

REFORMATION TIMES

June 2023

Council Installation June 4

The members of the 2023-2024 Congregation Council will be installed during worship on **June 4**. Officers and members include the following: John Grantland, President; Debbie Conley, Vice President; Laura Reiter, Secretary; Marian Filtz, Treasurer; Jamie Anderson, Madison Benzing, Kristen Chorney, Eric Hathaway, Gabby Parker and Kaylee Troutman.

We are grateful for the faithful service of the Council members whose term expired on May 31, 2023: Rachel Bingeman, Tom Conroy, Mike Polito, and Tyler Troutman.

Celebrate Diane Bullen!



Reformation's Stay and Play Director, Diane Bullen, is retiring after 30 years of incredible leadership and commitment to our school.

Save the date for her retirement party on Wednesday, **June 21**, 5:00 – 7:00 pm at Reformation.

Join us in thanking Diane for all her work on behalf of the children and thanking God for her gifts and years of service!

Summer Schedule

Just a friendly reminder that our summer schedule has begun.

Worship times are
8:30 am and 10:00 am.
No Sunday School

SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School



This year's Vacation Bible School will be July 10-14, 5:30-7:30 pm. Children Age 3 through completed Grade 5 are invited to join us! For more information and to register, please visit: www.myvbs.org/relocmedia.

Young Adults Hike

Join us for a day of light hiking with those in their 20s and 30s! We will meet at Ridley Creek State Park on Saturday, **June 17** at 11:00 am. Partners, pets, and children welcome!

More Water Filters Purchased

When safe drinking water just isn't available — especially in times following natural disasters or emergencies — a simple ceramic water filter is a lifesaver. Capable of purifying water without electricity or chemicals, a water filter is a powerful, reliable way to provide safe water when it's needed most.



With the money raised from the Eco Ministry Committee's reusable tote bag sales, we were able to purchase two water filters so far this year. That brings our grand total up to 21 since we started the program in 2019! Thank you for your support.

Explore the Holy Land!

Pastor Alina and Pastor Dan will be leading a trip to the Holy Land for Reformation and Holy Trinity Lutheran Churches, family, and friends. The trip will be **January 7-17, 2025**. More information will follow, but if you are interested in being part of the trip, contact Pastor Alina to be added to the list!



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

1 Corinthians 12:26

Mildred Royer entered eternal life on **April 28**. A funeral service was held on **May 12** at Reformation.

Kristen Chorney and **Brian Forster** were joined in marriage on **May 13**.



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.

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

Council Highlights

In May the Council meeting included these highlights:

- Election of officers for the 2023-2024 Council Terms: President – John Grantland, Vice President – Debbie Conley, Treasurer – Marian Filtz, Secretary – Laura Reiter.
- Thanked members completing their terms as members or officers: Mike Polito, Tyler Troutman, Rachel Bingeman, and Tom Conroy.

Finance Smart

by Christine Corson

Summer is finally here and it's the perfect time to think about your food shopping budget!



It's so easy to just "grab and go" from the store during the hot summer months, especially while you are on vacation, heading to the pool with the kids, or for those last minute dinners on the grill. And with food prices higher these days, your budget can easily get off track during your shopping trip. Here are some helpful tips that may come in handy...

Make a good effort to plan your meals for the week. Before your shopping trip, download the digital app for where you shop to clip coupons and take advantage of free rewards you may have earned from previous shopping trips. Take the time to go through the weekly store ads to find the best prices on what you need. Always make a shopping list to keep yourself on track and to help you avoid unnecessary "buys". Family members can help by adding items to the shopping list when they notice something is running low or if they take the last of an item. Snap a photo of your shopping list so you have it on your phone. And don't forget to bring any coupons you clipped from the weekly ads. Put the coupons with your shopping list and you're ready to go!

Have a fun summer and remember, before you hit that grocery store, think first then write it down, and you will be... **Finance Smart!!!**

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Thrivent Choice Dollars



Do you have products through Thrivent?

Some of their financial products come with the benefit of Choice Dollars that can be directed to the nonprofit of your choice! These funds need to be designated annually to that nonprofit. Reformation is eligible to receive these choice dollars. This money is used for special projects at the church. Please remember to make your Choice Dollar elections and connect with your Thrivent Representative if you have any questions!

Fostering Hope Delco

Fostering Hope Delco is a volunteer-run organization that serves families and children in foster care in Southeastern PA. They are always in need of volunteers as well as financial support and donations of duffle bags, clothing, and items for care kits. To learn more, go to: fosteringhopepa.com/chapter/delaware-county/ to find links to specific items that they are looking for. Contact Linda Bucher for more information.

Become a Volunteer Tutor!

The Volunteer English Program of Chester County is hosting a Virtual Tutor Training Workshop on Monday, **June 12**, Wednesday, **June 14** and Tuesday **June 20** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm via Zoom. There is a \$40 workshop fee for materials. For more information and to register, please visit volunteerenglish.org.

Join the Lunch Bunch!

This month, the lunch bunch will be meeting at Miller's Ale House at Granite Run on Thursday, **June 1**. For more information, please contact Sue Bianco or Edna Bogert. All are welcome!



Library Book Club



Summer is the perfect season for reading under a tree, at the beach, or under the stars with a flashlight! Join us for Reformation Book Club on July 11 at 7:00pm via Zoom for a lively discussion of

Lessons in Chemistry by

Bonnie Garmus. Contact Laura Reiter at longreiter@gmail.com for more information on joining our discussion.

About *Lessons in Chemistry* (from Booktopia):

"The sensational Number One debut of 2022. The major bestseller featuring the uncompromising, unconventional Elizabeth Zott - the most exciting new character in fiction.

THE #1 *SUNDAY TIMES* and #1 *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER

Winner of the Goodreads Choice Best Debut Novel Award

'Sparky, rip-roaring, funny, with big-hearted fully formed, loveable characters' *SUNDAY TIMES*

The most charming, life-enhancing novel I've read in ages. Strongly recommend' *INDIA KNIGHT*

Your ability to change everything - including yourself - starts here

Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing.

But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute take a very unscientific view of equality. Forced to resign, she reluctantly signs on as the host of a cooking show, *Supper at Six*. But her revolutionary approach to cooking, fueled by scientific and rational commentary, grabs the attention of a nation.

Soon, a legion of overlooked housewives find themselves daring to change the status quo. One molecule at a time.



Hailey Lighton



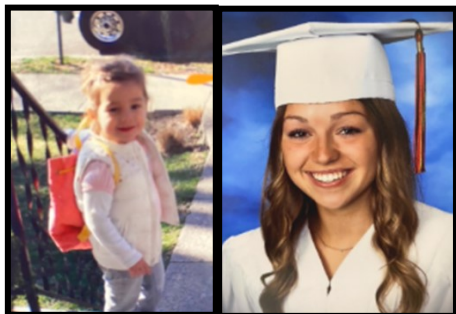
Graduating From: Great Valley High School
Plans After Graduation: Kutztown University
Major in Animation Art

Ben Skarbek



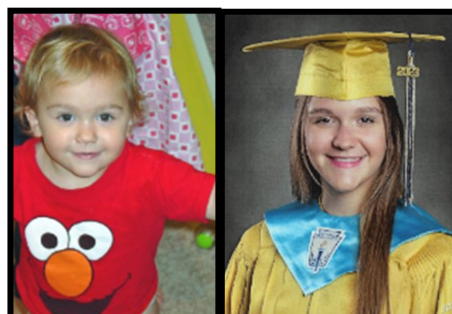
Graduating From: Springfield High School
Plans After Graduation: Temple University

Mara Constance Cropper



Graduating From: Penncrest High School
Plans After Graduation:
West Chester University

Rachel Bingeman



Graduating From: Sun Valley High School
Plans After Graduation: Towson University
Major in Forensic Chemistry

Kylie Polito



Graduating From:
Marple Newtown High School
Plans After Graduation: The University
of Scranton, Major in Neuroscience

Emily Gregg



Graduating From: Penncrest High School
Plans After Graduation: University of
Pittsburgh, Major in Ecology and Evolution



And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. (Genesis 9:12-13)

Happy June, Beloveds!

June is Pride month for the LGBTQIA+ community. All month long we celebrate the ways that God makes us each unique and diverse, like the colors of the rainbow.

In Scripture, the rainbow is created in Genesis 9, after the story of Noah and the flood. It is a symbol of God's promise to never again destroy all of creation in a flood, but it also sets up a longstanding covenant with God's people, that God will from here on out be in a renewed relationship of promise and care with all creation.

The book of Genesis also tells us that we are created in God's divine image, each of us crafted with care and called very good. No exceptions! Pride month is a time when we remember above all that we are loved, just as we are. The rainbow in the sky is God's promise to care for and love us as God's divine creation, because we are each made in the image of God as our authentic selves. The unique spectrum of color in the rainbow is a representation of the infinite spectrum of humanity, with no shade more or less beautiful than another.

This month we will celebrate this diversity and pride at church and in community. See the rest of our June newsletter for Delco and SEPA synod Pride events. Remember that God looks at you and calls you very good, that who you are and who you love makes God proud.

In Peace,

Pastor Eileen (she/her)

Upcoming **PRIDE** Events

Delco Pride Parade & Pride on State

Saturday, June 3

Parade: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Pride on State: 2:00 - 9:00 pm

State Street, Media, PA 19063

Delco Pride Festival

Saturday, June 10

1:00 - 6:00 pm

In front of the Upper Darby Township
Municipal Building, 100 Garrett Road,
Upper Darby, PA 19082

SEPA Synod Pride Event

June 1, 2023,

- 6:30p Main
Speaker: The
Rev. Carla
Christopher
Wilson (she/her)
- 7:30p Worship
with The Rev.
Joey Klinger
(he/him)
preaching

Grace Lutheran Church
2191 West Chester Pike
Broomall, PA 19008

For more information contact:
The Rev. Kayla Sadowy (she/her)
at gracebroomall@gmail.com OR
The Rev. Marie Sager (she/her) at
pastormarie@sttimsaston.com

Parking is available in lot off Mather Ave, with accessible
entrance on W. Chester Pike



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Summer Programs

Theological Education with Adults: The Challenges of Ministry in Such a Time as This, July 23-28 on the Gettysburg Campus. Rev. Dr. Emlyn Ott from Healthy Congregations walks us through the challenges of being the church in a post-Covid world.

Theological Education with Youth, July 23-28. The TEY one-week summer Academy is for high school students to live in an intentional Christian community on the Gettysburg campus of United Lutheran Seminary. Dr. Teresa Smallwood challenges participants to live out Jesus' call to justice.

For more information and to register for any of these programs, please go to:
unitedlutheranseminary.edu/community/calendar.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Art of Interfaith Understanding: Prophets of Hope: The Art Tour

This event will take place in person at the Philadelphia Museum of Art (PMA) on Sunday, **June 25** from 2:00 - 3:30 pm.

In the midst of unrelenting conflicts in the world and the challenges of daily living, join us to see and discuss art that inspires hope.

For more information and to register, please go to interfaithphiladelphia.org/events.



Summer Camp Registration Is Now Open!



Registration for summer camp is now open. For more details, please go to: bearcreekcamp.org/summer-camp/.

Get Involved with Community Action

Help us serve our neighbors! Volunteers are needed to join our community action team in various service opportunities throughout the year. Community Action is responsible for things like our Holiday Food Bags, Lent Care Kits, Souper Bowl, St. Nick Drive, and more! Participation in community action can be as little as once a year or as often as monthly; the needs of our neighbors never stop! For more information or to get involved, contact Linda Bucher at lindabucher1@verizon.net or Pastor Eileen.

Race, Injustice & Grace Presentation

7 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 13

RACE, INJUSTICE & GRACE

Leroy Evans spent 42 years behind bars for a crime he did not commit. But he never lost his faith in God. Join us as he shares his journey in one very special evening.

St. John Chrysostom Church
615 S. Providence Rd.
Wallingford, PA 19086

*Hospitality follows the presentation.
A freewill offering will benefit Mr. Evans and his family.*

Presented by the St. Martin de Porres-St. John Chrysostom
Joint Catholic Ministry on Racial Justice

This event will also be livestreamed at youtube.com/c/sjcp parish.



Seen Around Reformation

There is always so much to see at Reformation. We thank you for sharing your photos with us! *Please remember to send your photos of recent events to: newsletter@relcmedia.org.*



Marilyn Berberich speaking to our Sunday School students about Eco Sunday on April 23.



Our Sunday School students excited to help our neighbors in need on Caring for Friends Sunday, May 7.



Sandy Coll and Toini Scherer teaching this group about the Pollinator Garden on Eco Sunday, April 23.



Paul Fernandez, Andrew Benzing and Jack Wilford helping to package meals for Caring for Friends on May 7.



Pastor Dan, Pastor Alina, Pat Grantland and John Grantland representing Reformation at the Bear Creek Gala on April 29.



Hunter Wayne helping Pastor Eileen with the Thanksgiving for Baptism on Sunday, May 7.



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Sunday Worship: 8:30 am Indoor & Online Worship
10:00 am Indoor & Online Worship
Worship services are livestreamed to our virtual church page.

Pastors

The Rev. Alina S. Gayeuski

The Rev. Eileen Ruppel-Doan



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 all people, celebrating the diversity of God's creation. Reformation is an affirming congregation for all: rejoicing with the young and old, welcoming people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, working to cultivate an accessible and inclusive community for all abilities, and embracing all races, cultures, and faith traditions.

We serve our neighbors following the teachings of Christ. Reformation responds to the needs of the most vulnerable - providing nourishment and comfort, supporting the work of the local and global church, and protecting God's creation for future generations.

We build a living faith emboldened by the Holy Spirit. Reformation embodies the unconditional love of God through worshiping and learning together and valuing the gifts of everyone. To create the fullness of our community of faith, we nurture relationships, pursue racial equity and gender justice, and advocate for the wellbeing of the marginalized.

Sunday, June 4
Council Installation &
Graduate Recognition

Sunday, June 11
Bear Creek Camp
Camper Blessing &
Mark E. Davis
Scholarship Presentation

Sunday, June 18
Father's Day

Wednesday, June 21
Diane Bullen's
Retirement Party