collected 200 gifts for Gratitude for Grandparents and for the Delaware Valley Veterans Home. Students also wrote letters to the veterans to accompany those gifts

Christ In Our Home Booklets

Christ in Our Home devotional booklets are now available for pick up at the church. If you would like to have one mailed to you, please contact the church office.

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Saint Nicholas Celebration

Our worship services on Sunday, December 5th featured a visit from David Chiles and Saint Nicholas!



Bishop Nicholas made a special appearance and, along with the children, helped David Chiles bless the gifts.



David Chiles, Executive Director of Lutheran Settlement House (LSH) describes the ministry of LSH.



(l. to r.) Edna Bogert, Linda Bucher, Sally Burkham and Ron Brzowski prepare to deliver Holiday Food Bags.

Thank you, Reformation!

Through the generosity of Reformation members and friends, seven agencies received holiday gifts, and four agencies received a total of 45 holiday food bags.

Thank you for living out our mission to serve our neighbors!

Scholar in Residence

Save the date! Join us for our Scholar in Residence program on Saturday, April 23, and Sunday, April 24. Dr. Crystal Hall will be our 2022 Scholar. She will lead a program on Saturday morning, preach at worship, and lead a forum during the education hour. All are welcome! Registration details to follow. Contact Pastor Alina with any questions.

New Church Office Hours

Please make a note of our new office hours:

Monday-Thursday	9am-3:30pm
Friday	CLOSED



Deacon Beth with congregation's gift, a beautiful quilt created by Linda Bucher and signed by members of Reformation.

Thank you From Deacon Beth

Dear Reformation Family,

Thank you for the generous financial gift, beautiful quilt and well wishes as I entered retirement this past November 2021. The Fall Fest in the afternoon was lively and engaging. The food was phenomenal and once again, your abundant generosity was made known the time spent together. Bob and I will forever treasure singing Holden Evening prayer outdoors, at dusk and sharing in God's light and love with you. Until we meet again, may we continue to share that light for God's good pleasure!

With appreciation, and always, always with kindness

Deacon Beth and Bob Barkhau



Deacon Beth and Bob Barkhau participate in Evening Prayer and Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call.



Reformation members and friends participate in the service of Evening Prayer and Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call.



The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1:5

Living through a season marked by shorter days and longer nights, I find myself at this time of year eager, sometimes even impatient, for the reprieve of increased light each day.

I find myself experiencing similar feelings as we continue to experience the pall of the ongoing pandemic – encouraged by the periodic diminishment of the incidence of illness and death only to be discouraged by the rapid rise again in the ravages of the disease.

How shall we live as faithful followers of Christ in the midst of the darkness we often encounter in life? The season of Epiphany which we now enter as a church provides us a perspective which can be helpful.

Epiphany, which means “appearance” or “manifestation,” focuses our attention on the ways in which Jesus was (and is) made known to be the Messiah, the light of the world. God in Christ comes to us, shining the light of healing in our brokenness, the radiance of joy in our sadness, illumination of hope in our despair.

Sometimes, the most powerful experience of the light of Christ comes to us as we are channeling the light of God’s love and care to others. As we live hopefully into the future, may the light of Christ renew us for our calling as beloved children of God.

Pastor Wayne Matthias-Long

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Bernadette Farrell ELW 715

COMING IN MARCH

Tuscarora Youth Retreat

The Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat, for all youth in grades 6-12, will be held **March 25-27**. Registration materials and payment will be due by Sunday, January 16. More information has been communicated with parents via e-mail. Copies of the registration materials are also available from Pastor Alina. Please speak with Pastor Alina if you have any questions.



Youth Group Spring Schedule

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Youth Group events in 2022!

February 6	Valentine College Care Package Making
March 25-27	Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat
May 1	Scavenger Hunt

Addresses Needed

Have a student in college? Please send the church office (rlc@relcmedia.org) your student’s address at school by **January 15**. Students can expect a surprise in the mail next semester!

Mark E. Davis Scholarship

The Mark E. Davis Scholarship was established by The Rev. William and Irene Davis, following the death of their son, Mark. The scholarship is a one-year scholarship to a four-year college or university awarded to a member(s) of Reformation Lutheran Church. Applicants can be high school seniors or currently attending a college or university. The scholarship is awarded to an applicant(s) who demonstrates a high level of academic, religious, and community-oriented commitment and achievement. The scholarship is awarded annually in July.



Applications for the 2021-2022 academic year may be obtained by downloading from the church website; a printed copy by contacting the church office, or electronically by contacting Ellen Davis Conroy by email at DavisScholarship@relcmedia.org. All applications and support materials must be received or postmarked by the May 1, 2021, deadline.

Applicants should be aware that requesting transcripts and letters of recommendation can take extra time and should plan accordingly in order to meet the deadline.

Applications can be left at the church office c/o Mark E. Davis Scholarship Committee to the attention of Ellen Davis Conroy, or emailed to DavisScholarship@relcmedia.org, or mailed and postmarked by May 1, 2020. Applications not received by this deadline will not be considered.

Mailing address:
Mark E. Davis Scholarship Committee
c/o Ellen Davis Conroy
Reformation Lutheran Church
102 West Rose Tree Road
Media, PA 19063

Any questions can be addressed to the following committee members: Sandy Coll, Ellen Davis Conroy, Evan Davis or Rebecca Funk

From the Library

"We lose the habit of reading because we're afraid of wasting our time. We think we need to be productive and 'on the go' at all times. But people are not machines, and you are nourished by naps and fiction and basking in sunlight, no less than by food and drink."

Just a few fiction titles available :

Before We Were Yours, Lisa Wingate

Beekeepers
Apprentice, Laurie King

The Highly Suspicious Halo
(Church Choir Mysteries), Eileen Berger



Books by Beverly Lewis, Jan Karon, and many more!

Library Book Club 2022 Update

Calling all readers! You are welcome to join the **Reformation Library Book Club**. Our 2022 meetings will continue by Zoom and will take place quarterly. Here is our upcoming lineup:

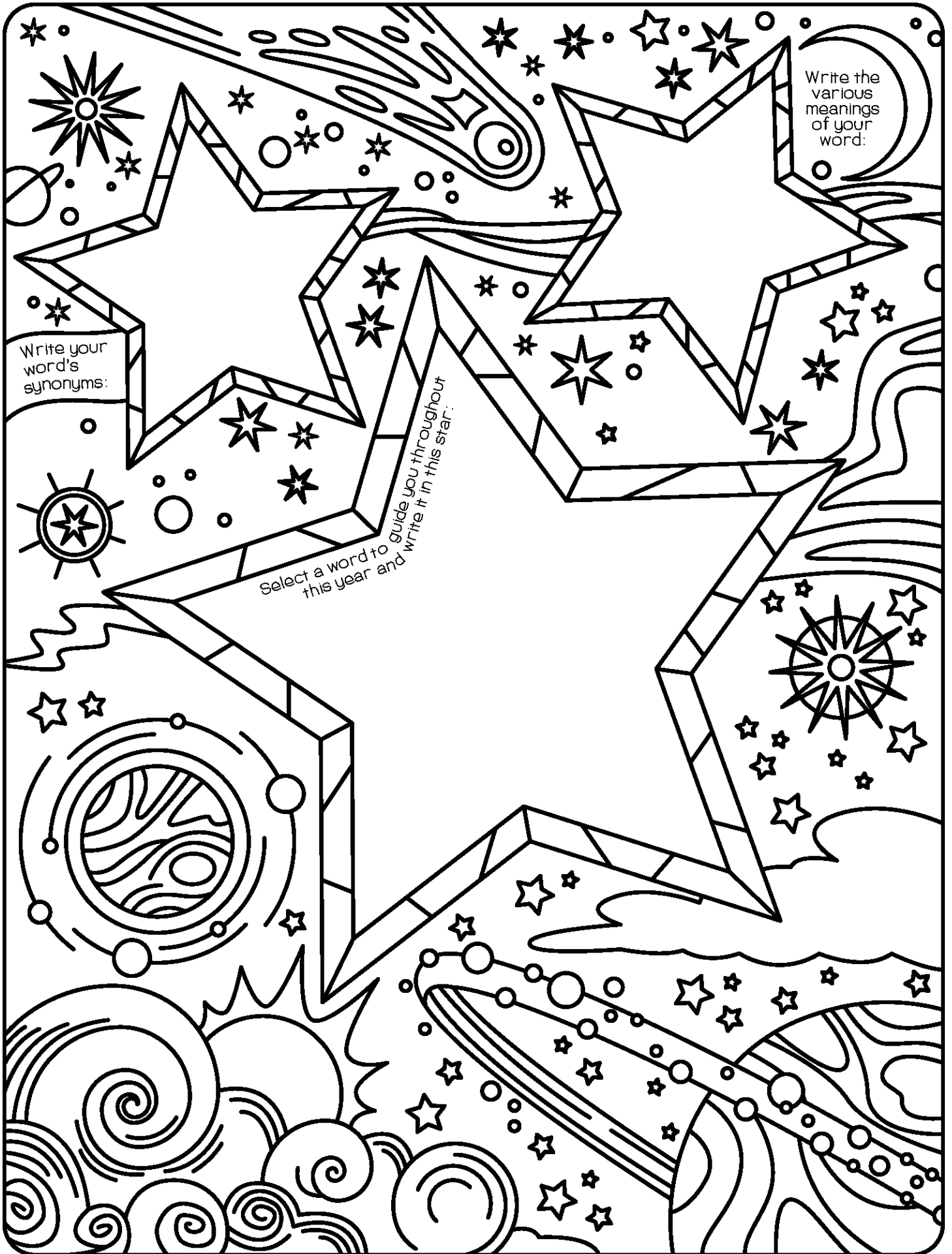
Jan. 18, 7:00pm: *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger (author of *Ordinary Grace*)

"For fans of *Before We Were Yours* and *Where the Crawdads Sing*, a magnificent novel about four orphans on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression."

April 19, 7:00pm: *Another Brooklyn* by Jacqueline Woodson

"A very brief but beautiful story of four young Black girls growing up in Bushwick, Brooklyn in the 70s.. *Another Brooklyn* is a moving tale of dreams lost and found."

Contact Laura Reiter if you plan to attend:
longreiter@gmail.com



Write the
various
meanings
of your
word:

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word's
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guide you throughout
this year and
write it in this star:



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Sunday Worship: 8:30 am Indoor & Online Worship
11:00 am Indoor & Online Worship
Worship services are livestreamed to our virtual church page.

Pastors

The Rev. Wayne A. Matthias-Long
The Rev. Alina S. Gayeuski

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MISSION: Called by Christ,
we **INVITE** all people,
SERVE our neighbors, and
BUILD a living faith.

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.

Sunday, January 2

Epiphany
Undecorating the Greens

Sunday, January 23

Financial Forum @ 9:45 am
(In-person and on Zoom)

Sunday, January 30

Annual Meeting @ 12 pm
(in the Sanctuary)