
REFORMATION TIMES

March 2026

The Church Staff Thanks You



Thank you, Reformation, for your kindness and generosity. We thank God for the privilege of working in ministry partnership with Reformation and we are very grateful for your generous Christmas gift.

Pastor Alina Jayusli *Pastor Eileen Ruppel-Doan*
Erik Eldon *Valerie G. Foyke*
Chadwick Carson *Andrea Trenton*

Lenten Care Kits

During Lent, zip lock bags, with a list of personal care items to purchase, will be available to fill and return.

These Care Kits will be distributed to:

- men and women at the Phoenix Recovery Houses (personal care items)
- and to children in need, through Cradles to Crayons (socks and underwear)

Bags should be returned (with the list enclosed) to Reformation by Easter Sunday, **April 5**. Thank you for your support!

Easter Food Bags



When the holidays approach, we think of serving our neighbors who are less fortunate. Reformation will once again provide nonperishable grocery items for our

neighbors in need during the Easter Season. Bags, along with a list of needed items, will be available on Sunday, **March 8**. Please feel free to take a bag (or 2), fill it with the requested items, and return it to Reformation no later than Sunday, **March 22**. You can also use the envelopes provided to make a monetary donation. Thank you in advance for your help in feeding our neighbors in need. - The Community Action Ministry

Midweek Lent Soup Supper and Evening Worship

Each Wednesday in Lent following Ash Wednesday, we invite you to gather for a soup supper and fellowship at 6:30 pm in Creighton Hall. The soup supper will be followed by Holden Evening Prayer in the sanctuary at 7:30 pm. You are welcome to join us for both – or come and join us at the start of worship. If you are able to bring soup or bread to the meal, please sign up in the lobby.

Christ In Our Home Booklets



The April/May/June issue of the *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.



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

1 Corinthians 12:26

Donald Storey entered eternal life on **January 26**. A funeral service was held on January 31 at Reformation.

Welcome Marcy Piasecki, along with her son, **Logan** who joined Reformation on **February 8**.



Sunday School Dates

All children from birth to grade 6 are invited to join us for Sunday School. Special Sunday celebrations are for all children and youth at Reformation. Contact Pastor Eileen with any questions.

Sunday School will be held on:

March 1

March 8 - Camp Sunday

March 22

March 29 - Palm Sunday Celebration

Small Stars (Ages 0-3)

Join us for story time, play, and music for infants and toddlers on Saturday, **March 7**, at 9:30 am in the church nursery.

Ushers Needed!



USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of some additional volunteers to usher during worship at both services. For

more information, please reach out to one of the pastors or contact the church office.

Reformation Facebook Group



Did you know we have a Facebook group in addition to our church page? Scan this QR code to join!

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.

Reformation Merch!

Reformation apparel is still available to purchase at relcmedia.org/75. Treat yourself or your loved ones to new Reformation gear!



Donate by Phone!



Did you know that you can now donate to Reformation via text? Simply text the amount you wish to give to 844-628-3176!

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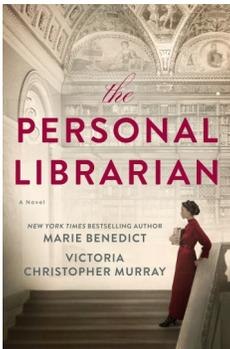
Reformation Lutheran Church

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Materials to: newsletter@relcmedia.org

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Library Book Club News



All are welcome to join our Church Library Book Club discussion of *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict. We will meet via Zoom on **April 28** at 7:00pm. Contact Laura Reiter at longreiter@gmail.com for more information.

From *GoodReads*:

The remarkable, little-known story of Belle da Costa Greene, J. P. Morgan's personal librarian—who became one of the most powerful women in New York despite the dangerous secret she kept in order to make her dreams come true, from *New York Times* bestselling author Marie Benedict and acclaimed author Victoria Christopher Murray.

In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture on the New York society scene and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helps build a world-class collection.

But Belle has a secret, one she must protect at all costs. She was born not Belle da Costa Greene but Belle Marion Greener. She is the daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard and a well-known advocate for equality. Belle's complexion isn't dark because of her alleged Portuguese heritage that lets her pass as white—her complexion is dark because she is African American.

The Personal Librarian tells the story of an extraordinary woman, famous for her intellect, style, and wit, and shares the lengths to which she must go—for the protection of her family and her legacy—to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.

Finance Smart

by Christine Corson

Check fraud has become increasingly popular with scammers because it's easy for them to steal checks and get away with it. Here are some ways you can protect yourself:



1. When sending checks in the mail, drop your mail off at the post office or hand it to a postal carrier. Never leave outgoing mail overnight in your mailbox.
2. If you are away from your home for a long period of time, call your local post office and have them hold your mail or ask someone you trust to pick it up for you.
3. Try to bring your mail inside as soon as possible after it's delivered.

Pay your bills online or phone in payments so you don't have to mail a check.

Additional tips: never write your social security number or other sensitive information on your checks. Shred old checks so they do not fall into the wrong hands. If a check has not cleared your bank, contact the recipient to see if it was received and void the check if necessary. Reconcile your checking account each month to be sure all checks have cleared for the correct amounts.

Following these tips will keep your bank account safe and that makes you...**Finance Smart!!!**

Reusable Shopping Bags Needed!



We would appreciate the donation of new (or gently used), sturdy reusable shopping bags. They are very useful for sorting and donating all of the food items we collect throughout the year. Donations can be left in the bin in the lobby.

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. Applications may be obtained from the counter in the church lobby or from the Reformation website at relcmedia.org/internshipsscholarships.

Applications can only be submitted by email (in PDF file format) and must be received on or before the **May 1, 2026** deadline by email at davisscholarship@relcmedia.org. No other form of submission will be accepted. Applicants should be aware that requesting transcripts can take extra time and should plan accordingly in order to meet the deadline.

DAP Sip & Shop



Reformation is sponsoring a "Sip and Shop" event at Thrift and Thrive in Pilgrim Gardens, Drexel Hill, PA. Join us on Thursday, **April 16**, from 5:30 to 7:30 at Thrift and Thrive. Did you know that a \$25 purchase at Thrift & Thrive can provide food and other basic necessities for a survivor through Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, Inc. (DAP)? For entry to the event please donate one or more pieces of gently loved or new clothing, handbags, shoes, housewares or decor. All proceeds support survivors of domestic abuse. For more information, please visit dapdc.org/take-action/events.

Faith and Family Newsletter



Scan below to register for our seasonal "Faith and Family"

e-newsletter with prayers, readings, and activities for each liturgical season - designed for children, youth, and families.



Join Us at Reformation for the Following Concerts:

Susquehanna University Choir
Monday, March 2
7:00 pm at Reformation



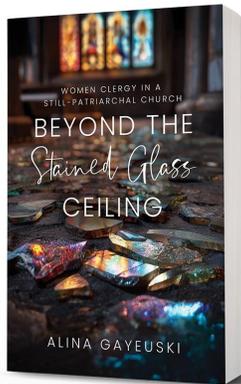
Featuring the University Choir and Chamber Singers, with conductor, Amy Vorhees.

Thomas Keesecker
Sunday, March 22
3:00 pm at Reformation



Thomas Keesecker will share music from his best-selling piano collections in a 75-minute concert. Keesecker, a composer as well as performer, is known around the country for his sensitive, delightful, and meditative piano arrangements of hymns. At this concert, we'll be able to sing some of them together, as well as listen to his interpretations. The hymns will be interspersed with poetry by Mary Oliver and Wendell Berry, two of the most beloved and profound poets of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Celebrate Pastor Alina's Book Launch!



Book Launch Eve Champagne Toast Sunday, March 1 4:00 pm at Reformation

Reformation members and friends are invited to a "Book Launch Eve" champagne toast at Reformation on Sunday, March 1, at 4:00 pm. This event is free and all are welcome! Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Official Launch Event Tuesday, March 3 7:00 pm at United Lutheran Seminary

The official launch includes an evening at the seminary's Philadelphia campus, a special presentation, and book signing. Registration for this event is through Kindling Faith (kindlingfaith.com) and is \$25 per person which includes a copy of the book. If you are interested in carpooling to the event or need help registering, please contact Pastor Eileen.



Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mark your calendars and remember
to turn your clocks forward on
Sunday, March 8

Reformation School Corner

by Marion Boas



During the fall and winter months Reformation School saw a few capital improvements.

- In October, the front entrance to the school underwent construction to install a better drainage system. Rodger Conley oversaw this project. In the past we have had some minor flooding in the community room. With this new drainage system this should prevent any future flooding.
- In December, Trimm Glass Co. installed window tinting on the windows and entrance door of the community room. This was completed as an added security feature for this classroom.
- Also in December Jim Gayeuski (Pastor Alina's father) installed motion sensed sink faucets in both the boys and girls bathroom. There had been issues with the previous faucets sticking which were causing significant water usage.
- In January, the church contracted DeVito Brothers to replace a railing by one of the school entrances. The railing had been deteriorating.
- Thank you to Melissa Lavery, Reformation Schools Board Member. Melissa scheduled a Police Officer to do a walkthrough of our building to give us some insight on possible security updates that we can make to our program.

More capital improvements are coming during the summer months!

Life Center Update and Supply Collection



Our next serving date is Thursday, **March 26**. Watch for our sign-up sheet and casserole pans in the lobby. For more info about this meal program and to offer your

assistance, please contact Dave Smith, yanky68@icloud.com or 610-719-7190. Also, Reformation will be collecting supplies (mops, buckets, bleach, disinfectants, cookware, utensils, storage containers, first aid and personal hygiene items) through **March 22**. Look for the collection bin in the lobby.

Upcoming Youth Events



- **March 1** - Breakfast Club, Confirmation , Youth Group (12 pm—2 pm)
- **March 8** - Camp Sunday
- **March 15** - Confirmation with Mentors
- **March 22** - Confirmation
- **March 29** - Palm Sunday Celebration

Easter Egg Hunt



Reformation will host a Palm Sunday celebration with games, crafts and an Easter Egg Hunt for all ages on Palm Sunday, **March 29** from 9:45 - 10:45 am. Please remember to BYOB—Bring Your Own Basket!

SOUPer Bowl Update

Thanks to your generosity, we collected the following on SOUPer Bowl Sunday:

- Seahawks - 220 items
- Patriots - 57 items



A grand total of 277 items were donated! Thank you to Linda Bucher for delivering to Chester Eastside.

Thrivent Visit



Thrivent Representatives will be at Reformation on Sunday, **March 15**. They will

be available to speak with individuals about any questions they have about current or potential Thrivent products.



Upcoming Events

Visit the websites listed below to register!

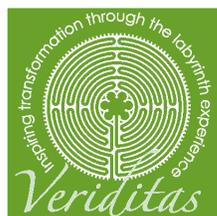
- Spring Family Nature Retreat
March 20 - 22, 2026
bearcreekcamp.org/spring-nature-family-camp
- Summer Camp Early Registration
NOW OPEN!
June 21—August 14, 2026
Secure your spot early by making a deposit by **March 31** and receive a free 2026 themed t-shirt.
*Full payments and optional add-ons like rafting and the camp store wallet will be available starting **January 5** at bearcreekcamp.org/camps/summer-camp.
- Use code RLCM50 for \$50 off your registration for summer 2026!



Bear Creek Camp Sunday

Join us for Bear Creek Camp Sunday on **March 8!** Hear from camp staff during worship and wear your gear from any camp or outdoor ministry. All children and youth are invited to participate in camp activities in the ROCK Room during Education Hour.

Veriditas Certification



Congratulations to Joyce McNally for earning her Labyrinth Facilitator Certification through Veriditas. Labyrinth Facilitators are trained to introduce others to the labyrinth, guide

individuals and groups on labyrinth walks, and help people utilize labyrinths as a spiritual tool in their lives.

We are grateful for all the ways Joyce has already shared her expertise in Labyrinth Facilitation through leading walks as a Connection Group, on the Winter Solstice, and for World Labyrinth Day. Watch for the next invitation to join Joyce and others at our labyrinth!



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Reformation,

It is an incredible privilege to share the launch of my book with you all! It is humbling to have your encouragement and enthusiasm for this project as I prepare to share it with the world.

I want to thank Debbie Conley and Laura Reiter for being the Reformation advance readers. There are stories in the book that are my personal experiences that have happened at or through my relationship to Reformation. Laura and Debbie were part of helping to make sure those stories were told with care and accuracy.

If there are any stories in the book that make you curious or want to have further conversation with me, please know that I am always available to set up a time to talk!

As I mention in the Afterword of the book, I recognize the great significance of my role as a pastor in this place. I have the privilege of serving as part of an all-female clergy team at a church started by three women who could not serve on Council let alone be a pastor when Reformation began. Our own 75-year history reflects many of the hopes I have for the wider church—thank you for being part of that story!

With love and appreciation for all your support,

Pastor Alina



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



March 29

Palm Sunday at Reformation

8:30 am & 11:00 am worship

9:45 am Palm Sunday children's celebration (with Egg Hunt)

April 2

Maundy Thursday

at Grace Broomall

6:30 pm Wine & Cheese

reception at Grace Broomall

7:30 pm worship at Grace

April 3

Good Friday at Reformation

12 noon* & 7:30 pm

worship at Reformation

April 4

Easter Vigil at Reformation

7:30 pm worship

with guest preacher

Pastor Annemarie Hartner Cook

April 5

Easter Sunday at Reformation

6:15 am Sunrise Worship*

in the pavilion

8:30 am and 11:00 am worship

**all services will be live streamed except for the 12 noon service on Good Friday and the 6:15 am Sunrise Worship on Easter Sunday.*



Everyday Faith:

What You Didn't Know You Needed to Know.

In a world that often pushes us toward quick judgments and polarization, *Everyday Faith* is an invitation to slow down, get curious, and engage with the complex ways that religion, spirituality, and worldview shape our daily lives. This interactive workshop series offers a space to learn, ask questions, and connect across the many ways our friends, colleagues, and neighbors orient around religion. A signature feature of the *Everyday Faith* experience is our *Living Library* format — offering a unique opportunity to engage directly with individuals from a variety of faiths, spiritual paths, and worldviews.

Facilitated by Rev. Edward Livingston, Director of Community Partnerships and Trina Gary, Executive Consultant and Leadership Coach

Upcoming programs:

Everyday Faith: Bahá'í Holy Days
Thursday, March 12
 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
 Virtual

Everyday Faith: Sikh Holy Days
Wednesday, April 8
 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
 Virtual

For more information and to register, please visit interfaithphiladelphia.org/everyday-faith.



Eco Movie Night

Join us on Friday, **March 13** at 7:00 pm - with popcorn and snacks - for our annual movie night and conversation. This



year's feature is "What Nature Teaches Us About Giving Back." What if healing the planet starts with changing the way we see it? In this deeply thoughtful episode of *The Big Question*, Robin Wall Kimmerer, botanist, author of *Braiding Sweetgrass* and *The Serviceberry*, professor, and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, joins Eva Cornman from the Museum of Science to explore the relationship between humans and the Earth. Together, in this full interview, they dive into Indigenous worldviews, the idea of the gift economy, and how honoring reciprocity with nature can guide us toward climate solutions rooted in gratitude, not domination.

Rose Tree Road Clean Up



Join us as we care for God's creation by cleaning up Rose Tree Road! The Spring Road Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, **March 21**, at 10:00 am. This is typically an hour of clean up work.

Registration sign up sheet will be in the lobby. We meet at the gazebo at 10:00 am. Hope to see you there! Please contact John Berberich (jduckberb@aol.com) with any questions.

PAR Recycle Works

The next community e-waste recycling event will be held on Saturday, **March 14**, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Haverford Township building in Havertown, PA. For more information, please visit par-recycleworks.org/upcoming-events.

Upcoming Events at Grace Lutheran, Broomall

For more details on any of these events, please contact them at 610-356-1824 or pastorkayla@gracebroomall.org or visit gracebroomall.org/events.

Family Cabaret Concert & Dinner!



Family Cabaret Concert and Dinner!

Philadelphia area renowned musicians are ready to give you a show you won't forget! Come for a musical treat; stay for a hearty meal.

March 15, 2026
Show starts at 3:30 pm.
Dinner is served from 5 pm - 7 pm.

Grace Lutheran Church
2191 West Chester Pike, Broomall, PA 19008
Parking available in lot behind church, off Mather Ave.

GRACE Lutheran Church

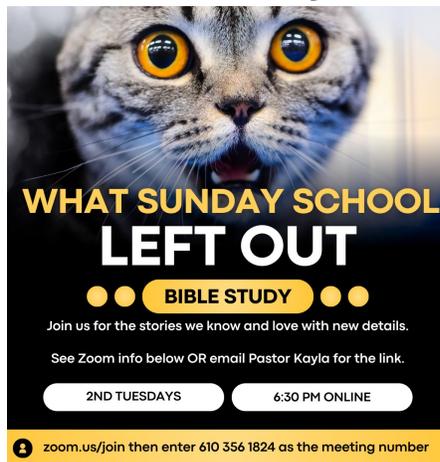
\$10 suggested donation for concert/
\$15 for dinner/ only \$20 for both!
Kids under 5 are free.

Proceeds benefit The Wellness Center and the Girl Scouts.

GIRL SCOUTS

HURRY AND RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!
email: sisterpaula@gracebroomall.org or call 610-356-1824

Bible Study



WHAT SUNDAY SCHOOL LEFT OUT

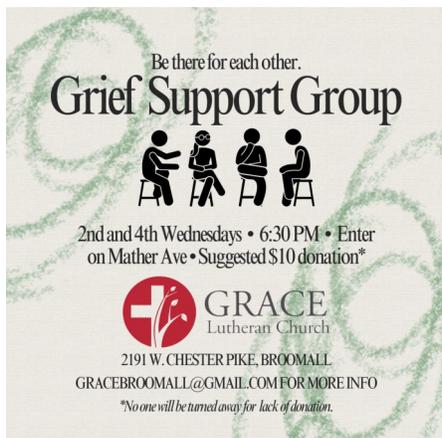
●● BIBLE STUDY ●●

Join us for the stories we know and love with new details.
See Zoom info below OR email Pastor Kayla for the link.

2ND TUESDAYS 6:30 PM ONLINE

zoom.us/join then enter 610 356 1824 as the meeting number

Grief Support Group



Be there for each other.

Grief Support Group

2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 6:30 PM • Enter on Mather Ave • Suggested \$10 donation*

GRACE Lutheran Church

2191 W. CHESTER PIKE, BROOMALL
GRACEBROOMALL@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFO

*No one will be turned away for lack of donation.



Council Highlights

The February Council meeting included these highlights:

- Updates regarding the Capital Campaign projects and relationship with Grace, Broomall
- Approval of funding requests for concert honorariums, Minneapolis Synod support, Lutheran Settlement House event sponsorship, KenCrest event sponsorship, Bear Creek Camp offering matching gift
- Approval of new members

Capital Campaign Update



The engineering work has been completed and all permit applications and fees were submitted to the township the second week of February. As soon as we

receive the permits, work will begin on the Reflection Garden. Thank you for your continued, generous support of our Capital Campaign projects! More information is always available at relcmedia.org/lifeabundant.

Sound System Volunteers Needed



We are in need of some additional volunteers to help with our sound system during worship. No experience necessary! For more information, please

reach out to one of the pastors or contact the church office.

Blood Drive

Reformation's December blood drive was quite a success. 33 units of blood were collected, which will help up to 99 patients in need! Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is on Saturday, **March 14**, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. To register, please visit RedCrossBlood.org.





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.



Pastor Eileen had a little helper on January 11.



The “Lunch Bunch” gathered at Margaret Kuo’s Kitchen on February 5. Their next get together is on March 5 at West Chester’s Stone Tavern. Reach out to Karen Chorney if you would like to join them!



Reformation Sunday School students made a fun “salt and light” craft on February 8.



On MLK Day, January 19, Reformation had prayer stations available for all ages at our “Praying for a Weary World” event.



On February 1, a group from Reformation visited the Presidents' House on Independence mall to view the site where important history of enslaved people in our country has recently been torn down.



Pastor Alina and Pastor Eileen brought “Ashes to Go” to two Main Line Health locations and Elwyn in addition to their regular services at Reformation on Ash Wednesday, February 18.



AT REFORMATION, MEDIA

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH
6PM-8PM

COMMUNITY MOMENT AT 7PM

LOCATION: OUTDOOR PAVILION AT REFORMATION, MEDIA

COST: FREE

DRESS CODE: CAMP CASUAL

**FUN INCLUDES: GOURMET S'MORES, COZY CAMPFIRES,
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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. Dr. Alina S. Gayeuski
The Rev. Eileen Ruppel-Doan



Return Service Requested

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March 2026

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, March 1
Pastor Alina’s Book Launch Eve
Champagne Toast
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Monday, March 2
Susquehanna University
Choir Concert at 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 8
Camp Sunday
Daylight Savings Time Begins

Saturday, March 14
Red Cross Blood Drive
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sunday, March 22
Thomas Keesecker
Concert at 3:00 pm

Sunday, March 29
Palm Sunday
Easter Egg Hunt