

REFORMATION TIMES

May 2026

Summer Worship Schedule



Please note that our summer worship schedule begins on Sunday, **May 24** and will continue through Sunday, **September 6**.

Summer worship times are 8:30 am and 10:00 am.

Graduate Info Needed

Information is needed for our students graduating from high school! Please send the following for your graduating senior to pastoreileen@relcmedia.org by **May 24**.

1. Name
2. School they are graduating from
3. Current photo
4. Baby photo

Graduates will be celebrated at both worship services on **May 31**.



PAR Recycle Works



Upcoming community e-waste recycling events:

- Saturday, **May 2**, 9 am to 1 pm
St. Thomas of Villanova, Bryn Mawr, PA
- Tuesday, **May 5**, 10 am to 12 noon
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA
- Thursday, **May 7**, 12 noon to 2 pm
Haverford College, Haverford, PA

For more information, please visit par-recycleworks.org/upcoming-events.

SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School



Join us for "Just Like Me," a garden-themed VBS program that celebrates community, inclusion, and justice. VBS will run **July 6 - 9** from 5:30 - 7:30 pm for children age 3 through completed 5th grade. Register at myvbs.org/relcmedia or scan the QR code above. Contact Pastor Eileen with any questions.

Ascension Day Worship

Join the congregations of SEPA Synod's Delaware Conference for Ascension Day worship on Thursday, **May 14** at Reformation. A light dinner will be at 6:30 pm followed by worship at 7:30 pm. The Rev. Dr. Teresa Smallwood, Dean of United Lutheran Seminary, will be the preacher. Contact Pastor Eileen to volunteer for the hospitality portion of this event.



Spirit Day



On **May 31**, we invite you to show your school spirit by wearing apparel from any school to worship!

Blood Drive Record!

We set a new record with 37 pints of blood collected at our Blood Drive on **March 14**. Thanks to all who came out! Be sure to save the date for our next blood drive, which will be held on Saturday, **August 15**.

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:

May 3

May 17 (Last Sunday School)

Small Stars (Ages 0-3)



Join us for story time, play, and music for infants and toddlers on Saturday, **May 2**, 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.

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.



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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How to Access the Reformation Church Directory



If it's been awhile since you accessed our church directory, here is a refresher on how to do so - either by using the app or your favorite web browser:

From your smartphone or tablet:

1. Download the app "Instant Church Directory" from the App Store, Google Play or Kindle Fire
2. Open the app and enter your email address as it is listed in the directory.
3. Check your email for the code.
4. Enter the code into the app.
5. Enjoy access to the online directory.

From your computer:

1. Go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com.
2. Click "Church Member Login."
3. Find "First Time Signing In?" and click "Create a Login Now."
4. Enter your email address and create a password.
5. Verify your email address by clicking the link in your email account.
6. Sign in with your email and new password.

If you are unable to login or have any questions, please contact Andrea at rlc@relcmedia.org.

Reformation School Corner

by Erin Hayes



Reformation Nursery School and Reformation After-K are enjoying the second half of the school year! Nursery School students are busy with units on Earth Day, weather and butterflies and continue to enjoy Chapel Time with Pastor Eileen and Pastor Alina. To celebrate Spring's magic, we welcome back Judy Tudy for a special assembly. After-K students are beginning an art unit on impressionist and post-impressionist artists Degas, Monet and Van Gogh. We are excited to welcome Nursery School families for Parent Teacher conferences to review students' developmental assessment reports and look forward to our annual Fun Day in May to celebrate the end of the school year. Summer Camp for Nursery and Pre-K students will run May 26- June 4 and feature units on Eric Carle and Pond Life.

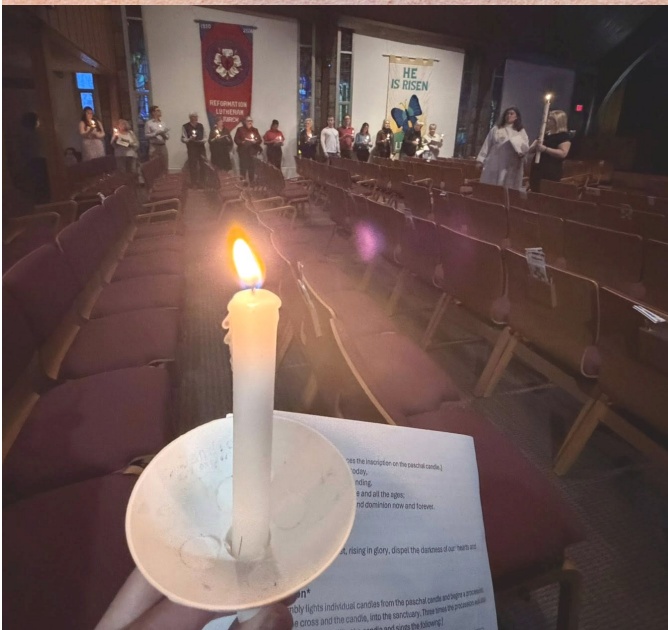
Finance Smart

by Christine Corson

We are always told that we should prioritize our physical health and mental health, but do we ever focus on our financial health? Financial health is a major factor in our physical and mental health. If our finances are suffering, that can negatively affect our physical and mental health. A healthy financial life does not mean you have to be rich. It means you have a budget that you stick to, your bills are paid on time, you have an emergency fund, and you're able to save some money "for a rainy day". The internet is a very useful tool that will give you tips to get started. If your financial situation is going well, you will feel more confident and relaxed and that's very good for your physical and mental wellbeing. If your financial health is not up to par, then make it a priority now to get your finances healthy again and you will be on your way to being....**Finance Smart!!!**



Easter Vigil Highlights



ECO MINISTRY
UPDATES

Rose Tree Road Clean Up Success!

by John Berberich

Thank you very much, from Eco Ministry, to everyone who turned out for our Spring 2026 Rose Tree Road clean-up. In my mind, this was a record-tying turnout of 14 people—equal to last spring's participation. Special thanks to: Paula Delucco,* Joan Selby, Richard Sultzer,* Kathy Leighton,* Erica Brooks, Marie Allsman John Grantland, Paul Fernandez, Adam Fernandez, Dick Hughey, Kris Hughey, Laird Hariu, Marilyn Berberich and John Berberich. (*Indicates first-time participants.) We collected a total of 20 bags of road debris—one more than last spring! I believe this reflects Reformation's commitment to keeping Rose Tree Road clean and free of debris. Thank you all again for your efforts!

May Eco Tip

by Linda Bucher

Do you have clothing that is too worn to be reused? 

These items may be put in the clothing bins behind the church. You may have thought that only clothing which can be reused can be deposited in the bin.

However, a recent inquiry to ACR Trading has clarified that clothing and shoes that have holes, stains or are otherwise too worn to be reused may also be deposited in this bin. The items should be tied in a plastic bag and labeled "Recycling." This is a way to insure that unusable items will be recycled responsibly, and will not end up in a landfill.

Immigration Justice Program



Global Refuge Faith Alliance

Reformation will be entering into training for Global Refuge's Faith Alliance program, a new network for faith communities that wish to deepen and inform their commitment to welcoming refugee and immigrant neighbors. YOU are invited to help us in this work by joining our Faith Alliance program, now through Pentecost! The program includes:

A series of short, **self-paced online trainings** on immigration, Scripture, and keys to being a safe and welcoming congregation for immigrants, now through **May 24**.

A **Participant Retreat on June 7**, when we will build Reformation's congregational covenant to welcome the stranger in our congregation and community. This covenant will serve as Reformation's entry point into Global Refuge's Faith Alliance network.

For more information or to register, visit our new Immigration Justice web page at relcmedia.org/immigration or scan the code below.

We hope you'll join us as we are moved by the Spirit in this work, as She guides us in love of neighbor and welcome of stranger.



Upcoming Events

Visit the websites listed below to register!

- Summer Camp
Registration
NOW OPEN
June 21—August 14, 2026  **BEAR CREEK CAMP 2026**
- Visit
bearcreekcamp.org/camps/summer-camp for more information and to register!

Upcoming Youth Events



- **May 3** - Breakfast Club, Confirmation, Youth Group (12 pm—2 pm)
- **May 17** - Last Confirmation

Dill Bread Recipe

submitted by Joyce McNally

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups unsifted flour
- 2 tbs sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp dry minced onion
- 2 tsp dill weed (I use fresh dill weed, about ¼ cup)
- ¼ tsp baking soda
- 1 package dry yeast
- 1 tbs softened butter
- ¼ cup hot tap water (120-130° F)
- 1 cup creamed cottage cheese (room temperature)
- 1 egg (room temperature)

DIRECTIONS:

Combine ¼ C flour, sugar, salt, onion, dill, baking soda and undissolved yeast. Add butter, add hot water, beat for about 2 minutes on medium speed, scraping bowl occasionally. Add cottage cheese, egg and ½ C flour. Beat at high speed for 2 minutes. Stir in enough flour to make a stiff batter. Cover; let rise to double, about 1 ¼ hours. Stir down, put in greased pans (2 bread loaf pans or 1 ½ Qt. casserole). Let rise to double. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

Enjoy!

Connection Group Fun!

We love seeing everyone having a good time in our Spring Connection Groups!





“You are no longer strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of God’s household.” - Ephesians 2:19



On April 20, I joined hundreds of other Lutherans in Harrisburg to advocate at the capitol. This annual event, led by the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania, is an opportunity for us to live out our faith through learning, worship, and advocacy.

Our baptism liturgy calls us to work for justice and peace in all the world. By using our voices to advocate for our elected officials to vote on measures consistent with our faith is one way that we are empowered to live our baptismal vocation.

I invite you to learn more about advocacy in the ELCA - both at the federal level (elca.org/advocacy) and at the state level (PA - lutheranadvocacypa.org; NJ - learnj.org). You can sign up for Advocacy Alerts for both state and federal advocacy issues. The Action Alerts help you send emails to your elected officials on issues that are central to our lives as people of faith. These only take a few minutes but make a big impact on the legislative process. We are called to be engaged citizens, living out our faith everyday, and our church equips us to do that in very tangible ways!

Pastor Alina

Life Center Update



Our next serving date is Thursday, **May 28**. 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.

Holiday Offering Envelopes

Did you know that our Holiday Offering envelopes help Reformation live out our generosity every day? All gifts received through



any special holiday envelope or given online and designated as holiday offering is used completely for benevolence.

This fund enables us to match other special offerings and make our gifts go twice as far and allows our Council to respond quickly to other needs in the community. In 2025, over \$25,000 moved through our Holiday Offering fund and out into the community and the world.

Please remember to use these special envelopes and help our reach go further! Thank you for the ways you continue to live out the generosity of God’s love in this world!

World Labyrinth Day Events



World Labyrinth Day

Join us at the labyrinth for the following events as we celebrate World Labyrinth Day during the month of May:

- **Saturday, May 2:** “Walk at 1:00 pm as One” (With walks from 12 noon to 2:00 pm).
- **Saturday, May 9:** Walk honoring those who grieve losses on Mother’s Day at 3:00 pm.
- **Sunday, May 10:** Walk honoring those who grieve losses on Mother’s Day at 9:45 am.

Walks will be facilitated by Raye Snover as she works on getting her Veriditas facilitator’s certification. Reach out to Joyce McNally with any questions. All are welcome.

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.

Community Dinner



YOU'RE INVITED TO COMMUNITY DINNER!

GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH INTENTIONAL CONVERSATIONS. THE GOAL? LET'S FIND SHARED HUMANITY IN A WORLD OF DIVISION.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

DINNER IS FREE!

5:30 - 7:00 PM

MAY 17, 2026

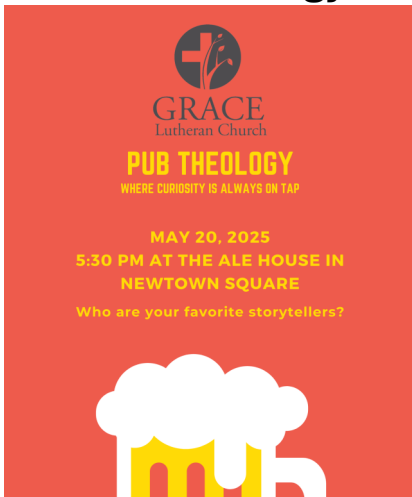
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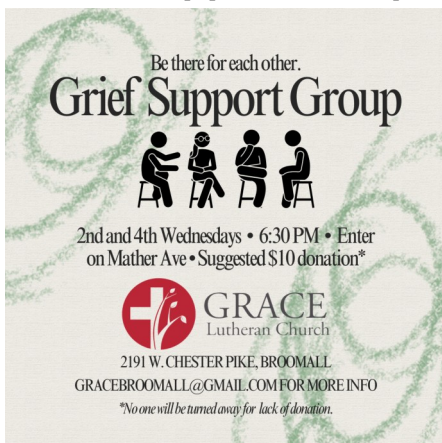
WHERE CURIOSITY IS ALWAYS ON TAP

MAY 20, 2025

5:30 PM AT THE ALE HOUSE IN NEWTOWN SQUARE

Who are your favorite storytellers?

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.*

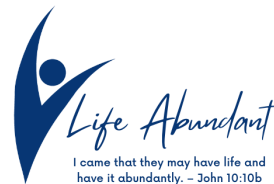


Council Highlights

The April Council meeting included the following highlights:

- Updates on the Capital Campaign projects
- Approval of funding requests for travel support for a pastor from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, the Delaware County backpack drive and support for an Eagle Scout project.

Capital Campaign Update



Work on the Reflection Garden is underway! Please excuse our dust! And please note that construction might interfere with access to the building

from the parking lot by the gazebo. We encourage you to park at the front or on the far side of the building if you have any accessibility needs that will be impeded by the lack of access to the sidewalk from the lot to the building. Please be careful navigating the property during this time. To learn more and to help us reach our goal for the campaign, visit relcmedia.org/lifeabundant.

Lenten Care Kits



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Care Kit Collection. Over 100 Care Kits were collected to be distributed as follows:

- 38 Women's Phoenix Recovery
- 28 Men's Phoenix Recovery
- 39 Cradles to Crayons

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



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: Buddhist Holy Days

Wednesday, May 13

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Virtual

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





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.



Our Nursery School students were excited to watch work being started on our Memorial Garden on March 18.



Councilwoman Maureen Scheuerman spoke at a recent Boy Scout Troop 430 as a Community Leader.



Bible Presentations were held during worship on Sunday, March 22.



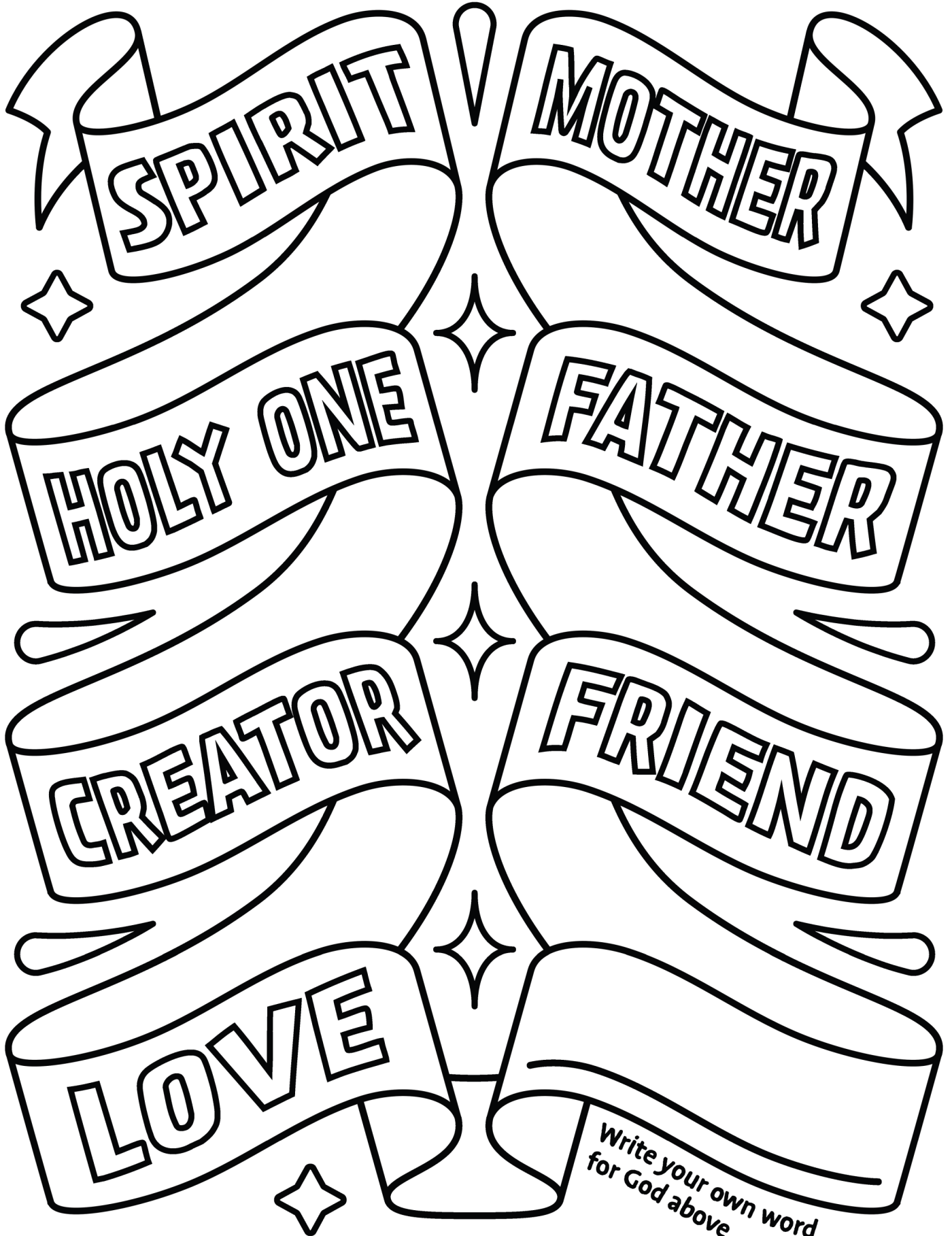
Phyllis Brady and Edna Bogert shown here delivering the food bags that were generously donated by Reformation members on March 24.



Thomas Keesecker performed in concert on March 22.



Fun was had by all ages at our Palm Sunday Celebration on March 29.





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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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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.

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12 noon to 2:00 pm

Sunday, May 10
Mother’s Day
Rogation Sunday

Thursday, May 14
Ascension Day Worship
6:30 pm - Light dinner
7:30 pm - Worship

Sunday, May 17
Ascension Sunday

Sunday, May 24
Pentecost Sunday
Summer Worship
Schedule Begins

Sunday, May 31
Holy Trinity Sunday
School Spirit Day/
Graduate Recognition