
REFORMATION TIMES

May 2022

Graduate Recognition

We will recognize all Reformation members who will be graduating with the class of 2022 during worship on Sunday, May 1. Please join us as we celebrate what God is doing in the lives of our graduates!



Pew Projects are Back!

During the season of Easter, at the end of the Sermon on the Steps, children will receive a Pew Project bag. The Pew Project bags will include simple craft items and instructions to make a project related to the day's scripture texts. Children are invited to keep everything in the bag, but we ask that the bags be returned at the end of worship so that they can be used for the next week's Pew Projects.

Labyrinth Dedication

Join us on Sunday, **May 22**, at 10:00 am for the dedication of our labyrinth. The labyrinth was made possible because of a generous gift from the estate of Bob and Madaline Heim and is dedicated in their memory. Please join us outside for this brief service as we give thanks for the generosity of the Heims and this special space on our property!



Lenten Care Kit Totals

We collected 103 care kits for the following groups:

- Cradles to Crayons - 41 kits
- Phoenix Recovery Houses - 50 kits
- The Well - 12 kits

Thank you, Reformation, for your generosity!

Overwhelming Support for Ukraine

Thank you, Reformation, for your inspiring outpouring of support to Lutheran World Relief for the Crisis in Ukraine.

As a result of a) giving by members totaling (\$14,282), which was matched 2 to 1 by Endowment Outreach Fund, and b) the generous support of Teikoku USA employees and a match by Teikoku USA (totaling \$12,000), which was matched 1 to 1 by Endowment Outreach Fund, Reformation's total remittance to LWR is \$66,846!



Lutheran World Relief Forum

Emma Wagner from Lutheran World Relief will be visiting Reformation on Sunday, **May 8**. Emma will be accepting our donation, speaking during worship and presenting a forum during the Education Hour about the work of the Lutheran World Relief in Ukraine.

Ascension Day Worship

The Delaware Conference of Lutheran Churches will host their annual Ascension Day worship on **Thursday, May 26**, at 7:00 pm at Holy Trinity Wallingford (927 S. Providence Road, Wallingford, PA 19086). Pastor Moses Suah-Dennis will be the guest preacher. All are invited to this festival worship.



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

1 Corinthians 12:26

Clark Bocian, Alexander Burke, Lillian Fontes, Ethan Kalule, Peter Kratowicz, Josie Lavery, Keaton Lesser, Izzy Merkins, Drew Skarbek and Jack Wilford received their Bibles during worship on April 3.

Eli Hazlett received his first communion on April 3 at Reformation.



Sunday School Dates

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:

- May 1
- May 15

Small Stars will meet on:

- May 15
- May 22

REGISTRATION OPEN!

Vacation Bible School



VBS will be **July 10-14**, 6-8:30 pm. Registration is open to age 3 to completed grade 5.

Go to myvbs.org/relcmedia to register.

New Worship Team Scheduling System

Thank you to all who have started using our new Ministry Scheduling system! We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we transition and work out all of the kinks.



Worship Team

If you haven't been able to login yet, are having technical difficulties, or don't have access to a computer, please reach out to Andrea in the office at amenta@relcmedia.org.

Reformation Facebook Group



Did you know we have a Facebook group in addition to our church page?

Scan this QR code to join!

Shopping Can Benefit Reformation



Planning to shop on Amazon? Remember to use smile.amazon.com and specify Reformation as the charity to benefit from your shopping.

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*Reformation Lutheran Church
invites you to celebrate*

PASTOR WAYNE MATTHIAS-LONG

ON HIS RETIREMENT

June 26, 2022 • 3:00 – 6:00 pm

Tailgating starts at 3:00 pm • Game starts at 3:30 pm

Celebration of ministry starts at 5:30 pm

COME AND CELEBRATE!

RSVP REQUESTED AT [RELCMEDIA.ORG/PLAYBALL](https://relcmedia.org/playball)

Seen Around Reformation



Pastor Wayne presents children with Bibles during the April 3 worship.



Reformation high school seniors who participated in the Tuscarora Retreat pose with their ROCK posters during the Senior Celebration.



We enjoyed our visit from guest preacher, The Rev. Dr. R. Guy Erwin at Easter Vigil worship. Shown with him here are: Pastor Wayne, Pastor Alina, Valerie Rozek, Erik Flaten and Liz Hazlett.



Spring Work Day 2022

Join us on **May 21**, 2022, for a great day of getting camp ready for another amazing summer!

The day starts at 9 am and we will be serving lunch at noon. All skill levels are welcome as we will have various projects throughout the day.

Please RSVP with the office so we know you are coming! Call 570-472-3741 or email bccamp@bearcreekcamp.org.

Register Now for Summer Camp

Registration for Summer Camp at Bear Creek Camp is open! Visit bearcreekcamp.org for more information and to register. Reformation has scholarships available – speak with Pastor Alina.

Bear Creek Camper Blessing

Are you heading to Bear Creek Camp this summer? On **June 12**, during worship, we will bless all campers preparing for a week at Bear Creek sometime this summer. We also have a little camping essential for each camper to take along as a reminder of their Reformation family who is praying for them. Please let the office know if and when you are headed to Bear Creek Camp this summer!

Campership Thank You!

Thank you for your generous contributions to our special offering for Bear Creek Camp Camperships! Your gifts plus a match from our Holiday Offering Fund made it possible for us to send \$2,000 to Bear Creek Camp.

Camperships enable BCC to ensure that all children are able to attend camp. In 2021, BCC provided over \$54,000 in camperships to over 300 families. Thank you for helping support this mission of BCC to get every kid to camp!



Interfaith Philadelphia

Religious Literacy Learning Module

In this seven-session, interactive community experience, participants will learn more deeply about the lived experience of different faith traditions. Each week will feature independent study, learning from people who practice that faith in a living library, and time for discussion and integration. Sessions will be held every Thursday from 10am to 12pm from **May 5 to June 16** via Zoom.

The way people orient around religion is a strong influence in the way they live. Expanding religious literacy will help participants to better understand the people in their neighborhood, work, communities and nation. In learning about other traditions, participants will learn more about their own faith. In connecting with the lived experience of other faiths, participants will also be able to more skillfully show up as friends, neighbors and colleagues.

Developing a rich understanding of the diverse ways people identify around religion helps us become more effective leaders, facilitators, and participants in all walks of life. The specific faith groups we will focus on in this first offering include Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. In our next offerings, we will explore Sikhism, the Baha'i faith, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Catholicism, African American church traditions, as well as others.

This offering is focused on personal, lived faith experiences and how you might interact with people. As context, we will explore topics such as central faith practices, core stories, concepts of the Divine, sacred texts, major holidays, and helpful sensitivities and awarenesses.

Registration fee includes a copy of the reference book, *How to Be a Perfect Stranger*, and a digital guidebook.

For more information, including how to register, please go to: www.interfaithphiladelphia.org/religious-literacy.

2022 Dare to Understand Awards

Join Interfaith Philadelphia on **Thursday, May 12** from 6:00-9:00 pm as we highlight the contribution of the Catholic community to interfaith work and celebrate two of our home-grown heroes, Monsignor Michael Carroll and Sister Maria Hornung, MMS.

This year, we turn our focus to the untold stories, the seemingly ordinary yet extraordinarily significant actions of our local leaders. Msgr. Carroll and Sr. Maria contributed to the foundational components of Philadelphia's bridges to understanding, the bridges over which we still walk, often without noticing. Join us to hear the stories of the role of the Catholic community in laying the cornerstones of interfaith work in Philadelphia.

Msgr. Carroll and Sr. Maria's groundbreaking work was rooted in Philadelphia, yet their reach has extended far beyond. We are thrilled to honor their leadership, rooted in Catholic social teachings, and their commitment to interfaith work in the Philadelphia region. Join us as we highlight these champions of interfaith work who helped build critical supports for the bridges across which we travel today.

For more information, including how to get tickets, please go to:
www.interfaithphiladelphia.org/building-bridges.

FROM THE PASTOR

We have been buried with Christ by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4

Dear Reformation,

Throughout the Easter Season we begin worship with a Thanksgiving for Baptism. We do this to be reminded that the blessing of God in baptism makes us one people in Christ, an assembly gathered to proclaim God's love and to turn to our neighbors in service and love. Just as we come into the community of faith, the Church, by way of baptism, so too we come into worship by way of the font of living water.

For Christians, our primary identity is found and formed in baptism. We live each day as baptized children of God, aware of the daily dying and rising of our lives of faith in Christ.

It is an ongoing challenge for us to live our lives this way each day. Many Christians have found Martin Luther's guidance in the Small Catechism to be helpful in meeting this challenge. Luther wrote: "In the morning, as soon as you get out of bed, you are to make the sign of the holy cross and say: 'God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen.'" And in the same way, in the evening, when you go to bed, repeat the same action and words.

There is nothing magical about this practice, but many people find that making it part of their lives every day helps them to remember throughout the day that they live each moment in God's loving grace no matter what challenges they face and thus are continually renewed in Christ.

Yours in God's Amazing Grace,

Pastor Wayne Matthias-Long

Quizzo Night to Support Domestic Abuse Project



DAP will host a Quizzo Game Night on Thursday, May 19 at the Delco Bar Association in Media starting at 6:00 pm. For more details, including how to purchase tickets, go to: www.dapdc.org/event/quizzo/.

Prepare for First Communion

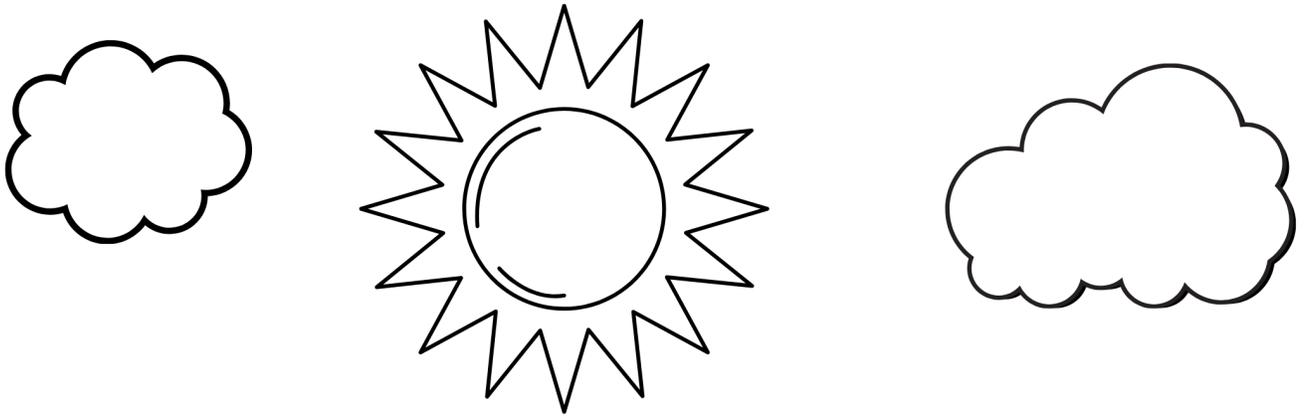


It is our practice at Reformation that children receive their first communion at the desire of their parents. This can be done for any age (or ages if you wish for siblings to receive first communion together).

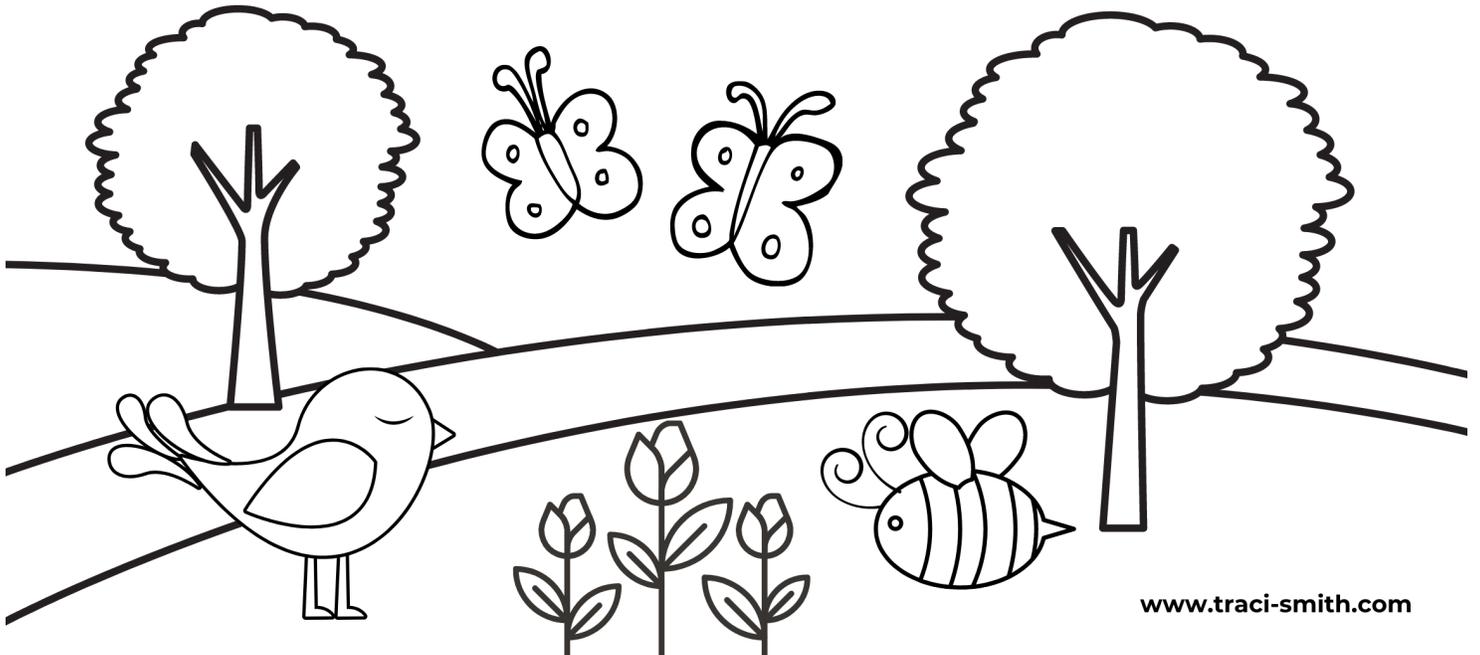
First communion instruction is an at-home lesson set that can be completed at your own time and pace. Any time we celebrate communion as a congregation is a date that can be chosen.

Summer Schedule

Please note that our summer worship schedule begins on Sunday, **May 29** and will go to Sunday, **September 4**. Summer worship times are 8:30 am and 10:00 am.



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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

Return Service Requested

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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.

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